

A Page of Interesting News for Women

Mrs. Taft as a Woman Sees Her

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[Written for The Advertiser.]

The vacation home of the Taft family is very beautiful, I thought as I approached the doorway where I was ushered into the great living hall with its tapestry covered walls, its beautiful old furniture, its open fireplace in which a fire was burning. This hallway has about it a balcony from which a stairway comes down into the room. Through an open door I caught a glimpse of a music room all in white woodwork, before the mistress of the house entered.

Mrs. Taft shows the wear and tear of the last few years to a greater degree than her husband. She never had a "famous smile," however, so the tired lines which have made her appearance about her mouth may not be noticed by the casual acquaintance. But it is an open secret among her friends that the social strain of the White House regime has been too much for Mrs. Taft's physical strength.

She has not the poise of Mrs. Roosevelt, the sympathetic tolerance of Mrs. Wilson, nor that courage to silently bear that seems the abiding force of Mrs. Debs' character; therefore she does not take with equanimity the newspaper criticism that has been given her husband.

Mrs. Taft's soft white skin, which was her greatest beauty and which gave her a singularly youthful appearance when she entered the white house four years ago, has lost its translucent quality and there is a faint network of wrinkles about the gray-blue eyes which seem to have grown too weary to express the alertness of comprehension which was their greatest charm four years ago. She never talked much and she is now more silent than ever.

If you should say "Aren't the flowers glorious at Beverly this fall?" she would answer "Yes" with a slight—very slight—smile, and you would have to fish about in the recesses of your brain for another subject of conversation. Her silences, however, do not impress you as the silence of a dull mind, but those of a woman naturally reserved and physically weary. But through these very silences you come to know that she is an ambitious woman, who is not to be swayed from her purpose by physical ills. It was she that persuaded her husband to accept the presidency when he rather leaned toward the supreme bench. She has enjoyed being the first lady in the land and the ceremonious functions that she has provided at the White House have been perfect in appointments.

It is said that when Mrs. Taft was with her husband in the Philippines the natives adored her. "She learned their language the better to be able to understand their point of view, but I think, however," said a friend who was trying to describe her, "that her great hold on them was her quick understanding of all their forms and ceremonials of which the Filipinos have thousands and by which they are so great store."

The wife of ex-President Taft is a great stickler for etiquette, and one of her friends tells a story that throws a light on her ideas about this. When her husband was a member of the cabinet a very wealthy woman came to the city. She was an acquaintance of Mrs. Taft and waited for her to call, not knowing that according to the official etiquette she should first call upon Mrs. Taft. When she found out her blunder she informally apologized and said that she depended upon the knowledge of her social secretary. Mrs. Taft, however, would not take that as an excuse because she believed that no woman in official circles should depend wholly on the word of a social secretary.

Mrs. Taft's social secretary has no questions of this kind to decide. She has to do the clerical work, but Mrs. Taft herself decides who shall come to her functions and who shall stay away.

The ex-President's wife likes elaborate functions, and is a devotee of bridge whist.

Mrs. Taft is not generally given credit for her wit, among her other accomplishments, but at a dinner in Washington just before the family left for Beverly, she carried off the honors. The movement of all the guests toward her was so absorbed in boasting about the present.

A politician of his countrymen that he failed to catch the bored expression that spread over the faces of those around him. "Ze French," he drawled, "are



MRS. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, FROM HER BEST PHOTOGRAPH.

Ze politest people in ze world. Zat is acknowledged everywhere. You Americans are remarkable, but you cannot excel ze French in politeness. Surely you must admit zat." He continued his line of conversation for some time until Mrs. Taft took it upon herself to rescue her guests from boredom, so she said significantly, as she smiled sweetly: "Certainly, we admit it. Our politeness requires us to."

WHAT THE VICTORIAN ORDER ACCOMPLISHED IN LONDON

A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF THE WORK IN THIS CITY.

