

Miss Billie Burke Says
That Men, Not Women,
Are the Inconsistent Ones.

WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW

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KATHERINE LESLIE'S HOME CHAT



HANDS AND THE HOMEKEEPER.

One of the greatest trials to the woman who has her own household to keep is the effect of dishwashing, sweeping and dusting upon her hands. Doubtless work with the hands is beautifying to the character, but equally doubtless it is its effect upon the hands that is the most far from good upon those members and upon the nails. The woman who cares for her personal appearance and its effect upon others, must ever feel keenly that the hand that toils is the hand that spoils. So far as the more fleshy material hand is concerned, the woman who does no household work scores. Only the rarely keen observer and the student of expression are able to see under the roughened and spotted skin of the hands of the woman toiler, kindness, duty, capacity, unselfishness, faithfulness. But to the mere casual observer, the average eye with which one has to do for the most part, the appearance of the hand is a test. When the hand is soft and comely, its flesh fine and fair, its knuckles small, its nails perfectly kept, that hand is sure to be set down as being the appendage of a woman of refinement. We all form these superficial judgments in our own superficial way. And there is somewhat to be said for this point of view. A shapely, well-kept hand is a goodly thing to see, one that we all delight in. And this the housekeeper well knows as she looks at her roughened hands, broken at the nails, stained and scarred in her daily conflict with cooking and cleaning. She feels that her much labor, her generous toil in the interest of others, have robbed her of her once pretty hands. But to often the housekeeper who has no outside help, is a nervously sensitive creature, discouraged by monotonous routine and too much given to think-

ing that pots and pans are of more importance than herself. The care of the hands is not a trifling business, and the woman who thinks it a "bother" to bring it to her own punishment. Why should it be a bother to glove the hands in those loose washable chambray gloves that come at 25 cents a pair for doing rough work in? To sweep or dust with gloves is foolish. Oil rubbed upon the fingers will prevent staining in peeling vegetables and fruits. A lemon kept by the kitchen sink will cleanse the nails perfectly. Then when the hands are thoroughly washed in borax water, the cuticle of the nails gently pushed back with the towel, glycerine and witch hazel rubbed in frequently, and the nails regularly manicured, the hands of the housekeeper will be very presentable.



IT IS NOT WOMEN, BUT MEN THAT ARE INCONSISTENT— —Says Billie Burke.

A letter in my mail today interested me greatly, one from a man (I wager he is over 40) who tells me he has refrained from marrying for fear he will not love his wife when there are "silver threads among the gold." He says, "I can see no beauty in a woman after she is 30 and few women have any fascination left after 25. I have known hundreds of beautiful girls whose youthful spirits, coloring and outlook on life has enchanted me, but when I consulted them with their older sisters, from whom these charms had fled, I found myself in a panic, for I would tie myself up in marriage with some dear little girl, and then spend my wedded life wringing as it became faded year after year. Every wrinkle she beauty would hurt me more than it would her, and as her mind matured and she lost all the illusions of youth, one by one, I know I should hate her."

From what this man writes one would think he had dipped into the fountain of youth himself, not adays men grow older in looks faster than women, and I am quite sure that women keep their illusions much longer.

The beauty of youth is at best but a promise, and a woman should go on growing better looking until she is at least 60.

Billie Burke.

By the way, isn't it strange that most of us insist upon certain people being young or things new, while age adds inordinately to the value and esteem in which we hold other human beings or objects. Women must always be young to be attractive, to most of the men who balk at wrinkles. It would be very glad to think that we were going to grow old together and instead of worrying about the wrinkles when they came in her face, I should understand that some of them were made by her constant care of her husband and children and I should love her all the more.

But then, you see, this is only what Billie Burke would want in a wife, if she had been a boy instead of a girl, when her father named her Billie.

Don't Marry a Man Who Only Asks for Youth in His Wife, for You Can't Bambooze Father Time, Warns Billie Burke.

An Ever-Ready Book For "Scraps"

Scrapbooks for children are best made of brown holland. The holland should be of the right width, that when folded lengthways with the selvages each will make two leaves. For a book take six yards of double-width brown holland, and cut into half-yard lengths. Buttenholes over the edges with flourishing thread, or, if liked, with a contrasting color. Fold all together and sew with stout cotton down the centre, tying a piece of ribbon through to hide the stitches. Stretch the front page in a frame before fastening together, and either embroider the initials of the child or else work the word "Scraps."

These books are practically untearable, and if made in a dark color will not show the dirt very quickly. Paste in anything likely to interest the child, or else teach her to make the pictures for herself. The making of pictures out of other pictures is a most fascinating game for the little ones.

