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An Interesting Miscellany

# FOR THE WOMAN OF TODAY

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Women at Work and Play

## SCARCE A DANCING FROCK, BUT BOASTS ITS SAUCY MINARET



The wired-hoop tunic, called La Minaret, because Poincaré's costumes for the play of that name have become the fashion, admits almost every new dancing frock. This exquisite dancing frock for the social season is of white liberty satin, with sleeves and wired tunic of daring flame-tinted tulle. The tunic is edged with a very narrow line of black fox—also a daring effect in combination, with the white and red frock. The skirt is deeply slashed at the front, and is tied together over a chiffon petticoat, flounced with white silk bows. Buttoned dancing slippers of white satin match the frock.

## Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[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. No letters can be answered privately.]

**Leave Her in the Cold.**  
Dear Miss Grey: Like all other anxious inquirers, we come to you for advice.

1. Would you please suggest a suitable name for a club composed of ten girls, the meetings being held every Friday night?  
2. When girls of 16 and 18 are escorted home by two young gentlemen should the younger sister be left in the cold?  
3. Is it considered proper for a girl of eighteen to exchange photographs with a young man she has never met?  
4. Do you consider a girl of thirteen too old to play with dolls?  
5. Is it proper at a meeting of a mission band to have on the program readings that are not of a religious character?  
6. What do the names—Isabel, Bernice, Rose, Beatrice, Olivia, Mary, and Martha mean?

Thanking you in advance and wishing you a happy New Year.

**THE YOUNGER SISTER.**

Ans.—1. If you had stated the objects of your club it would have helped one to suggest a name for it. Is it a literary club, musical, social, sewing, or what? Why not select the name of some woman great in history or a well-known character in fiction, say, "The Victoria Club," or "The Alexandria Club," or the "Little Dorrits?" I heard of a girl club named "The Keller Club," after Helen Keller. Perhaps you would like that for a name.

2. The older girls should by all means see to it that their younger sisters are not left to go home alone.

3. No.

4. No, indeed. I wish more of our little girls of 13 did so.

5. I think it would be necessary to consider the primary objects of the mission band. As a rule are they not formed to encourage and foster among the members the idea of missionary endeavour? Then I should think the programs should follow along this line. Readings, etc., need not always be serious in character, but are supposed to have a missionary teaching, I should think.

6. A worshipper; bringing victory; a rose; happy; an olive; bitterness; ruler of the house.

**Grace at Church Supper.**  
Dear Miss Grey: Will you kindly answer the following question: Is it proper or customary for a grace to be sang at a church opening and supper, or should it be said by the minister? Please answer, and oblige a subscriber.

**ANS.—**Either way is equally correct, but I believe it is more frequently the rule that all unite in singing the grace.

**Has Written Short Stories.**

Dear Miss Grey: Here is another troublesome question to enter your useful column.

1. Can you tell me where to send short stories that will be paid for if all right? I want to send some stories away to get a little pocket money. Will you help me, please?

2. What is your candid opinion of a girl that would correspond with a person (fellow) she had never seen, say answer an advertisement?

3. Give me your ideas of the tone of my letter and my writing, and oblige ROSIE.

Ans.—1. It is perhaps better not to fly too high in submitting your first stories. In other words, do not seek to enter the "big" magazines at first, for some of the

lesser ones may accept your MSS. more readily. Would suggest: Western Home Monthly, Winnipeg, Man.; Home Journal, Toronto, Ont.; Metropolitan, New York City; Farmer's Wife, St. Paul, Minn.; Canada Monthly, Winnipeg, Man.; Today's Magazine, Canton, Ohio.

2. I think that she is a very foolish girl, and is running a great risk in giving her name and address to a strange person. Some of these instances lead to nothing but a correspondence which finally ceases with little harm to either party, but again they have led to very disagreeable results, to say the least.

3. Your writing is fairly easy to read, but might be improved on in form. Your punctuation and letter form are good, your composition better than that of the average letter. You need to exert also care, however. For instance, analyze the latter part of your second question. You will at once see that there are several flaws there. Anyone who is ambitious of doing literary work of any type must watch these "little foxes" with vigilant eye. For in this business, as in most of others, it is care in the little details that counts for success.

Call again, Rosie, if you think I can help you any.

**Apple Fritters.**  
Dear Miss Grey: Will you please tell me how to make (1) Apple fritters, and (2) peanut brittle.

Thanking you, "SLIM."