In London there is an organization which is doing much to alleviate the sufferings of the extremely poor and of those people of very moderate means. It is the Victorian Order of Nurses, established in this city in a small way, some five years ago, but which has grown to such an extent that the two nurses now employed are kept constantly busy. Mrs. Dooner is the energetic president of the board, and the work of the order is very near to her heart.

The Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada was founded by the Countess of Aberdeen, and as its name implies, is called after that great woman whom we love to think of as "Victoria the Good."

In London the work is carried on not only among those born Canadians, but help is extended equally to English, Irish, Scotch, Italians, Russians and Poles. In fact, to any person requiring nursing and medical attendance. Yet the Victorian Order should not be accused of pauperizing the people. Small sums, varying from five to 50 cents are charged per visit, according to the advice of the physician in attendance, yet, where it is absolutely impossible to pay, assistance is cheerfully given.

The Daughters of the Empire and a number of the local church organizations assist materially in the work of the Victorian Order by making garments for sick ones, raising funds and rendering relief in other ways.

The "Stranger's Friend." A new departure of the Order within the last year is the instituting of a "Stranger's Friend," whose office is to follow up the nurses in their work, and render not only material aid where necessary, but also to be by kindness and sympathy just what the name "Stranger's Friend" implies. Mrs. T. C. Duncan, an energetic member of the board is the volunteer for this difficult work, and in the past year has made numerous visits, in cases where milk is needed, Mrs. Duncan provides this from a special milk fund, contributed to by kind friends.

The two nurses, Misses Edwards and Johnston, are well equipped for their work both by training and experience, and they possess the essential qualities of a successful nurse, energy, willingness and devotion to duty. In many homes the Victorian nurse's mission is two-fold. She not only ministers to the needs of the body, but to the mind as well. She not only relieves pain, but tries to instruct in matters of diet, cleanliness and sanitation, thus teaching the most desirable of things, the art of self-help.

The fame of the Victorian Order of Nurses is world-wide. In Canada there are branches of the Order and hospitals scattered from coast to coast, and it is impossible to estimate the amount of good done among the poor in the different localities.

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Keep yourself quietly busy and do not attempt new enterprises. Journeys and changes also appear unfavorable. Those born today will be restless and fond of social pleasures. Their lack of practical interests will try the patience of their friends. They will need the influence of those who understand their capabilities.

calities. When it is pointed out that for hospital patient care in the home, the hospital is saved an expense of \$1.50 per day, it is readily seen that the Victorian Order is an asset to any city, and a benefit to any community.

Like Abba Bon Adhem, the Victorian Order should be placed at the head of those who love their fellowmen, for surely love is never better expressed than by the help that soothes the sufferer's pillow, or the lips that speak the cheery word to those weary with life's burdens.

The Nomad

Where "Tea Fuddles"

Are in Vogue.

The "tea fuddle" is still in vogue in New South Wales and Queensland, writes a correspondent. The term has nothing in common with "fuddling" in the sense in which that word is used in England.

A "tea fuddle" in Australia is a means of raising money, usually at a bazaar in aid of a church or chapel. Those who enter their names as subscribers to the "fuddle" each subscribe a shilling. Their names are pasted onto tea-cups which are jumbled together on a table. Each subscriber, after being blindfolded, picks up a cup. Should he happen to pick up the one bearing his own name he gets a prize. As there are usually about 100 entries this very seldom happens and the money, of course, goes to the bazaar funds.—London Chronicle.

Some Apple Recipes

Apple Slump. Pare, core and quarter a dozen tart, juicy apples and place in a saucepan which has a close cover. Pour over them a pint of hot water and set on the back of the stove for 8 minutes. Then add 2 cups of molasses. Make a soft bubble dough and roll out half an inch thick, so that it will make a cover for the apples. Place this paste-cover on the apples and put the lid on the saucepan tight. Cook on the top of the stove for 30 minutes without removing cover. Serve this with a sweet sauce. If preferred it can be first set in oven for a few minutes to brown.

