

arrangement." He has done this in the matter of China and Japan, he has done it as between Great Britain and Venezuela. In the case of the first he had an excuse in the importance of Japan as a market for American goods; in the case of Venezuela the fact of it being on the same continent was judged a sufficient reason, but now Mr. Cleveland proposes to settle the Armenian difficulty off-hand. While I admire the pacific intentions of the President, I cannot for the life of me see on what grounds he justifies this last action in interfering with European affairs. There is the comfort, however, if the arbitration department becomes a separate business at Washington, we may one day see the President settling the difficulties between the Dominion Government and the Victoria Post Office employees.

Some men admire blondes and others take to brunettes. As a matter of fact the natural vivacity of the woman settles it. A feminine may have the choicest skin. It may rival the snow on "Tornea's hoary brow," as Campbell has it, yet fail to make an impression on even a susceptible male heart. No one likes a cold nature. It may be full of electricity, but lacking in magnetism. You know electricity is cold intensified, while magnetism is electricity "warmed over," as boarding house cooks say. Anyway, neither Morse nor Edison knows much about these agents. Ride in the cars with an electric woman jammed against you, and you will have a chill before reaching the end of your journey. You will feel the chill making its way through her clothes into your body. Ride in the cars with a magnetic woman and you will be snug and warm and in the best of humor to the end of your journey, and regret that she got out. Blondes are electric, brunettes are magnetic. There is no danger,

or but little, in one, but lots of danger in the other. But this is not brunette day. Blondes have the floor. Remember that some blondes have hidden magnetism. When they bring to bear their electro-magnetic battery on you, they become mistress. Every man, or nearly every one, can be made a fool of by a smart woman. Men really have more vanity than women. It is flattered by a female smile or any make-believe favoritism. If a female is fool enough to kiss a man before she is engaged to him so that he dare not break it, the chap's vanity is tickled to overflowing. A secret, girls. A true man wishes not to kiss before marriage. He feels that his future wife's lips should be reserved for him. Blondes do not kiss much before or after marriage.

There is very little gratitude in this world. This truth is more impressed on my mind by something that occurred recently. A few weeks ago THE HOME JOURNAL, with the hope of warning mothers against the danger of precocity in their daughters, published a letter which had been sent by a young girl of 13 or 14 summers to a boy a year or so her senior. THE HOME JOURNAL gave no names, for the reason that it was not deemed necessary for the object sought to do so, and further for the very good reason that it did not know the name of the child who wrote the letter. This paper has frequently been thanked by parents for services of a like character, but not so in the case referred to above. A mother who evidently believes that her daughter was the author of the letter published in THE HOME JOURNAL, has resorted to most unwarrantable breach of etiquette in order to mark her disapproval of the publication of the letter. The worst of it is, she visited her wrath upon the heads of the least offending ones. I sympathize with the mother, al-

though I do not even know her name; but at the same time I believe that she would have been a much wiser woman had she taken a different course, and not have added to her humiliation of being regarded as a most vindictive person.

Mayor Teague will not be allowed to have a walk-over. The daily papers contain the announcement that Ald. Keith-Wilson is to be a candidate for the mayoralty chair. Mr. Wilson bases his qualifications for the office in a lengthy card covering many questions now agitating the mind of the public, while Mayor Teague seeks reelection as a reward of faithful services for the past year.

THE HOME JOURNAL has no choice, and when we say that it is the opinion of many that the present Mayor will be returned with a large majority, it must be understood that this statement is not made with the desire or hope of influencing one vote. His friends claim for Mayor Teague that he has presided over the council board in a manner conducive to harmony and effective work; and also that he has shown himself, when the circumstances of the case demanded it, a progressive representative of the people. Mr. Wilson's friends put forward the claim for their candidate that he is a shrewd man of business, and is peculiarly qualified to handle safely the several questions which are likely to come before the council the coming year. While admitting that Mr. Wilson made a grievous error in connection with the Hawk's affair, they say that to err is only human. THE HOME JOURNAL is perfectly satisfied to accept this explanation, and only hopes that the best man will win.

The name of Mr. J. J. Austin is also mentioned in connection with the Mayoralty.

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