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FOR THE WOMAN OF TODAY

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A Toronto Fable -

The progressive people of Toronto are always ready to show visitors from abroad all the marvels of this great city, and there is often a cosmopolitan group of sightseers.

A Scotchman, a Dane, a Norwegian, an Icelandic, an Englishman, a Swede, an Irishman, a Finn, and a Welshman came to Toronto and met here coming in from the west, an Australian, a Canadian, a New Zealander, a Californian, a Kansan, a Tasmanian, a Californian, a Wyoming, one from Colorado, one from Washington, one from Utah, one from Idaho, and one from Natal, South Africa. They were all guests of the Average Toronto Man, and escorted by him, went out with their note books to study the wonders of this metropolis.

They greatly admired the marvelous enterprise which in less than a century had put a city of half a million civilized inhabitants where only wild Indians had formerly roamed.

They asked questions about various civic problems and made extended notes from the answers of their host, the Average Man.

"Please tell us," said the guest from Natal, "about your regulations concerning the suffrage. Do you have privileged classes who do all the voting?"

"No," said the host, "all citizens vote here without regard to rank."

"That's the way it is with us," said the New Zealander. "Men and women vote on all matters."

"You quite misunderstand me," said the Toronto Man, "I did not say women voted here, only that all citizens do."

"But are not women citizens?" said the Norwegian and the man from Wyoming. "Our women vote on the same terms as men, because they are citizens."

"Well, I do get mixed on some of these legal questions," said the Toronto Man. "Some courts have been troubled as to whether women were citizens or persons or townsmen or countrymen or only inhabitants or residents or human beings, and I scarcely remember all the fine distinctions. One religious body once decided they had souls and I know they are surely human beings, but I am not positive about them being citizens."

The polite Swede said: "I dare say your city has very good grounds for such disfranchisement. The women here are probably ignorant natives. They are doubtless too low in the scale of civilization to really appreciate modern self-government. Now in an old, well-settled nation like ours, Sweden, there have been through the centuries so many intelligent women that a couple of hundred years ago Sweden recognized their value by allowing them town women municipal franchise. Now more and more women are qualified. Full suffrage will soon be extended to women, for the King in his speech from the throne has just recommended this. But your women, of course, are different. This point is very interesting, a city of brilliant, able men associated with undeveloped, savage 'women,' a mixture of barbarism and civilization. I must put this down in my note book."

"Does this explain the situation?" asked the Icelandic.

"No, indeed," said the Toronto Man, "you mistake our women. They are educated. They flock to every school in the city. They can secure professional education also of every kind. Really they sometimes lead their classes."

"But you doubtless have some other good reason," said the Australian. "I can imagine it. In an early time my country, too, was a place to which criminals were sentenced, and your women, though intelligent, may be deported criminals, sent here from other countries."

"You are mistaken," said the Toronto Citizen. "Our women are not criminals. They average very well with men. Only a small percentage of the inmates of our prisons are women. In our city jails there are never as many women as men, though women

are sometimes arrested for things overlooked in men."

"Probably your women, though intelligent and moral, are so lazy they never deserve or acquire property and thus need no share in government," suggested the Scotchman and Englishman together. "Some sort of property qualification has disfranchised your women as well as poverty in our country would disfranchise even men."

"Let me explain this, too," said the Average Citizen. "Our women are not lazy. They really work. Toronto has many thousands in shops and stores and factories. We have four times as many more at hard labor as mothers and housekeepers. Some have saved money from their earnings. Some have inherited it from parents. Yes, many women do have moneyed interests to protect and many more need protection in honestly acquiring money."

"Let me explain," said the Finn. "Your women are doubtless cowardly and unpatriotic, they cannot appreciate what love of country means. Our Finnish women worked with our men this century past to help regain our liberties, and when freedom came, women as well as men were fully enfranchised. But few women can be as patriotic as our Finns. We must not give the vote to such a new country. Your women are doubtless traitors all."

"No, you misjudge them," said the host. "It is true no foreign enemy has troubled our shores for many years, so that neither women nor men could be constantly showing the warlike patriotism which inspires one to kill enemies. But there is a loftier patriotism than killing the enemy. It is shown in saving life. Women excel in this kind of patriotism. Women organize great corps of army nurses. They lead the Red Cross work. They go to districts desolated by fire, famine or pestilence. They rescue, they nurse, they heal. They lead great reforms which strive to cure the evils which impoverish, debase and destroy."