Apple Pudding. Chop a cupful of suet to a coarse powder and stir into it 3 cupfuls of flour, twice sifted with a teaspoonful of baking powder. Add enough milk to make a dough that can be rolled out. Roll into a square sheet in the centre of the sheet lay 3 cupfuls of peeled and minced apples, strewn with sugar. Bring the four corners of the sheet over the fruit, and pinch the corners together in the middle. Tie up firmly with a piece of broad white tape passed twice around the pudding. Lay in a steamer and cook for 2½ hours. Remove the tape and serve the pudding with a hard sauce flavored with lemon juice and powdered cinnamon.

Indian Pudding. Pare and core a dozen apples. Have ready a quart of milk heated. Add a quart of Indian meal, mixing and cooking carefully a few minutes. Add salt to taste, a cup each of molasses and chopped suet. Pour over the apples. Place in baking dish and bake 2 hours. Some people prefer to boil it. Then it should be securely fastened in pudding cloth and boiled for 3 hours.

Apple and Cress. Pare and cut into small pieces a medium sized apple. Pour over it a French dressing. Pick carefully the leaves from a bunch of cress. Arrange around the outside of the salad dish and heap the apples in the centre of the dish.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS—SAFEGUARDS

(By a Physician.)

Should children come to school from homes where some one of the inmates has infantile paralysis?

Do you think homes in which there is a case of this disease should be quarantined?

Such questions as these are frequently being asked and the purpose of this talk is to give some few suggestions regarding the disease itself and safeguards against its spread.

Well people as well as the sick ones can communicate the disease. For instance, there is greater danger that a milk wagon driver will spread infantile paralysis than that one will spread scarlet fever when a child has that disease, since scarlet fever is seldom spread by well people, while infantile paralysis frequently is.

Infantile paralysis is a disease of small cities, towns and country neighborhoods. It is worse where there are many horses and cows.

First, to curb it, infantile paralysis should be made a quarantinable disease. The quarantine should be enforced and no one in contact with the sick person should be allowed out of the quarantine.

Only the softest, most delicate color tones are allowable; pale pink, tender blues and the faintest lavenders are alone in good taste. Either these shades or all-white are seen in infants' layettes, and when either color is chosen it is adhered to in the entire outfit.

A pretty little saque of white cashmere embroidered with pink or blue makes a charming gift for an infant. Patterns for these small garments can be bought for a few cents, and after the material has been cut, the embroidery design is stamped around the edge and on the cuffs that finish each little sleeve.

A lining of soft Japanese silk should be cut with the cashmere and basted firmly around the edge, so that when the scallops that edge the saque are worked and the lining will be caught in with the outside.

Before the embroidery is started the saque is joined at the under-arm and shoulder seams, which are finished with feather stitching to keep them flat. This done, the design on the saque is worked after it has been padded slightly with soft darning cotton. The sleeves are sewed in with the seam about an inch in front of the under-arm seam. Silk tape is used to bind the armholes.

A pretty vine design or one showing very small flowers is best to choose for these garments, and they should be worked in the satin stitch, using fine silk floss and a fine needle. The saque is fastened at the neck with a bow of inch-wide wash ribbon the color of the embroidery silk used.

A cape hood is another very useful garment for the young baby. This is made from square yard of white cashmere or flannel lined with china silk, either white or in a delicate shade of pink or blue. One corner of the square is rounded off, the lining basted firmly to the edge all around, then buttonholed in

health office and newspaper asking for the immediate report of all cases as fast as they become known.

Proper measures of control should be instituted immediately following.

The Chicago department of health has issued a booklet containing "information in case of infantile paralysis."

Some of these suggestions are as follows:

"The windows and doors of the room in which the patient stays should be screened against flies and other insects."

