

FAIR WOMAN'S WORLD.  
GOSSIP AND NEWS ABOUT THE  
DOINGS OF WOMANKIND.A Selection of Interesting Paragraphs  
From the Ladies Home Journal—The  
Society Woman of Today—Literary  
Men as Husbands.

It would be easy to name women, prominent in society by virtue of their beauty, talent, moral purity and force of character, who have been powerful for good in their time, incentives to virtuous and noble living, respected by men and acceptable to God, writes the Rev. Morgan Dix in a vigorous article on "The Society Woman of Today" in the November Ladies' Home Journal. It would be equally easy to mention others who, notwithstanding their gifts, have done more harm than good; handsome, rich brilliant, capable, generous of heart, but lax in their sense of moral obligation, indiscreet in conduct, tolerant of evil, indifferent to social scandals, they demoralize by their example. One obvious sign of this demoralization is afforded by the readiness of the community to overlook the sins of women whom it admires. There must be something wrong when we are prompt to forgive in a beautiful and witty woman what we would not forgive in a plain and dull one. And what is true of the leaders of society is true of society in general.

The entire community has an interest in "society," and is warranted in looking to it for help and good offices. Let "society" recognize the fact and meet its obligations. Let those who lead it consider their responsibility and make it their aim to keep themselves pure, to set an example of honorable and decent living, and to put to good use the privilege which they enjoy.

## Literary Men as Husbands.

It may be suggested here that a literary man would be a proper mate for a literary woman; but though like often attracts like, we must also admit it just as often repels like, and then we have a theory that explains nothing because it explains everything. Writes Mrs. Amelia E. Barr in an article discussing the question in the Ladies' Home Journal. And, in spite of a few brilliant exceptions, experience does not prove that there is much sympathy between the literary man and the literary woman. The literary man knows that he is, of all men, the most irritable and exacting. Ordinary husbands, going about among ordinary people, are entertaining and reasonable, and bring the atmosphere of actual life home at evening with them. The literary husband spends the day with himself, and with books written by men who hold his opinions. He has no fresh, piquant, news, and no gossip of the people they both know. He may be writing a political, or a theological paper, or making a joke for a comic periodical but all the same he is apt to be as "snappy" as a bull terrier on the subject. I do not pretend to know how far literary women share their irritability; their knowledge of the male condition may be diversion, or it may be deducible from personal feeling, but in any case they have an intuitive dislike to marry literary men. At the same time, the disinclination is undoubtedly mutual, and I may add, with good cause.

## What is Society?

What, then, is "society"? Trying our hand at a definition, we find that it consists of an aggregate of individuals, limited in number, and rendered conspicuous in the social status by some other which makes them the object of the admiring and envying attention of the rest of the community. "The upper ten thousand," such was the descriptive title of these people some years ago; though Mr. Macmillan (who surely ought to know) has corrected the figure for the latitude of New York, by substituting four hundred, and Mr. Malloch (if I recollect) put it in London at five thousand. However, "society" must undoubtedly be regarded from below—as being composed of persons elevated, in some way, above the general plane. Nor has any one a right to find fault, so far, since social inequality is the law of all communities above the state of savagery.

## Our Intense Civilization.

Were it not that your self-imposed burdens were all upon your own hands, and your mind, and your heart, not for your own comfort and gratification, but for the angelic joy you have in ministering to others, I would talk to you like a "Dutch uncle," writes Robert J. Burdette in the November Ladies' Home Journal. If I were your colonel I would tie you up by the thumbs; then when you were cut down, you would rest for three or four hours apiece, while you fondled your thumbs with your tenderest caresses. But I am not colonel. Like many another monster, am only a lieutenant-colonel. Live more easily; want less for the rest of the household. You say: "The barn is a shanty, plain, bare, unadorned place, with plenty of hay and corn; if we are going to live like the cattle let us move down there. No; what's the matter with the house? It is a good enough place; the man finds it a delightful, beautiful, heavenly place to live in. It doesn't make him any work. You do make it a Paradise for him. Now just make it an easier place for yourself. Our intense civilization is making the home, for the mistress of it, a place from which once a year, at least, she gladly runs away. Small wonder if she should run away and never come back again. You have made a home for the monster, such a lair as Titania might envy, a grotto wherein fairies might love to dance—the sweetest, dearest spot on the map of the world. Now make it a resting-place for yourself, and "us men" will look at you and say, "Well, if she had been in Eden there would have been no snake." "Is not the life more meat, and the body than rain?"

## Preparing a Face Bath.

The proper way to prepare a face bath is to fill a bowl with hot water, dip in it a flannel cloth, rub the soap on this until there is a thick lather; pass it gently but briskly over the face. With both hands wash the soap off, sponge with cooler water, dry on a soft towel, afterward using the palms of the hands to arouse circulation. After the face is thoroughly dry take some unguent on the fingers and begin the massage. Almond oil and cocoa butter are both softening and are easily and quickly absorbed. But no unguent must be used constantly or it will produce a light glow upon the face. In the morning the face should be washed in hot water containing anything the skin may seem to demand.

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