

PASSING OF OLD MAIDS

WOMEN WITH RINGLETS AND THEORIES SELDOM SEEN

Parents Are Realizing More and More They Owe As Much to Their Daughters As They Do to Their Pampered Sons.

Old ladies and bonnets have gone out of fashion. Prima, unmarried women with ringlets and theories have ceased to exist. Old maids are dying out.

In a few years' time the typical old maid of our youth will rarely be seen, and a hundred years hence she will probably be dead altogether.

Let us look at what constitutes the present-day old maid. An unmarried woman? Not a bit of it; there are just as many "fidgety old maids" to be found among married women as among those who have not entered the holy state.

Our population is such that a vast number of women must always remain unmarried. There is not the slightest disgrace in that, indeed, there is often honor, because it shows a woman prefers to stand alone rather than sell herself without love to the highest bidder.

Formerly those unmarried women were jeered at, sneered at—politely, maybe, but nevertheless chafed and scoffed at, for being less attractive than their sisters, less amiable than their cousins, or less worthy than their sisters-in-law.

The world was hard and cruel and unjust upon the spinsters. Little wonder then that they resented unpleasant remarks or cruel acts and became querulous and soured, until the fidgety, cantankerous old maid stage was reached. What else could they become?

Girls were brought up to feel that they were not wanted in the world; that they must always be thrust aside for their brothers, whose education swallowed all the family cash, while the sisters were neglected, told to find amusement in making their own clothes on a few dollars a year and to look out for the first eligible man who came in their way, and thus seek freedom for themselves and give relief to their family by selling themselves, body and soul, to the first offer.

A cruel picture, but true, nevertheless. Many of these girls did not secure the husbands they were taught to look upon as a necessity, and the natural result to an unbalanced and uneducated mind was disappointment, which ultimately developed that sorely-to-be-pitied class—the old maids.

Every year is altering the position of women; they are emerging like butterflies from the chrysalis, and, although we folk are not likely to live long enough to see them on an equal footing with men in all things, that day is approaching rapidly, and our children and their children will reap the reward of the women pioneers.

The term "old maid" is now seldom or never heard, the expression "bachelor girl" has taken its place, and many and happy are the bachelorettes in the country to-day, with their independence, their little homes and their own well-arranged lives.

Parents are realizing more and more that they owe just as much to their daughters as they do to their sons, and their first act showing this newly awakened feeling of responsibility is that they are beginning to educate the girls.

It is ridiculous for men to shake their heads and say educated women do not make the best wives and mothers, for most undoubtedly they shine pre-eminently in that line. We have only to look at the biographies of great men to learn how they owe much of their success to the blessing of a clever mother, with a well-balanced mind and mental capacity.

Fools of women generally have fools of sons, because so much depends on early home training; and even a clever father cannot often outweigh an incapable mother's faults. It is a well recognized fact that great men seldom have great sons; but, then, great men generally marry women totally inferior to them intellectually because they have a pretty face or winning ways, and their sons suffer accordingly. There are exceptions, of course, as in the case of the two Pittes, and many of the men who have made history have had no sons, just as Julius Caesar, Michael Angelo or George Washington; but, as a rule, it is the clever, brilliant, well-educated women who have been the mothers of the men who have asserted themselves in the world.

Therefore, let all women be better educated than they have been. They will make superior housewives and more capable mothers, and the vast army of women who must necessarily remain spinsters will have learned to occupy their time profitably, and in more noble walks will cease to tittle-tattle and gossip, will not have time to become soured and cantankerous, and so we shall bury for all time the typical old maid.

Aids Jellying Process.

When you make jelly, do not pour it into cold glasses, but heat the tumblers boiling hot; you will find this aids the jellying process.

Improves the Chocolate

One teaspoonful of strong coffee added to the chocolate just before serving greatly improves it.

THE COMING SEASON'S GOWNS

Japanese Influence to be Felt on Every Line of Fashion.

