

DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE FOR EVERYBODY

Peter's Adventures in Matrimony

By LEONA DALRYMPLE

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The "Shopping" Atmosphere.

GLANCED again at the woman with gold hair. I could somehow see her pawing over bargain sales of lingerie and glistening at the nearest woman who jostled her. I could see her tramping miles of department store floor without any particular object, and like any other man in the face of the eternal mystery of shopping I marvelled.

"But, Mary," I said, "she has to buy something some time, doesn't she?"

"Sometimes," admitted Mary, "but she shops every day, Peter, and she couldn't very well buy every day without overstocking her home and her wardrobe."

"Tell me," I said curiously, "there must be a psychology of that sort of thing. Can you understand it, Mary?"

Peter Praises Mary.

"Not entirely," confessed my wife, "though I do think most women love to stare at pretty things whether they can buy them or not. And there are women who hate to be behind the times in even the tiniest items of dress. They drift about from counter to counter rather checking up on the styles. They can tell you when new dress is changing from low collars to high—they see every new thing and it gives them something to talk about. Listen for a minute to the conversation here, Peter."

I did. It was shopping talk.

"Then," said I, "the real shopper's life is made up of shopping trips and shopping talk—is that it?"

"Exactly," said Mary. "You really, truly shopper thinks, lives and dreams shopping."

"Thank God," I said devoutly, "that my wife isn't a shopper."

Mary colored with satisfaction.

"That's nice of you, Peter, say it," she said. "It's the sort of thing I like you to say."

"It's the sort of thing I frequently think," said I, "but I don't always say it."

"I wonder," said Mary a little wistfully, "why you don't say it more often. It's a pleasant thing for her to hear."

"A sort of self-conscious diffidence, perhaps," I suggested, "and a man does detect that feeling of foolishness that comes when he gives rein to sentimentality."

The Chronic Complainer.

"But it would clear the atmosphere so often," said Mary, "and surely his feeling of foolishness is a cheap enough price for a sweet, pleasant, satisfied sort of domestic atmosphere."

"I shall go to the doorwalker tomorrow," boomed the gold-haired woman with a perfectly audible, nasal voice, and I shall complain about that girl, and I shall tell that store frequently enough to carry a thing to the window for daylight inspection without having a suspicious clerk on my heels."

Mary smiled.

"Can't you imagine," she whispered, "the pleasant time a girl has who sells to her? Your true shopper is always brusque and snobbish, and ready to fight about fancied affronts."

"I believe," said I with decision, "that when shopping becomes an obsession women forget all their gentler, finer instincts. That's why we read about a woman in a store who can't imagine that the woman with the radiator half reaching over the head of a woman in front of her and fishing forth a bargain shirtwaist with her umbrella."

"So can I," said Mary. "And if the woman behind her she'd complain to the floorwalker!"

And then she told me the story.

Today's Fashion

Princess Dance Frock of Blue and Mauve Taffeta.

THE princess frock—out in one from the shoulders to the hem—has returned to favor. It is not the tight, fitted frock of some years past, but a semi-fitted, graceful garment that warms comfort and style to the wearers.

Chiffon taffeta of a gray-blue tint figured with mauve is used to fashion this charming dance frock.

A flounce of lace trims the side and simulates a petticoat below the hem. The lace is also used for the wide, short sleeves.

Chapter, I.O.D.E., will hold a business meeting on Wednesday evening, April 19, at 8 o'clock, at the club house, at 1000 University.

Members and guests are invited.

PAINTING THE LILY

By Michelson



It is quite probable that you would have said that she required no added touches whatsoever. You would no more think of adding or subtracting anything than you would think of adding or subtracting anything from a lovely lily, ripened to its most ravishing perfection. YET she thinks that art may add something to that supreme art of Nature herself, add something not placed by health into the picture of herself.

To Sarah Bernhardt—from an Unknown Friend

By WINIFRED BLACK

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Winifred Black

THE little book shop was as bright and gay as usual.

