

THE GARDEN SERIAL STORY

Raggs' Weekly Letter

Toronto, Aug. 15. My dear Toronto-onters: Said an old friend of the family to-day, "There are no more old maids." He looked me over sadly, and, falling to discover concealed pussy cat, parrot, knitting needles or tendency to mature coyness about my person, he said "Ains!" a second time and again, as if life had cheated him of something. And yet when he made the remark there were present half a dozen old maids, married and single, male and female.

You probably grasp the idea, which in my feeble way, I am trying to express, that an "old maid" is not necessarily a spinster; nor a spinster an old maid.

A spinster, say, is a virgin of mature years and immature experience, a spinster person, but not necessarily a would-be spouse. But an "old maid" is the original creator of the prevalent idea that an unmarried person is invariably such for the excellent reason that humanity, assuming the object of matrimony to be bliss, naturally overlooks the creature incapable of realizing or inspiring the emotion in any degree.

The "old maid" of both sexes, by some juggling of fate, or temporary mental aberration on the part of some unfortunate human, occasionally discovers the "old maid" discovers a hitherto unrealized capacity for human emotion. But miracles are rare, and he or she generally remains an "old maid" to the end of the chapter.

Amorous Brats.

I frequently pass across that pretty little city park on Howland avenue adjoining St. Alban's Cathedral, and have found the well-kept flowers and the sweet blades playing under the eyes of their nurses, a joy and delight.

On Monday evening, returning from the theatre, I was disgusted to see the older brothers and sisters (not so much older, either!) of the children, spooning, yes spooning—under the trees in the dim light. I passed three couples, all the girls undoubtedly in their teens, and boys not much older—or wiser, let us hope.

On Wednesday evening I was passing again, and deliberately stared at the amorous brats. They had the grace to be much embarrassed, poor youngsters!

Quite apart from the bad taste, the coyness of allowing yourself to be "handled" and hugged my dear little girls, by the boys who are temporarily "sanitized" by your youthful charms, you are behaving in an unmannerly manner, which is very likely to land one or both of you on to immorality.

"What is the difference?"

Immorality is ignorance, plus inexperience, plus indiscreet imprudence. Immorality is knowledge plus experience plus laxity of morals—which implies the corruption of virtuous ideas, and finally loose morality and spiritual depravity.

A word of advice from a mere looker-on to your mother and father who have so little love for your son and daughter that you leave them to ignorance to find their "ain rail" to find the knowledge of good and evil: "Immorality plus opportunity equals immorality."

If the boy and girl friends of your young people were made welcome guests at your home and their friendship put on a sensible footing as

Daily Fashion Talks

BY MAY MANTON

WITH A MIDDY SUGGESTION



THE blouse drawn over the head and the short opening at the neck, closed with facings give the middy suggestion to this little suit and the small boy is sure to be delighted with it. He has a natural inborn admiration for the sailor and he likes to wear everything that suggests the sailor's costume. As it is shown here, the material is linen serge, blue with collar of white. One can fancy the suit made in a great many different materials. All white linen or galatea would be very pretty. Madras makes excellent material for the kind of really warm days. The same model is a good one for the sailor's costume. The blouse is so simple and easy to make that the model is especially to be desired just now when new suits are likely to be in demand to finish out the season. It has only two seams and the sleeves are sewed to the armholes without a seam. The knickerbockers are the usual full ones attached to bands.

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EFFICIENT HOUSEKEEPING
BY HENRIETTA D. GRAUEL
DOMESTIC SCIENCE LECTURER

Sweet Pickles

WATERMELON rind may be made into preserves or sweet pickles that will be enjoyed as a change from the usual sweetmeats when fresh fruits are gone.

This handsome and delicate preserve may be made either of the two following ways will keep without crystallizing.

For the preserved melon rind choose a thick rind as you can find, pare away the inner pulp and outer green skin. Cut the firm white flesh into inch long slices, so thin that they will be transparent when cooked. Soak in strong brine for two hours, drain and freshen in cold water. Make a syrup of a pound of sugar and a pint of water for every pound of rind. Bring this syrup to the boiling point and to it add the juice of a large lemon and a half a teaspoonful of alum. Put in the rind and cook until tender and clear. Remove the melon and continue cooking the syrup until as thick as wanted. Put the rind in jars and pour the liquid over it.

