

THE TIMES-STAR FEATURE PAGE

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When a Girl Sets Out to Have a Career, She Studies Up On Its Duties, Uses Tact With Her Business Associates and Carries On Losses as Well as Gains—Why Not Use the Same Tactics in the Job of Matrimony?

IF WOMEN would think of matrimony more as a job and less as a romance, it would do more than any other one thing to stop divorce and make marriage a success.



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The trouble with women is that they never get too old to believe in the fairy tale. In spite of all the evidence to the contrary, in spite of their observation of their fathers' and mothers' relations to each other, in spite of all the fighting husbands and wives they see all about them, they have a blind faith that some miracle will be wrought in their behalf which will make the men they marry different from all other men and that when they marry they will pass into a trance of sentimental bliss from which none of the rude facts of life will ever awaken them.

AND then they do marry and find out that there are no fairies. They ascertain that their husbands are just as fussy and grouchy and as hard to get along with as their fathers were, and that they have to work and sacrifice just as their mothers did. And then, because their dreams have gone bloody, all too many of them cry out that marriage is a failure and throw up their hands and quit or else turn into querulous, whining, complaining naggers.

It doesn't occur to one woman in a hundred that when she gets married she is choosing a career just as definitely as if she were going in for medicine or merchandising, and that she can make a success of wifehood by using exactly the same methods that she would have to use to attain success in any other profession. Yet that is literally true. Happy homes are no more the result of luck than are famous lawyers or doctors or big businesses. Behind both are intelligence and labor and grit and endurance.

TO START with, the girl who means to make a life work of marriage should prepare herself for the career she chooses. She wouldn't undertake to practice law or medicine without ever having opened a law book or a medical book. She wouldn't think she was fitted to be a bank president if she could not even add up a column of figures and didn't know a gilt-edge security from wildcat preferred. She would expect to be fired before her first day was over if she accepted a situation as a private secretary when she could neither spell nor write shorthand.

But she will blithely undertake marriage, which is the most difficult, the most delicate, the most complicated career on earth, without having the slightest conception of its duties and obligations, or even knowing the kind of talent for which it calls.

In most cases she even waits until after marriage to learn the rudiments of her job, which is making a comfortable home and being a thrifty manager. Yet many a young husband takes his first cold, disillusioned, appraising look across his bride's cake and heavy bread, and many a marriage is wrecked on a young wife's wasteful extravagance.

THE greater the expert the higher price he can command in any line, and this is just as true in matrimony as anywhere else. The more skillfully a woman can manage her domestic affairs the happier home does she make and the better her chance of keeping her husband believing that his guardian angel was working overtime when he got her for a wife.

The woman who starts out to make a success in business or the professions knows that she has to use tact and diplomacy in dealing with the men with whom she works. Therefore she studies their little idiosyncrasies and learns to sidestep them instead of bumping headlong into them.

IF HER boss is an egotist who likes to boast of his own achievements, she gives him the glad hand when he tells how great and wonderful he is. If a client believes himself a great raconteur, she laughs merrily over the stories she has heard 999 times. If a patient is irritable and high tempered, she calms him down by pouring the oil of sympathy over him instead of answering back with temper and cruel speech by cruel speech.

And she learns not to take offense too easily or to burst into tears every time the slightest criticism is made upon her work.

Now, any wife who makes her husband cat out of her hand if she would use the same technique in working him that every business and professional woman uses in handling the men with whom it is her advantage to get along in peace and harmony.

The woman who chooses any business or profession as her life work knows that if she succeeds she must have grit enough to carry on through all sorts of difficulties and discouragements and hardships. She knows that she is going to have to put up with many faults in her partner that get upon her nerves. That there will be times when he will be cantankerous and unreasonable that he will knock her mistakes and take her good work without a word of appreciation.

She knows that there are losses as well as gains in every business, and that sometimes the losses seem to outweigh the gains that she will feel like throwing up her hands and quitting cold, but she also knows that if she has enough backbone to stand up and keep on fighting, that in the end she will win through to victory.

VERY FEW marriages would end in disaster if women would approach matrimony in this spirit; if they felt that marriage was their job that they had undertaken as their chosen career, and that they were bound and determined to make good in it.

It is because women regard matrimony as a graft or as a romantic dream that they consider that they are being gold-bricked when they have to do any work or bear any burdens, and that they become bitter and disillusioned when they discover that their husbands are ordinary human beings instead of romantic heroes, and they rush to the divorce courts to try to rectify their mistakes.

IF THEY thought of marriage as a career they had deliberately chosen and made as much effort to make a success of it as they do to succeed in any other line, very few marriages would be failures.

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There Is Variety In The New Shoes



Putting the best foot forward in the world of fashion reveals a shoe that is smartly simple, but very new in material.

From the early hours of the day, when the mule of rich silk or brocade is discarded with the negligee, the foot takes on an air of importance with its correct covering.

A simple walking shoe, in oxford design, but with new lines about the instep and a cut-out effect at the lacing, establish an air of chic in the very first shoes of the day.