Ans.—1. Make a simple batter as for griddle cakes, using half-cup water or milk, pinch of salt, tablespoon melted butter, yolk of one egg, and flour enough to make a batter not too thin. Some cooks add half a teaspoon of baking powder to ensure lightness. For apple fritters, peel the apples and take out the core, cut in thick slices crosswise, and fry until of a light brown color. Sprinkle again with sugar and send to the table.

2. Home made peanut brittle is rarely the same as that bought at the confectioner's, but some prefer it to the commercial article. This recipe makes excellent candy. It is said, although I have not tried it myself: two cups of granulated sugar, one cup chopped peanuts, no water. Put sugar over a slow fire, letting it melt without burning or scorching. An iron kettle is the best to use. When it is entirely free from lumps add a little cream of tartar, and lastly, just before removing from the fire, a pinch of baking soda; pour quickly over the peanuts which have been sprinkled on a greased tin, and set out to cool.

**THE ELDERLY LADY'S WRAP.**

Supplementing the really warm wrap which the elderly lady leaves in her limousine when entering the opera house or a theatre, is a transparent affair, said to be for the purpose of warding off vagrant draughts from her shoulders, but actually designed to conceal her figure. This wrap, in gold or silver striped black or white gauze, in plain malines or in chiffon, is unlined and easily made, for it is simply a three-yard length of the very wide material now in general use. At each end it is gathered into wristbands concealed by frillings and about the centre of the back, all of the fullness is gathered into the edges of a four-inch diameter circle of the same material. When worn the gauze, maline or chiffon falls in soft folds about the bust and hips and veils, while it does not actually hide, the bare shoulders and arms.

## Songs of Ye Olden-Tyme

**Bells Across the Snow.**  
O Christmas, merry Christmas!  
Is it really come again?  
With its memories and greetings,  
With its joy and with its pain.  
There's a minor in the carol,  
And a shadow in the light,  
And a spray of cypress twining  
With the holly-wreath to-night.  
And the hush is never broken  
By laughter light and low,  
As we listen in the starlight  
To the "bells across the snow."

O Christmas, merry Christmas!  
'Tis not so very long  
Since other voices blended  
With the carol and the song!  
If we could but hear them singing  
As they are singing now,  
If we could but see the radiance  
Of the crown on each dear brow;  
There would be no sigh to smother,  
No hidden tear to flow,  
As we listen in the starlight  
To the "bells across the snow."

O Christmas, merry Christmas!  
This never more can be;  
We cannot bring again the days  
Of our unshadowed glee.  
But Christmas, happy Christmas,  
Sweet herald of goodwill,  
With holy songs of glory,  
Brings holy gladness still.  
For peace and hope may brighten,  
And patient love may glow,  
As we listen in the starlight  
To the "bells across the snow."

## Tea-Table Talk

**Keller.** Mark Twain said that the "two most interesting characters of the nineteenth century are Napoleon and Helen Keller." Edwin Markham goes further than that. He says "Helen Keller is, to me, the most interesting being on the planet." And thinking it over, one is inclined to agree with Markham. Miss Keller's life has indeed been one of such wonderful achievement and triumph over apparently impossible obstacles that one thinks no tribute can be too high to pay her. All the world has heard of Helen Keller; all the world has read her marvellous book "The Story of My Life"; and all the world has rejoiced in each succeeding victory, especially in the crowning one of all the power of speech, accomplished only after years of patient trial and effort.

One can scarcely make mention of Helen Keller without also including her teacher and companion, Mrs. Macy, better known to the world as Miss Sullivan. Helen was but seven years old when Miss Sullivan came to the Keller home in Alabama to become her teacher. She found the little afflicted child living in almost total intellectual darkness, passionate and self-willed. The first steps of development were slow, but once the desire for knowledge was aroused in the little pupil's heart, her life became one unbroken series of triumphs. Today, Helen Keller is an honor college graduate, is the author of four books, and, with her recently perfected accomplishments of speech, she is appearing on a public platform, speaking frequently on behalf of the blind and deaf.

Her message is one of sunshine and optimism, and appears all the more marvellous, coming as it does from one whose life might have been spent in complete darkness of soul and mind.

