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FOR THE WOMAN OF TODAY

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Normal School Girls Hear Talk on Japan

Miss Matthews, Y. W. C. A. Secretary of Tokio, Gives Interesting Address—Girls to Organize "Y."

It was an extremely interesting message that Miss Matthews, Y.W.C.A. secretary in Japan, brought to the girls of the Normal School at a meeting held in the assembly hall yesterday afternoon. Mrs. A. T. Edwards, president of the Y.W.C.A. for London, was present and occupied the chair.

Miss Tsuda's School.

Miss Matthews described an interesting school in Tokio where some 160 girls attended. It was a normal school, preparing teachers in English subjects for work in all parts of Japan, she stated, and was largely maintained by Miss Tsuda, one of the most wonderful of Japanese women. In very graphic language Miss Matthews told how fifty years ago Miss Tsuda first came to America, when a little girl, in company with four other little maidens, 100 boy students and an embassy of learned men, the object being to study the educational methods of other lands than their own. Miss Tsuda remained in America for about ten years before returning to Japan, and this enabled her to understand two points of view—the Eastern and Western. She could read a novel in English with the same enjoyment that she obtained from a Japanese book, and was one of the chief leaders of women in Japan. In this normal school, Miss Matthews stated, the girls had a branch of the Y.W.C.A. organized, with Bible classes, which were largely attended.

A Progressive People.

The Japanese were a keen-minded, progressive people, and when they visited America or England and saw the slums of large cities, the factories, the saloons and the poverty they would say, "America has not yet solved her own problems; we must be careful how we follow her." The progress of the Japanese nation was evidenced in the new position which native women are filling. Japanese women now sold tickets at the railway stations, were clerks in the banks, operated telephone offices, reported on native newspapers and worked in factories.

Miss Matthews emphasized the need of sending out the best representatives possible to Japan. She did not agree with people who said it would be better first to work out the problems at home. There would always be problems at home; it was impossible to make a perfect London or a perfect Chicago, and then go over to Japan and commence to reform it. The right way was to look out over the whole world and try to cover it all at once with messengers bearing the gospel tidings.

Normal Girls to Organize.

Mrs. Edwards expressed herself as being very glad that the Normal girls were considering the organization of a students' branch of the "Y." Through it they would be associated with students in many portions of the globe and would probably find it interesting to work together in some things at least with the sister society recently formed at Western University.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[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. No letters can be answered privately.]

She's Just Eleven.

Dear Miss Grey—Would you please answer the following:

1. I am 11 years old, am in the Senior Third Book. Am I far enough advanced for my age?
2. I am four feet five and a half inches high. How long should my winter coat be, also my dresses?
3. I am bothered with styes and red eye rims. What is a good remedy?
4. What do you think of my writing?

BLUE EYES.

A.—1. Yes, I think so, but I should advise you not to waste time in the next couple of years if you are to pass the entrance examination at 14—which, of course, you should really aim to do.

2. Dresses from 2 to 3 inches below the knee; your coat may be from one to two or three inches longer.

3. Your eyes are evidently weak, and in need of treatment of some sort. I think really that your mother should take you to an oculist.

4. It is a very good hand for your age.

Louis Riel's War.

Dear Miss Grey—I am a steady reader of your large, favorite London newspaper, and would be pleased to have a little information in regards to Louis Riel's war: what year and how long did it last?

2. Could you please send me the song entitled, "Don't Count Your Chickens Before They Are Hatched"?

3. What year was the first railroad built through Maidstone Cross, Essex County, and how long was it surveyed before it was built?

Thanks to you very much. From your

STEADY READER.

A.—The first Red River revolt under the leadership of Louis Riel occurred in 1869, when the little settlement of French and half-breeds became alarmed because of the treaty between the Government and the Hudson Bay Company. They feared that their homes and lots would be taken from them. All settlers who were thought to be in sympathy with the Government were made prisoners, and one, Thomas Scott, a loyal, outspoken man, was shot at Riel's command. Before a troop of volunteer soldiers could reach the district, the rebellion quieted down, and Riel fled to the United States.

A second revolt took place in 1885, when a number of the half-breeds in company with several tribes of Indians, settling on the Saskatchewan River, arose against the Dominion Government. The trouble was probably increased by the ill-treatment and neglect on the part of the Dominion officers in the Northwest. The rising was brought to an end by the Mounted Police, and an army of volunteers; Riel was captured, tried, and sentenced to be hanged.