Unless one is in close counsel with the mysterious beings who formulate our fashions, it is practically impossible to definitely foresee two or three months ahead what will be worn in a coming season. The dear public has a little way sometimes of disregarding the commands of the arbiter of styles and often manufacturers' or dressmakers' decisions will be utterly disregarded from some "dark horse" of fashion—which, by the way is ridden to death. Some of the best modistes of Paris show Japanese effects in their very latest models, which, to say the least, does not point to their speedy demise.

Some of the most advanced French modistes are narrowing the skirts round the bottom and making them cling closely to the figure below the hips in a way decidedly reminiscent of the old sheath-like models that lent to a slender woman sinuous grace and made a fat one appear 10 times more fat.



The first illustration is a dainty arrangement of sheer silk gauze, laid in fine tucks for the deep yoke front and back. The distinguishing feature of the decorative scheme is the combination of cretonne medallions and squares of fillet lace. This trimming forms a deep border running around the figure and appear in the center of the fish of soft white satin. The sleeves of fine all-over embroidered batiste and fittingly finished with straps of cretonne and lace. The fish is cut off very square below the waistline and connected with a large satin bow, with fringed ends.

As a decorative feature cretonne certainly stands in accepted prominence among the ultra-French styles. As a finish to set off to the open mesh lace is immensely sympathetic, the floral pattern for the purpose, being cut out and worked on to the ground of the lace with button-hole stitch or some other simple embroidery.



Quite a stunning frock is shown in the second illustration carried out in French voile mounted over pale green silk. The voile is of the lush cloud modore brown tint and just open meshed enough to allow the shimmering green tulle to show through. The model is of French origin and as a finish for the bottom of the princess skirt a simple pattern of embroidery is used, the work being done with heavy brown silk floss with dashes of pale green here and there. Below this the skirt has a fold trimming of brown panne velvet.

Pale green asserts itself more boldly in the decorative scheme of the bodice, however, being combined with brown embroidery to form the vest above which appears a yoke of handsome Valenciennes lace. The vest is a semi-independent Empire affair, hanging over the top of the skirt with a binding of brown panne. The sleeves match the yoke and straps of brown voile embroidered in brown pale green and silver are draped over the shoulder and arranged in boomer effect beyond the vest and yoke.

The little miss wear a charming tailored coat of heavy white tulle trimmed with its material, edged out with large decorative buttons.

Works Both Ways.

If you are disappointed in your husband after you are married, remember that it is just possible he is quite as much disappointed in you. Human nature is faulty, and it is well to bear in mind that there is usually blame attached to both sides, and that what we all have to do is to make the best of one another as we are, rather than lament that others are not perfect.

HOW TO BUY CURE OF MEAT

In Order To Secure the Best at the Lowest Price.

When buying beef in small quantities it is well to bear in mind that while a cut from the round will not make a satisfactory plain roast it is excellent as a pot roast. A steak from the top of the round, if pounded and rubbed with oil and vinegar half an hour before cooking, may be broiled and will please those who do not insist upon the tenderloin. The "short" steaks are almost as good as the porterhouse if properly cooked, although they, too, lack the tenderloin.

In purchasing lamb or mutton it is possible to achieve good results with small money by the exercise of judgment in buying. Long ago I rendered my tribute of gratitude to the household writer who first taught me the value of a forequarter of lamb or of young mutton.

From the forequarter of lamb or young mutton—which means a yearling lamb—weighing from seven to ten pounds you may secure a roast, a dish of chops, a stew and a soup. Have your butcher "lift" the shoulder out, taking away a good deal of the meat from the ribs as he does so. In a ten-pound forequarter you will have a shoulder roast of from four and a half to five pounds. Your butcher will wish to break the bone—but don't let him do it! Have the piece roasted as it is, and you will find it delicious. For a change you may sometimes have the bone extracted altogether and fill the orifice with good stuffing.

