

DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE FOR EVERYBODY

Peter's Adventures in Matrimony

By LEONA DALRYMPLE

A Glib Lie.
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"Peter," I asked my wife.
"Yes," I said, and obeying an impulse I did not understand myself, I crushed the letter and put it in my pocket.
"Who is the letter from?" asked Mary, idly and ungrammatically.
"From whom?" I inquired pointedly, catching up the careless slip as a means of evasion.
"From whom," corrected Mary, and made of the correction a question, which left us exactly where we had been before.
I do not pretend to excuse what followed. I merely glanced at Mary's pretty, happy face and feebly refused to bring a cloud across it. The mention of Joan Arbeck's name would likely spoil the evening, and my dear, domestic glow of enthusiasm and happiness was not to be lightly sacrificed.

Mary's Trusting Belief.
"A business letter, dear," I said, and hazed myself for the fluency of the lie. Mary accepted it with absolute faith, which did not make me feel any better.
"I thought," she suggested, "that you weren't going to bring any business letters home with you. Wasn't that the doctor's?"
"Yes," I said, "but this was a little different. It was very important, and I thought to read it on the way home."
And again I felt exceedingly small and snuffy.

Another Opportunity Missed.
Several times during that delightful little supper I tried very hard to lead up to the subject of my letter. Joan and I talked dimly. The words simply would not come. I was going to make a wonderful little house-keeper after all.
"Peter," said my wife at last, "what on earth is the matter with you? Aren't you well?"
"Perfectly."
"Has the day been too warm, perhaps?"
"Well, it has been pretty warm, but not so warm as yesterday, or even the day before."

NOVELS IN A NUT-SHELL

Condensed by AUGUSTA SHELBY

THE year 1286 found Scotland desolated by war and her king and nobles forced to acknowledge Edward I. of England as their legal lord. There was one brave Scottishman who remained undaunted, Sir William Wallace. Disgraced with his sovereign and the nobles, he retired to his home to shut out the sight of oppressors he could not redress.
Here he lived in the devoted companionship of his beautiful young wife, the Lady Marion, for a short period, and then because he refused to swear allegiance to England was proclaimed a traitor and was forced to hide in the hills.

He was increased by the young chief, who saved the life of the venerable earl. The sorrows of Wallace's life awakened the sympathy and admiration of Lady Helen Mar, the earl's lovely daughter. This gentle and courageous girl was loved by Lord Solesby, who had retired from a convent, where he had sought shelter during the trying times of war.
While on the way to his stronghold with his troops, Sir William Wallace rescued the Lady Helen, not knowing that she was the daughter of his friend, and she was deeply infatuated with him. He was the knight and hero.
After leaving Helen in safety, Wallace captured the castles of Dumortair, Berrin, and Stirling, and fought the bloody battle of Stannmore and Falkirk.
He fought the Earl of Mar and his family prisoners in Stirling castle, and then Helen discovered that her champion and the noble Wallace were the same, but respecting his devotion to the Lady Marion, she never advised to anything more to him than a sister.
The Countess of Mar, the young wife of the earl, became deeply infatuated with Wallace, and when he spurned her unwomanly advances she proved his worst enemy, and incited the nobles to treason.
As soon as Wallace gained prominence petty jealousies arose among the nobles, and when he was appointed Regent he broke into open mutiny. He had to guard against treachery constantly, but his indomitable spirit never failed.
Disgraced as a harper, he went to the court of Edward and inspired Robert Bruce, rightful heir to the Scottish throne, to escape and embrace his country's cause. They met with wonderful success and routed the English in many battles.
Bruce and Wallace then went to France to rescue the abducted Helen Mar, and while there met Balcol, whom Edward had adjudged King of Scotland.
Upon returning to Scotland, Wallace found England in possession of much of the territory which he had wrested from her, but by a series of battles regained the mastery.
Internal feuds and jealousies, however, proved too strong for even a spirit like Wallace's, and when Edward invaded Scotland for the third time Wallace was abandoned by his supporters.
He fled, and long evaded his pursuers, but was finally betrayed and imprisoned in the Tower of London. The faithful Helen visited him there, and was afterwards finally betrayed and imprisoned in the Tower of London. The faithful Helen visited him there, and was afterwards finally betrayed and imprisoned in the Tower of London. The faithful Helen visited him there, and was afterwards finally betrayed and imprisoned in the Tower of London.

The Governor Tried to Compel Lady Wallace to Retire Her Husband.
Hessehrige, the brutal governor of Lanark, tried to compel Lady Wallace to disown the hiding place of her husband, and when she refused she was put to death.
Wallace, upon hearing of the death of this noble woman, vowed vengeance on her murderers, and gathered together the clans under the slogan, "Death and the Lady Marion."
After killing Hessehrige they marched forth to rouse Scotland and drive out the English.
The Earl of Mar was Wallace's friend and faithful follower, and his loyalty

FEMININE FOIBLES

By Annette Bradshaw



CHARITY
MARIE—These slippers are danced out. I'm going to send them to the Belgian Relief Bundles.
ANNIE—Lovely! And I'm sending these white gloves—though I COULD have them cleaned again!