"Allow no visitors in the house. 'Other children in the family must stay at home; must not go to public places, churches, parks or theatres. Isolation must be maintained for four weeks."

"Flowers brought to the sick room should not be thrown out, but be placed in disinfecting fluid or burned."

"The nurse and attendants of the nurse or others who are compelled to come in contact with the patient should be thoroughly washed out before leaving the sick room, using freely a 2 per cent. solution of peroxide of hydrogen or 1 per cent. menthol in oil."

"Disinfect all dishes, utensils, bedding, towels, clothes, handkerchiefs, clothing, books, papers and remnants of food, removing them from the room. Sweep and clean room with a cloth wet in a disinfecting solution."

"Do not use a broom unless frequently dipped into a disinfecting solution, and use while wet."

Avoid dust in the sickroom. It is believed that dusty rooms, dusty houses, and dusty streets are important factors in spreading this disease."

DAINTY GARMENTS FOR BABY

It is perfectly natural for women to love to make pretty little garments for babies, either their own or the child of some dear friend. But if she is fond of needlework, the making of these dainty wrappings will be a positive joy unto her soul.

In these the best materials, the choicest designs and the finest needlework are blended, for embroidery on infants' clothing should always be simple in design and very delicately executed.

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WATCH YOURSELF!

When you sit do you lean forward as though your waist were a joint?

Do you "top down" in a soft sort of way, when you are talking to a person you stop to speak to a person on the street or when you slip into a chair to rest?

Do you walk with your shoulders back and your head in its proper place, or do they droop miserably as if you had lost every vestige of energy and your last friend, too?

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[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.]

Cooking Split Peas.

Dear Miss Grey: Can you spare me a few minutes of your valuable time? Can you tell me how to cook split peas? I have tried five or six times and have soaked them in hot and cold water, and then cooked them for six and seven hours, but they always lose their color, and will not soften at all.

Thank you. OLIVE.

A—I think you will like this way: Wash and soak one quart of peas in lukewarm water overnight. In the morning, drain, cover with fresh cold water; boil one hour; drain again and just cover with fresh boiling water, adding a quarter of a teaspoon of bi-carbonate of soda. Pound of ham, cut in pieces, a bay-leaf and a small onion. Boil all together until they mash easily under light pressure. Remove the ham and press the peas through a colander, removing the outer skins. Return them to the kettle add a little butter, milk, thickened slightly with flour, pepper and salt to taste, and let boil up once. Place the ham in the centre of a dish and pour the peas around.

Hints For Christmas Gifts.

Dear Miss Grey: Would you please answer these questions for me if possible?

1. I have a pale green dress piped with black velvet. When washed the black ran. What will remove the stains?

2. What will whiten good handkerchiefs that have become dark when used for a while?

3. What will remove orange stain on handkerchiefs?

4. What will remove peach stains?

5. Would you suggest some dainty inexpensive Christmas presents for girl friends that I could make at home?

PANSY.

A.—1. As the black is practically a dye, I fear that nothing will remove the stain except a restriping of the dress.

2. Let the handkerchiefs lie for 5 minutes in a solution made of a teaspoonful of chloride of lime dissolved in a quart of water. Then wash and hang out in the sun to bleach.

3. and 4. The same treatment as above should remove the stains.

5. If you can crochet, why not make up several of the little crocheted bows which are so much in vogue?

Or, if you are skilful at embroidering, there are heaps of pretty things you can make. A linen pin-cushion top, little jabots, or a centrepiece would make lovely gifts. One girl purchases plain hemstitched linen handkerchiefs and works an initial in one corner with a dainty wreath surrounding it. A cushion-top, a brooch, a small colored handkerchief, would be appreciated, and a guest towel or two, hemstitched by yourself, would doubtless be acceptable to a housewife. Little bags for fancy work, big bags for soiled clothing, fancy aprons and those of the more sensible type are also on the list of home-made gifts that find favor.

Moping Won't Help.

