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WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW

Don't Tell Your Beauty
Secrets to Men Friends.
Says Miss Billie Burke.

"I WAS HUNGRY, AND YE FED ME"



The above cut is from a photograph taken in the Salvation Army Citadel on Christmas Day, and shows the large supply of baskets which the army provided for the poor of the city. The dolls displayed in the picture were provided by Miss Cynthia Grey of The Advertiser and the army officials who distributed them state that the children who received the dolls were delighted beyond measure.

The army's Christmas investigation found quite a number of children between the ages of four and nine who were very much in need of shoes, rubbers and clothing. The army would gladly accept any second-hand articles in fairly good condition from citizens, and would see that they were distributed to the needy ones. If friends would send them to 394 Clarence street, or phone 1558, regarding these articles of clothing, they would be very acceptable.

Billie Burke

COMMENTS ON MAN'S SKEPTICISM.

[By Billie Burke.]

THE FIRST WORD—Don't tell your male relatives or your husband your beautifying secrets.

There is one bad angle about so much of this beauty talk in the papers and magazines. Men have gotten the idea that women are, to use the language of the street, "trying to put one over on them." They do not seem to realize that the only pretty women are those who take care of their health and good looks and improve themselves in every way. They have an idea that the thing they call beauty and admire so greatly is a purely artificial thing that is something you buy at the bargain counter and take off when you go to bed.

I have received more letters from men on the little sermon on a woman's hair than on any other I have written up to date, and one and all say that when talking to their fair one's locks or at least the ones they see upon her head they are pretty sure that they should be giving credit to some other girl's glory crown.

One young man wrote:

Her crowning glory is her hair.
At least that's what some folks declare.
Perhaps there's something in it.
If braids and puffs and switches long
Make up the crown, they are not wrong.
So that is why I sing this song—
Yes, listen half a minute.
Her coiffure is a sight to see.
The very latest—you hear me.
There's no use to deny it.
And she can "cote" it, don't you fret.
The cost of it she don't regret.
It's all her own, you can bet.
I know—I saw her buy it.

That girl made a big mistake in letting her sweetheart go with her when she bought anything to make herself look better. Every man wants his sweetheart to be prettier than the other fellow's girl, but he also wants to think that her charms are God-given, something that the Creator has made just for him alone. Instead of feeling flattered that the girl is trying to make herself beautiful for him he always seems to feel he is getting the worst of it if he finds out the least little thing about her that smacks of the artificial.

Personally I can see no more harm in wearing a judicious amount of false hair than wearing false teeth, but you don't find anyone calling a woman foolish who patches up the good looks of her smile with a little ivory that will not grow on her own jaw, however much he rails at taking care of their hair.

I interested have been the men in my advice to girls on hair that one editorial writer, after worrying about the falsity of the modern woman's locks makes this wall: "Oh Billie, if we could only know! If we could only know! Oceans of our love he smothered and crushed by what we don't know." I might tell him that more oceans of love are smothered by what people find out than by what they don't know.

JUST ONE LAST WORD, GIRLS—Keep all your beauty secrets to yourself. If you feel you must tell something tell your real age.

Their First Canadian Christmas



Photo by Edgar Sanders.

On Wednesday last these three little folk spent Christmas in Canada for the first time in their lives. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. S. Percy Westaway, of Chengtu, China, missionaries on furlough, and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, Oxford street, West London.

Their names are Jean, Whitlock and Jack, and judging by their merry looks, Santa Claus proved generous to the little visitors.

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 as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.]

Finds An Old Chum.

Dear Miss Grey: I belong to a church choir and last Sunday I noticed that an old school chum of mine also belongs to the same choir. We had a rehearsal of a play that we are going to stage soon, and she also takes part in it, as I do. At this rehearsal I talked with her about the old school days. Please tell me how I can win her love, as she has told me she has no beau.

