

Home and Fashion Hints
For Every Woman Reader.
Katherine Leslie's Chat.

DON'T MAKE HER HAPPY YOUR WAY!

That's Billie Burke's Advice to Newlywed, Who Writes: "I Thought My Wife Was an Angel—But She Isn't!"

BY BILLIE BURKE.

I really don't know why so many married men write me about their troubles. Perhaps I do not seem real to them; perhaps I am only a paper lady and they take this way to relieve their feelings.

I have come to the conclusion, from these letters that men are much more emotional than women. They seem to take themselves and their emotions so seriously.

You would think that these men expect that their married life will be just one long golden day filled with the good times and the same general lack of responsibility that go with youth and its joys.

Of course this marriage question is all a theory with me but I think all normal girls have theories on the subject. When I look among my married friends I find those who are happiest are those who began married life on a common sense basis with a full understanding of the importance of the step they are taking.

This sounds like a good deal of moralizing from Billie Burke, doesn't it? But I should certainly make any girl think twice before she should ever marry.

MISS BURKE says "yes" to the momentous question. I have had numerous letters from men who have been married only a few months and who seem to be quite disillusioned. One man says: "I thought my wife an angel, but find she is just an ordinary little woman."

This benighted chap seems to think he is fitted to live with an angel, when all he wants is a kind of a toy thing since he has his first real bicycle—a toy that he can wind up for his own pleasure and can put away in silence when he does not want to play any more.

Instead he finds himself tied to another human being, one having virtues and faults similar to his own. The bonds are beginning to chafe and if he does not proceed to adjust himself to them the places will become unhealable sores.

SAYS MISS BURKE:

Don't put your wife on a pedestal. No man can live up to a saint.

And he must begin this adjustment by trying to understand that marriage is no miracle by which two self-centred people can be changed immediately into one element of force and strength. He must expect no more of his wife than he is willing to do himself.

Another of my men correspondents is "astounded by the cost of living and did not dream that pretty frocks and hats cost so much." This man has probably been filled full of that old lie that two people can live as cheaply as one. It is dollars to doughnuts if wife had not worn the pretty frocks and hat before marriage he would never have thought of making her his wife. They are a part of her and he must try and buy them or be satisfied with her without them.

It looks to me as though the average man is ready and willing to make his wife happy—BUT HE WANTS TO DO IT IN HIS OWN WAY!

I have studied my own sex. I have had to do so in the interest of my art. From this study there is one thing that I know thoroughly—and I wish could make every married man realize this—VERY LITTLE to make a woman happy, but that little must be something that SHE enjoys and not always the man's idea of what SHOULD make a woman happy.

WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW

Miss Billie Burke Says
Some Men Want to Marry
Angels Instead of Women.

Real Fashions On Real People

Mrs. William Howard Taft has been wearing to the farewell dinners given in her honor a gown of magnificent black chiffon velvet combined with black thread-lace.

The skirt is very long, slightly draped, and not too narrow. The bodice is of the thread-lace over white chiffon. The lace is draped over the train in the back in two long points, with jet ornaments on the ends. Black chiffon reverses, heavily embroidered with jet, form the trimming on the front of the waist.



VARIETY THE MAIN FEATURE IN THE NEW DRESS FABRICS

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Household Laces

Household lace is quite distinct from the lace that adorns our frocks and underwear, and in its way is equally prized, particularly now that a new appreciation for lace-decked clothes and napery is becoming fervid.

Popular for use on our tables are reproductions of antique laces, many of which are made at Brignano, a school specially established in Italy, where the fine old patterns may be copied for table equipments.

The popularity of the mahogany tables of our grandmothers, and the lace variety still have a vogue of their own. Some varieties of the Battenberg lace are made with inserted medallions of line network with lace patterns, and luncheon sets are carried out in heavy plain linen with net medallions inset strongly enough to stand the wear and tear incurred in the laundry.

Such a tablecloth may be made at home easily by the industrious woman, and means almost everlasting wear. The medallions should be stitched firmly to the linen, and the linen cut out underneath. Then sew around the medallion some charming variety of, say, strong lace, which should be buttonholed neatly on either side. Square medallions with their points meeting, so as to form a circle, make a very pretty centre for a table.

Luncheon Sets. Much liked are lavender luncheon sets of fine linen inset with lace, and these, when in conjunction with white flowers or violets, bright silver and old English cut glass, are very dainty to see. Holland or buff or green and white are fresh and charming used with similar flowers.

