

A MAN'S WORLD?

By JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Mr. Husband, have you ever complained when the little wife stayed late at bridge club and made you fix your own dinner?

Have you ever chafed over a stack of dirty dishes while the Missus enjoyed a vacation at the lake?

You'd better take it and smile, Mister, because things are looking bad for the Man of the House. Woman, using her wiles and wisdom, is getting a strangle hold on the nation's purse strings and edging her way into almost every field of activity once marked "For Men Only."

The time may come when a struggling young business woman asks the man of her choice to love, honor and obey, to keep house and raise the children. All of a sudden—after it's too late—we're realizing that American women are in a fair way to dictate how tomorrow's social structure shall be formed.

Today's women hold—or expect to inherit—70 per cent of the nation's wealth. With such a financial weapon in their power, it is only fair to assume that politics and industry may soon be in their grasp.

Figures Are Overwhelming.

Eighty per cent of America's \$104,500,000,000 outstanding life insurance has been assigned to women. Since the proud beauties average a six per cent longer life than mere man, they're in a fair way to collect most of it. Moreover, women constitute 49 per cent of the 15,000,000 stockholders in American corporations. They hold titles to 40 per cent of our homes and control 85 per cent of the national buying power.

Once they gain a foothold in the business world, determined women usually succeed. The following list of salaries paid top-flight women executives two years ago is far above average, but it will make many a male wage earner jealous:

Sarah M. Sheridan, vice president, the Detroit Edison company, \$27,762; Edna Newton, editor, the Conde Nast Publishing company, \$28,865; Helen Neuschaefer, secretary, A. Sartorius & Co., \$30,000; Sophia R. Louttit, Providence, R. I., laundry company head, \$36,000; Blanche Green, president, Spencer Corset company, \$57,629, and Valeria Bonham, president, Valeria Homes, Inc., \$40,000.

Most women workers aren't high-powered executives, but their aptitude for traditional men's jobs is amazing. A Cadiz, Ohio, woman spent 23 years in a coal mine, and a Minnesota woman works beside her husband as a "lumber jill" in the North woods.

Perhaps the most outstanding woman today is Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of China's ruler and often considered the real behind-the-scenes boss of the Chinese "republic." She is in charge of air forces in the current war with Japan and is said to have executed several minor officials for accepting bribes.

Women in History.

And why shouldn't women take an important role in world affairs? Mrs. Charles A. Beard, author of



Women, thousands of them, pack into subways, street cars and suburban trains each day in metropolitan centers, competing with men on even terms for supremacy in commerce, industry and politics. Where will it lead?

jury service observed that fewer women were disqualified for lack of knowledge of court terms than men. "Women are more honest than men in admitting they don't know the answer to a question," he said. "Men try to guess at the answer; women just say they don't know."

In New York a prominent judge explains that when women are helping decide court cases, the attorneys for both sides need to sharpen their wits, since ladies of the jury will not bow to emotionalism like men. Surprising, isn't it?

Man Offers Rebuttal.

At this point, since Mr. Husband probably feels pretty downhearted, it's pleasing to run into a friend like Sinclair Lewis, the novelist, who says women are not ready to rule America.

"Women have been too prone to interfere with things," he says. "They have consistently rushed into all sorts of reform movements and made everyone very uncomfortable. Prohibition was a neat little job put over by the ladies. Look what it cost the country and the havoc it created before the law was annulled. We're still suffering from the effects of it."

Although Mr. Lewis will not find total agreement on his prohibition argument, most men will concur that women are upsetting the social apple-cart by demanding equal rights. While insisting on being given all the privileges of men, they have not accepted the responsibilities. That—at least—is the opinion of some men who politically stand up

"traditionally and unsoundly considered of low money value."

They're Strong Haters.

Point three (and here's a good one, Mister!) is that women are not the suave diplomats required for success in business. When it comes to real hate, women are tops, ac-



Miss Edna Nelson, stewardess for United Airlines, is one of the large army of trained nurses now following this romantic profession.

According to experts in the British divorce courts. Men, being tougher, are just meek second-raters. The learned experts explain that the cruel streak in feminine makeup comes out especially when the object of their hate is another woman, proving that women will never be successful in business dealings with other women. The same experts say that men forget more quickly. Women, like elephants, will never rest until they get satisfaction, if they think they've been wronged.

The fourth point comes from testimony given by the working girl herself, an energetic young Boston secretary who rushes home with an armful of groceries each night. She's a housewife.

"How much does my salary really mean to my family?" she asks. "A good three-fourths of it is wasted on such expenses as a maid, extra food, luncheons, carfares, clothes, laundry, etc. That could all be cut out if I stayed home and did the job nature fitted me for. In other words, for about \$10 a week, I'm depriving my youngsters of their mother when they need her most, and working myself into a nervous stew in the bargain."