The window was lined with pretty cards and simple pictures of all sorts, and inside the door the friendly books stood comfortably on their shelves like well-to-do citizens standing on their porches and inviting the casual passerby to step inside and have a quiet chat.

But in the window there was something new, and a little different.

A great bunch of white hyacinths and purple violets in a glass bowl.

The bowl was low and spready and you could see the little stems of the hyacinths, and the delicate bells that over.

The violets were violets, and that is enough for anyone.

"How festive you are this morning," said I to the Nice Woman who always tells me when there is something specially interesting in some of the magazines or if there is a new book out that I really must read or one that I must not spend even an hour on.

"Festive?" said the Nice Woman, inquiringly. Then she glanced at the bowl of spring flowers in the window. "Oh, that is hardly the word; not when you know the story."

And then she told me the story.

had always called it to myself—and I dusted it off and set it in the window.

"And it had not been there 10 minutes before a man stepped into the shop. A fine, prosperous, well-dressed man, middle-aged I should think, and intelligent looking, but nothing particularly striking about him."

"The picture of Bernhardt in the window," said the man.

"It is not for sale," I broke in.

"The man shook his head. 'No, no,' he said, 'I did not want to buy it. I admire her tremendously. She is a great artist. And what courage! Would you mind if I sent in a little bunch of flowers to be set in the window by her picture?'"

"And I said, 'No, of course I would not mind.' And in a few minutes the man was back again, and there are the flowers."

"Wasn't it beautiful of him?"

"I wonder who he was?" said I.

And I do wonder. I would like to know very much.

Not from curiosity, not because he's different, but because there must be something very fine and very good and very true of heart about a man like that.

The young woman, the pretty girl, the great success, the one the world is running after, such as these have plenty of flowers, but when one is ill and longer young and in deep and dreadful trouble, it is beautiful to be remembered.

Here's looking at you, friendly stranger from out of the careless street. May you never lack for a faithful friend and for a loyal heart to be your comrade, if you are ever ill and in trouble and no longer quite so young.

A Bride's Own Story Of Her Household Adventures

By ISOBEL BRANDS

Anticipating the Arrival of Mr. Fly and Mr. Moth.

DON'T wait for summer time to swat home with us, either, and I'm beginning now to pack our winter things away. All our woollens and furs and heavy garments of every description I'm giving a very careful and thorough brushing, and hanging outdoors to air. Some day I hope to own a generous-sized cedar chest, such as mother has, for packing things away. In the mean time, however, I've another solution to the problem.

I bought several tight pasteboard boxes for a few cents from the hardware man. Then I shall pack all the clothing I can in each box, sprinkled with lots of camphor. The covers and corners and edges I'll seal with some of this gummed paper that comes by the box not the slightest moth can force its way in.

I went out before lunch time and ordered screens for every window in the apartment.

Having the notion of "prevention better than cure" in my mind I made another little purchase at the same time. The garbage pail is always attacked as the original and most reprehensible headquarters for the fly family. But I think I'll keep them barred out. I bought a white enamel garbage pail, which is easy to empty and to keep absolutely clean, because there's no crevice anywhere for any substance or particle to stick.

As a double precaution, I also bought some of the wax paper bags for the garbage pail. These bags are not at all expensive, and make it possible to lift the refuse out of the pail entirely, so that the pail itself is not even touched by waste material.

The next step in my campaign against the arrival of Mr. Fly was to send for the government bulletin on "Remedies for Control of Household Insects," in the department of agriculture in Washington sends free on application. I've soon a copy of this bulletin, and it gives a great deal of information, not only about flies, but about some of the other multi-legged friends that are likely to call uninvited on even the best of families.

I don't want Mr. Moth to make his earth from every battlefield of Poland.

Secrets of Health and Happiness

Why an Infected Joint Takes Time to Grow Stiff

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG, A. B., M. A., M. D. (Johns Hopkins)

YOU have been in the best of health. Suddenly you fall ill with a "sore throat." Just when you call the doctor to exclude diphtheria the throat "gets well."

