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BETTER BIRTHDAYS FOR MEN.



RUTH CAMERON

Why is it that the birthdays of the male members of the family seem to receive so much less attention than female birthdays?

Perhaps I am starting with a false assumption, but I have asked several people if I am right in this feeling and they say that in their experience it has been mostly true.

The sister's birthday is the occasion for far more stir than big brother's. Father's birthday is a greater event than mother's. Husbands are expected to lay more stress on wives' birthdays than is put on theirs.

Of course, when folks are very little, sex doesn't make so much difference. Little sister and little brother get about the same amount of presents, birthday cake, parties and attention in general, on their birthdays.

The change comes about very gradually. Sister makes a lot of girl friends in high school who all exchange presents with her, thus making her birthday a much better packaged occasion. Women are stronger on exchanging small gifts with their friends than men are.

Why Female Birthdays Are Greater Events.

I suppose there are really three reasons why female birthdays receive more attention.

First, women think more of anniversaries of all kinds than men do. Men's lives as a rule are so much more full of outside interest than women's, their routine is so much more monotonous, that they do not set much store by these occasions.

In the second place, the average man earns money, and the average woman does not; and so a gift from man to her is more in order than one from her to him—since the latter simply means that she gives back to him something that he has given her. The fact that she has earned it is something more generally recognized, and it has not been so in times past.

Women Are Easier to Give to.

In the third place, women are so much easier to give to, than men, that their wardrobes do not have the

vast luxury possibilities that women's do. Unless she is rich, a woman practically always wants more silk stockings, more dainty underwear, more jewelry, more nice gloves than she has. I don't see how a man can ever be at a loss for what to give a woman. Men, on the other hand, do not have such wants to be supplied. And the sort of things they do want, are things it is very difficult for a woman to get—pipes, fishing rods and tackle and such essentially masculine thingamabobs. (I overheard the objection that underwear and silk stockings are equally difficult for a man to get, but I refuse to allow it. He could order either from a good shop by mail.)

A Man Wouldn't Want a Sofa Pillow.

Again women consider things for the house a present. A woman is delighted with a nice piece of table linen, or a handsome sofa pillow, or some new piece of furniture. Imagine giving a man something of that sort!

Men have a great many advantages so doubtless they can afford to forego this one. And yet if we are going to have more rights for women, wouldn't it be fair to have better birthdays for men? I have an idea that father, though he professes to be indifferent to his birthday, would be more touched and pleased than his family realize if it should be made a grand event this year. Why not just try it out?

Mainly About People.

Edgar Page Stites, the author of "Beniah Land," is now in his 80th year, and is the oldest active insurance man in New Jersey. He is a local preacher at the Cape May First Methodist Episcopal church.

The Prince of Wales will pass his 26th birthday in Australia next June. A movement is on foot to present him with a unique birthday present, but precisely what form this shall take has not yet been definitely settled.

The former Kaiser is nervous and sleepless, and acts so strangely that the people who know him best are mystified. He straddles chairs, roams about indiscriminately, saws wood feverishly, drinks wine frequently, and seeks only the society of his wife.

King George's Wardrobe

The late King Edward was reputed to be the best-dressed monarch in the world, and, naturally, being continually in the public eye, he was often responsible for setting new masculine fashions.

It has been said that he was accustomed to as many as six changes a day, not including those for special functions.

King George, however, is noted for the simplicity of his attire, and has the habit that is so dear to Englishmen of wearing his clothes for a considerable period. His Majesty has always an extremely neat and tidy appearance, and seems to favour a grey lounge suit for his indoor hours, whilst his favourite outdoor dress is that of an admiral in the Navy, which suits him so well.

The Royal Wardrobe is a very large one, and contains more than one hundred uniforms for wearing on various occasions. For instance, a visit to France to inspect a certain regiment of which His Majesty is colonel necessitates a French uniform, while on his return, another costume must be forthcoming to enable him to take part in some civic function.

Having such a considerable number of clothes to deal with, a system must be employed to store them.

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are seldom used, as towards the things most likely to be needed.

Of course, His Majesty's collection of foreign uniforms must be kept up to date, and directly the head valet is informed of any slight alteration made in a particular uniform, the old one must be cast aside, and a new one made.

As only the highest skilled labour is employed, a perfect fit is assured, and the King is not subjected to attentions of the tailors, nor does he have to be fitted with all the various additions to his wardrobe.

THE HELPFUL RAIN.



For months our state was dusty, no water fell thereon; the wheat was brown and rusty, dried out the sickly lawn. And oft we got together, with briny in our eyes and cursed the sinful weather and all the forecast gypsies.

And pessimism brooded among us, far and near, and it, alas, included much language punk to hear. Sometimes the clouds assembled and made a bluff at rain; then how we stood and trembled, and hoped—and hoped in vain! The fool winds came a-whooping and blew the clouds away; and we, with spirits drooping, went weeping to the hay. And all our faith was shaken in everything below; our world had lost its bacon, our heritage was woe. And then at last the water came tumbling from on high; Old Pluvius, he shot her from somewhere round the sky. All night the rain was pouring and plashing on the sea, and soon the hills were roaring in tumult to the sea. And then you should have seen us, how merrily we strode, the mudholes strewn between us, as we went up the road! Then all our griefs were banished as cheap and thornbush fakes, and pessimism vanished in less than seven shakes.

ly-chosen valets, each one of whom has his own particular work to perform, such as brushing and pressing.

The sides of this room are divided into sections, and each section is devoted to the uniform of a different country, the section in its turn being divided into shelves and drawers, each devoted either to the Army or Navy, or, perhaps, the particular regiment in which His Majesty holds honorary rank.

Thus, in the section devoted to Spain, there is a special division in the shape of a drawer devoted to every regiment whose uniform His Majesty has a right to wear.

In addition to these official wardrobes, there are, of course, His Majesty's private clothes, which are presided over by a specially-appointed valet. This section is again divided in clothes of different thicknesses and styles, suitable for the various seasons, whilst another partition is reserved entirely for dress suits and evening clothes.

Each garment is marked distinctly, so that the valet will be able to replace it in the proper place.

There is a considerable amount of work to be done in keeping these suits in order, for each garment must be brushed and pressed regularly once a week, and the same care is shown towards the uniforms which

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