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WOMAN AND HOME.

A WOMAN IN THE PULPIT AT BARABOO, WIS.

The Artistic in Dress--Care of the Hair--The Most Attractive Trait--An Oblong Room--How Girls Should Consider Proposals--Feminine Nature.

Miss L. K. Commander, the only woman preacher in Wisconsin, who occupies the pulpit of the Unitarian church at Baraboo, is making quite a hit with her discourses. She is young and good looking and draws a full house every Sunday morning. She was called to Baraboo from Toledo to take the place of Rev. R. Douthett, who resigned on account of ill health. Although the Unitarian church of Baraboo is her first regular church, she has delivered addresses from pulpits in Canada and in the United States.

Miss Commander is of English descent and a Canadian by birth. She was raised in the faith of the church of England (Episcopal) and at an early age was confirmed and became a communicant of the church. Her early education was obtained in London, Ont., where she graduated after taking the collegiate course in the Western university, shortly after which she removed with her family to the United States. Miss Commander was then much interested in different church doctrines, and after examination joined the Unitarian fold. Her theological studies were pursued at home under competent instructors, the Methodist course being followed.

Miss Commander is the first woman that has occupied the Baraboo pulpit in question. Several years ago Rev. Miss Gray had the charge for several months. The Unitarian society of Baraboo is one of the oldest in the state, and since its organization the members have enjoyed the services of many noted ministers. During the war Miss Commander was associated with S. M. Booth in the early days touring the state, discussing the evils of slavery. Professor Appleby also gave a series of lectures there. Rev. J. H. Jones of Chicago has occupied the pulpit many times, as has also Mr. Longfellow, brother of the poet.--Chicago Chronicle.

The Artistic in Dress.

Color has always been a study with Frenchwomen. They are not timid in regard to the use of venture some hues, as are many American women. They take into consideration the tint and texture of their skin, the color of their eyes and hair and their general type of feature, and then they select such colors as will best set them off to advantage. A Frenchwoman is a master hand in the matter of evolving effects. She gives the coloring of colors deliberate and careful attention, and, moreover, is quick to notice that a shade becoming to her one day under certain conditions may not suit her the next, and so varies her combinations accordingly.

"I have frequently noticed that a hat becoming to the wearer when worn with a gown of a certain make--of course referring to the lode--loses half its charm when worn with another," says a modiste who devotes hours of time to the study of the color of the face and hair and the general type of feature, and then they select such colors as will best set them off to advantage. A Frenchwoman is a master hand in the matter of evolving effects. She gives the coloring of colors deliberate and careful attention, and, moreover, is quick to notice that a shade becoming to her one day under certain conditions may not suit her the next, and so varies her combinations accordingly.

"I have been disappointed several times when, as I thought, I had chosen both gown and hat with regard to harmony to find that the just ensemble was not becoming. A gown with the zouave or bolero effect, either in velvet or braided cloth, calls for a very different style of hat from the gown with a straight cut bodice or a simple draped waist. Often it is not the matter of shade or color that makes a woman appear not at her best, but a matter of texture and shape and cut. The style of hairdressing for an evening or dinner toilet should be tried with reference to the style of the gown that is to be worn as much as with regard to the shape of the face.

"There is a great deal to be thought about in the choosing of colors, and no set rules may be given. A shade of red in dull silk or lustrous cloth that kills a woman of a certain type, that dulls her eyes and makes her look sallow, can be worn successfully by the same individual if developed in rich velvet or glossy broadcloth. Certain women maintain that green ruins them, and are in despair because they can't wear it when it is the fashion. I can dress any woman becomingly in green if I can have any pick of textures and shades. A woman who could not wear any of the screaming colors now in vogue (in vogue because the pale Parisian belles of the moment look well in them) could always trust to green if she chose the right shade. She could not choose it in a minute. She would have to take some pains about it. The woman who aspires to be well dressed should think out conclusions for herself. To be well dressed does not mean buying and wearing the finest things from the best stores, but selecting such colors and styles and materials as will set off one's particular type to advantage."--New York Sun.

Care of the Baby's Hair.

Many mothers think that the heads of infants, whether covered early by a thick growth of hair or a fine, almost invisible down, need little washing. Consequently a thick coating of white as the scalp at first, but gradually darkening with age until of an ugly brown color, covers the scalp.