You will now have from seven to ten nice chops, according to the size of the forequarter, which you can broil or fry, and for which you would pay from 20 to 25 cents a pound if you bought them by themselves. Instead of with the rest of the large piece. From the neck and trippings of the chops you can make a stew or a soup or both. The breast may either be cut up into stew meat or else rolled into a little roast and baked. Served with tomato sauce it is an appetizing dish.

If you have a small family you may secure variety in buying a leg of mutton by having it cut in two, boiling the half nearer the shank, serving it with caper sauce and roasting the loin end. Or you may cut a couple of chops from the loin end of the leg and roast the part near the shank.

Veal, too, may be bought with judgment. The fillet is the most expensive cut, but it is no better than the loin or the shoulder. When the latter has had the bone removed (to be used for soup), the hole left filled with a good stuffing, and the meat slowly and thoroughly roasted and served with a rich brown gravy, it is as savory a dish as can be offered, and will bring joy to those whose gastronomic consciences permit them to eat veal.

GUIDES TO HEALTH.

A little soda water will relieve a headache caused by indigestion.

Avoid prolonged use of the eyes for near or fine work; rest the eye by looking at objects at a distance.

If you want your feet to look small, you must buy your shoes very carefully. Shoes ill bought will look big and ugly, no matter how small they may be.

Don't forget to brush the hair for ten minutes every night with a whalebone bristled brush. This may make the head a little tender at first but the tenderness soon wears off.

The white of an egg when beaten with milk and drunk night and morning is of service in mild cases of jaundice. When beaten with sugar and a very little water it will make the voice stronger and clearer.

Table Service.

In entertaining it is better to serve a simple meal perfectly than to attempt a more elaborate one imperfectly prepared.

In waiting at table, pass dishes on the left side and hold them low enough for the persons to help themselves with ease.

All soiled dishes should be removed from the left.

In passing a plate on which the food has been placed, put it on the table in front of the person for whom it is intended. Do not wait for it to be taken from the tray.

Soup is served by the hostess; fish, roasts and entrees by the host. Be careful that hot dishes are served thoroughly hot, and on hot plates, as few things are so objectionable as food that should be hot being served lukewarm.

Salads are mixed and desserts served by the hostess, while vegetables and side dishes are usually served by the servants from a side table, the guests helping themselves. Everything needed for the table should be at hand so that there may be no unnecessary delay in serving. Finger bowls, extra cutlery, silver, cracked ice and an extra supply of bread can all be at hand in case they are required.

An Aid To Washing.

To save the wear on the foot of wash skirts and dresses, get a soft bristle scrub brush, gather it in your hands in a bunch, and work the bristles, with plenty of soap, lightly over it. This will remove dirt in a minute.

QUEEN'S ROYAL NUMBER

Queen Victoria Planned Every Detail for the Young Prince Alfonso at Madrid for the Young Prince Alfonso.

At Madrid for the young Prince Alfonso are the product of his mother's planning in every detail. Queen Victoria has had to yield to Spanish prejudices in many matters, but in preparing the nursery for her baby she insisted on having her own way. The suit is situated directly above the Queen's bedroom and communicates with her apartments by a private staircase. It is on the sunny side of the palace and it consists of a day and a night nursery, a dining room, bathroom, a dormitory for the attendants and a work room.

Green and white are the colors of the day nursery. On the walls is a continuous series of animal pictures. Among the peculiarities of this room, which is to be the royal playroom, is the fact that there is not a sharp corner in it. Every angle is rounded so that the stumbling of the little feet may not result in cuts and bruises.

Another feature is that the room itself from floor to ceiling and every article in it, except the delicately rose tinted carpet of English manufacture, is washable. The windows are protected without with hammered iron gratings of antique design.

The night nursery is adorned with three frescoes, "Morning," "Midday" and "Night." The first shows a baby awakening in a cradle flooded with sunshine; the second a little child eating; the third a little boy saying his evening prayers by his bed.