2. The query is passed on to some kindly reader, who may have the song and will be good enough to send it.

3. This I have not been able to find out. Perhaps some old resident living in the vicinity of Maidstone Cross will be able to tell us.

To Sing in Public.

A.—1. I think you should interview the vocal teacher whom you say comes to your town, let him hear your voice and give his judgment regarding its possibilities. If he deems it worth while for you to go in for vocal training, do so by all means, if your parents consent. But do not look ahead too far. Be content with taking a step at a time and I feel sure the way will open up for you if you have determination and perseverance. You will without doubt be able to get into concert singing and this is a good way of getting your foot on the ladder. As to the cost, that will depend on the charges of your teacher, and prices vary so much that I cannot give you an estimate.

"What sort of voice appeals to the public?" Well, that is hard to answer, but I think I am safe in saying that it prefers a voice not so much trained that it loses all its natural expression—a singer who can get up and sing out of the depths of her heart, naturally, and as if it were a joy to let the melody flow from between her lips, without too much rolling of the eye, or straining of the vocal chords—that is the sort of singing that appeals to the average audience. Personally, I like a mezzo-soprano voice.

Yes, Billie Burke is really an actress, and certainly her character is good. There are plenty of actresses on the stage today who are working hard, and leading just as good lives as women in any other walk of life. But, however, you are looking a little too far ahead, and need not worry over life on the stage.

2. Spray the pores with this lotion twice or thrice daily: In one ounce of rose-water dissolve a teaspoonful of pulverized alum. If you have no spray, dab the lotion on with a bit of soft cotton.

3. It is fair, but your grammar and composition could be improved upon.

Answer to Scotch Lassie.

1. Your first object will be to get the skin free of blackheads; the second to keep it so. There is only one way of removing them—by pressure. Get the flesh softened by a thorough scrubbing with soapy, warm water, then, after drying, remove a few, having the fingers wrapped in a soft, old towel to prevent bruising the skin. Rub in some cold cream, and repeat treatment each night or three nights a week. A plain diet, exercise in the open air and to keep the organs of the body working properly, will all help.

2. Lemon juice, or applications of a peroxide lotion which you can purchase at a drug store, will whiten your neck.

3. A little vaseline rubbed into the eyebrows at night will help them, but if you put it on your lashes, some is sure to get into your eyes and hurt.

4. I think you should take a few electric treatments or massage by a specialist. This will have a more beneficial effect on your hair than to try treatment at home. No, the roots are not dead, I'm sure.

5. Yes, indeed, plaids and tartans promise to be much in demand, both for spring suits and dresses.

A SENSIBLE LETTER.

Dear Miss Grey,—With much interest I have read Answers to Pond Lily, and wish to say that I cannot understand how any sane woman can marry a man she does not love; nor can I understand how any home can long exist without it. Marriage is a solemn ordinance, and there is no sadder, more lamentable or more deplorable sight than to see a young woman at the altar plighting her troth to a man she does not love. Better a thousand times live a life of single blessedness than risk the ruination of not only her own life but that of others.

A few women do fall in love with their husbands after marriage, but how many there are who do not and who meet some one whom they do love and then the tragedy enacted is often pathetic in the extreme.

If the words of the poet, "Love is of man's life a thing, a part, 'tis woman's whole existence," be true, then I ask, how in the name of common sense can a woman be happy or make her home happy married to a man she does not love, even though she live in a palace, wear silks and diamonds and eat the choicest of vivands.

I would advise you, Pond Lily, that,

"Unless you can muse on a face all day,
On the absent face that fixed you;
Unless you can love as the angels may,
With the breath of heaven betwixt you,"

never allow yourself to be persuaded to marry a man that you know you do not love, for you never, never can be happy and may be the most miserable woman on earth.

MRS. L.

YES, IT IS NICE!

Dear Miss Grey,—Here is another one to ask your help. It must be lovely to receive so many letters of love questions, especially from young men, and oh how well you answer them.

I have just been reading some of the letters in answer to Pond Lily's request of marriage for love. I was astonished at Mrs. G. Tuck being married three times and never in love. I am unmarried, but think love should be the first consideration of married life.

