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Household Hints

By Roberta Lee

THE SEWING ROOM

Sometimes after oiling the sewing machine, excess oil will soil the goods. This can be prevented by tying a small piece of cotton string tightly around the needle bar, near the place where the bar grips the needle.

FLOOR PAINTING

Paint the baseboard the same color as the floor of the room, and the danger of soiling the baseboard while cleaning will be eliminated to a great extent.

BOILING POTATOES

To improve the flavor of boiled fresh potatoes add a sprig of mint to the water.

WHEAT QUEEN GOOD BUSINESS WOMAN

SUBLETTIE, Kas. August. 22—A middle-aged woman of 58 is proving that there's money to be made in wheat farming, with or without farm "relief."

They call Mrs. Ida Watkins the "wheat queen" of Kansas primarily because her farm illustrates an application of big business methods to agriculture. She has adapted metropolitan factory methods to her 6,500 acres near here to earn that title.

A cattle queen of Oklahoma before she came to Kansas to raise golden fields of grain on a large scale Mrs. Watkins, a widow, will see her 20 years farming climaxed this year by the largest crop she has harvested.

And this woman who is showing the way to the wheat farmers of the rest is no white collar executive. She directs the work of her farm

aided by the lessons her years of experience have taught her and when the harvest comes she personally supervises the great task.

She is systematic and business like in the management of the farm. She keeps accounts of all operations, only the most modern farm equipment.

for the time they are hired, rain or shine. Tractors work day and night.

Her business shrewdness has been demonstrated more than once to her financial advantage. Last year she had 2,500 acres in wheat and when 30,000 bushels were harvested, she decided she wouldn't sell any of it for less than \$1 a bushel she waited and with profit.

When her husband died in 1902, she was left with a ranch with 1,650 head of cattle. Assuming charge she operated the ranch for eight years profitably before she was lured to Kansas by the prospect of great profits in wheat. She bought some land for \$3,500 and in the first year harvested a crop which brought her \$8,800. The acreage was increased to 280 in 1923 and in four years she sold \$28,000 worth of wheat from that tract.

This year she expects to harvest 75,000 bushels.

Mrs. Watkins' farm is a show place during the harvest seasons. She employs scores of men who work in three shifts of eight hours each to complete the gathering of grain in a minimum time.

Mrs. Watkins has her own philosophy about farming and it contains no cry for farm relief. To the contrary, she avers there is no more profitable business in the Midwest than farming, and believes that wheat farmers will find relief in cooperating in growing and marketing their crop.

"Hard work, mixed with common sense, never starved to death on a Kansas farm, she oftentimes has said and a study of her own profits indicates the basis for statement.

Finds Men and Women Are "Made Different" Dorothy Dix The Cause of Misunderstanding in Marriage

The Fundamental Reason That No Woman Can Ever Understand a Man is That a Man's Nature is Simple, While a Woman's is the Most Complicated Thing on Earth

The complaint of every disgruntled husband is that his wife doesn't understand him. The wall of every unhappy wife is that her husband doesn't understand her, and both men and women go through the world on a still hunt for some affinity who will understand them.



Of course men and women don't understand each other. They never have understood each other. They never will. It is an utter impossibility. They can't understand each other because God made them different and gave them different points of view. Because their training and development has been along different lines, and it is because each sex is a riddle that keeps the other sex guessing that men and women are perpetually interesting to each other.

The thing that intrigues a man about a woman is the uncertainty as to which way the cat is going to jump and he marries her to find out. The thing that makes a man fascinating to a woman is his being a cross word puzzle; that she can spend her life in working out if she marries him and with no assurance of ever getting the right answer.

The fundamental reason that no woman can ever understand a man is that a man's nature is simple, while a woman's is the most complicated thing on earth. A man does the thing he wants to do just because he wants to do it and without any other reason whatsoever for doing it and that is a baffling mystery that no woman can comprehend, because when she does a thing there are a million secret reasons for her action.

A man eats because he is hungry and he chooses the kind of food he relishes. He buys a new suit because he needs it or because it happens to strike his fancy. He goes to see the kind of plays he likes and reads the books he loves and so far as possible he does the things that he enjoys doing. But when a woman eats she is considering the cost of the dish and counting her calories and wondering if she hadn't better spend the money on a chiffon handkerchief instead of on lobster mayonnaise and trying to estimate how fattening it is.

When she buys a new dress she doesn't go into a shop and take the first thing that is offered her because it suits her and is what she needs and is the right price. She looks at the frocks in half a dozen other stores and decides on the one she buys at just because she thinks it will put out the eye of her rival or she buys something she doesn't want because it has been marked down from \$50 to \$49.75.

She reads books she loathes and that make her feel that she needs to have her mind run through the laundry after she has finished them because the women in her set are reading them. She goes to plays that bore her to tears because she wants to be thought high-brow. She wears shoes that torture her and clothes that make her risk death from exposure because they are the style and she would rather be in her coffin than be out of fashion.

A woman seldom does anything just purely and simply because she wants to do that particular thing. She does things or refrains from doing them because of what people will say, because she wants to be smart, because she wants to be seen in the right places and walk under the right awnings, because she is a social climber and wants a hand up from some woman above her, because she wants to be elected Grand Lady Patriarch of her lodge, or president of the Browning Club.

It is because a woman has so many reasons for doing the thing she does that she can never understand that a man acts mainly on impulse. So she goes probing and probing into his hidden motive and when she doesn't find it she concludes that he is deep and inscrutable and superhumanly clever. It is like the old story of the diplomat with whose subtlety nobody could cope and whose secret was that he was always perfectly truthful and frank.

The thing that men never can understand about women is why they put such stress upon little things and particularly why their happiness depends upon the small amenities in domestic life. They can't understand why a wife has to be constantly assured that her husband still loves her when every day of his life he is proving his devotion to her by acts that speak louder than words.