Dear Miss Grey: I am a young girl of twenty-one. I have gone with a fellow for five years. He often spoke of our own little home, and I have longed for it ever since. Now he has moved to the city and the last time I saw him he told me about his girls in the city. What shall I do? Shall I get new friends, or be true to him?

3. What do you think of my writing?

4. What style of a party dress will I get? I have brown hair, brown eyes, red cheeks, about five feet, four inches tall, rather plump in figure, although not stout.

Thanking you in advance, sincerely,

COLLEEN BROWN.

A.—I am sorry for you. It surely must be disappointing to lose faith in a friend of so long standing. But there is one redeeming feature about him—he has told you about his city girl friends, and has not allowed you to go on believing your self to be "the loneliest girl." You are both very young yet, and will probably discover that you are entirely unsuited to each other. So I would advise you to make the best of it. Continue to be friendly with him, but do not deny yourself any of the good times that are rightfully yours. Moping certainly will not help matters. Accept other men's attentions, and if your friend really desires you for his wife, he will not be long in letting you know.

2. It is easily read.

3. I should like a shade of golden brown silk, would make a very becoming dress for you. Trim it with cream lace and a touch of coral velvet.

At a Golden Wedding.

Dear Miss Grey: Am a reader of your paper and take much delight in it. May I bother you with a number of queries?

1. What is the birthday sign or omen of those born on July 31?

2. Expect to be invited to a golden wedding soon. What would be an appropriate gift (something from a working girl)?

3. Do you leave your gloves and hat on while you stay, or do you dispense with

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THE PROGRESSIVE DRUGGISTS.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE FOR FOUR STATES

Michigan, Kansas, Oregon and Arizona Vote for Amendment.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Nov. 6.—Woman suffrage is likely to become part of the organic law of four more states as one result of the presidential election if present indications hold good when all the returns are in. Michigan, Kansas, Oregon and Arizona have voted favorably to such an amendment, though in Oregon the vote is in doubt. Wisconsin defeated it decisively.

Suffragists exerted themselves to have the question submitted to the voters in as many states as possible. Substantial majorities for the amendment were returned in Arizona and Kansas. In Michigan indications are that the measure will be adopted by a small majority.

CONNAUGHTS AT OPERA.

Montreal, Nov. 6.—The first event of outstanding importance in the grand opera season, which opens here on Monday night, was the appearance last evening of the Canadian prima donna Mme. X. Edvina in the title role of Louise. The occasion was made more important by reason of the fact that their royal highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia came down from Ottawa to be present at the first appearance in Canada of Mme. Edvina, who scored a great triumph.

CRITICIZES NEW STYLES.

Woman Horrified at Fashion After Years of Blindness.

After four years of blindness, Mrs. W. X. Edvina, actress, woman of Columbus, Ohio, regained her sight the other day, and got her first glimpse of the latest fashions. The hobble skirt, the sheath gown, and other freakish styles, have all been created since Mrs. Edvina became blind, and were severely criticized by her. When she took her first walk upon the street she remarked after gazing around, "What awful frights women are making of themselves in the new styles."

HOW TO BECOME A NEURASTHENIC

According to a recent issue of the "Critic and Guide," here's how.

1. Eat no breakfast. Indulge in but one meal daily; at any rate not more than two. Eat no meat. Eat freak cereals, vegetables, nuts and fruit. Masturbate every month 268 times—267 times won't do. Take a cold bath every morning.

2. Be massaged daily. Read the health magazines daily. Read all the books on how to gain self-control and on psychotherapy. Concentrate the mind upon the digestion and upon all articles of diet. Upon every possible occasion discuss your imaginary troubles with your friends and coerce your wife into catering to every dietetic whim that you can formulate.

3. GENTLE KNOCK. [Tilt-Bits.]

Toddy—Jennie tells me young Woody proposed to her last night.

What?—I don't think I know him. Is he well off?

Toddy—He certainly is. She refused him.

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