This is my first letter to you, and I would like to ask a few questions. Trusting I shall be favored by a reply, along with the many who come to you for help in love affairs.

1. Out in the country where we drive four and five miles to church in the evening, which begins at 7.30 and usually is over at about 9, and after driving home, is it proper for a young man to stop a while with his lady friend? How late would it be right to stay? Pa says we girls should be more saving on the wood and oil; but mother says Pa never used to think of that himself.

2. If a young man keeps company with a young lady for two years and has told her many times that he loved her, then asks her for her hand as a helpmate, how long should he wait for an answer? Should she not be able to answer him either yes or no?

SISTER ANNE.

Ans.—1. Yes, it would be quite proper, Sister Anne. Good for mother! Of course "Pa" didn't consider the wood and oil when he went a-courting. But don't let the young man stay after midnight. He should really go about 11.

2. Yes, I think after a two-year courtship she should know her own mind well enough to give a definite answer on the spot.

FRENCH NECK PIECE IN LARGE PROPORTIONS.

It would seem from this imported neck piece of sheer Swiss embroidery that the size of the fashionable jabot will never grow less. A collar effect in the back, the usual stand up frill, held in place with a bit of fur, give the affair utmost chic.

OUR ASTROLOGER HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1914.

**Three planets and the moon
Bring mortals many a boon.**

According to astrology, this is a fortunate day for commercial transactions, since Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and the sun are all in benefic aspect.

It is a favorable time for making investments. The stars promise gain to those who buy. There is a lucky sign for real estate and stock investments.

New partnerships are subject to a lucky rule. The signing of contracts and agreement has a happy omen.

Women should make the most of this day's astral conditions. Those who are earning money should profit by influences held to bend men toward justice and honesty.

There is a good augury for seeking positions, for asking aid in any business enterprise and for obtaining support from persons in power.

Under the sway the health is supposed to improve, since the physical forces are stimulated.

Opportunities for advancement should be sought while this configuration prevails.

Theatres should prosper today. The stars foreshadow reforms and novelties in stage productions. Great losses will be followed by gains along unexpected lines.

The seers prophesy that there will be extraordinary questions arising in connection with our relations to foreign powers. Complications of great significance will arise from trivial causes. The Panama-Pacific Exposition is subject to forces that promise gainful results from discouraging conditions. It is predicted that startling incidents will develop.

Persons whose birthdate it is have a forecast of fair fortune. Those who are employed probably will be promoted within the year. For the young, romance is foretold. Women will be particularly blessed.

Children born on this day have their magnetic centre in the sign Capricorn, and Saturn is their principal ruling planet. Boys have the promise of success in business and professional life, as they will be clever and persevering. Girls probably will marry happily.

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"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Tea-Table Talk

Here's A New Stunt. Word comes from Regina that the Women's Association of a certain Methodist Church there have hit upon a novel scheme for raising money. They are doing darning and mending for young businessmen and businesswomen boarding in the city. A moderate charge is made, and the mending done at the weekly meetings of the association. The idea is a welcome change from church bazaars, socials and suppers as a means of raising funds, and the possibility of getting his or her hosiery mended neatly or a patch set when needed will doubtless be gladly seized upon by many a businessman and woman.

Perhaps some folks will say that there is nothing to hinder a girl doing her own mending, even if she is a business-girl. But again, perhaps if those sane "folks" sat all day at an office desk, stood all day behind a counter, fed a hungry machine all day admidst the whirring of many hungry machines, tick-tacked on a typewriter all day, or endeavored to drive "read-in', writin' and 'rithmetic" into the heads of half a hundred young urchins and this day in and day out, perhaps then these sane folks wouldn't feel any more like sitting down to a basket of mending than the girls who really are engaged in these various capacities.

And besides commending itself as a means of raising funds for church uses, surely this would be an excellent method for the wife of the man-out-of-work to add to the contents of the family purse. It should be worthy of a trial, at least!

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Suffrage Debate. Rumor has it that there is to be a presentation of some description at the close of the Suffrage debate to be held in the Auditorium tonight, but just what, and to whom, has not yet been revealed. It has leaked out, however, that the Rev. S. R. Heakes is to make the presentation, which will form an interesting part of a most interesting evening. The speakers on each side are well qualified to put up a good argument, both for and against.