The men from Kansas, Denmark, Ireland and Wales then joined in. "These civic questions our own people have decided were peculiarly in women's sphere, and woman's exercise of municipal suffrage has been a great benefit to women, to the state, and to men as well."

The Average Toronto Citizen again defended. "Our women, too, have been very active in civic matters. Their zeal abundant, and their courage wonderful, but they seem to have little political influence, and much of their work goes to waste. For twenty-one years the women have been trying to get custodial care of the feeble-minded of Ontario, who left at large are increasing with alarming rapidity, but so far they have had no satisfactory results to their efforts. They do not reform the bad women fast enough to keep up with the speed with which men ruin them. I must admit that our women do not always secure results."

The New Zealander explained: "No wonder your women do not accomplish as much politically as ours. No matter how well educated, moral, industrious, patriotic, public-spirited and unselfish they may be, they lack the power of the ballot which our women have."

"Yes," said the Australian, "our laws would have allowed these women to express their wishes directly. Our women vote. It is strange that your country should pension the soldier who takes life, but rarely pension the mother who gives life."

"Our Colorado women put Judge

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Lindsey back on the bench and our Californian women removed Judge Weller."

"Our women in the State of Washington," said another guest, "put a corrupt mayor out of office in Seattle, and on the following year when he quietly secured a renomination, the women again rallied and retired him to private life permanently."

"What does all this mean?" said the Average Toronto Man, dazed. "I don't believe our women would vote even if we did allow them the ballot."

"That was just my idea," laughed the Californian. "But you give them the chance and all the timid, gentle-voiced, quiet, home women will surprise you as they did us. I never imagined 75,000 Los Angeles women would vote within a month after securing the suffrage. But they did. Other Californian women since then proved that they also would vote when they could."

"What then," said the Finn, "may be that your women are not allowed a share in municipal affairs because they are inferior to the women in all the English-speaking cities outside the United States and inferior to the hardy Northern nations represented here. Our women have municipal suffrage and in all these places women have full suffrage. It means that your women must be very degraded and incapable, much below the women in all these countries and states from which we, your guests, come."

"Please stop," said the Average Citizen. "Even if I am your host, I can no longer endure the slurs you are all casting at our Toronto women. I must tell you point blank that no women on earth are superior to ours. No women deserve more than ours. Our mothers came to this country and worked hard with their hands. Our charities show what women can do. Our great teaching force, our business women, our home keepers, altogether make a wonderful combination. Any city could be proud of our women. They are the peers of the noblest women on earth."

"Why then," said the Finn, "do you politically disgrace your women by classing them with men guilty of election frauds and with unpardonable criminals? Why do you not enfranchise them as our countries have done?"

Bewildered and dazed, the Average Toronto Man could only answer, "I don't know. I join the Men's Equal Franchise League and secure municipal suffrage for women at once."

His guests united in joyful chorus. "Yes, oh, yes!"

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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.]

She Fancies Him.
Dear Miss Grey, I am a girl of 19 and have had very little experience with young men. At present I am boarding at a place where there is a girl about the same age as I. She is very popular with the young men. The fellow with whom she is keeping company lives out of town, but comes to see her quite frequently. Of course, I am at the house, and I treat her very nicely. In fact, he smiles at me quite as if he liked me very much. I have grown quite fond of him, and really believe that if I tried I could make him care for me in return and leave the other girl.

Now, Miss Grey, what worries me is this, would it be breaking faith with this girl friend (for we really are very good friends) if I did do so?

Of course, I would need to find a different boarding place, for I am sure it would be far from pleasant for me afterward.

Will I try to win his love, or will I let things go on as they are and never let him know I care for him?

CUPID'S VICTIM.
A.—The fair thing for you to do would be to leave the young man out of your calculations. He is paying attention to the other young woman, and you say you are her friend. Don't you suppose she would be very glad to see you win him away from her how would she feel? Would you like to have anybody serve you that way? It is very natural for young men to smile at young women and it may be his smile is but a friendly smile and his attitude toward you pleasant because you are a friend of the girl he admires. Don't poach on other people's preserves. Don't try to get any other girl's beau away from her. It's a mean thing to do. You have perhaps a passing fancy for the young man, but do not nurse it.

Be loyal to your friend and wait until some young man comes along who can fairly pay attention to you. This young man is only one of millions in the world. You have just as good a chance as any other girl to find a nice one. So don't get impatient and don't think of winning one by unfair means.

Just This Once.
Dear Miss Grey—Please print the "stamp language" just this once, and I'll be good. MARIE.

