

judgment to find herself several times in really undesirable positions, there is nothing for her to do but to leave them, but the girl who flits from place to place, in pursuit of one in which she will find everything exactly to her liking, has far to seek, and will have little to show at the end of her five, ten or twenty years of service, except a variety of "experience" no more interesting and much less pleasant to look back upon than that of her who, finding a place in which development was possible, set to work to develop every possibility, including her steadily increasing efficiency, her employer's confidence and her own self-respect.

Why Shouldn't a Girl Flirt?

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Girls tell me that a man thinks nothing of kissing a girl, that flirting means nothing, it is just a part of the pleasure and enchantment of youth. But too often for these brief seasons of pleasure and enchantment there follows a long period of disillusionment and pain. For if flirting really means nothing, where, then, does the pleasure come in? Unless there be some emotion either on your side or on the other there is no excitement in the game at all. Anyone that is honest to herself must acknowledge that.

But emotions are baffling things. You cannot play with love ever, ever. For it isn't true of your emotions, like in learning to play the piano, for instance, that the more you practice your affections, the more and deeper they will grow, and that the more practice you have had in love making the more you will have to offer when the real thing comes. If the bloom of your radiance, like the fragrance of perfume be spent on every passer-by, what will you have left for the real lover of all the years? If all the deep fires of the heart be burned out by a hundred little bonfires, when you want them to burn brightest there may be left only dying embers, and the riches of your youth may be as Dead Sea apples crumbling into dust.

But you say how can these things be for the girl who flirts often marries far younger than her sister? Which is true enough, only marriage isn't a goal but a beginning. It isn't the mere fact that one is married that counts, but how much genuine love has been put into the bond. Girls often imagine themselves in love when they do not know the very beginning of the depth of meaning in the term. A flitting fancy due to mere propinquity is not love. Being a sweetheart may be only a thing of the moment, true comradeship is a matter of lifetime. It is only when the Desert of Sahara or the fastnesses of Siberia are changed into Eden where true love is. And if when this true mate comes you can give him your life's devotion as a fresh bud which shall open up for you, then you are the most blessed of all earth's daughters, whether you be eighteen or thirty; and the greatest tragedy a girl ever has to face is to realize that the king has come into her life, and she has either nothing whatever to give in return or at best, a flower from which the fragrance is gone—wilted and limp, through its having been worn already throughout the day.

Let us be real queens then, and not let the glory and holiness of our inward personality become an unhallowed thing. Keep your truest emotions and your best womanhood for the love you will one day receive. For sooner or later even though it be delayed it is bound to come.