Doctors have to hurry to their patients often or the patient is well before the Aesculapius arrives.

Shortly thereafter—or maybe years afterward—a gritty, grating, rough, creaky, scratchy, rustling-like sound is heard, or rather felt, in the knee joint, shoulder joint, or, indeed, in several joints. This may be the end of the matter, or the process may stop only with a fixed, deformed, stiff, immovable joint.

Lately Drs. Nathaniel Allison and Barney Brooks of St. Louis undertook experimentally to clarify this strange state of affairs. Why the ailments named, together with several other "ankylosed" or immovable joint troubles, joint aches, joint pains, and joint deformities are still called by the absurd name of rheumatism by some doctors and most plain people until it seems as impossible to drive this useless, meaningless term "rheumatism" from the English language as to make diamonds grow on milkweeds.

Stiffness Comes Slowly.

In one of their investigations the St. Louis surgeons found that the disorders which fall to the lot of the knee joint or any other joint depends somewhat upon the part of the bone injured. It depends upon whether the end, the core, the edge or margin of the bone was hurt.

If two surfaces of the bones were denuded opposite each other, soft, fibrous tissue joined them together at the end of two months' healing. No new bone, however, developed.

When two or more surfaces within any human joint becomes immovable and bound stiffly together, medical pundits use the term "ankylosis." This is decidedly better than that foolish word of no meaning, "rheumatism," because it designates a definite condition.

There are many possible kinds of "ankylosed" joints, but three of them are well understood. One deforms or stiffens the hinges of the joint with bony rigidity. Another is partly cartilage and partly fibrous scars, while the other is in part fibrous and in part bony.

The St. Louis experimenters employed dogs and used the knee joints particularly in their researches. The same loving care and attention was given to the dogs as would be given in operations upon mankind. Twenty experiments were performed, during which the joints were infected with bacteria, injured in various ways, and even excision of the joint carried out.

They discovered as a result of their investigations that stiffness and rigid fixation in a joint never comes on suddenly. It is a slow, insidious process which may be stopped. At the end of six days, soft, fresh scar tissue begins to appear between the injured or infected surfaces. At the end of 12 days after the accident or illness, tissue adheres to both surfaces and thus connects them.

Caused by Bacteria.

This soft, interlocking tissue does not become hard and rigid until three months or more afterward. Indeed, bone does not manifest its presence until five or six months or more after the infection or accident.

When bacteria or disease germs were injected directly into the joints—after or during any sickness that led into the joint with the lymph or blood—it mattered not whether the microbes were those of tuberculosis or of pneumonia, or of sore throat or of boils, the extent of this office.

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Answers to Health Questions

E. B. E. Q.—Will you please tell me what to do for eczema on my chin?

A.—Apply at night calamine, 2 drams; zinc oxide, 2 drams; glycerine, 2 drams; phenol, 1/4 dram; lime water and rose water enough to make three ounces.

M. S. S. Q.—I have a twitching of my left eyelid which troubles me frequently. What shall I do for it?

A.—I have a pain at times in either side of my neck, accompanied by swelling and throbbing of the veins. What will help this?

A.—You should have your eyes examined, and bathe them three times a day in a solution of boric acid.

2.—This may be due to an overactive thyroid gland. This is not serious, but you should be quiet and have lots of sleep and no excitement. If the pain is very severe take the anti-thyroid serum.

H. T. D. Q.—I have red pimples which matricate. Can you suggest a remedy?

A.—Avoid all sweets, pastries, candies, starches, vinegar, sour things, oils, fats, greases and hot dishes. Massage the skin clear with a Turkish towel and ice-cold water. Do not use hot water or soap on your face, but instead cleanse it with a good peroxide cream and ice-cold water. A. night apply: Sulphur, 1/2 ounce; spirits of camphor, 1/2 ounce; sorcin, 10 grains; acacia, 1 ounce; lime water, 2 ounces; rosewater, 1 ounce.

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