S. I. R.

A—I fear I cannot give you any certain rule or formula by which you may win the love of an old school friend, or any other woman. Women and girls are like their brothers in this, that they vary greatly from each other. What pleases one may irritate and annoy another. Petruchio's wooing of Katherine in "The Taming of the Shrew" was entirely different from Romeo's ardent love-making, but each won the heart of the woman he desired. As an old school friend of the girl whom you love you have a great advantage over friends of a later period. You need she probably never lack a subject for conversation. Old-time friends, old teachers, old games, old experiences shared together form a bond between you. Your love will surely find a way to strengthen it. Fate seems to have set the stage with everything in your favor. The fact that you both belong to the church choir, and are rehearsing a play in which you both take part gives you many opportunities to show your interest in her. I am sure that if you love her deeply enough you will avail yourself of these opportunities to let her know by your manner that you wish her to think well of you. Beyond that I cannot predict, for a girl's heart is a wayward thing and no one can foretell in what direction it will turn.

Get An Introduction.

Dear Miss Grey: Would you kindly answer this question? When going home from school I always meet a girl who is in my room at school. She goes nearly as far as I do, and as I am a stranger here, I do not know her. I do not wish to be bold or forward. Thanking you very much, Yours truly, LONESOME.

A—There must be somebody, girl or boy, in your school who knows both of you. Why not ask for an introduction to the maiden.

"Act in Haste—"

Dear Miss Grey: Another one in trouble is coming to you for aid, as I have no one else to ask. I was engaged to a young man for two years, and one evening he came late to a party at our house, and his chum "chaffed" him about seeing some other girl, so I at once gave him back our engagement ring without any questions, but next day he asked an explanation, and told me I was "stiff" to heed such chaff, so we made up again, but his work took him to another city and while there he took another girl to the theatre once, to repay an act of kindness, but came to see me after and told me about it; however, I broke our engagement again, but later we made up, only to break a third time. Now he says we would never get along together and that there is no use of us making up our engagement any more, and he sometimes goes with another girl, but I love him more than ever now that he's gone. Do you think it would be right to endeavor to win him back again, as he is a very estimable young man, and do you think he is any to blame for not making up once more? Was I too hasty in returning our ring the first time?

2. Would you please point birthday calendar for Oct. 8? Thanking you in advance, HASTY.

A—I am afraid, my dear girl, that you have a very jealous temperament,

and I should strongly urge you to make efforts to overcome it, or it will make more trouble for you as the years go by. From what you tell me I think your betrothed acted very fairly, and he is scarcely to be blamed for feeling as he did. However, if you feel that you can control your temper a little better in future, I see no harm in trying to "make up."

2. "Avoid doubtful undertakings and look carefully after the things which interest you most, leaving no important matter to the care of others. If in employ you will be advanced."

Those born today will be generous and well liked, but a nature too sensitive to criticism or neglect will be a hindrance to their success.

TIT-BITS

No doubt Santa brought silk stockings to more than one London girl, when she really needed a new "rat" for her back hair.

It has remained for a Boston woman to discover "how to be happy though married." Her opinion is: "Only the woman who keeps house for husband and children and does the work herself knows real happiness." There, take that, will you!

The worst of being a "lady editor" is that we can't have a share in the cigars presented to the remainder of the staff at Christmas time.

We'll have to wait a week longer for our new shoes, but just the same we're going to see Joe, Meg, Beth and Amy, to say nothing of grandpa Lawrence, in "Little Women," next week.

Just four more proposing days in 1912!

Miss Helen Taft has become an expert in rifle shooting. Recently she made a score of 49 out of a possible 50.

Of some women it may be said that they are bounded on the north by their servants, on the east by their children, on the south by their ailments, and on the west by their clothes.

Have you thought up your New Year resolutions yet? We're going to have ours set in 12-point and hung up beside our desk in a gilt frame.

When a woman gives her husband a hideous tie for Christmas, it's to guarantee his keeping his muffer well buttoned while on the street.

From the top of the Malvern Hills, in England, on a clear day, the tourist may look into sixteen counties.

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Rejoice, for fortune favors you, and blessings will fall on your pathway. Some cause in which you are interested will gain favor and advance materially.

Those born today will have high ambitions and the ability to realize them. They will be helped by some of their relatives and hindered by others. Fits of deep depression will sometimes seize them, and they will need the influence of someone who can encourage them at these times.