Home-Made Perfumes and Sachets

By LUCREZIA BORI

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ONE of my readers writes: "I find that most of the perfumes and sachets sold in the shops are too highly scented. I like a delicate, refined scent. If you know of such a sachet or perfume, will you kindly tell me where I can buy it?"
It is gratifying to know there are some women who do not find the use of strong perfumes refined. I have often wondered why many women saturate their clothing with expensive scents, which almost stifle when they pass. Instead of using delicate sachets, which give just a faint suggestion of delicate flowers as they move about.
Orris Root Base.
There are many inexpensive scents which can be compounded at home, and you will find the mixing of them extremely interesting.
The base of almost every sachet is powdered Florentine orris root, and I have several friends who sent their lingerie and bed linen with this delicate perfume alone.
Pais is made of cotton wadding sprinkled with orris root and covered with a thin silk or flowered organza. These are sufficiently large enough to fit the shelves where the bed linen is stored or they are made the same dimensions as the bureau drawers.
Sachets of orris root are made of the following ingredients:
Powdered orris root..... 2 ounces
Powdered bergamot peel..... 1/2 ounce
Powdered sandalwood..... 1/2 ounce
Musk..... 4 grains
Mix the sachet thoroughly and bottle for 30 days before using.
Old-fashioned Sachets.
The effect of sachets is always pleasant than liquid perfumes, and if you once acquire the habit of using them you will never substitute anything else. There seems to be a softness and delicacy about sachets that is impossible to get in any other form.
The well-bred Englishwoman continues to cling to the use of dried lavender flowers when scenting her lingerie and household linens. This seems a delicate, lasting and inexpensive. It deserves a more general use in America as a perfume for personal garments, its odor is so fresh and invigorating.
The old-fashioned potpourri is one of the most delicate of the spicy scents, and you should collect and dry all the rose leaves you can during the summer. Fill small or orange jars with them among your apparel. One woman I know keeps a tiny sachet of potpourri in the crown of her hat. It imparts a delicate scent to her hair as well as to the hat.
To mix your toilet waters at home is pleasant work. It is not expensive if several share the expenses of buying the ingredients.
All toilet waters are made from a small quantity of a superior grade of oil diluted with alcohol. This original perfume is very expensive, but a half-dram will make enough delicately perfumed water to last a lifetime. The average person will not care to invest in that quantity of oil, but several may divide the cost and have scent enough to last several years.
Delicate Toilet Waters.
Buy the best quality from an importing chemist and use deodorized alcohol to mix with it.
You will be disappointed if you expect to find the undiluted oil sweet. On the contrary, it is so strong that it is almost acrid. Only when the oil is reduced with alcohol does it become fragrant.
Extract of pink is among the most spicy, and an excellent toilet water is made by mixing one-half pint of rectified spirits with one-half ounce of oil of pink. Shake this well and store away in a tightly corked bottle for several weeks before using. All scents are improved by time.
For a delicious mignonette scent mix:
Extract of mignonette..... 1/2 pint
Extract of cassia..... 1/2 pint
Tincture of orris root..... 1/2 ounce
Tincture of benzoin..... 1/2 ounce
Tincture of heliotrope..... 1/2 ounce
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Advice to Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE: I kept company with a young man not of this city for nearly two years. We parted a few months ago. He still wants to be my friend, but I don't wish to have anything more to do with him, thinking that I am better without a friend whom I cannot trust. Consequently I returned his presents, including his picture. Did I do right?
Since then I received a letter from him asking me to accept the presents back, minus his picture. I replied, refusing to accept anything back, and asked him to return my pictures he has. This was more than three months ago, and I have not had any reply. Should I have written again, or what shall I do about it?
ANXIOUS.

DON'T worry about the picture. Anxious, and don't write to him again. The affair will drop of its own weight.
DEAR ANNIE LAURIE: I am a girl 15 years of age, and am considered rather pretty. I am employed as a stenographer in a real-estate office, and I like my work and surroundings very much. But the manager of the office seems to be under the impression that he can amuse himself by kissing the other stenographer and me whenever he has a few moments to spare. So far I have been able to resist his advances, and at first the other girl did the same, but now she seems not to care, and she shows her partiality. If I keep on as I am now it might mean my dismissal.
He is very handsome, and do you suppose it would be very wrong for me to allow him to kiss me, if by so doing I could hold my position?
TEMPTED.

NO, little girl, I would not let a man kiss me to save my position, or to keep myself from starving if I were you. There are lots of men in the world like him, and handsome or not, he ought to be hereshipped. Don't think that you can advance in your work in the office by letting him kiss you. Secretly, down in his heart, he really despises you for your pluck, and really despises the other girl who lets him do with her as he wishes. Some day you will find this is true, and for every reason on earth you will be glad that you had the courage to do what you did.