They can't understand why the women whose husband has just given her a thousand-dollar coat and a diamond ring consider herself neglected and ill-used if he forgets to bring her a 50-cent bunch of flowers on her birthday or the anniversary of their marriage, nor can they comprehend why an otherwise sane woman wants her husband to lie to her and tell her that she is more beautiful than she was at 23.

No man worries about the state of his wife's affection for him as long as she is giving a good performance of wife and mother, because it doesn't occur to him that she is going to change and prefer some little cake-eater to him. Nor, as long as he is nailed to his own firebrand, does he see any reason why he should go about proclaiming that he still loves his wife any more than he should continually announce that he is an honest man.

Yet because women can't understand why their husbands won't feed them on the soft talk they crave and men can't understand why women crave for that particular form of goo, innumerable women go through life hungering and thirsting for the angels' food they never get.

Nor can a woman ever understand a man's moral values, nor how he can be both false and true. She cannot understand that he has the urge to sidestep now and then, just as a little boy has to play hooky from school without ever having any idea of not coming back to mother when it is over.

She cannot understand that he can enjoy a flirtation with a pretty woman because it flatters his vanity and gives him a thrill of adventure and still have his wife enshrined on a pedestal in his heart far above all other women. For which a woman is faithless to her husband it is because she has ceased to care for him and because she has cut away from her every ideal of purity and goodness.

And no more can men understand why women cry when they are happy; why they pinch nickels and throw away dollars; why they are afraid of a mouse and will beard a lion in his den; why they put words above deeds; why they suspect a dumb husband and will believe anything a glib talker tells them.

No, men and women will never understand each other, but they will keep on trying to solve the mystery as long as time lasts. DOROTHY DIX.

For The Cook A TEMPTING DESSERT. Boil one cup of sugar and two cups of hot water. Add the grated rind of one lemon. Mix a heaping tablespoon of cornstarch and stir into the boiling water and sugar. Boil for about fifteen minutes, then beat in the stiff whites of three eggs, the juice of two lemons and a little salt.

Milady Beautiful

By Lois Leeds



BEAUTY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Blanching Facial Hair

Dear Miss Leeds—How can I bleach facial hairs? I am dark and have brown eyes. What shade of rouge and what colors in clothes should I wear? LOIS LEEDS.

TITANIA.

Answer—Add six (6) drops household ammonia to three (3) table-spoonfuls peroxide to make the bleach. Do not apply it around the eyes. When using it on the upper lip, put little bits of cotton on your nostrils to keep out the ammonia fumes. Make the mixture in an open dish or cup. You might try a brick or deep-red shade of rouge. Becoming colors for your clothes include deep brown, mahogany, deep brilliant yellow, eury, navy, bronze-green, dull pink, apricot, coral, bright red, rust, brick-red, burnt orange, Argentine red, lipstick red, black with bright trimming, deep cream. For a striking effect for sports clothes you may use bright blues and greens, white tinged with blue or peach and the light sun-tan shades LOIS LEEDS.

Oily Hair

Dear Miss Leeds—(1) What would prevent oily hair? (2) What is good for enlarged pores? (3) I am 17 years old, 5 feet 2 3/4 inches tall and weigh 98 pounds. Is this correct? BROWN EYES.

Answer—(1) The basis of all your beauty problems is no doubt your underweight condition. The tiny muscles that control the openings of the pores (which are oil and sweat glands) are weak and flabby on account of your poor physical tone. So you must build yourself up first of all. For a local treatment, wash your hair with tincture of green soap once a week. Apply an astringent scalp tonic twice a week.

(2) This condition will improve as you build up your health. Wash your face with soap and water every day and finish with an ice rub or a cold water rinse. Dry and pat on some witch-hazel. Avoid constipation and digestive troubles. (3) The average weight for your age and height is between 114 and 118 pounds. You need to gain at least fifteen pounds. Eat more nourishing food and be sure to sleep nine hours each night. LOIS LEEDS.

Where to Part the Hair

Dear Miss Leeds—(1) My face is rather large. Should I part my hair in the middle or on one side? (2) How often should I shampoo it? It is dark brown. What sort of rinse will give it a richer color? (3) Will vaseline make the eyelashes grow longer? AUDREY.

Answer—(1) On the side, rather near the center. (2) Twice a month is usually often enough for the shampoo. You might use a henna rinse to bring out the reddish tones and give your hair a richer color. Use tar soap for the shampoo. (3) Yes, in most cases. LOIS LEEDS.

Physical Specifications

Dear Miss Leeds—I am 15 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall and weigh 106 pounds. My measurements are: Ankle, 7 1/2; calf, 12 1/2; thigh, 18; hips, 32; waist, 24; bust, 29 1/2. Are these correct? Answer—You are a few pounds below the average weight for your age and height. Your calf and bust measurements are a little small. Try to gain five or six pounds in the next few months. LOIS LEEDS.

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Etiquette

Q. How should asparagus be eaten? A. The tender ends of asparagus may be separated with the fork and after these are eaten, lift the remaining stalks to the mouth with the fingers.

Q. Should a man use his initials in social correspondence? A. No. He should sign his full name, Frank Williams Harris.

Q. Should a husband take part in his wife's "At Home" day? A. No; the average business man does not.

A Morning Smile

Mrs. Black—And where be your daughter, Mrs. White? Mrs. White—I sent her out to domestic service. She weren't no use to me in the house.

Feed your Nerves and forget them

IT IS impossible to forget nerves that are nagging day and night, rendering life almost unbearable. The cause is simple. Strained nerves are starved nerves. During the daily grind you are "burning up" nerve cells and tissues and are doing nothing to replace them.

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