"And anyway," grumbles her husband, "it ain't fair. The fact that my wife and several million other women are working keeps my salary down. She gets home late every night and I eat canned beans for supper. The beds are never washed and the house looks like a shambles. If this foolishness doesn't stop pretty soon I'm going to—"

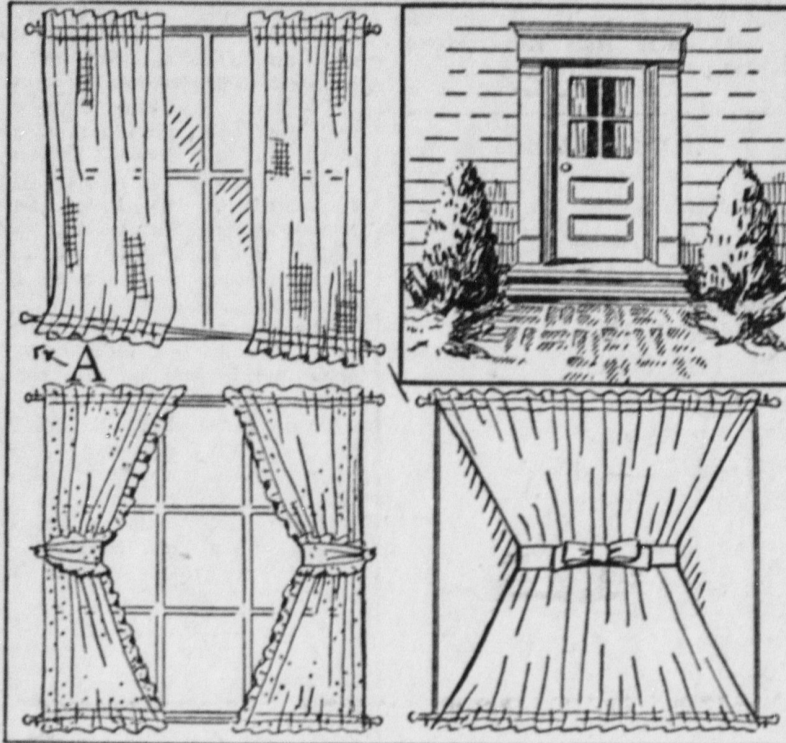
"Okay, Mister," answers the wife "why don't you try washing dishes yourself now and then?"

Which makes a fellow suddenly realize that women always have and always will, direct the destiny of mankind.

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HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Curtaining Your Front Door.

YOUR front door greets your friends before you do. Is it dressed to look its best? Here are some simple rules that will be useful in selecting the material and style for front door curtaining.

Choose a fabric that looks well on both sides and that harmonizes with the outside color of your door as well as with the color scheme of the hall or room into which it opens. A simple net curtain material or plain silk are good to use but if your door is white on the outside think twice before you choose the usual ecru or pongee color. White net or silk of a color to match the shutters or the trim of the house will look infinitely more attractive and will not be too conspicuous. The curtains may be made double with a different color on the inside if need

be. Pale yellow is another color that is always safe to use as it gives the effect of light shining through the door.

These curtains should be firmly anchored both top and bottom so that they do not blow about and catch in the door when it is opened and closed. Both bottom and top rods may be fastened over hooks as shown here at A.

Every homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; curtains for every type of room; lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents (coins preferred) to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

Cardinal Truths

The poet Shakespeare said that, in portraying the inner soul of man, he must present the same truths that are so fully presented in the Bible. . . . Shakespeare is not always speaking of holy things. He often draws the portrait of immoral characters, but he draws them true to life and always in such a way that he never commends vice.

Coleridge said truly: "Shakespeare has no innocent adulteries, no virtuous vices." . . . Macbeth reached the height of his ambition, but he lost his own soul. Shakespeare brings sin to judgment.—Carl Ackermann in "The Bible in Shakespeare."

Mistake-O-Graph Answers

1. Jake's picture is not fastened to the tree.
2. Large fish is being pulled from the ice.
3. Old gent is skating on water.
4. One of his skates has a bent blade.
5. He has only half a skate on the other foot.
6. Man is ice skating with roller skates.
7. Milk jug is foaming at the mouth.
8. Bench has no legs.
9. Sights are on the bottom side of the gun.
10. Gun barrel is bent.
11. Girl jumping over barrel wears two types of skates.
12. Man has no hands.
13. One side of his glasses is square, the other round.
14. Man is outdoor bathing in freezing weather.
15. Word "sents" is misspelled.

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Favorite Recipe of the Week

Baked Peaches for Garnish or Dessert.

CANNED peach halves baked in their own syrup with the addition of sugar, butter and a suspicion of cinnamon make an ideal fruit to feature with the meat course or they are equally delicious to have for dessert. Serve them hot or cold but hot fruit during the winter months is especially good.

Baked Peaches.

