

Correspondence Column  
Helps for Home-Keepers  
Recipes and Style Notes

# A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Bright Articles Daily on  
Women's Interests and  
Activities Here and There



[By Billie Burke.]

A college professor had the temerity the other day to tell a great audience of women, "If women wish to succeed in business, they must be more responsible and honest." I cannot understand why some clever woman in the crowd let that untruth go unchallenged.

In the first place, women ARE successful in business—all kinds of business—and statistics show that they are put into positions of responsibility and trust.

I sometimes wonder at the calmness with which we women allow ourselves and our actions to be incorrectly catalogued.

We are told we are extravagant, but I am sure that, while we may perhaps spend more than men, the other sex forgets that we are the great buyers of the world—it is the business of most women to spend the money just as it is the business of most men to earn it. Simply to buy many things is not extravagance, but is only extravagant when one buys things one does not need. I have never yet known a woman who did not get more for her money than a man. Their

whole education teaches women how to do this. Almost every woman has had to make one dollar take the place of two, and this is quite as true of the rich woman as of the one who thinks she is poor.

Another foolish idea is that women are greater slaves to fashion than men. I hear this every day and it seems to me that any man or woman who thinks about it would know how silly this is. Since when, if you please, have men worn straw hats before the first of June and after the first of September, no matter what

king of weather we have during May and September. Could you persuade a man to wear his evening clothes before 6 o'clock at night, and yet many of us have seen women in evening gowns at luncheon? Don't men wear cuffs on their trousers one year and leave them off the next, as Dame Fashion demands, and would any man, except a clergyman, wear a white lawn tie with his morning suit?

Another little pleasing fiction is that women do not stand up for each other. The greatest loyalty I have ever known has been of women to each other. Men are loyal to the women they love—as long as they love them. But women will be loyal to the memory of a lover even after love itself is dead. A pretty woman can break up a life-long friendship between men, but women friends seldom quarrel over a man.

Another polite falsehood that should be denied is that women are greater gossipers than men. Every woman who has a father, husband, brother or friend who is a member of a club knows that it is there more than half the gossip originates. More than seven-eighths of the gossip I hear is prefaced: "My husband heard this at the club." Men and women are just alike. There are loyal men and loyal women, and there are traitors in both sexes. No man has a patent on any virtue or is the sole developer of any vice.

## Tea-Table Talk

"Sophie" writes me as follows regarding the matter of a girl and her yearly expenditures for dress: "Dear Nomad: I am much interested in your recent article in the Tea-Table Talks upon the subject of dress, and how much a girl should spend for it. I also note your kind invitation to tell how we manage, and am doing so, thinking it may interest and help some other girl."

"I am not able to dress on \$50.00 a year like the one girl you told about, as I cannot make many of my own clothes, but I am always on the look-out for bargains, and never buy anything just because it is marked down but because I really need it to replenish my wardrobe. Out of my salary of \$8.00 a week I allow \$2.00 a week for dress, and try to make this cover everything. Looking over my last year's expenses (for I keep account of them all in a little book), I have summed them up as follows:

One suit	\$25.00
Three shirtwaists	3.50
Tan silk, for special wear	10.75
Winter hat	5.00
Winter underwear and hose	5.00
One linen dress	4.75
One muslin dress	3.90
Summer hat	6.25
Summer underwear	3.75
Shoes for year	10.25
Gloves	4.00
Handkerchiefs	1.50
Neckwear	1.75
Raincoat	10.50
Incidentals	4.25
Total	\$101.25

"You will see from my list that I have kept within my allowance. The suit will do me for two years, and next winter I intend to buy fur instead. Of course, as one always has something 'left over' from the year before, the older dresses and skirts come in for the principal wear and tear of every-day, and that helps quite a bit."

I am glad to receive this letter from "Sophie," and shall also be pleased to publish further communications on the subject from readers of this column. I think "Sophie" manages her money very well, don't you? And the idea of jotting them down in the little book is most commendable.

If you are very fastidious, I should advise you not to read this for your sense of nicety will in all probability be disturbed. It happened between Toronto and Hamilton on the midnight train running from the first-named city to dear-knows-where. Among the weary passengers were a number of "new Canadians" (it sounds nicer than immigrants), men, women and children. The poor things, looking pathetically patient, were curled up on the car seats in various attitudes of repose, oblivious for the time of the loneliness and strangeness of the night which they had so evidently just entered.