Much attention is being turned now to nursery linen. White grounds with the characters of our nursery rhymes are charming when embroidered with two shades of blue, and the heroes and heroines of fairy tales—Brer Rabbit, Alice in Wonderland and reproductions of Kate Greenaway, Graham Robertson and so forth—are likewise much in favor with the little ones.

For the tables of grown-up folk commend us to the blue and white (Chinese and Japanese designs of conventionalized flowers, dragons, ducks and geese), and the blue and white (Chinese and Japanese designs of conventionalized flowers, dragons, ducks and geese), and the blue and white (Chinese and Japanese designs of conventionalized flowers, dragons, ducks and geese).

ROAST BEEF, BEST CUT. The "trimmings" for this will make mutton broth with barley. The famous home dish of Scotland.

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PORK ROAST AND CHOPS. Pork "trimmings" can be put through the grinder and used with vegetable ketchup. If very fat, part of the fat can be fried out for lard, and the remainder can be put into the "soap fat" kettle.

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Place in a wooden bowl some shavings of a mild soap, and pour over them boiling water.

When the water has become lukewarm, wash the glass in the suds, using a soft brush. Then dip the glass in a second wooden bowl, this one filled with lukewarm, clear water, until all trace of soap is gone.

Now dip the glass in another bowl of lukewarm water in which bluing has been added (bluing with brilliancy to the glass), then dry it with a very soft cloth. Polish it with soft tissue paper.

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MOTHER and BABY and Doctor Helen MacMurphy

BILLY STEVENS—His Story.

XXVII.—Billy's Finances. (Copyright.)

Now while some people don't want a girl, like John, and some other people would rather have a girl, like the aristocratic lady, and the sensible people take the baby as he is and as she is, and give God thanks, making no difference any more than the Almighty does between boys and girls, seeing that both are essential to the world and to humanity, we who are of a practical turn and have Billy to take care of must provide some capital to maintain that little Canadian.

We must "report funds" so to speak. And it follows that the Social Service Association of Toronto General Hospital held its annual meeting just about this time. Now who was the First Person at the meeting? The Chairman, of course, and he is the First Person in Ontario—namely, the Premier, Sir James Whitney. And the annual meeting was told about Billy. And here comes up the Second Person.

Dress Novelties

Either round or square wash net may be chosen, and a design of Wallachian and small crocheted rings would be very effective for the latest things in the waists.

If the mesh is close the stamping may be done directly on the net. If the mesh is loosely woven a cambric pattern should be put underneath.

Baste a stiff paper under the cambric, and an embroidery hoop is not necessary.

After removing your tie at night, instead of throwing it to one side, look carefully to see if you have creased it in any way, and if so, wind it tightly round the rail of your bed and leave it till the morning. When you wake up in the morning you will be surprised to find that the creases have completely disappeared.

Embroideries in striped effects are going to be more and more used to trim tailored suits and gowns.

The latest fashion notes still mention buttons of all kinds as conspicuous items of trimming for gowns and street costumes.

An effective waist of parchment colored voile is trimmed with scarlet satin along the edges, while all-over ecru lace is set in at the front of the blouse.

If you are going to have a sailor blouse, have it in regulation naval style. That is, the kind made by smart shops that specialize in these blouses, and the kind, too, that is worn by college girls and sports-women who know what is correct in outing clothes.

Daily Healthogram

ICE BOXES must be frequently aired and scrubbed. Use the cold outside air in place of ice in the winter. Have the ice compartment open to the outside air. Pans of water placed in the ice chamber will freeze solid and will keep the box cold on the days when the temperature rises.

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.)

Sends Gargle Formula.

Dear Miss Grey I suppose you, as well as many of your readers, are often troubled with a cold in the head. I tried this recipe and found it helpful:

Put a teaspoonful of turpentine in a small basin of water and cover the head with a towel, letting the sides drop around the basin. Then inhale the fumes.

If you have space any time please print this, as it may help someone. Also 10 cents' worth of formalin-antiseptic solution put with a half water is an excellent gargle for sore throat. AN INTERESTED ONE.

A—You have evidently caught the real purport of this column, namely, that it be of mutual benefit to all our readers. Your timely suggestions are much appreciated.

Enjoys Reading Column.

My Dear Miss Grey I find your column very interesting, and I often find that other girls are laboring under the same difficulties as myself, or what you regard as neglect, and above all, don't get "soured" over the matter. Just be as sweet and helpful and sunny as your Maker intended you to be; fill up your life with other interests—athletics, music, good literature—and you will soon not have any time to be dull or to worry over this lack of popularity. Quite probably by that time you will make the amazing discovery that it was largely your fancy, not being popular.

2. Wear a veil when out-of-doors and at night rub the skin freely with a good skin food after bathing first in warm water.