A.—If a postage stamp is placed upside down on the top of the left-hand corner of the envelope, it means that the writer loves you; if crosswise on the same corner, "My heart belongs to another"; placed in the proper way on the same corner, "Good-bye for the present"; if at right angles on the left-hand top corner at the bottom, placed in the same way, "I wish or desire your friendship, but nothing more"; left-hand bottom corner, upside down, "Write soon"; if put on a line with the surname on the left-hand side down in the same position, "I am already engaged"; if placed upside down in the right-hand corner, "My heart is another's—you must write me no more"; if put crosswise on the right-hand corner it asks the delicate ques-

OUR ASTROLOGER HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1913.

Good luck is near. Thus ends the year.

This last day of the year is a lucky one, astrologers announce. After the many events which are recorded as tragedies and sorrows 1913 closes with Mercury, Jupiter and Venus all in benefic aspect.

The omen is favorable for seeking promotion or preferment for the new year. The augury is encouraging for advance in salary or financial gain.

Jupiter gives promise of aid to all who desire to start new enterprises. Business initiative is under good auspices. A favorable time for opening shops, forming partnerships and buying on speculation.

Bankers, lawyers, brokers and physicians as well as merchants should be exceedingly fortunate.

Whatever has to do with education should benefit today, when the law, science, medicine and letters are subject to a helpful sway of the stars.

Charitable and philanthropic enterprises have a happy omen, which indicates large gifts and improved methods of administering funds.

Weddings and betrothals are under a beneficent rule. They who marry have the augury of prosperity. Widows are peculiarly favored by the stars today.

The planets are believed to affect the moon. The luminary is in a sign held to be inspiring to persons who are working in any of the fine arts. Better understanding of friends and broader ideals of life are encouraged during this configuration. Old acquaintances will be renewed, and past injuries forgotten when enemies meet.

There is a prophecy that during the new year extremes will rule. Starting incidents will be numerous in individual as well as national experience.

Persons whose birth date it is have the most cheering augury of the coming twelve months. In financial and domestic affairs they will prosper. The young probably will marry advantageously.

Children born on this day will be uncommonly intelligent. Boys should rise to high places and girls should find great happiness. With their magnetic centre the sun in Capricorn they have the hazard of long life which brings unusual experiences.

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Gives Reminiscences of Walt Whitman

Dr. H. A. McCallum Lectures to Women's Canadian Club on Life of Poet-Prophet.

Some exceedingly interesting reminiscences of Walt Whitman were given the members of the Women's Canadian Club by Dr. H. A. McCallum Monday afternoon at a well-attended meeting held in the Normal School.

Walt Whitman, the speaker stated, was an intimate friend of the late Dr. H. A. McCallum. He had done some of his finest work. "The Life of Walt Whitman," he urged everyone present to read. It was owing to Dr. H. A. McCallum's recommendation of Whitman's work that Dr. H. A. McCallum came to realize the beauty and prophecy of his writings and life.

Whitman loved everybody. He loved the poor more than the rich. He gave himself up for more than two years to a study of the American civil war. He dressed festering wounds, and thus obtained the poisoned hand which led to his paralysis. Yet during the years that he was paralyzed he did some of his finest work. What a wonderful thought it is, that although the body may be paralyzed, the splendid mind of a Whitman can produce such glorious work.

During the afternoon Miss Blackburn read "This Comfort," one of Whitman's best poems.

In giving a vote of thanks to Dr. H. A. McCallum, Rev. R. W. Norwood stated that the reason why so many people did not understand Whitman was the same as for their non-comprehension of Browning. They regarded them as poets, he said, "rather than as cosmic prophets. People think that the prophets of the Bible are the only ones to whom God manifested himself. The sooner we realize that God has not left this day and generation without his message and twentieth century prophets, the better it will be for us."

The Home Realm

A woman who believes that a kitchen should be a pretty room wonders why most people do not hold the same opinion. Of original tastes, she has devised this scheme of color and decoration for her kitchen. The walls she has had painted a bright sunny yellow, the woodwork and chairs a deep Prussian blue, the color of the pattern her kitchen crockery and the cornflower pattern of her white tiled stove, which has a shining metal top.

"We are slaves to the idea that a stove must be black and ugly," she says. "I got cured of this idea in a visit to Holland, where I bought my pretty stove."

The windows of her kitchen are hung with sash curtains made of glass twilling barred in blue. At the centre of their sills a little square bracket

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About Women

A WOMAN COMMISSIONER.