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Without doubt that New York woman who kept her servant for twenty-five years had no husband to find fault with the coffee or the way the eggs were boiled.

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The rampaging of the Mad Mullah is nothing to the exhibition of temper we displayed Wednesday morning when we found the fire out and the kitchen thermometer standing at 4 below.

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An exchange says that "a group of women can become highly excited over the fact that a bride is starting out in married life with machine-hemmed napkins." Yes, but it makes the men's tongues buzz still lounder to hear that the groom hasn't missed a game in the world's series for four years!

The Nomad

Songs of Ye Olden-Tyme

WE ARE ALL NODDIN'.

We are all noddin', nid, nid, noddin',
We are all noddin' and dropping off to sleep.
To keep us awake we have all done our best,
But we're weary and heavy, so home to our rest.

We are all noddin', nid, nid, noddin',
We are all noddin', and dropping off to sleep.
The hour it is late, we'll no longer delay,
But we'll take our hats and bonnets, and quickly away,
We're a' noddin' and dropping off to sleep.

The Home Realm

In cold weather, when the body needs an extra supply of fuel-producing foods, the housekeeper's conscience may permit her to serve pies.

Prunes and raisins offer excellent filler materials for winter pies, especially when the pies are wanted to "top off" a dinner that has not contained a very generous meat course.

Raisin fillings are compounded in various ways. They are sometimes a mixture of raisin and cranberry, again of raisins and sour milk, and still again of raisins, chopped lemon and sugar. Some of these call for the addition of eggs, in which case the pie becomes very substantial.

Pie Recipes.

Sour Cream Pie—One cupful of sour cream, one of sugar, one of chopped raisins, the beaten yolks of two eggs, one teaspoonful of cinnamon and one of ground cloves. Bake in one crust and let get nearly cold. Then make a frosting from the whites of the two eggs and two level tablespoonfuls of sugar. Set the meringue in a very slow oven. The housekeeper who doesn't want to use two eggs can beat up one whole egg for the filling mixture and bake with upper and lower crusts without a meringue.

Lemon Raisin Pie—One cupful of chopped raisins, the juice and grated rind of one lemon, one cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of flour, one cupful of cold water. Cook the flour, water and sugar together and let cool before adding the fruit. Mix and bake between two crusts. Prunes can be substituted for the raisins in this recipe and an excellent pie will result. In this case add a little cinnamon.

Mock Cherry Pie—One and a half cupfuls of cranberries, one and a half cupfuls of water, one-half cupful of raisins. Cook these well, then add a teaspoonful of flour to thicken it and sugar to taste. Bake them between two crusts.

Pumpkin pie is a general winter favorite, now rivaled in many families by pie made from winter squash. Here are recipes for pumpkin pie given by two of the best cooks in my acquaintance:

1. One quart of sifted pumpkin (fresh or canned), two eggs beaten light, one large spoonful of flour, a pinch of salt, two level teaspoonfuls of ginger, fourteen ounces of sugar, one quart of milk. Bake in single crust.

2. One and a half cupfuls of steamed and sieved pumpkin, two-thirds of a cupful of brown sugar, a teaspoonful of ginger, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two eggs well beaten, one and a half cupfuls of milk, one-half cupful of thick cream. Mix in the order given. Bake in one crust, short crust or flaky pastry, as preferred. Give special attention to the temperature of the oven, so that the under crust will bake quickly before the heat has to be moderated to prevent curdling.

The Norwegian women who come to America to live lose their native right of voting and holding office.

WAFFLES.

How to Make 'Em and Bake 'Em Told by Caroline Coe.

Have waffle irons hot before beginning to bake. Grease them well and have side on which the batter is poured very hot. Fill the iron two-thirds full of batter. Close down top and turn at once. Turn two or three times without raising either side. When waffles are properly baked they should be crisp and golden brown in color.

Sandusky Waffles.

Sift two teaspoons of baking powder, one-half teaspoon of salt, pinch of sugar with three cups of flour into a bowl. Put together one tablespoon of melted butter, three well-beaten egg yolks and two cups of milk. Turn into the flour mixture. Beat until a foamy batter. When ready to bake fold in the stiffly-beaten whites of three eggs. Have batter thin.

Do not wash your waffle irons. Rub inside and out with stiff brush and common salt.

SUCCESS.

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche, has accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose money a benediction.

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