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Some opportunity for advancement is even now upon your horizon. Too much attention to the small annoyances of the present may prevent you from seeing it. A cool temper and an unprejudiced judgment will be your best allies.

Those born today will be nervous and fault-finding, and should not be indulged in selfish whims. Plain food and plain explanations of the ways of life will help them to bring their health and character up to the level of their mental qualities, which are high.

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THREE RECIPES

Rice and Cheese Fondue.

Materials—Milk, 1 cup; boiled rice, 1 cup; cheese, half a cup; butter, 1 tablespoon; salt, half a teaspoonful; paprika, quarter teaspoonful; cayenne; egg, 1.

Directions—Heat the milk in the double boiler and add all the ingredients, the cheese cut in small bits, and the egg beaten light. Pour into a buttered pudding dish, stand in a moderate oven over hot water, 10 minutes. If the oven is too hot it will surely fail.

Utensils—Measuring cup, tablespoon, teaspoon, double boiler, eggbeater, bowl, pudding dish.

Luncheon Soup.

Material—Milk, a quart; cheese, half a cup; mashed potatoes, 2 cups; butter, 1½ tablespoons; flour, 1 tablespoon; salt; paprika, quarter teaspoon; onion, 1 large slice.

Directions—Scald the onion with milk; then remove and add potato and seasonings. Rub butter and flour together, soften with hot milk and stir into the hot milk and cook five or ten minutes, adding the cheese last and cooking only until dissolved. This is a fine luncheon dish for children.

Utensils—Measuring cup, tablespoon, teaspoon, double boiler, knife.

Quick Nut and Date Bread.

Material—Bread flour, 2½ cups; chopped nuts, half cup; chopped dates, half cup; milk, 1 cup; sugar, 2 tablespoons; fat, 1 tablespoon; salt, 1 teaspoon; baking powder, 5 teaspoons; egg, 1.

Directions—Measure the flour (after sifting) into the flour sifter with the dry ingredients, sift into the bowl, add the nuts and dates, egg well beaten, mixed with the milk. Stir all well together and turn into a greased baking pan and let stand in a warm place one-half hour. Bake three-quarters of an hour in a hot oven. This bread is fine for sandwiches.

Utensils—Measuring cup, tablespoon, teaspoon, egg beater, baking pan, bowl, flour sifter.

Note—All measurements level. Flour sifted before measuring.

SOME "TOASTS"

A good wife and health
Are a man's best wealth.

What's a table richly spread
Without a woman at its head?

Disguise our bondage as we will,
Tis a woman rules us still.

—Moore.

A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warn, to comfort and command,
—Wordsworth.

As for women, though
We scorn and flout 'em,
We may live with, but not
Without them.

To those who know their fate,
No words can paint!
And those who know their fate
Know all words are faint.

Here's to the prettiest,
Here's to the wildest,
Here's to the fairest of all who are true,
Here's to the sweetest one,
Here's to them all in one—here's to you.

May her voyage through life be as
happy and as free
As the dancing waves on the deep blue
sea.

Here's to the tears of friendship—
May they crystallize as they fall
be worn as gems in the memory of
those we love.

"Dear me, I think I'm the most miserable creature in the world." "What's the matter?" "I'm trying to follow this magazine's advice on how to be happy."—Detroit Free Press.

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The Cold Bath

Are cold baths healthful? It is not a difficult question to decide whether or not to take a cold dip in the morning, as one can easily tell whether this cold bath is injurious or beneficial, writes Nancy H. Gardiner.

For instance, if illadi finds after an icy plunge that there is a feeling of exhilaration and reaction, then she should become a cold water enthusiast. If, on the other hand, the cold bath causes one to feel shivery and the flesh look blue instead of pink, it is an evidence that the cold dip is not for you.

Do not condemn the cold tub until you have taken it intelligently.

Perhaps you are the lassie who thinks that if a little is good, more is better, and therefore spend five or ten minutes paddling around in the icy fluid. If I have guessed correctly, no wonder you do not react after you step out of your tub. Two minutes, foolish one, is quite sufficient for the cold water dip, which is merely intended to stimulate one and cannot take the place of the cleansing hot tubbing.

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