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## FOR THE WOMAN READER

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### GRACIOUSNESS

A certain woman had a beautiful home and an indulgent husband, but she was always fault-finding and disagreeable. She had her good points, of course, and her friends, but they avoided her because they dreaded to listen to her latest tale of woe.

Presently her husband died, and presto, the woman had to buck up against real troubles. Did they sour her? On the contrary, in two years time, she had blossomed out into a gracious, cordial, capable woman of the world. She was smart enough to know that the business world, which she had to face, would not tolerate her constant nagging disposition, so she put on a smiling face and a pleasant manner and keyed herself up to her best and went forth to endeavor, to meet.

In such a guise, the business world welcomed her. There was no more of that whining, self-centered chip-on-the-shoulder attitude. She accepted graciously the give and take of life and played her part like a heroine. She is like thousands of her sisters, who impose on a kind husband as long as he will stand for it but can be as nice as anybody else when they have to.

The business woman or the mother of a family, learns to accept what life gives and go without what it takes, and to keep an even disposition withal.

"I'm supposed to be in town for ten days but I have been taken out, what shall I do?" says Jane impatiently. "Do the best you can," replies her mother sweetly.

"Mother, I've got to get these papers out by next Tuesday, and I can't make it," says John, with his brows furrowed. "Do the best you can" is the sweet advice.

"Mother, I've invited the neighborhood to meet the Smiths and now the Smiths can't come. The whole party will be a fizzle." "Do the best you can," comes the ever-present panacea from Mother.

So she meets life with poise, refusing to become irritable, impetuous, fussed or fretful, making the best of each situation as it arises.

Do you notice that business does this to the business girls? Do you hear them say sweetly to one another, "No, it's not in there, honey, look on the shelf above." They learn to meet people graciously, to keep sweet, to love society, to have a confidence in people and to believe in the good there is in them. Thus they make life a beautiful harmony.

judgment in suspense for awhile, "to see what will happen."

What is happening is that we see all sorts of laughable stages of shaggy coiffures, too long, under the hat, or curling out around the head in ungraceful lengths. The beauty parlors say that the girls let it grow as long as the shoulders weathering through all the worst annoyance, and then they come in some day and have it all cut off again.

Meanwhile, many are really letting it grow, while the fashion plates picture their noblest models with bobs shorter than ever. A hairdressers' association took a poll of the question. "Do people seem to prefer long or short hair?" It was their opinion that one in ten preferred it long.

The bob is so convenient and seems so much a feature of woman's new independence and athletic prowess, it is a question whether she will abandon it. Furthermore, men used to have long hair. Before the battle of Marathon in ancient Greece, the brave warriors spent an hour combing their locks that they might die becomingly. It is only gradually, through the ages, that men abandoned long hair and shaved faces for the cropped and shaven appearance they present today. Short hair seems in line with evolution, the newer freedom and more scientific hygiene.

But who dares predict what style of coiffure will prevail next. Only milady herself will decide that, and since "Fickleness" is her middle name, we shall have to wait and see.

### FASHIONS, FADS, FOIBLES.

The coat and dress have divorced their partnership and the ensemble effect is less pronounced in clothes, although a person of taste will always tie her garments together by harmonizing styles and colors. The dress is a total and independent factor and may be worn with any coat. The suit is less conspicuous than ever.

Though one might as well be out of the world as out of style, yet women of fashion are choosing their modes more in keeping with their own will and individuality. They are less inclined to ape what Dame Grundy wears. Hemlines, waistlines, necklines have a habit of doing surprising and irregular and original things these days, each woman picking out for herself a style which suits her best, and this may vary from gown to gown. We have plenty of variety to choose from this season.

In general, dresses which fall just below the knee; long, close-fitting sleeves; and pleats or flares in the front or on the side of the skirt prevail. Black is a favorite color, frequently brightened by some color in the trim.

### FABRIC CHEER.

The dull room of winter may be brightened by gaily flowered chintz window draperies, upholstery and slip covers. Chintz, in flowered patterns, amusing nursery rhyme illustrations, and quaint pictured designs, has been promoted from a summer material to an all-year-round fabric.

It gladdens up the colorless room and blooms forth on lampshades, furniture and at the windows. It comes in soft and harmonious colors and a selection can be made to go with any furnishings in any room. Mohair is a more stately material, almost equally decorative today, which may be chosen for more formal rooms.

