

THE UNTIDY GIRL.

The untidy girl is the same wherever you find her. The girl who is careless and slattern in her personal appearance, and the little details of the toilet, is sure to be the same in the home, in her own private room, in the business office, or wherever else her lot may be cast.

There she is, the untidy girl, with her clothes half way put on, collar pinned over unevenly, hiked up to the base of the brain on one side, and stretched down between the shoulders on the other; skirt sagging in the back, skirt band, with safety pins attached, sticking out from under the belt; shirt-waist pulled to one side, skirt to the other; her hair yanked up here and there with stray pins, and frowned down the back of the neck; finger nails untrimmed and unclean, fingers out of her gloves and buttons missing here and there. These are some of the marks of the untidy girl.

Go to her room and you will find things topsy-turvy; shoes in one corner, hat in another, dresses hanging over the backs of chairs, bureau drawers in confusion; everything about the room to correspond with the appearance of the girl.

If the untidy girl or woman be mistress of a home, from garret to cellar will be marks of her untidiness. Grease spots on the kitchen floor, dirty sink, unpolished stove, dining room cluttered up with things that belong to the sewing-room or sitting

when evenly piled one upon the other, they soon dwindle down to a little bunch.

Untidiness is something that every girl should beware of. Her personal appearance is ruined by it, her chances of success are diminished; and oftentimes home life is made almost intolerable by the presence of one untidy person.

The girl who presents a neat, tidy appearance stands a far better chance of success in the business world, than the careless girl, who simply hangs her clothes on herself in any old way, and gives no attention whatever to little details of the toilet that add so much to personal attractiveness.

Not long since a case was brought to our attention, where two girls applied for a position in an office. One of them came with letters recommending her for her efficiency in the work required. The other came without experience and without recommendation of any kind. The one with the letters presented a general appearance of slouchiness in dress, carelessness as to personal appearance. The other girl was neat and trim and tidy to the last detail in her toilet, and although without letters of recommendation, she was chosen to fill the position. "Not," said the manager, "because I consider her more efficient, but because she would be a pleasanter person to have around, and I know



Two Ponoka ladies and their Evening's Catch

room, books out of the library, in fact, a general slovenliness and slatterniness from one end of the house to the other. No matter how beautiful its furnishings, her house will never be a home because the uncomfortable disorder makes a real home impossible.

If the untidy girl finds a place in a business office the same traits of untidiness will mark her presence there. An upheaval of matter on her desk, a general clutter of papers here and there, pages slapped together and pinned in a jagged, ragged, uneven bunch, things piled up on this side and that side, letters jammed in files any old way, boxes bulging open from disorderly contents, confusion reigning everywhere.

To the casual observer this fuss and flurry of papers and letters may present the appearance of an immense amount of work, but if letters and papers were reduced to order the tumbled pile that looms up so big would soon flatten down into a scant bit of real work.

A little handful of straw and an old hatching hen can soon make the country yard look as though there was straw, straw everywhere, nothing but straw; but when the straw is hatched together in an orderly pile the messiness of it diminishes very rapidly. So it is with the untidy office. A few letters and a few sheets of paper mixed and muddled and bungled together will look prodigious, but

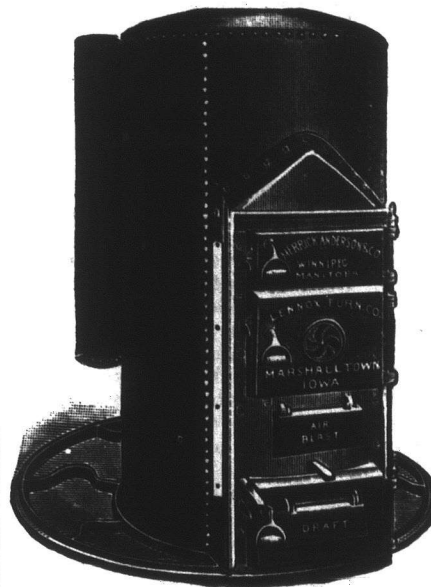
will keep my papers and everything about the office neat and tidy. The other girl, doubtless, with her experience, would be able to grasp the work quicker, and perhaps accomplish more; but her general appearance of slouchiness would be a daily irritation, and I am sure she would be as careless and slattern with my business matters as she is with herself."

We have always claimed that clothing, and especially the way it is worn, is simply the outward appellation of the inward thought. Neatness and orderliness in one's personal affairs denotes a mind that loves neatness and orderliness; and the tidy girl will be tidy wherever her lot may be cast. A carelessness or slovenliness in appearance of personal matters betokens a disorderly and unsystematic mind, and wherever the untidy girl is found chaos is sure to reign.

Tidiness can be cultivated, and our advice to every girl is to be careful in the little things pertaining to dress and personal habits in the home or out. Have a place for everything, and keep everything in its place. The habit of keeping things neat and tidy can not help but react beneficially. Anything that prevents irritation and vexation, that adds to one's personal attractiveness, is certainly worth cultivating, as it enhances not only the charm of the individual, but increases health and beauty of mind and body alike.

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