Presently, above the jolting and rattle of the train arose the wail of an infant. Louder and louder it sounded until the "new Canadians" were craning their necks in curious glances up and down the car to discover the whereabouts of the infant. Just as the babe was noticed by the mother, sitting opposite, she suddenly, seized a small granite kettle from the seat beside her, and after taking a generous mouthful, bent forward over the crying infant. What was she doing? A question one could read in every eye.

By and bye the operation was repeated, and soon the child's cries ceased. What magic had soothed the unmanageable "hunger cry"? Simply this. The mother took a mouthful of milk from the kettle, held it there for a few seconds in order to warm the fluid, and then conveyed it gradually to the infant. And shall I tell you, contrary to all scientific belief, I never saw a rosier, healthier baby than that same little bundle of immortal humanity? Long live to the little "new Canadian" and didn't I tell you that you'd be shocked?

## The Nomad

### SMART COTTON DRESSES.

The Drygoods Economist says that the return of short coats to popular favor gives dress designers considerable leeway in working out novelty garments for medium and popular price distribution. For instance, many of the cotton and linen street dresses are supplemented with very short coats.

Eponge, linen, cotton Bedford cords and poplins are extensively used for skirts, and coats of these numbers, the waist usually being made of cotton crepe or voile, either in matching color or in white.

This waist takes on much of the appearance of a separate blouse, inasmuch as it has many of the characteristics of the semi-tailored designs seen in the new shirtwaist. Touches of color in the trimmings, however, bring the white waists in harmony with the skirt, or the embroidery, which often appears on the fronts or sleeves, may furnish the color touch now considered so smart.

### WHEN YOU ARE MEASURING.

Four heaping tablespoons of corn starch to one quart of milk.  
Three heaping tablespoons of baking powder to one cupful of flour.  
One teaspoonful of soda to one pint of sour milk.  
One teaspoonful of soda to half a pint of molasses.  
One teaspoonful of half a teaspoonful of soda and one teaspoonful of cream of tartar.

## Caroline Coe's Tested Recipes for Steamed Pudding.

Two cups of stale cake, put through the coarse grinder; one cup of bread crumbs, and cover with two cups of boiling water. Allow to stand half an hour. Three tablespoons of chopped suet, pinch of salt, one teaspoon vanilla and one cup of molasses. Beat all together. Add one egg, well beaten. Sift one even teaspoon of baking powder and one-half teaspoon of cinnamon with one cup of flour. One-half cup raisins, one-half cup currants, one-half pound of prunes, stoned and cut into four pieces each, dredge fruit with flour, turn fruit and flour into first mixture. Mix thoroughly. Butter tightly covered pudding dish, turn the pudding batter into the pan, cover and boil three hours.

NOTE.—Make this pudding the day you make soup stock and set the mold into the soup kettle and save one fire, if burning gas or gasoline.

## A FROCK WITH A "TIE-ON" BLOUSE.



Brandt of Paris has sent out a charming street costume of blue moire with a waist of blue and cream brocade silk. This waist is made very much as were the "tie on" blouses of last year. The fronts cross over and tie in the back with the moderately long ends. Filling in the neck is a shadow lace vestee, the ends of which show below the belt.

The skirt of blue moire is made with shallow plaits about the belt and has a little draping at the bottom of the front breadth.

## PROBLEMS OF THE FAIR SEX SOLVED BY CYNTHIA GREY

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.]

### The Price of Rooms.

Dear Miss Grey: Will you please tell me if there is much demand for comfortably furnished, well-cared-for bedrooms, with modern conveniences, in this city?

Could you also tell me the price such rooms would rent for if moderately central and breakfast were provided? Also rent without breakfast?

Thanking you, I am,

A SUBSCRIBER.

A.—There surely is such a demand. Do you wish the "Rooms Wanted" advertisements on page 3 of this journal? It would be a good idea for you to insert an "ad" yourself, advertising your rooms. The prices range from \$2 to \$4 weekly, according to size, locality and comforts provided, and, of course, including light, heat, and in many cases bathing privileges. Where breakfast is given an extra charge of from \$1 to \$1.50 weekly is made.

### They Disagreed.

Dear Miss Grey: I am 18 and met a young man over a year ago, with whom I have been keeping company until six months ago. On my account he disagreed and he went away. He says he loves me and treats me with respect. He is no flirt. Would it be all right to write him a short letter and explain? I think he must be offended as he has never written to me.