The furniture is of mahogany, lacquered white. A fringe of grotesque figures borders the walls.

Young Alfonso occupies the same crib that his father and grandfather slept in, but the Queen has had it remodelled. It is used to be ornamented with two high pillars which supported a canopy modelled on the Spanish crown. From this heavy draperies of lace flowed to the ground.

The Queen has had pillars, canopy and curtains removed. The court says she was afraid of the crown's falling and crushing the infant. Most likely it was her modern appreciation of free circulation of air about the child that dictated the change.

All the rooms, though beautiful, are simple. They are planned and adorned in the child spirit. Queen Victoria is something of a fresh air fiend; she inherits it from her grandmother and namesake. The thorough ventilation of the royal nursery has been her special care and it is said she has made sure of it to a degree that fills her Spanish attendants with wonder.

Hat to Wear With Any Gown.

Dame Fashion no longer demands that the hat should correspond with the gown to be a fitting finish to the toilette's ensemble. Nowadays it is distinctly the thing to wear a hat which does not match the frock. Some of the new hats might look rakish if they were not so artistically trimmed, for quite a dash is given to them by the way the brims



are partly turned up along the front. It is also one of the latest ideas to bind the brim with colored moire silk borders, blue and green being favorite shades.

The design pictured here is a full occu mohair braid bound with dark green and trimmed with big silk moss roses and green foliage. Of course there must not be too great a contrast between the hat and the gown but for neutral tinted frocks, one can go the limit in vivid coloring, selecting sapphire, emerald and the violent Chinese vermillions.

School For Girls.

It has remained for a French lady—Madame Adolphe Brignon—to found a university for the training of the perfect woman. It is called the University des Annales, and the opinion of its founder, Mme. Adolphe Brignon, is that it is "one of the smart and soundest institutions yet devised for making women still more womanly."

The University des Annales works on original lines. In one class room a group of pretty girls will study poetic dressmaking and the art of designing picturesque frocks. In the lecture hall the students will be regaled with a lecture on "Woman's Coquetry."

This novel curriculum, it is contended, will minimize the danger of the sweet girl graduate developing into the dreaded "blue-stocking."

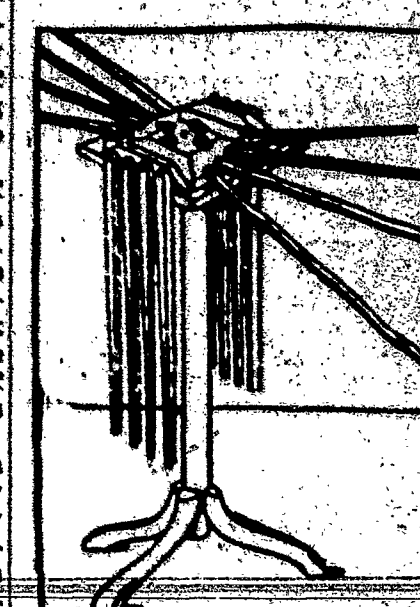
On Rinsing Washing.

If, when doing the family washing, it is a rainy day, rinse and wring clothes as usual, shake them out and leave in basket, putting tubs and everything away. Then when the sun comes out the clothes are all ready for the line.

CONVENIENT CLOTHING RACK

Provides an Easy Method of Storing Clothes Indoors.

The question is how to dry clothing within the house on rainy days to avoid a problem to the housewife. How easily it can be accomplished is shown by the use of the clothes-drying rack illustrated below. The rack is of an iron frame, consisting of a standard, which supports 16 rods—four on each side. Normally,



HAS SIXTEEN RODS.

These rods recline in a vertical position, the entire rack occupying but a small space. The rods on each side are rigidly secured to blocks which are hinged to the top of the rack. By turning these blocks and clamping them to the center of the rack the rods are supported in a horizontal position. It is not necessary to insert each rod in position—as it is usually the case—four rods being clamped at one time.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

Try dipping lamb chops in lemon juice just before broiling them. They are delicious.

