

Woman And The Home

BILLIE BURKE ON CURIOSITY.



THE MODERN PANDORA.

By Billie Burke.

THE FIRST WORD—Men do not like a woman who cannot keep a secret.

Ever since Adam and Eve left the garden, man has deluded himself with the idea that there is something mysterious about woman. Consequently it is up to the clever woman to flatter his vanity by making him think he is right! "Don't you like a close woman?" asked a man of me the other day.

"What do you mean by a close woman?" I asked in return.

"Why, a woman who keeps her counsel, who does not burden you with her worries, and, above all does not evince a great curiosity about your affairs."

"I have never known but one woman," he continued, "who did not seem at all curious—who was perfectly willing that our friendship should be a concern between her and me alone."

"She never inquired into my affairs with others, although she was always interested in anything that I might tell her. In all the years I knew her intimately I never knew her to say an unkind thing about any one else. And, although she was the frankest person that I have

ever known, she kept her own affairs to herself, unless I drew them out of her with much coaxing.

"She was a brave woman and, because of it, she was often misunderstood, as people sometimes looked for hidden motives when there were none. She did not give her friendship easily, but, when she did, you may be sure that it was for always. She was the truest friend I have ever had."

I am quite sure that this man described the kind of a woman men like. Men hate whiners and great talkers. They want to do most of the talking themselves. The girl who is a good listener and keeps her own affairs to herself while taking a discreet interest in the subjects in which the man with her is interested is one who will win out every time.

JUST ONE LAST WORD—An injudicious curiosity has lost many a girl her sweetheart.

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to you isn't a far happier state of mind than you have known for some time. It does sound rather like a sermon, doesn't it? But such a sermon is one I promise to be more careful in the future.

Ruth Cameron

LITTLE BED-TIME TALES.
By Edith Havens.

THE SANTA CLAUS LETTER.

It was a few weeks before Christmas and Marion and her mother were seated in front of the fireplace talking over the great day.

"Why is it that people never see Santa Claus during the year?" the little girl asked suddenly.

Mrs. Bond smiled. "Why, because he lives away up by the North Pole all the year round," she said. "He leaves his home only once a year, and that is always at Christmas time."

"I suppose he is busy all the rest of the time making toys," said Marion thoughtfully.

"Yes, dear, that is just it. Let me see, have you written to him to tell him what you want for Christmas?"

"Oh, so, but that would be fine; I will write tonight," cried Marion, and she jumped up and ran to her room for some paper.

Back to the dining room she came, and pulling a chair up to the great dining room table she began to write. And how careful she was to spell the words right and to make her letter look neat.

Mrs. Bond read quietly by the fire. Half an hour went by.

"Then Marion went over to her mother and read the letter.

"Would you like to look over her shoulder and see what she wrote?"

"All right, here it is: 'My Dear Santa Claus: 'I want a large doll more than anything else this Christmas. I want it because I would like to cuddle it up in my arms and make believe it was a real live baby. You know when things don't go right, a big doll is such a comfort to look at, and you know you have got one friend in the world who don't make faces at you or call you names. My girl chum has a large doll, and she looks at my small doll and tells me you will bring me a large one some day. Will you? I love my small doll very much. I don't want you to think I am not a good mother, but, oh, I do hope I will receive a big doll for Christmas.'

"Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Marion Bond."

"Splendid," said Mrs. Bond, as Marion finished. And Marion mailed the letter that night.

POISON KILLS GIRL SEEKING BEAUTY.

New York, Dec. 31.—Ambitious to become beautiful that she might return to Greece and be chosen as Queen of Beauty at a festival to be held in Athens in celebration of the downfall of the Turks. Clara Zanathus, 23 years old, who lived in Brooklyn, took small doses of poison she believed would make her still more fair and died yesterday at the Williamsburg Hospital from the effects.

VICE TAKES 8,000 GIRLS A YEAR.

Dr. Mary O'Brien Porter Says That Number Go to Moral Destruction in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Dr. Mary O'Brien Porter, in a brief outline of the work of the protectorate of the Catholic-Woman's League, told guests at the league breakfast yesterday 8,000 young women went to moral destruction annually in Chicago and little less than 2,000 of the young women who start from foreign countries and small towns for Chicago reach here.