Is it delicate harmful for removing superfluous hair?

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

A.—If you started the quarrel naturally you should be the one to take the first steps towards "making up." Do you desire a reconciliation? I presume the best thing to do would be to write the letter you mention.

2. While I have no personal knowledge of this preparation, a correspondent wrote this corner not long since, stating that she had not found it beneficial and did not advise its use. That is all I know about it.

### Would Learn Millinery.

Dear Miss Grey: After having helped so many out of their troubles, I am sure you can answer me.

1. Please explain fully what course will a girl have to take to learn the millinery trade?

2. I wish to become a land-owner in the West. Where will I write to get full particulars? Do you buy land from the Government?

3. Will you please ask "The Nomad" to publish her views on a reporter's life, because I want to find out if it really is as hard as people make it out to be?

4. Will you please get me the piece, "Havathat?" I will send a stamped envelope for it.

Thanking you sincerely, Hoping to see this soon in print, I am, yours, respectfully,

G. W. ENRIE.

A.—The course may differ in various establishments, and naturally the length of time for the apprenticeship depends upon a girl's ability to learn, and the deftness of her fingers.

I understand a milliner's apprentice is first instructed in covering bands and lining hats. The next step is making shapes, then preparing trimmings, such as ticking or shirring silk, wiring ribbon, etc. A knowledge of these branches is necessary before hat trimming commences. The time of apprenticeship runs from two to three years, and, of course, at first the pay is very meagre.

2. If you wish to become a "home-

## A Noteworthy Sale of Double-Fold FOULARD SILKS

Wednesday Morning

\$1.50 YARD SILKS, ON SALE AT \$1.00 YARD

420 yards of beautiful new Foulard Silks, imported by us direct from France, in a variety of designs and a wide range of fashionable shades, including tans, browns, grays, blues, rose, as well as white and black. All are full 42 inches wide; are excellent wearing quality. They have been selling at \$1.50 yard. Come, take your pick Wednesday, yard, . . . \$1.00

## 32 Women Can Get These Raincoats at \$5 and \$9

A Raincoat is a necessary garment, and those who get one of these special values will feel their usefulness for a long time to come.

At \$5 A guaranteed Waterproof Coat, rubber lined, in a fashionable, serviceable drab shade, or the new olive shade. Unusual values.

At \$9 A most serviceable, rubberized Coat, in a pretty olive shade. Choice of set-in or raglan sleeve. All sizes. A very special value.

MAIL ORDERS FILLED.



Wide sailor collars of embroidered mull and chiffon and voile and crepe are made to extend beneath the belt at the back of the waist. They are bloused a little to accentuate the line aimed for in all waists.

## Special Sale of Carpets and Draperies

In our Homefurnishing Dept.

Come and see these big values. They should interest you.

## H. Wolf & Sons

263, 265, 265½ DUNDAS STREET, Near Wellington Street.

## From Head to Toe

Moire ribbon velvet now vies with broadened velvet ribbon for popularity and beauty, too. The moire velvet is edged with a plain stripe of contrasting color. Bright blue has an edging of gray, and golden moire velvet is banded on each side with black.

Four-in-hand scarfs of heavy silk in corse, leaf green or other bright hues, for use with the white tailored shirt waist, end in white knotted silk fringe.

Metal and rhinestone slipper buckles are mounted on strips of velvet the color of the gown with which they are to be worn. Some of them are arranged on tongues of plaited velvet.

Slipper buckles made of pale blue, pink and yellow satin and chiffon roses are worn on light colored satin evening slippers.

Shoe trees for brides are wound with white satin ribbon and decorated with bunches of small scented orange flowers. They are dainty and easily made.

Belts and sashes of Roman striped corded ribbon are more and more used. The belts close with buckles covered with ribbon. The sashes end generally in a fringed tassel of black.