More lemon juice may be added if a sharp flavor is wanted.

For the pickle make a syrup of a quart of white vinegar and three pounds of sugar. Tie a spoonful of whole cloves and one of allspice and a few sticks of cinnamon, in a little bag of muslin. Add this to the syrup with the rind cut and prepared as directed above. Boil twenty minutes, add a pinch of alum and put in jars. The alum is added to keep the preserves firm and not for its flavor, so use it sparingly. If you object to using alum in your foods, the rind may be boiled for two minutes in strong soda water after it has soaked in the salt water and been freshened. However, so small a quantity as called for in recipes printed in this column will harm no one.

In the place of the spices mentioned in the pickled melon rind you may use crystallized ginger cut in tiny bits and cooked with the preserve. This candied ginger has a most exquisite flavor and is a great addition to delicate sweets, besides it does not make the preserves dark as the spices mentioned do. A half pound box may be purchased at any well stocked grocers for twenty-five cents and a tablespoonful, minced fine, will add piquancy to a quart of preserves.

WOMEN'S SECTION

THE TRIPLE TIE

BY A. H. C. MITCHELL

(Continued From Yesterday.)

Special Trains Jammed.

The reporters disappeared in a twinkling to inform their papers by telephone or telegraph of the arrangements for the triple tie game. The "White Sox" and "Chicago Cubs" put in a busy ten minutes at the telephone, and then announced that the White Sox would leave for New York on a special train at 9 o'clock that night, and that the Cubs would leave for Chicago on a special train at 10 o'clock that night. The response to this announcement was overwhelming, and when the applications for tickets were received, it was found that there were more than twenty-two full cars required to transport the supporters of the White Sox to New York, and more than twenty-two full cars required to transport the supporters of the Cubs to Chicago.

The White Sox left New York at 9 o'clock, and the Cubs left Chicago at 10 o'clock. The trains were jammed with fans, and the atmosphere was electric. The fans were cheering and shouting, and the trains were moving slowly through the streets.

Brush Stadium was filled long before the triple tie game appeared on the field. The ticket speculators reaped a harvest, as there had been no time to circumvent them.

Gay With Flags.

The management of the Polo Grounds had the huge grand stand fully decorated with flags and bunting. It had also provided a military band, which played continuously during the game. The Royal Rooters delegation from Philadelphia found seats in the grand stand back of third base. The delegation from Philadelphia found seats in the grand stand back of third base. The delegation from Philadelphia found seats in the grand stand back of third base.

The Ball Thrown.

A hundred cars to the gate invaded the field and snatched everything in sight. The umpires, dressed in the special white uniforms of the American League, walked on the field together. Nobody loves an umpire, but they were cheered, too, and then they lined up to have their pictures taken. More cheers. They gazed wisely in the air to note the direction of the wind. They always do, they no one knows why they do it. They matched coins, the odd man to officiate behind the plate. "Silk" O'Loughlin was the lucky (or unlucky) man. The others matched again. Big Bill Dineen, who looked particularly handsome in his new white uniform, drew the post of umpire on the first base instead of Jake Stahl. A hundred cameras men formed a semi-circle in front of the box occupied by the three umpires. The Mayor of New York arose in his hand he held a new white baseball. He drew back his arm and threw the ball to Umpire O'Loughlin. A hundred cameras clicked and the game was dissolved. The triple tie was on.

(To Be Continued.)

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London Paper Criticizes Action of Government Regarding Frisco Exposition.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(Can. Press).—In an editorial dealing with Great Britain's refusal to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition, The Outlook says: "It seems pretty churlish that Great Britain should refuse to take part in the exposition because it would cost her a little more than she expected. Unless there are other and better reasons to be given for this policy, we fear that England has cut rather a bad figure over the business and will lose something far more valuable than the orders she might have gained by a hearty look-in at Uncle Sam's big world's show."

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