

The Young Woman and Her Problem
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We women and girls like to blame circumstances for our disappointments. Every girl is responsible for her own life. Place these rules before you:

1. I will learn a helpful quotation each day.
2. I will do a thoughtful act each day for some one.
3. I will find something to admire each day.
4. Every day I will learn some definite part of the great aim of my life.

OUR LOVE STORIES

Some very beautiful love stories might be recorded on this page. The Western Home Monthly is proud of the girls who have come to this page for guidance for they have without exception made good.

Last week one of our first girls visited us—a happy bride well fitted to be a good home maker. I love her for the brave courageous battles she fought in the midst of trying difficulties—always coming out victorious. A girl whose parents are not living is really very handicapped at times but often develops greater strength of character than girls whose parents fight all of the battles

well, the orders from her mistress she obeyed willingly. There was always a smile with her work.

At night she studied in her room. During the day she observed. Magazines on literary topics, helps for the ambitious writer, text books and dictionaries she collected until her room became a haven of pleasure for her. Every day she did her work more skilfully, every night she retired with increased satisfaction.

Finally one day in the mail a letter informed her that her story had been accepted. For several months she remained at service in the home—creating about her an atmosphere of harmony. Then an offer of a splendid salary from a magazine editor was offered her. Today she visits the home of her former mistress as a friend of the family who feel honored by the recognition of a famous woman.

THE QUESTION

"Day after day she stands
With aching back and busy hands,
Smoothing the silks and laces fair;
She does not wear.

Night after night she climbs up to her dingy cell
Whose barren walls foretell

The drawn out torture of her future years;

She shudders and her frightened tears
Flooding the roses of her skin,
Turn it to parchment pale and thin.

And then,
We call together sleek and prosperous men.

Fat jowled and double chinmed;
To find out why the girl has sinned."

PREPARATION

The Hon. Dr. Ella Scarlett-Synge who organized 1,000 women into a volunteer corps in Vancouver is now on her way to Serbia where she intends to work in the military camps. She has had experience in the Boer war and afterward took a special course in military sanitation in the college of physicians and surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, and is highly qualified for her work.

Only the most competent nurses are accepted for Red Cross work. Many girls ask me how they may apply for Red Cross service, thinking that little preparation is necessary. The nurses who have gone to the front have spent long hard years in preparation—and when a crisis came they were ready.



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for them. But every girl needs a guide through some of the dangerous places, and the possession of a girl's confidence is a sacred privilege for any woman.

I know four beautiful motherless Scotch girls who are bravely climbing upward and do you know there are men—fathers of families—who are contemptible enough to destroy them? Girls any man or woman who would suggest to you any questionable remark that concerns your character will abandon you at the time when you most need a friend. A true friend will always leave you with a purer and better mind. A true friend inspires—a false acquaintance poisons the mind. I always give this as the test to the question: "How may I distinguish between true and false friendships?"

And girls what will it profit you to gain a few clothes and motor rides if you lose your soul—your opportunity of honest womanhood which is the necessary possession of lasting happiness.

HER STORY

She came from the country to somebody's kitchen as a domestic girl. Someone urged her to go into an office but she would not be persuaded.

"Your life will be one continual round of menial service," they pleaded, but she was willing to do what she felt was best for her. She had dishes to wash and she washed them clean, she had floors to polish and she polished them



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