

Of Interest to Women

Search the World and You Will Not Find the Equal of the American Husband—They are Devoted to their Wives in a Sense a Little Different from Foreign Husbands.

Perhaps less would be heard about the frequency of divorce in America if we took into account the vastness of our territory and the immense publicity that is given by the press to the details of private life. Notwithstanding opinions to the contrary, our people, by millions, are happy in marriage and the family as an institution rests on a firm foundation. One may travel through familiar country places for miles, passing from village to village without encountering a single household that has been darkened by domestic disruption. That unfortunately there are divorcees that might have been prevented by a little forbearance on the part of those most nearly concerned, is perfectly true and much to be lamented. Among those who have abundant means or material comfort, and on whom is laid no terrific burden of ever-increasing poverty, divorce followed by remarriage is far more frequent than in any other class. Where husbands and wives toil together for the raising of their children, where each incurs self-denial and makes sacrifices for the sake of the other, there is less danger of fatal misunderstanding than where men are absorbed in money-making and women weary of social dissipation.

A recent novelist, writing a greatly criticized book, placed the responsibility for unhappy marriage upon the wife rather than on the husband. In his view, the American wife was a restless, unsatisfied, extravagant or frivolous person. He pictured her as sometimes reckless, sometimes shallow, and sometimes unscrupulous in business, but, in most cases, they were disposed to be loyal to wife and home. His arguments were not entirely fair to the woman, but, on the whole, they dealt justly with the man.

We may search the world to find a better husband than our own home product. An American husband is devoted to his wife in a sense a little different from the phrase as applied to the foreign husband. Chivalrous by impulse, indulgent in practice, ready to yield almost everything to her slightest wish, the American husband treats his wife as if she were a reigning sovereign. Women of other countries look with envy on the women of America, who seem to them to be the spoiled darlings of fortune. Whereas, in other lands, the man of the house is the personage most considered and the one whose will is law, with us the opposite prevails, and it is the wife who is the dictator and autocrat, and the husband who carries out her wishes to the utmost extent of his power. If American women have more leisure for reading, more opportunities for diversion, more leisure to travel and greater room for expansion in the way of dependence than any other women on the globe, it is to their husbands that they owe a debt of gratitude.

Many of our women have gone far afield to find their companions in marriage. No doubt there are extremely fortunate international marriages, but the girl who marries a man who has been educated in circumstances and according to traditions different from hers runs a risk of being disillusioned. Not her husband alone, but his female relations, nearer or remoter, will play a part in her happiness or unhappiness. Relations-in-law are not always congenial in America, but the American wife and the American husband are both able to deal with them on equal terms, or if necessary, they may preserve relations of neutrality.

The Nerves Problem.

"My nerves are worn to shreds and tattered," wails one matron, "and my temper is becoming so unreliable that I shall probably soon not have a friend left. My only hope, so far as I can see, is to take to writing poetry or brushing up on my music, so that I can make people believe my irritability is due to an artistic temperament. It's not the fashion in these days even to think of giving up one's little weaknesses, yet voices or follies; you just give them a finely sounding name and let them flourish. The snappish declare themselves to be 'highly strung,' the stingy are self-labeled 'prudent and economical,' and the passionate and quarrelsome take to themselves credit for being 'highly spirited.' But the artistic temperament will serve my turn, for I've observed that you can claim unlimited indulgence from the world in general if you have that to back you."

A Recommended Polish.

A good furniture polish, which gives a soft, oily finish to furniture and wood work, is made of one scant ounce of linseed oil, one full ounce of turpentine, and three-fourths of an ounce of cider vinegar. Shake until it is thoroughly mixed; then rub the furniture with the mixture, doing a little space at a time, and rubbing the polish well in; allow it to stand a short time, then polish well with a soft, dry flannel cloth. In polishing furniture or floors, only a very little of the polish should be applied at one time, and it must be well rubbed in. Here is where so many fail—too much applied at once, and too much space attempted before finishing what is begun.

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50,000 TOADS FOR HAT PINS.

Already 2,000 of the Horned Species Are Being Metalized.

Two thousand horned toads, shipped direct from Texas, are being "metalized" at Waukegan, Ill., as part of an order for 50,000, to be used as hat pins, the order being placed by Chicago and New York jobbing houses.

At the Metallic Reproduction Company's plant, samples of the new hat pins are now on exhibition, and women doubtless will consider them very "thing." They retain their iridescent pinkish hue through the process of receiving glass eyes after being metalized. The same process used in



metalizing flowers and other articles employed in immortalizing the dead. They are first killed by gas, after which a long pin is run through them and they go into the chemical tank. The process shrinks them a trifle, and after they become metallic they are light, but they retain their original shape and color. It is said that the jobbers expect Illinois to stand to be denuded of toads.