Miss Katherine B. Davis, superintendent of the State Reformatory for Women at Bedford, Mass., has the honor of being the first woman appointed as commissioner in the correction department in New York City. Miss Davis will assume her duties shortly, and has been granted a four years' leave of absence by the authorities.

Miss Davis is a widely-recognized authority on the social aspects of penology and criminology. In her work at the Bedford Reformatory she has been able to carry out to considerable extent her ideas for the lasting reformation of girl and women offenders.

It was the writer's privilege to hear Miss Davis speak at a large meeting during the annual convention of the National Council of Women in Montreal, last spring, and upon which occasion she described most graphically the methods employed to save girls from themselves and help them to become useful women.

Life at Bedford does not mean being housed in one large building with time hanging idly. The girls occupy cottages, and besides learning useful occupations, are employed in gardening, poultry raising, bee-keeping, and even delight in the feeding of pigs and caring for the young of various animals, outdoor life for most of them, and under such conditions it is little wonder that the accounts given of the girls after being discharged, were most encouraging.

Into her new duties Miss Davies will take all the energy and good common sense, and love for the betterment of her sex, that has characterized her in the reformatory work.

The Welfare Bureau of Regina are endeavoring to raise a steady supply of money to carry along relief during the remainder of the winter months in that city. The superintendent of the bureau has asked for 1,000 people to pledge themselves to give 10c a week, and has also asked for young women and girls to obtain a pledge to this effect from their friends, the girls to do their own collecting. By this method it is felt that a permanent fund could be established in Regina without being a strain on the purses of a few. Could it not as well be tried in London?

WEDDING BELLS

McADAMS—DOBSON.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Christ Church on Christmas Day, when Miss Muriel Annie Dobson became the bride of Mr. C. McAdams, of Parkhill. The bridesmaid was Miss Maud Woodward, while Mr. Stuart Dobson, brother of the bride, assisted the groom. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. William Dobson.

After the ceremony the fifty guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Couch, 571 Grey street. Numerous beautiful and costly presents testified to the popularity of the young couple.

Guests were present from New York, Arizona, Woodstock, Parkhill and other points. Mr. and Mrs. McAdams will reside at Parkhill after a wedding trip to Detroit and western points. Rev. C. R. Gunne, rector of Christ Church, officiated.

WANTED UGLY MAID SERVANTS.

Some bygone housewives appear to have regarded ugliness as a quality to be desired in their servants. When Eliza Coker, daughter of Coke, of Norfolk, was about to marry, she wrote to her prospective mother-in-law: "Pray have the goodness to decide as you think best about the pretty housemaid. I wish she were less pretty, and less fond of dress; but if her conduct and principles are good neither are really objectionable faults. I think our establishment will be a pattern of

morality, particularly if Mr. Stanhope engages the squinting butler and the terrible housemaid he mentioned to me."—Daily Chronicle.

TESTING AN EGG'S AGE.

A strictly fresh egg feels quite heavy in the hand, and immediately goes to the bottom of the bowl and stays there on its side.

When three weeks old, it lies almost on the pointed end, but still keeps under the water.

If the egg is three months old, it stands directly on the point, not quite touching the bottom of the vessel, and with the round end slightly above the water.

When older than that it bobs up and down, and nearly half of the egg comes above the water, point down, round end up.

You may hardly credit it that farmers and storekeepers sell such old eggs, but they do, and frequently. Stale eggs feel very light, held in the hand, and the shells present a dull appearance, very easy to detect when once observed.

THIS HELPS MASHED POTATOES

To enjoy mashed potatoes at their best add a little baking powder just before serving, the proportion being half a teaspoon if six people are to be served. This makes them so deliciously white and light that you will never serve them without it again.

PRINTED SILKS.

Adaptations from Chinese and Japanese designs and colors are noticeable in all lines of printed silks for next year, according to the Drygoods Economist. For example, extremists in printing have chosen the Chinese dragon, while the more conservative printers have adopted conventional figures in Chinese colors, especially yellow.

Plaids, principally in blue and green combinations, are retained both in New York and in Paris, and Roman stripes in vivid colors of blue, green, purple and yellow are showing renewed activity principally for trimming purposes.

Crepe de chine is favored for dresses and to some extent for underwear. Crepe meters have general acceptance. Messurines are the great staples.

To spend too much time in studies is sloth; to use them too much for ornament is affectation; to make judgment wholly by their rules is the humor of the scholar; they perfect nature and are perfected by experience; for natural abilities are like natural plants that need pruning by study; and studies themselves do give forth directions too much at large except they be bounded by experience.—Bacon, Of Studies.

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