

A SELDER AFTER LOVE.—Perhaps the pseudonym you have chosen gives the key to your want of success, so far. Don't seek after love, he leave, give love first.—"He first loved us." "Perfect love," we are told, "casteth out fear," and "fear hath torment." Begin by invariably looking on the bright side of everything, and every person, and think (however mistaken, or perhaps unkind that they mean to do right; and when you cease to find out faults, it is wonderful how happy you will be; and when your first thought and feeling is love and tenderness for others, you will cease to be unsocial and afraid. So make a fresh start, dear little girl, don't seek, give with both hands, and your reward is certain. Write direct to the address given, please; it was given for the purpose.

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