

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Civilized Woman in the Ballroom—A Queen Among Women—Winter Wear.

Man and Lover.

He pleaded long and tenderly; He worshipped her with look and tone; His agonies were sad to see; His very lips had pallid grown.

She turned aside her lovely head; How can I break his heart? she said.

But courage came. She looked upon His yearning face as never before.

Unclasped his fingers, one by one; This held her own. "All hope is o'er; I do not love you—that is why," She gently breathed, "your dream must die."

Then rose he up to manly height, As if no force within him felt. "If this be so," he said "all right, I'll kneel no more—no longer I've knelt; Nor longer suffer for your sake in fevered dream. I am awake."

"Farwell!" "You will not go?" she cried. "If you can't love me?" "But I can. I really love you now," she sighed— "Now that you prove yourself a man."

"Nay, sweet, good-by. You cannot be A man and lover both," said he.

—Madeline S. Bridges, in Judge.

A Queen Among Women.

The queen of Greece is said to be the finest looking queen in Europe. She is the eldest daughter of Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, brother of Alexander II. She is tall and stately, and looks like a queen.

The king and the queen have been blessed with three children, and the youngest is a baby about a year old. Prince Andreas is seven, and the Princess Maria, who is a very bright blonde, is thirteen.

Next comes the Princess Alexandra, a very pretty girl of nineteen, and then Prince George, who is twenty, and last and most important of all the crown prince Konstantin, the heir apparent, who was born August 2, 1895, and who was at eighteen declared heir apparent to the throne.

All these children, save the year-old baby, speak French, English, Greek and Russian, and the home life is said to be charming.

Woman's Work.

The San Francisco Call suggests a society for lightening the burden of women who have homes to keep and say:

Does the shoemaker try to lighten woman's work by sewing the buttons on honestly, or "flipping" the footwear with honest leather? Does the tailor who makes the pants with his boasted benevolence of "double knees" ever put them on the right place or large enough? Does the carpenter ever put the nails and hooks where a medium-sized woman, let alone a child, can reach them?

Is there ever but the fewest possible shelves that a woman can reach without standing on a chair, at the risk of breaking her back? Is it a very little thing to have no water-back to a stove, so a man thinks; but to a wife-of-all-work it is—well, there is no word strong enough to express the trouble it causes. A sink on a level with cold water, is not an easy thing to be plain. Why not make a little device? Also bring the zinc over the edges somewhat. The continued settling of grease in the fine cracks or interstices is very trying to a delicate-stomached woman.

The bureau drawers that never open or shut without a trial of temper—why cannot they be made to run smoothly? It should be declared a punishable offense to make a window that cannot be brought in to clean.

Men invented all those awkward and inconvenient things, and men made them, and they are responsible for the broken-down, haggard-looking women we see on the streets, or rather in the houses.

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I was once showing some photographs of friends of mine to a lovely lady. She did not try to conceal her astonishment at the fact that "well-behaved woman," as I had repeatedly to assure her they were, could be so bold as to have their pictures taken in this way to be exhibited to every chance acquaintance. But when we reached one taken in full evening dress, she seemed simply stupefied. "Wallah!" she exclaimed, "You are laughing at me. This is impossible! No modest woman could allow any stranger to see even a picture of herself with her bosom thus exposed. This must be some work of imagination, not the portrait of a real living woman." But I assured her that she was mistaken. I explained to her the mysteries of a ballroom. "Theo," she exclaimed in high excitement, "may Allah curse her and her house and her offspring to all eternity! Shamoo on her! Now this lady was no old and haggard maiden, such as even among ourselves is sometimes found to frown upon the gayly-dressed damsels around her, and to reprove, in the bitterness of her envy and loneliness, their mad and merry frolics. She was a young woman of eighteen years of age, herself a perfect type of the far-famed Moorish beauty, a wife for the last five years, and a mother of three children. The tone of her voice left no doubt on my mind as to the honesty and genuine character of her disapprobation. In other words, she regarded her Western sisters, who never cease pitying her condition, and are always busy forming themselves into societies for the relief of herself and her fellow-prisoners, and slaves, with just the same amount of contempt and aversion as they themselves are accustomed to regard the brazen figurate, who nightly displays the charms of her limbs and person for the delectation of miscellaneous audiences reeking with the fumes of tobacco and whisky!—The Fortnightly Review.

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Long cloaks are in great favor for both large and small girls. Petunia and Java browns are the favorite colors for English street gowns.

Cheek velveteens are now and are said to trim woolen gowns very effectively. Mouseline chiffon, a softly falling material, is used a great deal for evening gowns.

Natural seal skin, plucked but undyed, is used for vests and other fancy articles of fur.

Buttons are either very small or very large, and in the latter case are used as ornaments.

A new feather trimming is known as "short ostrich." It is very close and looks like fur.

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