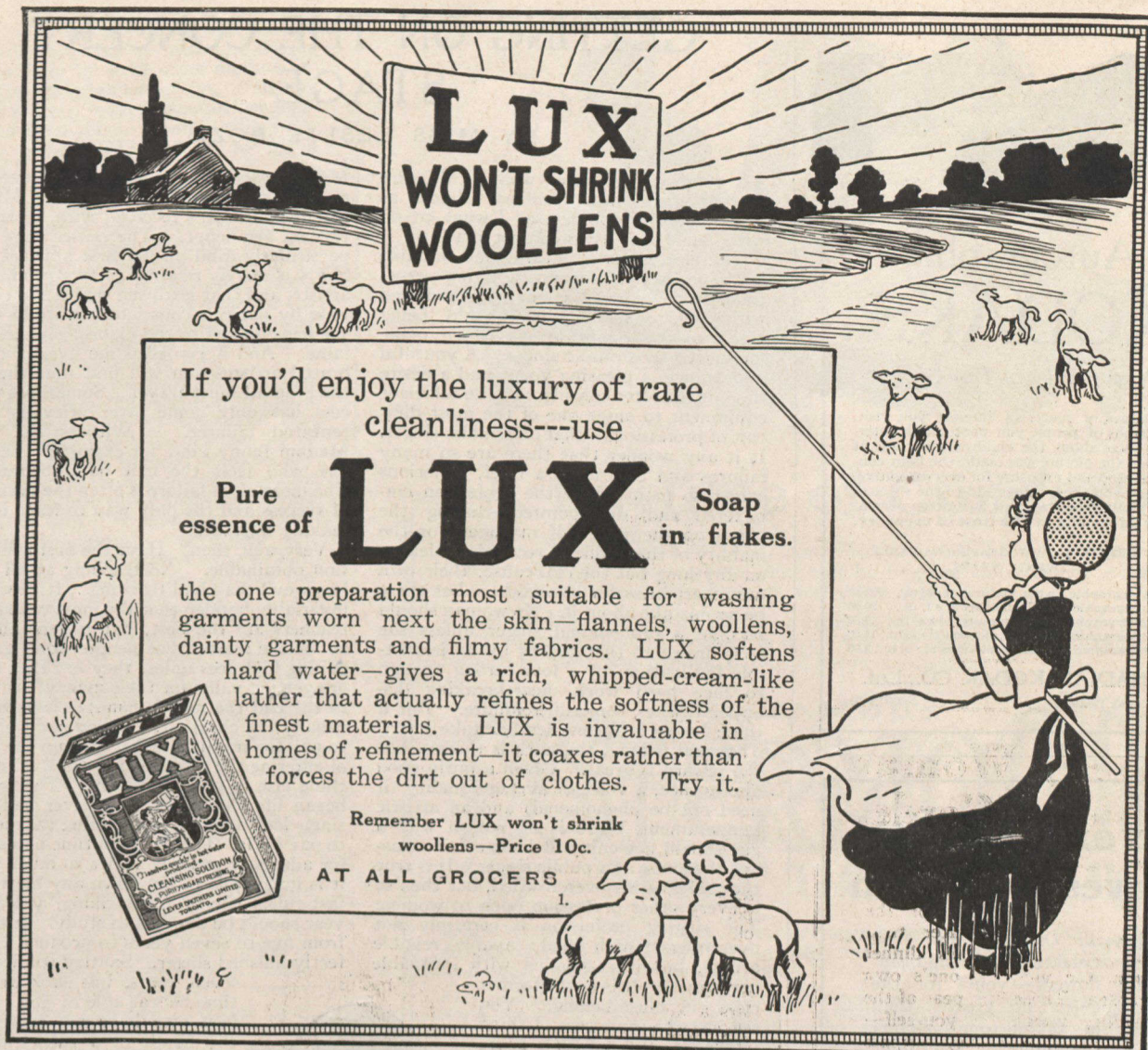
"Asleep, awake, by night or day,
The friends I seek are seeking me;
No wind can drive my bark astray—
Nor change the tide of destiny;
The stars come nightly to the sky;
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high
Can keep my own away from me."

Even though marriage may not come into every life, even then we can enter our life's work with higher aims and purposes with more steadfast heart and soul if we have not frustrated our truest womanhood by useless and senseless flirtations, and we can look firmly into the future knowing that whatever destiny comes into our life, we are ready and worthy to meet it.

Women in 1838

The "Young Ladies' Own Book," published in 1838, has this to say on the question of the participation of women in public affairs:

"Men study in order to fit themselves for the law, for medicine, for various departments in political life, for instructing others from the pulpit or the professor's chair. These all require severe study and technical knowledge; much of which is nowise valuable in itself, but as a means to that particular profession. Now as a woman can never be called to any of these professions, it is evident they have nothing to do with such studies. A woman is not expected to understand the mysteries of politics, because she is not called to govern; she is not required to know anatomy, because she is not to perform surgical operation; she need not embarrass herself with theological disputes, because she will neither be called upon to make nor explain creeds."



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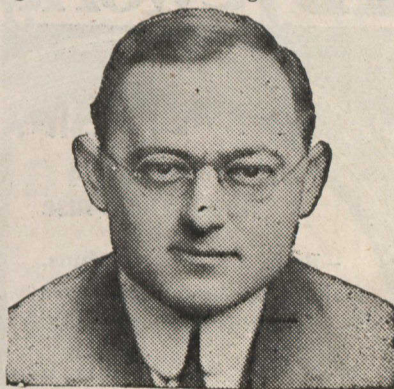
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