The manufacturers say the human body could be treated by the same process and be practically indestructible for all time. Millions of American Beauty rose buds and other flowers have been metalized into hat pins of similar ornaments, but this is the first attempt on a large scale, to metalize reptiles for the purpose.

MRS. HATTON TELLS CHICAGO WOMEN WHAT TO DO TO KEEP THEIR HUSBANDS

Mrs. Hatton, said to be an expert in affairs of the heart, has told Chicago women how to defeat "love pirates" and keep a husband. Here are a few homoeopathic doses of her panacea:

Deceive him into thinking you are prettier than you are; such deceit is the highest part of love.

Never let him know how you keep pretty; a woman who goes to bed with cold cream smeared on her face ought to be ostracized by her husband.

Use cold cream, massage and exercises and do all kinds of beauty stunts, but don't let your husband know it.

Keep your husband guessing so he'll say to his friends: "She always looks about sixteen, although she neither paints, powder nor bant."

Do not eat too much and become overloaded with fat; then it will not be necessary to get a figure by artistic corseting.

Use your brains and keep him in dense ignorance of your skin foods, bath lotions and the like, which can be done as well after as before marriage—and always be a miracle to him.

Use those subtle devices all women should know to keep beautiful despite housework and other domestic duties, and you may be still pretty, fascinating and healthy after ten or twenty years of married life.

Be as pretty on rising in the morning as when you retire at night.

Never let your husband see you with your hair crimped.

Keep your beauty secrets and you will hold your husband and foil all "love pirates."

Above all things, stay beautiful and don't let him know how you do it.

Two Noble Women.

Carmen Sylva is Queen of Roumania. Carmen Sylva, in gentleness and abounding charity, is the ideal Queen. She has given her life to the healing of sorrow, and more especially in a wonderful mission to the blind.

When Frances Fearn's life was broken by the death of her brilliant husband and she in despair Carmen Sylva said to her: "Share my work and be my comrade in helpfulness to the world." The American woman accepted the mission, and still young and beautiful and gifted, she has consecrated her rare gifts and graces to the afflicted, and is carrying comfort and peace and hope to the blind.

The Roumanian Queen and the noble American are twins in the royal grace of unselfishness and usefulness.

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Widows Get Out Their Claims of Remarriage That Is Good News to Chicago and New York Jobbing Houses.

"Is the widow going out of favor in the marriage market?" I asked the registrar of a populous district.

"Oh, decidedly," he replied. "You know that fewer people of every kind marry now than formerly. Thirty years ago, out of every hundred marriageable people about six would marry in any year; now the number is less than five. But the widow's chances have declined far more than the spinster's."

"I can only explain the matter clearly to the figures. Thirty years ago the widow was extremely popular among men about to wed. She was always so since we first began to keep account of marriages, but from 1875 to 1877 she carried all before her."

"You must remember that there are many more spinsters than widows in the country at all ages up to forty, and especially up to thirty-five."

"Now, the great marrying age for women are from nineteen to twenty-eight or thirty. Yet in spite of that fact at the time I speak of no fewer than ten out of every hundred of the year's brides were widows. What is the number now? Just six. The widow of 1908 is only half as popular as the widow of 1875."

"But it must not be supposed that the widow has dropped entirely out of fashion. Nothing of the kind. She is gradually losing her supreme position, but she still has a decided advantage over the woman who has never been married—and this at all ages."

"The young widow is preferred to the young maiden, and the middle-aged and elderly widows have it all their own way."

"I must give you figures again, for there is no other way of making a true comparison."

"Up to the age of twenty there are practically no widows. Just a few, in every thousand girls aged from fifteen to twenty there are 255 unmarried, and so all the brides of this age, with the exception of two, were spinsters. At twenty the widow begins to appear in force. From this age to twenty-five there is one widow in the population to each 318 unmarried women. She is lost among the crowd, one would think, and yet she goes off faster than the spinster."

"We are dealing with the year before last, the latest year about which the registrar general gives his account. In this year no fewer than 123,000 maidens in their twentieth to twenty-fifth year married. It is the greatest marrying age."

"There were only 211 widow brides, but considering the small number of widows of this age in the country they were as popular as the widows of 1875, more of them would have got married."

"Curiously, while the bachelor shows a preference for the young widow, the widower apparently likes the spinster best," said my informant, who proceeded to supply figures which showed that from the age of twenty-five to the age of fifty-five widows continue to have better chances of marriage, although, as has been shown, these chances are lessening every year."

Broll Chops in Paper.