There is also a smart oxford type of shoe for walking and shopping in the morning which boasts alligator skin for its chief charm, and is very new and chic. There are also combinations such as alligator and snakeskin, or lizard and brown leather, all of which may be smartly combined in but one shoe.

An oxford, which has greater tendencies, is made of antelope and combines its comfort giving lines with a high heel for fashion trends. Cut-out modernistic designs in bronze kids of patent leather lend a new note and are very good to the eye.

A different type of shoe for the tailored mode, and which may also be worn well into the afternoon, is the patent leather bolero pump with inserts of it-

and trimmings. This same type of shoe when used in harmony with brown or beige tones may be found in brown oxford with lizard trimmings.

Pumps of plain patent leather, with simple lines unadorned, are very smart for the fall ensemble, or accompany the fur coat with the correct note of chic. The cut steel buckle always appears to advantage on this particular model and is smartly worn.

Bronze kids in the simple pump with bronze buckle is also correctly worn with the afternoon costume.

A simple dress shoe is of black antelope with patent leather heel and a silk bow smartly tied in front and tipped with brass. Another good model is the patent leather sandal with one broad or two narrow straps attached in a light tone. The patent leather pump with heel and band of snakeskin serves a fashionable purpose for the afternoon.

In general the mode for daytime smartness stresses the use of interesting new materials and colors applied to the simplest shape.

For the evening the art of the shoe comes to its peak of perfection. There are few shoes smarter for evening than

ADVENTURES of the TWINS

by OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

THE TWINS AND THE COUNTRY BOY

"I know where there is a blue-bird's nest," said the picture boy who had been white-washing the fence.

"A blue-bird's nest?" cried Nick in surprise. "Why, where can blue birds be building nests now? They only build in the spring when they fly up from this south. It's fall now."

"Huh!" cried the boy. "Fall! You must be crazy! Do you think I should be white-washing a fence in the fall? I guess not! No, sirree!"

"Why, my sister and I just got our winter clothes today," said Nick. "Sweaters and heavy coats and everything! The birds where we live have all gone away—all but the sparrows."

"Sh!" whispered Nancy, putting her fingers over her lips and shaking her head.

Suddenly Nick laughed. "Oh, I forgot!" he cried. "You see we live a long way from here. We're—we're just visiting."

"Oh, I thought there was something funny," said the boy. "Come on out, Charley and finish this fence, will you? I want to take a walk."

Out came another boy who picked up the white-wash brush and started to work, after a curious look at the Twins.

Nancy looked around to see if there was any sign of the picture gallery. But it had disappeared as completely as last year. And Mister Blue Cap, as usual, was not to be seen. The little fairy-man was hiding somewhere, she knew, so she didn't worry.

The picture boy took them to a place beside the road where some hazel-bushes in a fence corner were just getting their new leaves.

And pulling aside the branches he pointed to a snug little nest where a fat little blue bird was coddled cozily and not even blinking her eyes.

Her husband up in a nearby apple-tree was making a tremendous noise, however, as much as to say, "Look at me! Look here! Look anywhere, except at my wife sitting on her eggs. Please do! Please do!"

"All right, Mister Blue Bird, we'll go away," laughed the boy. "We only came to admire your nice blue feathers and see your new house. We wouldn't hurt you."

"Come on," he said to Nancy and Nick, when he saw how excited they were. "I know where there's a pickered under a bank. He's been there for days and never moves."

"What is a pickered?" asked Nancy. "A pickered is a fish," said Nick. "Did you know?"

But Nancy said nothing and soon they reached the pond. The boy got down on his hands and knees—very quickly. "Look!" he whispered.

Sure enough, there was Mister Pickered, a long black and gold shadow lying as straight as a poker in the water, among the arrow-head stalks.

He knew they saw him, but the old fellow never even winked. You could have put your hand down and caught him—perhaps!

"We must go back now," said Nick, thinking that Mister Blue Cap would be waiting.

"What about your hurry?" asked the boy. "You have all day, haven't you?"

"Yes," said Nick. "I mean no. We have all day, but we have ever and ever so many places to go. We'd love to stay, but perhaps we can come back."

"Then try and come soon," said the boy.

To Be Continued.

News Notes From Movie Land

By JACK JUNGMEYER.

IF NO one man, even a movie paragon, can be all things provocative and heroic to all women, two men jointly can come pretty near filling the bill. And the two movie men of the moment who seem to perform this service most satisfactorily on the screen are Ronald Colman and John Gilbert.

In personality, deportment and lover-like qualities they are at opposite ends of the scale. Both have shown tremendous romantic appeal on the screen during the past year, with Gilbert topping his performance in "The Merry Widow" and "The Big Parade," and Colman reaching his peak in the gorgeous and affecting "Dark Angel" and "Stella Dallas."

The appeal of these two men is primarily to mature women. There is in them no trace of the callow. Both have an air of the man of the world. The flapper would feel self-consciously young and ill at ease in the presence of either.