All Sorts of Heart-Throbs.

Dear Miss Grey—Having received help from your kind advice before, I wish to trouble you again.

1. Please tell me how to clean white serge of various spots and mud.

2. Something nice for an inexpensive wardrobe for summer?

3. Is it wrong to go to another city with a young man you have known for about twelve years to visit?

4. Should a young woman of 31 allow a young man to call, having never met him, if he requests it by mail, he being in search of a wife?

5. Will colored hair be worn much this summer?

6. If a young man does not answer a letter for six or seven weeks, ought a girl to answer him less time, knowing he is neglecting to write, even though he requests it?

7. How often do you think a young man should write if he truly loves a girl?

8. Hoping to see this in print soon, and thanking you in advance, YOURS, VERNON.

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to do this, and if he prefers to tie his horse only, or thinks the hour too late to come inside, that will, of course, decide the matter for you.

Is Not Popular. Dear Miss Grey—Would you please advise me in the following?

1. I am a stenographer, and at my place of employment there are numerous girls in the office are popular with these young men, while I am decidedly the opposite. Can you in any way account for this? I am inclined to be rather backward when boys are around.

2. Could you tell me what will prevent the face from becoming rough in the winter?

Thanking you for your trouble, DORRIS.

Has Squeaky Shoes. Dear Miss Grey: I am one of the interested readers of your helpful column, would you please answer me the following questions:

1. What will stop a good pair of brown shoes from squeaking?

2. What is the sign when the eyebrows meet?

3. What color should a girl wear who has light hair and brown eyes?

4. What color should a girl wear who has brown hair and brown eyes?

A—1. Often to have a shoemaker drive a couple of tiny pegs into the centre of the sole prevents the squeaking, and dipping the shoe into a little coal-oil from time to time is also good.

2. Usually their own hair is a person of determination.

3 and 4. In either case brown of the same hue as the eyes should be becoming, but as I have often said before, the complexion, whether pale or rosy, should really govern one's choice.

Before the Mirror

A little salt dissolved in warm water is recommended for eczema reddened by the wind. About a quarter of a teaspoonful to half a cup of water is the proper proportion.

Fatigue and rest must balance. If you rest too much you are not going to get strong. If you work too hard or use too much physical or mental power, you will go to waste.

A young child's teeth should be cleaned as soon as they are entirely through. Use a soft cloth and salt water. As soon as the child is old enough teach it to use a toothbrush. A very small, soft one should be used at first.

To stimulate the hair roots and the scalp and improve the circulation of the blood grasp a lock of hair close to the scalp and pull firmly a kind of jerky fashion, but not too hard, of course. Begin at the front and go all over the head to the back. If the hair is already falling some persons hesitate to pull at the scalp, but their fears are groundless, because when a hair is separated from its papilla it is practically dead, and it is better to have it come out as soon as possible, as it only delays the growth of the new hair coming in its place.

KATHERINE LESLIES HOME CHAT



Beds and Bed-Making

A housekeeper whose beds always have the best made, most inviting appearance explained as follows:

The first place you must have a first-class bed. A cheap bed is a poor investment at any time. Then you must have an equally first-class spring mattress. None of your crackling, sagging, ill-made wire mattresses for me. And upon this you place the best wadded or hair mattress in the market. But stop, since you admire the valance, you must put that on before you put on the soft mattress. The reason I like a valance is that in all these brass and iron beds there are no nice side pieces to hide the mattresses when the bed clothes are turned back. And when you use a box mattress, as I do, a valance is necessary to cover it up. To make the valance you take factory cotton the size of the wire mattress, to this you attach the plaid flounces or valance of chintz on both sides and at one end. You then spread the whole thing on the spring mattress, and over the soft mattress you spread one of these white-quilted protectors that keep the mattress as new as the day it was bought. These wash well and easily. Now come the sheets. These should be three yards long before they are hemmed. You cannot make a bed properly with skinny sheets, nor one fit to sleep in when the sheets are too narrow or too short. Let them be long enough and broad enough to tuck well under the mattress all round, and with a second wooden bow, this one filled with lukewarm, clear water, until all trace of soap is gone.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH "TRIMMINGS."

BEEF TENDERLOIN. Part of it go in the soup kettle. The lean meat will help out a vegetable casserole dish for dinner.

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The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY You will have some worries and disappointments, but will be assisted by friends, and will gain valuable information in an unexpected way. Later you will have good fortune. Those born today will have talent and energy, but will be rather impractical, and will need to choose congenial, but useless, friends among whom their talents will be obscured and their ambition deadened. When young practical training should be given them along with the development of their special tastes.