## The New Social-Centre Schoolhouse.

Anyone interested in the condition of the city schools, and the limited space accorded school children for playgrounds, will doubtless read with interest of the new school in an Oklahoma City "fire-whore" staircases and study rooms are completely eliminated, and ample room provided for playgrounds. An exchange describes the new school as follows:

"A schoolhouse in which the classrooms are distributed among a number of small buildings erected about a playground, 300 feet square, has been planned in accord with the new social-centre idea. The two-story, one-story units, built along the four sides, open directly upon the square and have no corridors, halls, or street doors. A two-story assembly hall on the street side and gates at the four corners give entrance to the quadrangle and a concrete arcade around the edge serves as a cloakroom. The heating and ventilating plant is in the assembly building. This plan gives a central playground, 200 feet square, surrounded by an amphitheatre which will seat several thousand people. A swimming pool in the basement is to be open to the public at certain hours."

## STUDY CIRCLES MAY BE FORMED IN THE WOMAN'S CAN. CLUB

This, With Other Business Matters,  
Discussed at Club Meeting  
Yesterday.

One or two matters of business were brought up at the meeting of the Women's Canadian Club yesterday afternoon before Professor Franz arrived to deliver his excellent lecture on "The Feeble-Minded." Mrs. F. P. Betts, the president, occupied the chair. Mrs. Hughes read the minutes of the executive meeting held on Friday last, in which the idea of forming of circles of Canadian Club members, each to study on one special subject and deliver one or more papers before the club at future meetings. It is felt that the subject will become more general. The matter of changing the date of the annual meeting from May to October, was also brought up, and will be further discussed at a future meeting. The attendance at yesterday's meeting was one of the largest, and that everyone thoroughly enjoyed Professor Franz's lecture was evidenced by the close attention accorded him.

When we lose one we love, our bitterest tears are called forth by the thought of the hours when our love had been all too slight. If we always had smiled on the one who is gone, there would be no despair in our grief, and some sweetness would cling to our tears, reminiscent of virtues and happiness.—Maurice Maeterlinck.

## Suffrage Debate On January 16

A unique program is being arranged for the evening of Jan. 16, when a suffrage debate, in which prominent citizens, both men and women, will take part, will be held under the auspices of the London Suffrage Society. Interviewed by The Advertiser yesterday, a prominent member of the organization stated that already many citizens had signified their intention of being present, and very keen interest was being shown in the proposed debate. Each side of the subject will, of course, be presented. Full arrangements will be made within a day or two.

## OUR ASTROLOGER HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1914.

In four planets read  
Forecast of good deed.

This is a day in which many planets unite to sway men toward their best desires, astrologers declare. The sun, Mars, Jupiter and Venus all smile on the earth.

It is held that under the government men in power have a spirit of sympathy and consideration, which is manifested in the giving of opportunities to less fortunate persons.

The time is auspicious for seeking positions and asking for advancement, although the reading is not encouraging for financial gain.

The seers read that industry and frugality must be cultivated assiduously for the next three years. They foretell retrenchment and caution in money matters.

While the configuration exists soldiers are under a good rule. It is predicted that new interest in military affairs will be awakened by a national peril.

Under this sway the tendency is toward the promotion of large enterprises which require resource and energy. South America will attract unusual attention within the next year.

Venus is in a place which this day gives changing aspects. Although the influence exercises a friendly influence, it is not safe to trust too much to the promise of good luck in any business dealing with women.

Love affairs are subject to a fickle influence. Decisions of all sorts should be postponed.

It is prophesied that Great Britain will have serious political upheavals. Changes in the cabinet are foreshadowed in the stars.

Many cases of libel and slander are indicated. These will affect persons of prominence.

Saturn again presages a wave of crime in which forgeries will be common.

Persons whose birthdate it is probable will have much diversion during the coming year. Travel and change are under good omens.

Children born on this day may be restless and difficult to manage. Girls have the augury of disappointment in the love affairs. The magnetic centre is the sun in Capricorn and Saturn is the principal planet. There is danger of constant scheming of an impractical character.

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"The stars incline, but do not compel."

**VALUE OF A BOOK.**

The value of any book at all, is not in the entertainment it affords for the once, though this is something, but in the permanent residuum left in the mind after reading. The times are too much in earnest for abandonment to simple recreation. Were this not so, the limitations of Punch would answer the same purpose as Punch itself, with which we laugh. The solid residuum we speak of depends upon the amount of thinking which the book has demanded of us. That which the old epitaph affirms of worldly goods holds true here also—what we gave we have. The intellect seeks food, and would reject all the pearls in the world for a single grain of corn. Art is only con-

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**MODERN NURSERY RHYME.**  
I fear little pussy, her coat is a swarm  
Of germs of disease that will do me  
much harm.  
I'll run for the broom, and seat her  
away,  
For pussy and I never, never must  
play!  
—November Lippincott's.

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