Windows in modern houses are more plentiful and enlarged to admit more light. We ask less of the curtains, as we love to stimulate the outdoors. Their only function is to soften the light and to give the homey touch impossible to bare windows; but we will not tolerate the heavy hangings and dust-catchers of former days. A good treatment for a window is very sheer marquisette or voile as glass curtains, with a simple ruffle of chintz across the top. Or, if one prefers plain colors, choose a vivid color and add to the flounce at the top a narrow strip on each side, merely wide enough to cover the window frame, but not to make the window seem smaller.

### CHICKEN PATTIES

On the back of gem-pans, bake patty shells of pie crust. Have them hot and ready to fill when the cream chicken is ready to serve. Stew a chicken until the meat falls from the bones. Drain off the liquid and cook it down somewhat. Remove the meat from the bones and shred it, being careful not to get any skin or bones in with it, and put it back into the liquid.

Add salt, pepper, celery salt and pimento to season it highly. Thicken it with flour stirred up with milk and add a beaten egg. Save enough pimento to cut into thin strips to decorate the top of the creamed patties. At the last moment fill the hot patty shells with the creamed chicken, trim with the strips of pimento, and serve.

### SALADS

Remove the stones from dates and fill the center with peanut butter. Arrange in nests of crisp lettuce and serve with salad dressing.

Mix cold cooked rice with flaked salmon, sliced celery and salad dressing. Season with paprika and serve on lettuce leaves.

## Charlotte Lady in Vermont Floods

A letter from Mrs. Susan Yeo Pope, of Newport, Vermont, dated November 19th, 1927, to her sister in this city, Mrs. George Coombs, tells of the recent floods in Vermont as follows: "Perhaps you have not seen an account of the awful floods we have been having all over Vermont and part of Massachusetts this month. Well dear it was quite an exciting and sad experience for all. We were so worried about Florence, as Montpelier was one of the worst places hit and she was the same about us. You see all connections, telegraph and phone lines all collapsed. We had no mails, no light, no washing could be sent to the laundry as it had been sunk in the lake. We could only get five hundred lbs. coal, that was all that was allowed to each family. This is Saturday. The flood came two weeks ago last Thursday and we only heard last night that Florence and family were safe. The only little trouble they had, the water came into their cellar and they couldn't have a furnace fire, but what was all the inconveniences compared to most folks who were obliged to leave their houses and move out or be drowned as numbers were. It was a sad time. Marjorie drove me down town to the station to view the ruins. All the great bridges connecting Newport with the East side are all washed away, even the long bridge that the railway cars go over, part of that collapsed and several of the cars were submerged in the lake. I couldn't begin to tell you half of the damage that was done. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed. Some farmers lost everything, cattle, houses, barns are all gone, and many are being cared for by the Red Cross and organizations.

In Montpelier it was even worse than here. On State St. the water was 15 ft. on the level. I saw a picture of Christ Church, the great doors were battered down and the whole church demolished. The large music store on the same street was a wreck and the piano were sailing down the street in pieces, all ruined. That is only a couple of instances. There are many more like that. One of Marjorie's pupils had a position in an insurance office there. Mrs. Watkins, her mother, phoned Marjorie one day that she just had a letter from Harriet, who told her that she (with all the other girls in the office) was trapped in the office there for two days and two nights without food, light, heat or even a drink of water. At last they were saved by getting out on the roof and were drawn down with ropes. One can scarcely realize it. People say there has never been a flood here since 1869, that one was not half as bad as this. I do hope we will never have another and we are so thankful, we had not to move out.

Use as a base one cup of pineapple juice or the juice of two oranges with the grated rind of one. To this add the juice of one lemon one-third cup flour, a half cup sugar and cook in a double boiler until transparent. Add two eggs well beaten and cook five minutes longer. Mix with equal part of whipped cream.

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REDUCING DIETS

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MRS. SOLOMON SAYS:

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SMILES

"I came into this town without a shoe to my feet or a penny in my pocket, and now look at me."

"But I thought you were born here."

"I was."

"No wonder you're such a sissy. Your pa and ma were married by a justice of the peace."

"Well, from the noise which comes from your flat, I think your pa and ma must have been married by the Secretary of War."

"Marie and I agreed that after we were married I should decide the major questions and she should decide the minor ones."

"How has it worked out?"

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