Yes

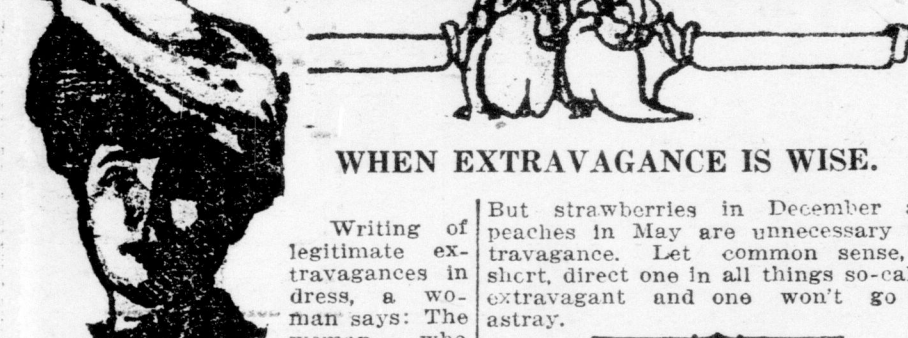
ALL teas may look alike to you—but the difference in Red Rose Tea is in the taste and the smell. Another marked difference is the agreeable strength that puts real quality in the cup with less tea in the pot. Will you try it.

RED ROSE TEA

is good tea

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## KATHERINE LESLIE'S HOME CHAT



### WHEN EXTRAVAGANCE IS WISE.

Writing of legitimate extravagance in dress, a woman says: The woman who wears an expensive suit, but who commits the extravagance of having it altered so that it fits perfectly is committing a judicious extravagance—an extravagance much more to the point than the woman who, hays an expensive suit and wears it just as it is, regardless of sagging shoulders, tight hips and drawn back. How wise that is!

And this too—For some women expensive corsets are necessary, for without them the most expensive clothes would not look well. Stout women should always have their corsets carefully fitted—if necessary made to order. A dress of inexpensive material, simply made, worn over a well-fitting corset is better than a gorgeous dress worn by a woman whose figure is full of unexpected bulges. On the other hand the girl with the little and supple figure can well afford to economize on corsets. Little does it matter what sort of foundation, artificial at least, her clothes have: her figure is shapely without help from a corset. She had better be extravagant in the buying of shoes, or the getting of some trifle of feminine adornment. Good shoes, fresh gloves, a becoming hat, and fresh neckwear of good quality are extravagances which many a woman who makes a pretense to being well dressed should indulge in. Good shoes do not mean simply expensive shoes once bought. It means shoes provided with an endowment fund that they may be kept always up at the heel, always kept clean and black. The same is true of gloves. Nothing is poorer economy than to wear soiled white gloves no matter how poor their quality. Neckwear can be procured in abundance at moderate prices, a fact which put a big supply of neckwear at any woman's disposal. But a really good piece of neckwear—an expensive stock of embroidered, net with a lace-edged jabot attached, an Irish lace sailor collar, or a Cluny collar and cuff set, all these are extravagances that are really worth while.

On the same rules hold good concerning household extravagance that apply to personal extravagance. Scrimp on some things—to spend liberally on others, in the matter of the table, for example: Good butter is essential if you would live well.

But strawberries in December and peaches in May are unnecessary extravagance. Let common sense, in short, direct one in all things so-called extravagant and one won't go far astray.

### ROMAN GIRDLES.

The vogue for generous waist lines has made women willing to encircle their waists with bright-colored sashes, and the one bit of color on an entire frock of a sombre hue will often be found in the girdle or belt of a vivid shade. The Roman striped girdles lend this much-desired bit of color so effectively that they are in great demand, and will become even more stylish as white lingerie serge and rathine frocks are worn. While it is easily possible to buy the silk by the yard and make one of these girdles at home, they are not expensive even in the shops, and to many women in the social whirl time is valuable.

The simplest girdles are finished with ends trimmed with silk tassels. The more elaborate girdles have their ends completed by jeweled fringe, the gold, ruby and sapphire beads being combined with baroque pearls to form a fringe three to four inches deep.

"Does your baby cry as much as it used to?"

"No, not quite," replied the tired father. "The nights are getting a little shorter now, you know."

## The Poets' Corner

MARGARITAE SORORI.

A late lark twitterers from the quiet skies:

And from the west, Where the sun, his day's work ended, Lingers as in content,

There falls on the old, grey city An influence luminous and serene, A shining peace.

The smoke ascends In a rosy-and-golden haze. The spires Shine and are changed. In the valley Shadows rise. The lark sings on. The sun,

Closing his benediction, Sinks, and the darkening air Thrills with a sense of the triumphant night—

Night with her train of stars And her great gift of sleep.

So be my passing!

My task accomplish'd and the long day done,

My wages taken, and in my heart Some late lark singing,

Let me be gathered to the quiet west, The sundown splendid and serene, Death.

WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY.