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A Corner of Comment

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asked the girl, with a sentimental sigh.

"Don't worry about Jack" was the unsympathetic reply. "Good-for-nothing men always fall on their feet. There are any number of soft-hearted fools to take pity on them."

The sensible married woman snapped off a thread and briskly unwound a spool for a fresh supply. "In my opinion," she continued firmly, "men like Jack are better off in a single state. They never were meant to look after a house and pay rent and taxes."

"They ought to go off to an island in the South Seas and live on coconuts and do nothing all day long," suggested a school-teacher, whose strong subject was Geography.

"Yes—that's about the place for them," assented the married woman. "And then, I suppose, someone would want us to send missionaries to them."

HERE is some excellent advice which many of us need, uttered by an editor who has many calls for counsel:

"I sha'n't trouble to change my frock—I feel too tired!"

Have you ever said that? I expect

Most of us have, at various times. We feel too limp to make an effort, so we only do just what we are obliged to do.

And, of course we're not obliged to change our frock, so we don't! Neither are we obliged to be pleasant to those who annoy us, so we don't try to be! Perhaps, too, we belong to the ranks of those who are not obliged to work, so we become idle and "slack."

We are so busy being sorry for ourselves and our woes that we don't realize how selfish we are. Very often, when we get into a mood of this kind, if we make a little effort to be pleasant, we should find that it wasn't half such a difficult task as we had expected it to be.

A business woman has many an opportunity of proving this, for she simply makes an effort to "pull herself together" and consider the claims of others. Surely those of us who are not content to do this ought to recognize our obligations to others too!

When we get into that limp, "Oh-its-no-matter" kind of mood, we ought to recognize it as a danger-signal. Of course, it "matters" whether we change our frock and try to improve our appearance! We may not care much ourselves what we look like at that particular moment, but others will notice.

After all, it ought not to be such a hardship for us to devote a little extra time and thought to the clothes we wear. Of course, it is foolish to be always worrying about our dresses and hats, but those women who do so often make martyrdom of it.

If they are not over well dowered with money, they sigh and complain that they want to "keep in the fashion" at all times. They must always be making and altering and trimming. Surely that is something to complain of! If they have the necessary capacity, the time, and the artistic skill, they ought to take a keen pleasure in exercising them.

Some women may say they don't care how they look to their husband or other, but they feel that if they are to appear in "company" they must dress to their best.

Always show the best side to husband and brother, who is more deserving of consideration than them?

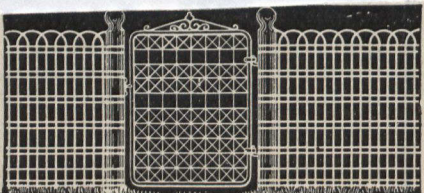
The woman who can make and alter her clothes successfully is to be envied, not only because of her skill and smartness, but because she can always give pleasure to those about her by her appearance.

Haven't you known what it means to suffer from one of these moods when "nothing matters"? And haven't you often found, if you do your best to rouse yourself, don your prettiest gown, and be as pleasant to those about you as you know how to be, that you have felt better yourself?

Or have you found some better way of conquering your mood? I should so much like to hear what you think, so that I may pass on what you tell me to some one or other of my readers who has not yet found a cure for her bad moods.

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