Through this growth the hair must force itself if it grows at all, and often the weak little creature arrangement becomes discolored and sends out only a few straggling hairs where a thick, short down should appear.

To encourage a healthy growth the infant's head should be washed daily just as the body is by lathering gently with castile soap and rinsing. This keeps the head clean and free from the peculiar growth. If, however, it has made its appearance, very gentle but decided means should be employed to eradicate it.

Mix together a teaspoonful of borax, powdered, and a tablespoonful of white vaseline, and with the mixture and the finger ends rub gently but thoroughly the head. Let it stand half an hour or less and then wash with plenty of castile soap and warm water. If all the seurf is not removed by the first application, renew it next morning until the head is perfectly clean. When children's hair is unruly, lacking life and gloss, this treatment will be beneficial also.

Rub the mixture in thoroughly and then wash out brushing the hair thoroughly when dry. Never use a wet brush on the children's head to keep them in order; rather brush them and wash them until they become sleek and pliable, remaining as arranged by the natural life and oil of the hair itself.

Never use oils or dressing on a child's hair. Perfect cleanliness is more to be desired than the slickness oil imparts. Moreover, a head well greased will catch and hold dust that settles upon the scalp, injuring the growth and vigor of the hair. Clipping the ends of the hair when they have become frayed and split stimulates new life and causes the hair to thicken, which with perfect cleanliness and persistent brushing will soon repay in silk and luxuriance the care bestowed.--New York Journal.

The Most Attractive Trait.

"If I were asked to name what to my mind is the most telling attribute of character," said the sagacious woman, "I should say polish. Really I know of nothing more effective, either as regards the individual or those with whom she comes in contact. It appeals to people somehow far more than almost any other trait. Beauty, cleverness, amiability, sympathy--all these are very well in their way. But I doubt if any of them ever prove half as potent as polish, the manifestation of a perfect equilibrium of mind and soul. I suppose it is largely because so few of us possess it. We always admire and envy what doesn't belong to us, you know. Placidity of temper, the ability to make the most of things, particularly when it is a schooled and disciplined placidity--not merely a cowl-like calm, but a cool repose signifying great reserve strength and force. So much to be desired is the quality, however, that many undisciplined persons are willing to accept the imitation for the real. In other words, the 'cowl-like calm' often passes for the reserve. The why of this is so often put up with--even looked up to.

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An Oblong Room.

A desired break in an oblong room and extra provision for books are both secured in a delightful home in an ingenious manner. A partition of hard but not expensive wood is run across the room, stopping perhaps two feet from the ceiling, which space is filled in with grille work. The partition is broken in two places, one toward the middle, the other at the hall side close to the entrance door of the apartment. On the side of the partition toward the larger room, narrow, plain shelves of the same wood are fitted one above the other up to within a short distance of the grille insertion, these shelves holding books for the most part, with some odd pieces of bric-a-brac here and there. Across the plain space between books and grille stretches a rare piece of oriental embroidery, and on the slightly jutting shelf above the doorway is a curious replica of an oriental temple. A curtain on a pole is usually drawn away from this middle opening to show the pretty writing room beyond, but may on occasion shut it off entirely. By a cross pole arrangement at the other opening in the partition against the hall doorway, which cuts off a corner of the front apartment, it is possible to cut the second room without passing through the first. There is an admirable suggestion in this scheme for the utilization and relief of apartments whose too great spaciousness is both waste and need, and whose capacity for swallowing furniture becomes a nightmare to the mistress of the house. If the explanation given is not sufficient, an attempt will be made in application to answer any further inquiry relating to it.--New York Post.

How Girls Should Consider Proposals.

"My dear girl,--don't ask me to give you advice, but I ought to put some questions to yourself," writes Ruth Ashmore to girls on "The Profession of Marriage" in The Ladies' Home Journal. "Satisfy yourself that you love this man well enough not only to be happy with him, but, if need be, to suffer with him. Decide for yourself if this be the man of all others in whom you will find your ideal companion, for companionship means as much in marriage as in friendship. Then you must think of the future. Ask yourself, too, whether this man brings out in you all that is best, whether he provokes that which is little and mean in you, or whether he piques you into making light of that which is good.