Chops, birds and dry fish are most delicious when broiled in paper. A sheet of foolscap paper is spread with either olive oil or butter. It should always give preference to the former; when the article to be broiled, salted and peppered, should be laid on the lower half and the upper part folded over with the edges together. Begin to broil at the edge and fold over the lower side and ends several times, pinching together close to the meat. Place in wire broiler and broil eight or ten minutes over a steady, slow fire, turning often.

The paper will char a long time before igniting, and the contents will be baked in their own juice. When the paper is well browned the chop or bird is done to a juicy, delicate and digestible turn. Serve in its envelope, which conserves the heat and juices, the very minute of serving. A few sprigs of watercress add to its attractiveness and digestibility. The large fillet of chicken broiled in this way is delicious and easy of assimilation. Squabs or quails should be split down the back and wiped dry before broiling. A tenderloin of steak may also be broiled in paper.

A Statesman's Discretion.

If discretion is a virtue on the part of the average man it is a positive costly with emperors and statesmen. This truth was realized by Madison at the outset of his political career. Shortly after his marriage he said to his wife: "Shall I tell you anything, and you can say anything? Or shall I tell you everything, and you say nothing?" She chose the latter alternative, like a woman, and like a wise woman rigidly adhered to her part of the bargain.

Horticulture for Women.

Women are as much interested in the products of horticulture as men, yet they are not interested in the business they should be. We are most interested in what we work for. Therefore, if you are not interested, work on an interest. It will bring you out into the glorious sunlight, and the fresh air will bring roses to your cheeks and add pleasure to your life. —Mrs. Emma Fay.

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MAKING WITHE CHEESE.

A Number of Good Dishes for Luncheon or Supper.

Cheese and Nut Sandwiches.—Chop pecans, almonds or English walnuts small; mix the nuts into an equal bulk of cream or Swiss cheese; add a dash of paprika, and use in spreading a bread prepared for sandwiches. A heart leaf of lettuce, dipped in French dressing, may be placed between the two pieces of bread.

Cheese Relish.—Cut one-quarter pound of cheese into slices; put into a frying pan, pour over it one large cup of milk into which has been mixed one-half teaspoonful of dry mustard and a pinch of salt; add a piece of butter, size of a walnut, stir all the time; have ready some cracker crumbs; sprinkle them into the above mixture; when thoroughly mixed turn into a warm dish and serve. Nice for luncheon.

Cheese Patties.—One pound of cheese, one-half cup butter, two and a half cups of flour, one-half teaspoonful salt, two eggs, beaten thoroughly; then add other ingredients. Roll out about as thick as pie crust; cut out and bake in a hot oven to a golden brown.

Scalloped Cheese.—Take four slices of bread, remove the crust, and butter each slice, and put in a buttered baking dish in layers, then chop one-quarter pound cheese and sprinkle over it one salt and pepper. Mix four well beaten eggs with three cups of milk, and pour over the bread and cheese. Bake in a hot oven as you would bread pudding.

Cheese Straws.—One cup of flour, two cups grated cheese, one teaspoonful butter, pinch of salt, one scant teaspoonful baking powder; mix with water and roll out like pie crust; cut in strips and bake a light brown. Nice with salad.

Cheese Fritter.—One cup of ground crackers, one cup milk, three-fourths cup cheese, two eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately light; stir all together and bake in a quick oven; serve immediately.

The "Oblong" Woman.

The question has been arrived at among certain members of high-class society to wear suits and dresses that "the oblong woman" is to continue, and highest dress forms will be the feature of future wearing apparel of this class. Among individual makers,



however, practically nothing but the rinceps dress obtains, but it is so varied that each one seems to be in a class by itself. Some are so severely simple that they really take the place of the unfaded suit. Many are "oblong," but many, too, are fitted to the figure quite to the hip line.

She Learned Something.

The "Talk to Mother" was over, and the earnest settlement worker was having an informal chat with the members of her audience over a cup of tea.

"I never come here, but what I hear something real useful," said the mother of six small daughters.

"I'm glad to hear that," said the settlement worker, cordially. "We have really anything to help you to get? I felt so tired, and what I said seemed very stupid."

"Indeed, 'twas fine," Mrs. Dougherty assured her. "And when you

talked about the difference between children and the difference between parents, you said, 'You put your help-

ropes and geraniums in the sun to dry, but the fuchsias need the shade,' says you. And there I've got lovely fuchsias in a present on my birthday, and I never knew what all-

to be getting so good-looking, and because I've had it right out in the sun! You'll never find me any more the same! Talk to Mother, my dear! I'm sick in my bed!—Youth's Companion.

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