

With Our Girls

... BY MARY S. PEARSON ...

Who is the girl best liked by friends and acquaintances—we won't say by her family, since mothers and fathers love her with all her faults, while sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles are predisposed to overlook them. But the outside world loves not without reason; now who is the girl that is everyone's favorite, and what are her qualifications?

The pretty girl? No, certainly not, when her gift is prettiness only. Indeed, the lassie with claims to beauty must be more guarded than if she were homely, since other girls are just a little disposed to be unduly critical regarding her.

The clever girl? Not at all. A girl who is clever only, is priggish,—and that is most unattractive in a girl.

The sentimental girl? We shake our heads again. Sentiment is very well in its time and place,—and the time is a rare interval, the place a sacred privacy. But the sentimentality—you perceive I mark a difference in the words—which gushes and poetizes and weeps in public, is certainly not attractive.

The merry girl? We are coming more nearly to it. Undoubtedly the girl with the quick humor, bright face and ready laugh is a popular girl. Only the mirth may be too continuous, or not always kindly.

The graceful girl, the artistic girl, the domestic girl,—all these are desirable, and to be commended. But the girl of greatest attraction, the girl we all like, what quality does she possess?

Unselfishness—which also implies the absence of self-consciousness, since the girl who puts self aside is certainly not going to be conscious of its presence.

Understand me, girls: I do not mean self-abnegation. Every girl has a right to her life, and should not trample it under foot from any mistaken sense of duty. There are girls whose affections are so strong, and with obligations so exalted, that they allow their own lives to become mere stepping stones or leaning pillars for others. In the excess of their generous love they do not realize that they are doing a double harm,—encouraging weakness in others, and sacrificing the purpose of their own lives.

No girl is called to selflessness, but she is called to unselfishness; not a trampling upon self, but a forgetfulness of self in the interests of others, or in those wide world interests before which all petty thought pales into insignificance.

So it is the unselfish girl, with her absence of consciousness who is the best beloved. She has no small affectations; she is not ever posing; she does not speak or act for effect, and has no time to imagine affront.

The unselfish girl is natural in her manner, frank in speech and wholesome in her ways. She simply forgets herself, and enters into everything with a hearty interest that charms, because it is natural.

"I like Nellie," a girl remarked to me one day. "She is never too busy trying on, to take an interest in things."

"Trying on?" I repeated. "Yes; faces and fads and things. Like Josie Grey,

you know. One never knows where to find her. One week she affects the English accent, and another, Grecian poses. All last month, she studied the reposeful; and this month she affects the hoyden.

"And she is so absorbed in the results, that one feels when with her as if one were attending a stage rehearsal. There is no companionship in her. Now, Nellie is lady-like and all that; but its *inside* somewhere. It isn't trying on."

Now, there is no harm in 'trying on,' when it lies in the direction of the formation of a good habit. There is no reason why a girl should not endeavor to acquire a pretty manner of speech, a graceful walk or any desirable characteristic. But it must be no mere putting on, but rather the expression of an inward condition. As my girl friend remarked, it must come from 'inside.'

And thus we come back to the main theme of our talk—that the best liked girl is she who does not make self a centre, but who in happy self-forgetfulness is always ready to become interested in others, and to join with the happy abandon of a child in every healthy stimulating interest.

So, I will not say to my girl readers, 'be only natural,' since until good habits are formed a certain wise restraint and cultivation of manner is necessary. But I will say be merry, dainty, graceful, pretty, clever,—all or any of these in as far as you may; but with them, or rather enveloping them all with its large, lovely atmosphere, be not selfless, but self-forgetful.

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