"Decide whether this man is the one with whom you would be willing to grow old; whether this man is the one to whom you would, without hesitancy, submit questions that trouble your conscience. Then, too, you must ask yourself what seems perhaps like a trivial question, whether this man is one whose name you will feel honored in bearing not because of any material wealth he may possess, but because of his being an honest gentleman. Think out all these things, ask yourself question upon question, not only as to his fitness, but as to yours, and then, if you give him the loving answer that he wishes, try to become thoroughly acquainted with him."

Feminine Nature.

Despite the fact that there are many women clamoring for equal rights with men, womanhood is a general over-estimate to cope with men on his own ground until feminine nature is changed from its

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The Dark Dining Room.

It may seem impossible to convert some of the dismal, shady dining rooms in the cramped quarters of some city houses into things of beauty, but the ingenious housewife will not be discouraged, no matter how closely the room may be shut in by the high walls of surrounding houses. If the dining room is small and dark, and has little communication with direct air and sunlight, it will pay the tenant to make the few improvements that avaricious capital may withhold. Pull down the gloomy paper and substitute cream white, pearl, atmospheric blue, custard or some cheerful and magnifying tint. Don't carpet the floor. Have it stained or painted a light brown, and put a rug under the table not large enough to interfere with the chairs, but sufficient to rest the feet. Put thin white muslin shades on the window, and if the means allow, drape over them the thinnest curtains. In some of the finest houses, for summer service, the windows are hung with holland to keep out the sun, white linen to temper the light, and white tulle or gauze for a pretty summer effect. This gauzy cotton stuff is put on quite full, and caught back with huge rosettes of the same.--New York Commercial.

Dainty Table.

The woman who serves simple breakfasts and dinners daintily is a better housewife than she who serves rich feasts unattractively. A chop set forth on glittering china on a cloth of shining damask is better than the rarest bird in the market brought on in shoddy style. Toast and butter may make a feast, but white linen and glistening silver when all the delicacies of the season would be but a poor meal if carelessly served.

Always have the tablecloth spotless and fresh, even if you have to convert every day into wash day to compass it. Always have a silence cloth, though there is no dinner for a week in order that it may be paid for. Always have a bit of green in the center of the table. Let the silver, even if it is plated, be shining, and the glass, though it be pressed and not cut, be glistening.--Exchange.

Graceful Woman.

A woman is expected to be graceful whether she is or not, and as the matter largely rests with her she certainly should train her feet to follow graceful fashions. An erect, self-reliant spinal column--not stiff, but straight--is absolutely essential to a graceful, rhythmic walk, and the feet should be carefully and lightly placed. Do not protrude the chin; that always looks stiff and awkward. Do not bend the knees any more than you can help in walking, and let the forward swing of the body come from the hips. Think when you walk and it will be a great help to you. Never wander or saunter aimlessly about, but walk with a purpose and a motive and observe the effect upon your movements.--New York Tribune.

Whooping Cough.

When a child has whooping cough, confine it for the first ten days to the house, especially if the cough is attended by more or less bronchial trouble. But be sure that the child is kept in a well ventilated room, and let the forward swing of the body come from the hips. Think when you walk and it will be a great help to you. Never wander or saunter aimlessly about, but walk with a purpose and a motive and observe the effect upon your movements.--New York Tribune.

Macaroni Pudding.

When macaroni got to England, the English cooks straightway made a pudding out of it. This is the formula: Summer 3 ounces of macaroni in a pint of milk to which a piece of lemon peel has been added. Remove the peel and pour the macaroni and milk into a pudding dish. Spread with a layer of jam. In another pint of milk stir 2 whole raw eggs, sweeten to taste, and pour over the pudding, grating a little nutmeg on the top. Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes.

Children Spoiled by Thoughtlessness.

The best way to make a child good is to expect good things from him. How many children are ruined by hearing from the lips of their mother or nurse words that are thoughtless, "Naughty child!" "I have heard a little boy proclaim as an excuse for his misdeeds, 'I can't help it. I'm naughty.' He had been convinced that it was of no use to try to be good.--Exchange.

When purchasing sheer linen handkerchiefs, those that are pure linen may be recognized by moistening the tip of the finger and stretching the fabric over it. Linen will show the moisture through immediately, but cotton threads take more time to absorb the moisture.

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