Pieces of felt glued to the tips of the chair legs will prevent them from marking the hardwood floors.

Instead of rolling the cream cheese balls in minced English walnuts, try rolling them in chopped black walnuts.

Great improvement will be found in tea and coffee if they are kept in glass preserve jars in place of tin boxes.

Soak the bowl in which butter and sugar are to be creamed for cake. The hot dish will help to blend the butter and the sugar.

Always wrap table or bed linen or any other article of white goods for that matter, which is to be stored away, in dark blue paper to keep it from turning yellow.

Washing Stockings.

There is one part of the family washing usually left to the last, and then slighted, and that is the washing of the stockings. All kinds should be washed carefully and by themselves. Use no soda or strong powders, as it is bad for the feet. Have only moderately warm water both for washing and rinsing. Add a little liquid ammonia to the rinsing water and dry them as quickly as possible in the open air, and give with a warm—not hot—iron. The stockings should be washed in lukewarm water and pure soap. Wash in several waters shake well and pull gently into shape after which they should be rolled lightly in a sheet. This will dry them. After they have dried press with a warm iron.

Superstitions About Brides.

When a bride dreams of falling the night before her marriage she will be lucky.

If a bridegroom carries a miniature horseshoe in his pocket it is said to lead to good luck in the future.

Know a bride directly after the ceremony has taken place, before her husband has had the opportunity to do so, and you will have good luck throughout the year.

If the bride finds a money spider on her wedding dress she will be happy and prosperous.

Syrup Suggestion.

Always use a porcelain or granite ware kettle in making preserves, and use a clean wooden spoon. In making your syrup, be careful not to let it burn or boil over and always skim carefully. If you have old-fashioned preserves that are not in straight jars, and you see some mold coming on the top of them, don't mind it, as it keeps the air from the preserves, and does not injure them in the least, only be very careful when you remove it to use the fruit that you do not let any of the mold get into the juice.

Decide For Yourself.

No greater evidence of weakness of character can be shown than a continual appeal to friends for advice. At times we all need the counsel of a good friend, but constantly to ask for it is like constantly borrowing.

Learn to decide small matters for yourself and learn to decide quickly. Better make a mistake once in a while from too heavy a decision than to form the habit of indecision. It is the first milestone on the road to failure.

WOMEN

THEIR FASHIONS

and styles of dress.

An Uncommon Example.

The Captain's Daughter.

With the Countess of...

When Queen Victoria...

It was indeed a beautiful day, the big trees had just been cut down, and the ground was covered with the leaves of the trees that had fallen. The captain's daughter was crowded with women, and the man next him had just been killed. There was a great deal of excitement, and the captain's daughter was very much interested in the scene. She was standing next to the man who had just been killed, and she was looking at his face with a great deal of interest. She was a very beautiful girl, and she was very much interested in the scene. She was standing next to the man who had just been killed, and she was looking at his face with a great deal of interest.

And it was right for the captain's daughter to be interested in the scene, for it was a very strange thing that I can't tell you about. But I've crossed with Captain's daughter, and she's a very beautiful girl. I shall speak to him about it, and others of like kind. The successful were smiling and looking at the scene with a great deal of interest. They were standing next to the man who had just been killed, and they were looking at his face with a great deal of interest. They were a very beautiful group, and they were very much interested in the scene. They were standing next to the man who had just been killed, and they were looking at his face with a great deal of interest.

As is usual the world over, the buttons prove an attractive feature. The captain's daughter is not in any way different from the other girls. She is standing next to the man who has just been killed, and she is looking at his face with a great deal of interest. She is a very beautiful girl, and she is very much interested in the scene. She is standing next to the man who has just been killed, and she is looking at his face with a great deal of interest.

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