Big brown books made of paper are practical and useful for the housewife. How often we hear people complain that there are so many delightful recipes published in the

Daily Healthogram

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD child may share the general table diet if it is plain and varied. It should not have fried or highly-seasoned foods, however. A healthy child may be allowed to satisfy its appetite providing it eats slowly and masticates well.

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.]

Bleaching Cotton.

Dear Miss Grey—Will you kindly publish the recipe for taking all the color out of faded cotton goods? You published this some weeks ago, but I have lost the paper. Thinking you very much, I remain, yours truly,
M. M.

A.—Allow one tablespoonful of chloride of lime to a gallon of water. Soak the goods in this for two hours, then rinse thoroughly in luke-warm water and place in the clothes-boiler in which you have dissolved a small quantity of laundry soap. Bring all to a boil and boil for ten minutes; then remove, rinse twice, and dry in the sun.

Needs a Tonic.

Dear Miss Grey—I will be very much obliged if you will answer a few questions for me, please.

1. A recipe for vegetable turkey?
2. How to get rid of a red nose or pimples on the face?
3. Darken one's eyebrows?
4. A lotion for bad breath?
5. Can you give me a diet or menu of plain food, so as I can get a clear complexion?
6. A good blood purifier?

And oblige, yours truly,
FRANKNESS.

A.—1. There are, I believe, several recipes for "vegetable turkey," but this is the only one I can locate at present, and hope you may find it satisfactory:

(German lentils) 1 cup, walnut meats (chopped) half cup, milk 1 cup, salt, celery salt, bread crumbs, onion minced, quarter cup celery (chopped) 1 cup, eggs 2, sage, bread (sliced) 1 cup, wash the lentils, boil slowly until tender, and run through a colander. Add the walnut meats, 1 egg and the minced onion browned with the chopped celery in a little oil or butter. Add salt and sage to taste. Thicken with bread crumbs. (b) Dip thin slices of bread in a mixture of 1 egg and a cup of milk beaten together. Dressing: State bread half loaf, cold milk 2 cups, eggs 2, 1/2 tablespoon of butter in the Crumble the bread and soak in the milk; if the bread does not take up most of the milk pour off some of it. Stir in beaten egg and season with salt, sage, butter and onions.

Now press your three preparations into a baking dish, taking care to arrange them in layers with the dressing between. Bake in a moderate oven for an hour, or until nicely browned. Serve with cranberry sauce and gravy.

2. If the condition is chronic you may need a blood purifier prescribed by your physician. You must eat a plain diet and abstain from all sweets, and other sweets. Take plenty of outdoor exercise, drink water freely, and sleep in a well-ventilated room. In addition, apply a little of this lotion outwardly several times a day: Precipitate sulphur 1 dram, tincture of camphor 1 dram, rosewater 4 ounces. For the red nose, rosewater 15 grams, powdered borax 11 grams, water 5 grams, moisten cotton with this and place on the red spots several times daily.

3. Rubbing a very little olive oil into the eyebrows every night will in time darken them considerably.

4. I do not advise you to resort to nostrums for the curing of this complaint. See that your teeth are in proper order, and that your digestive organs do their work well. Then you should have no further trouble.

5. It is almost impossible to do this with satisfaction. See that your teeth are in proper order, and that your digestive organs do their work well. Then you should have no further trouble.

6. I think what you really need is to have your entire system toned up. This should be attended to by a physician. Do not make the mistake of trying "hit-and-miss" remedies. They will pay you to have the benefit of science in the matter.

Helen's Birthday Tea.

Dear Miss Grey—I am 8 years old. I would like to know how to set my table for my birthday. I am going to have six little children to it.
HELEN.

A.—Well, Helen, I am glad you are going to have a birthday party. You make your mother a going to make course your mother will like it with a cake, and I hope you will like it with tiny red candy, and write your name in chocolate across the top.

GRAY'S

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TODAY, Feb. 28th, the firm of Gray & Parker, after 13 years in the service of the people of London and district, on its anniversary day officially passes out of existence, its place being taken by GRAY'S, LIMITED.

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WHEN OUR NEW STORE IS READY for our occupation about next midsummer, we will have one of the most up-to-date stores in Canada, and though the qualities, assortments and prices of our merchandise are at present as satisfying to the shopping public as it is possible to make them, yet in our new store facilities for effectively displaying our goods will be as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them.

