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"A woman's rank lies in the fulness of her womanhood: therein alone she is royal."—GEORGE ELIOT.



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Improper Phraseology.

Improper phraseology, or usually termed slang. Girls! don't use it, don't be guilty of illiterate cant. The ability of using pure language is granted us, and why should it not be cultivated. In the present age there are few who speak purely, few whose mode of expression is without this disgusting vulgarity so unbecoming to our girls of to-day.

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Winnie was entertaining Mr.— one evening. When the time arrived for his departure Winnie extended her hand to bid him good night, asking him to come again; to his reply, and a question he asked she answered—"Oh! I'm not in it."— True enough it has been a long time since Mr.— returned, for he has not been there to my knowledge since that evening. Why? because, a girl who cannot talk without frequently using vulgar phraseology of the day is not reliable, and what our men seek as companions are girls who are exempt from this imperfection.

Men will hear enough of this on the street, in the restaurant, in the horse-car, at the theatre, the opera, the concert-hall and elsewhere. Does it not stand to reason they will search out some place of refuge from this impurity, and where will they find it?

Girls! they must find it in us. If we only knew what harm we are doing the cognizance of it would at once cause this improper mode of expression to be corrected.

Consider a moment before speaking and in a very short time you will find that you have not only broken yourself of this indiscretion, but that the person to whom you are speaking will be an attentive listener instead of an impatient one, anxious and eager that the conversation should end.

A girl may be intelligent, may have wealth, beauty; may have what she would desire for herself and her friends; but these advantages cannot compensate for any deficiency of refinement.

No matter what position you may hold in life you will always command respect if your manner is such as to warrant this; you cannot do so if you maintain no higher altitude in the scale of society than the wail of the streets.

Surely girls you would not desire to be thought lightly or little of, but that will be your experience if something is not accomplished and speedily, to purify the language of every day. And yet the discrepancy is found equally in the cottage and the castle.

Cross the ocean to the British Isles but do not "horrify" our English sisters nor give them a bad opinion of Canadians by using unpleasant phrases.

They shun the idea of coming in contact with girls who use improper and vulgar idioms.

It is a well known fact, that our English friends pride themselves in the purity of their speech, and such an offence as I have mentioned is not to be forgiven nor should it be.

We would not forgive our medical attendant should he mix

poison with our medicine. We would consider our banker guilty who paid us in counterfeit money; and the girl who uses slang is as culpable as these.

Then remember the words of Locke who tells us that "Ill patterns are sure to be followed more than good rules."

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A Noble Example.

The following anecdote is related of Lady Stanley, the wife of the Dean Stanley of Westminster Abbey. There is a hospital in London near the famous Abbey of Westminster. Lady Stanley was in the habit of spending a great deal of time in this hospital talking with the sick and suffering people there, and trying to cheer and comfort them. Among these was a poor woman suffering from a dangerous and painful disease. Lady Stanley's words had been a great comfort to her on her bed. The doctors said that her life could only be saved by undergoing a painful operation. They told her she would certainly die if the operation were not performed. "I think I could bear it," she said, "if Lady Stanley could be with me while it was being done."

Lady Stanley was sent for. When the messenger arrived at her house we found her dressed in the splendid robes which ladies wear when about to attend upon Queen Victoria. She had been thus summoned, and was just about to depart for the Queen's Palace, when she received the message from the hospital. There was no time to change her dress, so she threw a cloak over her apparel, and hastened to the hospital. She spoke some encouraging words to the poor woman, and stood by her side until the operation had been performed, and the poor suffering patient had been made comfortable. Then the noble lady hastened to the palace, where the Queen praised her highly for what she had done, and would listen to no apologies for the delay.

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Dinner Gown.

The skirt has clinging front breadths of green velvet stamped with a design of four-leaved clover. The graceful train, with sloped seam in the middle, is of old-rose satin trimmed on the side with jet passementerie. The corsage of frappe velvet has front basques of the rose satin with soft revers of lace curving from bust to shoulders, and edged below with jet beads and fringe. A short sash of most stylish model is of dark green matching the velvet. The neck is cut down in a low point and has a Medici collar lined with cream lace. The rose satin sleeves have creves at the top lined with the figured green velvet.

Miss Mary Schiller, whom the World's Fair Committee will send as a commissioner to South America, is a grandniece of the German author bearing that name, and was for five years a school teacher in Pittsburg. At the end of that time she had saved sufficient money to go abroad and to remain there for three years, which she devoted to perfecting herself in the modern languages and in the study of art and architecture. On her return to this country Miss Schiller went to Washington to teach German and Latin in the schools and English in the South American legations, Columbia, Peru and Venezuela. The determined little teacher seized the opportunity not only to perfect herself in the Spanish tongue, but to acquire a thorough knowledge of the literature of South America.



DINNER GOWN.

Then again we quote Pope who says:
"Immodest words admit of no defence,
For want of modesty is want of sense"

HAZEL KIRK.