1 No. 2½ can peach halves 3 tablespoons butter
¼ cup brown sugar Cinnamon

Pour the peaches and the syrup into a shallow pan, a cake pan is convenient to use. Turn the peach halves so the cut side is up. Sprinkle the sugar over the peaches, place a piece of butter in each peach where the pit was removed and sprinkle them ever so lightly with cinnamon. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees) until the sugar on the edges of the peach begins to brown, or about 30 minutes. If you wish a more pronounced brown edge, set the pan of peaches under the broiler for a few minutes.

Canned peach halves are delicious prepared in this same manner. If the fruit is served as a dessert, plain cream is nice to serve with it.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

To Bake Potatoes.—Potatoes will bake more quickly if cut in halves. Melt a little butter in a baking pan, place halved potatoes cut side down in it and bake.

A Winter Salad.—Chopped raw cabbage, apple and raisins, served with mayonnaise, make a delicious winter salad.

Breakfast Notion.—People who like a slice of fried bread with the breakfast bacon should try damping the bread slightly before frying it. No matter how stale it is, it will fry beautifully crisp on the outside and "light" on the inside.

Preparing Oysters.—A little baking powder added to the flour in which oysters are rolled before frying will make oysters light and fluffy.

Judging Cod.—Cod should be judged by the redness of the gills, the whiteness, stiffness and firmness of the flesh, and the clear freshness of the eyes. These are the infallible proofs of its being good. The whole fish should be thick and firm.

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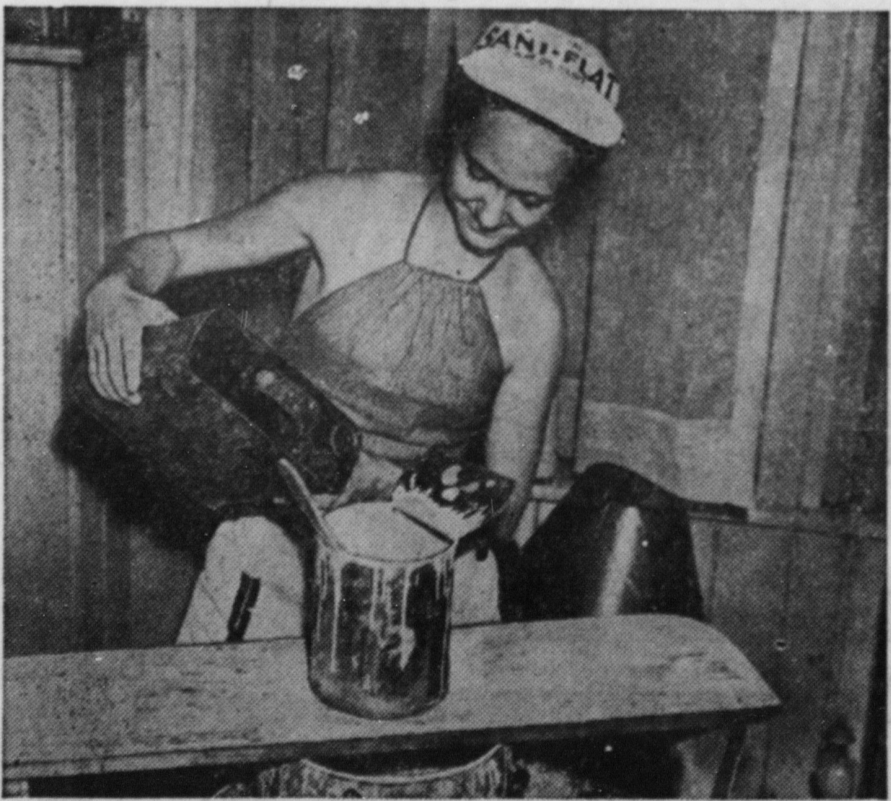
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Mistake-O-Graph



In the midst of the snow and icy blasts, our artist friend took a few days off last week to visit his folks back home in the hill country. While there he participated in the skating party, and made the sketch. We see several bad mistakes, however. Can you find fifteen? Answers will be found above.



Modern women follow every trade and profession from carpentry to medicine. The comely lass in this picture is getting ready to paint a house.

"On Understanding Woman" says the first sharp distinction between animals and the human race (anthropologically speaking) came when woman started industries and agriculture during the cave years.

Certainly the list of women who have altered world history is tremendous. Cleopatra, Josephine, Queen Victoria and Joan d'Arc are but a few. The list must include the contemporary Wallis Warfield, duchess of Windsor.

While many women owe their success more to charm than ability, it cannot be denied that the ladies have their share of intelligence. In Buffalo, N. Y., an official who examined more than 1,700 women for

in the crowded street car at night, giving their seats to business women. Much to their dismay, working girls find this chivalrous custom disappearing.

The second point in defense of man's continued supremacy is a tendency to pay women smaller wages. Recent United States Department of Labor surveys show a difference of from 50 to 60 per cent between men's and women's salaries on the same type of jobs. Season, location and occupation seldom alter the situation. The reason, according to Miss Mary Elizabeth Pidgeon, who made the study, is that women's work has been concerned largely with unpaid household tasks,