CARRIED ON STRETCHER TO WED.

Doctors Said Marriage Would Speed His Recovery.

New York, Dec. 31.—Determined that their plans for a Christmas wedding should not be spoiled, even by the illness of the bridegroom, Joaquin B. Aponte, a former lieutenant in the Spanish army, and Miss Aponte as a lieutenant served both in Porto and Madrid. He came to Brooklyn about five years ago. The bride is a graduate of the Girls' High School.

A LONG COURTSHIP.

Lasted 47 Years and Resulted in Marriage of Pennsylvania Lovers—Serrano Was Deceased.

Brownsville, Penn., Dec. 31.—After a courtship of 47 years Miss Kate Lannin 62 years-old, of West Brownsville, and Samuel Clear, 63, of California, Penn., were married today.

HEAD OF PRETTY WIDOW.

Husband of Victim Found With Throat Cut—Murder and Suicide, Say Louisville Police.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—The police tonight are puzzled over the problem whether or not Philip Jordan, 35 years old, killed his pretty wife and then inflicted injuries upon himself which caused his death at 10:30 tonight.

FIRST SUIT.

To Recover Damages For Death of Passenger in Airship Is Filed by New York Widow.

New York, Dec. 31.—The first suit ever brought here to recover damages for the death of a passenger in an airship was filed today in the Supreme Court by the widow of Victor L. Mason, who was killed in London, England, on May 13.

WOMAN WITH A GUN SAVES U.S. FLAG FROM DISCREATION.

Foreigners Showed Fight, but Three Are Arrested After Long Chase.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Her patriotic blood stirred when she saw drunken Austrians trample the Stars and Stripes in the street, an unidentified American woman attacked the mob single handed this afternoon, aiming a revolver at the leaders and commanding them to desist.

MOTHER IN DISTRESS WITH \$100,000 ORDER.

Mrs. M. Morgenthal Unable to Collect Vast Alimony; Wants to Support Children.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—With judgment against her husband for a lump sum of \$100,000 alimony, Mrs. Marie M. Morgenthal who hasn't even enough money to buy Christmas presents for her two children is eking out a bare existence by doing knitting.

She was granted a divorce from John A. Morgenthal, whom she says owns several valuable diamond mines near Kimberly, South Africa, a year ago by Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham.

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FEAR THAT HIS FIANCÉE WAS TO BE DISAPPOINTED.

The surgeons at the hospital on learning what the trouble was, advocated that the plan of the young people be carried out and the bedside wedding was the result.

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They had been married eight years.

ONE OF THE PROJECTS OF THE ENGLISH COMMITTEE FOR THIS CELEBRATION IS THE PURCHASE OF SULGRAVE MANOR, THE OLD HOME OF THE WASHINGTON FAMILY, WHICH STILL STANDS IN A GOOD STATE OF PRESERVATION.

It is hoped also to place a bust of George Washington in Westminster Abbey.

AT THE THEATRE

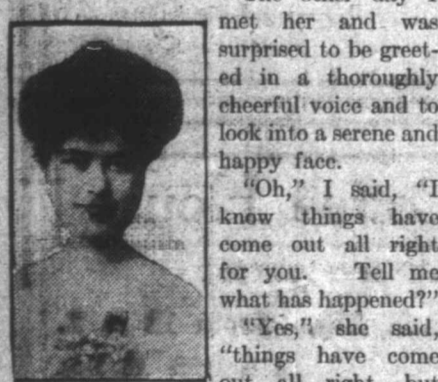
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THREE CHARMING PIERRETS WITH THE VERSATILES.



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If there is anyone among my readers who is struggling against some disagreeable duty, some difficult course of action, I wish he could have seen that girl's serene face and heard her happy voice as she told me of her simple solution of her difficulties.

And Marion mailed the letter that night.

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The groom is a farmer. An attempt to keep their marriage from their friends failed, and the aged, but happy bride and groom were tendered a rousing send-off before leaving the Aubrey residence.

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