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MOTHER and BABY and Doctor Helen MacMurphy

BILLY STEVENS—His Story

XXV.—The Tears of the Ten-Year-Old

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It was really a boy that settled the question of a home for Billy. When the headworker went to see Mrs. Z. in her nice clean home, and when the three of us were floating down the tide of conversation, Mrs. Z. remarked, apropos of nothing, "John he cried all day Sunday." Sympathy was aroused. "What did John cry about?" "Cause I wouldn't take that baby, of course. And I says to 'im, I says, 'P'raps there'll be another baby.' 'No-o-o,' he says, 'if there is, it'll be a girl sure—and I don't want no more girls—you got two now—and Billy's a boy—and I want a boy-y-y!'"

Some how this was impressive. John really wanted Billy. He cried for him. Ten years old wanted one year old. So.

BLACK AND WHITE.

The fashion of black and white has by no means disappeared, and it continues to characterize some of the smartest costumes. Materials in equal stripes of black and white are to be seen in all the best shops, and a costume in satin with these stripes looks very smart, made especially for after-noon wear, with a short coat and a draped skirt. The collar and revers of this coat differ from the ordinary in being of equal width all round, and fastening in front with a large steel buckle. In millinery, black and white is as smart as ever, and the new gauze in black and white stripes are much used for trimming hats and making toques.

THE CREAKING DOOR.

A housekeeper wants to know what to do to prevent a door creaking. Rub the edges of the door that creaks with a little soap. This, with the addition of a few drops of oil on the hinges, will remedy the nuisance.

A Poverty Party

Have you ever attended a poverty party? It's great fun, and has the added attraction of costing the hostess very little.

Write the invitations on brown wrapping paper with a pencil and have them delivered by a boy dressed to represent a waif. This is supposed to save postage, and the spirit of poverty must be preserved in every small detail possible. When decorating the table and house use paper flowers, for natural ones are far too expensive for a poverty party. Arrange them in tin cans or glass fruit jars.

Use paper or wooden dishes, such as are sold for picnicking, and tin cups. Cover the table with a cloth of paper or white oilcloth, and instead of silver use the knives, forks and spoons which are inexpensive.

The room must be cleared of all unnecessary furnishings, such as bric-a-brac, crystals and silver. Use small store boxes for chairs to seat the guests at the table.

To furnish light have plain white sperm candles in tin candlesticks. Request the guests to costume according to the theme.

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Distinctions, though pleasant, will cause your judgment to waver, and some dilemma will soon confront you unless you take heed. Journeys or removals seem unpropitious.

Those born today will make friends among clever and accomplished people, and will strive to equal them. This tendency should be encouraged by their guardians. Indolence should not be tolerated in these children.

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THE PROGRESSIVE DRUGGISTS.

ingly, the ladies to wear gingham or calico dresses "attered and torn," or very much patched, and the gentlemen blue jeans and flannel shirt.

Award a prize to the guest wearing the most "poverty-stricken" costume and have some one recite, "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse." Request each guest to relate a "hard luck" story and present to the narrator of the worst one a book, "Poor Richard's Almanac," or any story dealing with slum life or poverty in any form, like Dickens' "The Old Curiosity Shop," would be appropriate.

Have the old-fashioned stick candy or molasses taffy and apples for a special treat to be given during story-telling.

If you have a fireplace, by all means provide a glowing wood fire, about which the guests can huddle in true "cold and starved" fashion. It can also serve to pop the corn, from which popcorn balls can be made.

MISPLACED PRECISION.

"Oh, I just love cake, and it's awfully nice!" cried little Dorothy, regarding her chocolate frosted dessert with high approval.

"You should not say you love cake," reproved her mother. "Say you 'like it,' and don't say 'awfully,' say 'very.' Don't say 'nice,' but 'good.' And, by the way, the word 'just' should be omitted, and also the 'oh.' Now, my dear, repeat the sentence correctly."

"I like cake; it is very good," repeated Dorothy.

"That is much better," said her mother.

But Dorothy was far from being satisfied. "It sounds as if I was speaking of bread," she said, with an air of disgust.—Youth's Companion.

How to Make Good Gray.

If a slice of bread is put in the pan with the roast, it will be found a real help in thickening and browning the gravy. When water is added to the drippings in the pan, the bread will often be sufficient for thickening purposes without the addition of any flour.

There are many types of new pleated skirts, including cluster pleats, most of which are stitched or caught together by tape, so as to preserve the narrow pleats, and still give the desired width to make them practicable for walking. A few gored skirts are seen,

but in the majority of cases a few pleats are introduced.

Buttons with simulated buttonholes or loops are the favored trimmings on separate skirts, the idea being to carry out the tailor-made effect.

The materials used are serges, whipcords, mixtures, checks and ratine weaves, the latter in plain colors, in two-toned effects, stripes and brocades. Among the silk skirts are charmeuse, crepe meteor, crepe de chine and the new broadcloth fallies.