Gilbert, in his most becoming role, is nervous, fidgety, maddening, always on the verge of "forgetting himself" presumptuously with women—tantalizing and dangerous and not quite fathomable.

Colman, characteristically on the screen, never "forgets himself." He smoulders. Is always poised. Elicits easy sympathy and confidence, even a little pity, for the suggestion of a troubled heart he usually manages to convey. It is this quality of utter sincerity and dignity of Colman's which got "Dark Angel's" ticklish situation so readily past the censors.

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A Thought

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isa. 2:4.

LET friendship creep gently to a height; if it rushes to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.—Pulver.

The birth rate of the United States is decreasing.

Butters—Sift together a cup flour and five tablespoons sugar, rub in three tablespoons butter, add one well beaten egg, stir to smooth paste. Flavor with vanilla. After rolling out cut with a very small cutter. Roll the rounds into balls, roll in granulated sugar, press a nut meat or raisin into top of each and bake in a quick oven.

SUGGESTION.
Do not quit eating ice cream now, even if the cool weather does turn one's mind toward overcoats and coal blizzards. Ice cream is not a summer dish only, they say, but a food which should be used throughout the entire year. It is an essential food which ranks with beefsteak, eggs and other staple articles of diet. The experts say that ice cream is rich in the essential vitamins which makes the difference between a strong, healthy individual and a weak, without one. This vitamin is necessary for the growth and development of children and for the health and vigor of adults. Ice cream is a standard food for the sick and for those recovering from illness. It is a good health insurance.

PREPARE HEALTH ESTIMATES.
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Family Menus

Breakfast: Grape Juice

Creamed Dried Beef Hot Biscuits

Coffee Quince Honey Milk

Luncheon: Sliced Pineapple

One-Egg Waffles with Cinnamon Sugar

Carried Luncheon: Minced Beef with Cucumber Pickle

Dinner: Vanilla Wafers

Roast Pork with Pineapple

Creamed Cabbage

Apple Celery Salad

Fruit Gelatin Buttons

TODAY'S RECIPES.
Creamed Dried Beef—Turn boiling water over beef, drain, put in skillet with a tablespoon melted butter, cook for a minute, add a cup of milk, bring to boil, thicken with a blend of butter and flour.

Biscuits—Sift together two cups flour, four teaspoons baking powder, one-half teaspoon salt, rub in two tablespoons butter, add about three-quarters cup milk; pat out with hands to one inch in thickness, cut in two inch rounds; place in ice box till ready to bake.

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FLAPPER FANNY says

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SOME fellows feel that lipstick is bad taste.

Your Birthday

DECEMBER 16—You have a nature which is not satisfied with anything other than the best. You have an active mind and much tact. You are honest and straightforward, true and faithful to those you love, but capable of bitter hatred. You are fond of art and music, like to be amused and entertained, and enjoy society. You will have a happy and peaceful home life.

Your birth-stone is the turquoise which means prosperity.

Your flower is holly.

Your lucky color is pink.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL PLANS FOR ANNUAL

Arrangements for the holding of the annual meeting of the local Women's Council in afternoon and evening sessions in the Admiral Beatty Hotel the last week in January were made at the meeting of the executive of the Council yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms with Mrs. W. A. Eddy, president, in the chair. Nomination papers were filled out and other details attended to. The members are planning to have supper served at the hotel.

Clad wigs, surrounding faces powdered with gold to match, are being seen in Paris.

SEE-SAWING ON BROADWAY

THE Christmas rush has turned the rivers of traffic into sluggish streams of humans and vehicles.

On Fifth Avenue the buses hug as tightly as young sweethearts and turn and twist as they crawl, like giant caterpillars. A thousand people seem to move as one, swaying and swinging as if in some strange unorthodox dance.

Bells tinkle on every corner. "Please help the Christmas fund." The Salvation Army lassie tells me they will feed 25,000 poor this year. The Volunteers of America Santa Claus tells me that nearly as many will be fed by them and that there will be thousands more fed by other institutions. A city of perhaps 15,000 people will sit down to charity dinners.

THE sluggish stream has carried me a block.

Three toy ships slide down a huge map of a store window. "Our girls were young." Meanwhile the children brought to you from every part of the world, reads the sign.

Life-sized figures form a series of giant cartoons in another window. One of them shows a small boy looking at Santa Claus and remarking to the bewhiskered figure, "Don't worry, Uncle Joe, I believe in Santa Claus." The stagnant pool formed in front of the window breaks into laughter. The stream flows on.

"The greatest store in America" has a mechanical peasant passing in windows that stretch for almost a block. This peasant is for children. There are 10 grown-ups to every child. Tots of all sizes, shapes and colors try to get close. Mothers and fathers lift them over the heads.

"This is certainly fine for the children," comments a fat man who is taking up considerable of the space. Three or four others assent. A whole group stops to discuss how "it is too bad we didn't have things like that when we were young." Meanwhile the children begin to cry to see the "Tale of Bagdad" as it passes.

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