Household Hints
By ANNE MARIE LLOYD
Keep a lump of soda always in one corner of the sink. It will dissolve gradually and trickle down with the drippings, keeping both the sink itself, and also the waste pipe, always fresh and sweet.
Put a bit of rubber tubing on each tap in order to cover it up. Then, if cups or plates happen to get knocked against the taps in the course of washing, no damage at all will be done, for even very fragile china does not chip or break because it has chanced to touch soft rubber.
Flush the sink thoroughly well down with boiling water daily. A whole kettleful isn't a drop too much to use, and you must take care to have it boiling.

Don't make tea with or drink the first water that comes from the taps in the morning. Let it run a little, so that the water which has been in the pipes all night may be drained away. That which comes after is more wholesome than that which has been lying in lead pipes for hours on end.

Secrets of Health and Happiness

A Host of Ills Vanish When Tonsils are Removed

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSBERG
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WHAT are the tonsils for? Nobody knows. A ton of soil collects in them. A Sargasso sea of bacteria and germs work around in their meshes. Nearly 200,000 New York school children this year were not allowed to return to school until these pillars of the red pit called the throat were shelled out. Perhaps the other 600,000 New York children would be all the better off if their tonsils were also removed.
There are 15 large vent-pipes, or "crypts," in these tough sponges of the mouth. A legion of lesser openings abound in the meshes as pockets for decaying food, animalcules, and a whole botanical and zoological garden of iniquitous debris. If this tonsils really work, we are said to otherwise exert some physiological power, it is duplicated elsewhere in other tissues, and the injury it does as an abiding place of various enemies to health make it a nuisance—a veritable Pandora's box of evils.
A Germ-House.
The tonsil is maintained by some to be an auxiliary factory for the creation of an internal fluid or "hormone," that it also makes a few white blood corpuscles, and that the germs which use its pockets and crevices as happy hunting grounds, act as vaccines to repel the germs of some other disease.
Be all this as it may, the mystic disappearance of fevers, joint pains, muscle aches, neuralgias, ear infections, head noises, and all sorts of afflictions, which follow the removal of the tonsils, make the trivial operation one of the safest and most popular of indoor medical sports.
St. Vitus dance, acute kidney disorders, Bright's disease, inflamed, enlarged and stiff joints, neuritis, heart infections, appendicitis, enlarged glands of the neck, throat and elsewhere, erysipelas, and the scores of different diseases faked under the fanciful name "rheumatism" have all been traced to and often remedied by excision of the tonsils.
Even gonorrhea and other maladies of the thyroid gland are attributable to tonsillitis. Furthermore, Dr. Ben Witt Key and other ophthalmologists have convicted tonsils of numerous eye inflammations.
The Voice Improved.
It will amaze many sceptical persons to hear that the affliction called "articular deformations" also stupidly called "rheumatoid arthritis," where the joints of one or more parts of the anatomy are locked as rigidly together as are the plates of a battleship, is often loosened up and greatly relieved by dissection of the tonsils.
Voices that deteriorate, rough, coarse vocalization in singers who grow hoarse, pure tones, bronchitis, laryngitis, cough, asthma, and over-expanded, dilated lungs are often improved, a happy tone, and "shelling out" the tonsils.
If any physician or surgeon tells you the tonsils may be burned out, kill him.



Answers to Health Questions
E. N. L. Q.—Please tell me a better operation to use after shaving than with hazel and bay rum.
A.—A better preparation is glycerine, benzoin, rose water, peroxide and toilet water. The fumes of bay rum if made of wood alcohol will blind you.
C. B. Q.—Will you kindly tell me if it will help my eyes to use boric acid in an eye cup?
A.—Yes, it is very helpful to the eyes.
G. H. R. Q.—Are there any possible ways to correct outstanding ears?
A.—A slight invisible operation at a hospital fixes this matter finally.
THANK YOU—I have a tumor that discharges blood into the intestines. What internal growths do so, if any?
A.—How many kinds of tumors are there?
A.—Do men have tumors?
A.—Yes.
A.—Yes, various veins, hemorrhoids, cirrhosis of the liver, chronic colitis, tuberculosis and many others such as cancer.
A.—A great number. Tumor means "swelling."
Dr. Hirsberg will answer questions for readers of this page of medical hygiene and sanitation subjects that are of general interest. He will not undertake to prescribe or offer advice for individual cases. Where the subject of general interest letters will be answered personally, if a stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed. Please direct inquiries to Dr. L. K. Hirsberg, care of this office.

Diary of a Well-Dressed Girl

By SYLVIA GERARD

Choosing a Picturesque Costume for a Bridemaid.
THIRCE a bridesmaid, never a bride. If this ancient warning proves to be true, I'll live a nice little old maid for the balance of this life, and any more which may come after. I've served in this capacity on an average of five times each season.
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