## THINGS THAT INTEREST EVERY WOMAN—USEFUL HINTS FOR THE HOME AND BOUDOIR

#### SECOND MARRIAGES

#### Ellen Adair Discusses Their Merits and Demerits.

Suestion of the second marriage. Its expedfency or inexpediency depends upon the individual case, and no hard and fast rule can be laid down for or against it. Unfortunately, however, the second mar-biage frequently proves a failure, and the jarring spot. where this is the case, it will be generally found that such a result has orig-Insted in the fact that there were children of the first marriage still dwelling

A certain projudice will always exist In the heart of the average child against the mature woman who would the stepmother. In all the story books proved the model wife and mother. and fairy tales from Cinderella upward, who is held up as an example of unkindness and frequently positive cruelty.

what of a trying time herself is seidom considered. Her position is a difficult one, and requires endless tact and patience. She has just come into a new nome, where the love of her husband is assured, but where she must set herself out to win the love of his children. They are inclined to be antagonistic towards feet, and she has to overcome that antagonism first of all before any progress. Can be made towards winning their affection. If she be at all sensitive, she will feet that she is somewhat of an intruder, and such a feeling is far from pleasing!

Self!

When a woman marries a second time. When a woman marries a second time. If she has children of her first marriage, the results often incline to be happier than in the case of the widowor's second marriage is very successful, even more so than former ventures. And why? Because one or other of the parties to the second marriage has already had his or her full share of matrimonial experience, and can bring the full force of that experience to bear on all the little ups and downs of married life. One lives and learns, and as the years pass, they bring patience and tolerance with them. That the stepmother may have some-For instance, take the case of the patience and tolerance

Can Hearts Be Broken?

Hearts, we are told by scientific men,

Perhaps that may be true in one sense,

but in another it is not, for there are blows dealt by fate and by others that strike the heart with such keen force as to destroy its health and interest in life

for good, and render it feeble and in-

most certainly slain.

That the organ goes on beating does not mean that the soul of the sufferer is really alive. It is languishing in misery and pain, and its joy and happiness are

The cruelty of another has done this.

never to bring about this fearful calam-fly through our selfishness or thought-lessness. A girl must take heed that she

this should happen through no fault

she didn't make so much noise. A fellow

hates to take a girl out who has every-

body looking at her, because she makes herself unpleasantly conspicuous. Her

her showing off."
"She does nothing of the kind; she has

looks are all right, but deliver me from

necessary to be most careful

THE NOISY GIRL

"Adele is a dandy-looking, nice girl, if | exaggerates personal incidents, and does

as to be practically out of the question.

Much controversy circles around the young girl who marries a widower with young giri who marries a widower with a large family. She does not understand the ways of children, and the years have not yet brought wisdom to ber, nor that most important gift, tolerance.

It is hard, too, on the man, for he may

> If a man wishes to marry should consider the children of is a curious fact that he seldom does however, and will proudly select youthful, giddy girl, whose pretty and irresponsible, childish little When storms and tempests arise be-tween his bride and his children, he is surprised and worried, hiaming every-

> one, but the only culpable party, him

#### People Who Come Between

of the most fatal things for the do not break, or, at least, so very rarely friends of two lovers to attempt to do is to come between them.

dreamed would happen Love is entirely a matter between two human hearts, and its ups and downs

must be encountered and its problems solved by them alone.

If it were possible for any one to explain fully to another all that they mean by their love, perhaps that other might be able to act as a go-between, but as it is not possible to reveal the mystery, it is both kinder and wiser for an outsider.

never knowingly kindles the flame of love where she cannot add the fuel. And themselves. As for those who wantonly interfere for sheer love of meddling, their punishment ing materials, she is really seeing her tell us that the 5 or 10 cents are included of hers, then she must try to gently quench it as kindly and quickly as she cannot be too severe, since for their own foolish self-importance they risk the hap-

No wounded hearts should form her pride; her touch should be one of healing, and her mission one of help. To bind up the broken-hearted is nobler work than to add to their numbers.

foolish self-importance they risk the nappiness of others.

More harm has been done by an ill-judged, if well-meaning, interference than by even the most callous indifference and lack of sympathy.

all in her power to draw attention to herself.

Most men of any judgment



TWO LITTLE PARTY FROCKS OF QUAINT CHARM

### They, the friends, usually have the very best of motives for intervening, but it is a dangerous task to undertake, and in nine cases out of ten it is bound to have consequences that the kindly friend never OLD IRON TODAY?

#### By MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK.

own old rags in a new form. For in the total of our bill. modern science like Cinderella's fairy godmother, can transmute a ragged myopia. We are so short-sighted that dress into paper, carpet, roofing material and many other articles of use which is no longer of value to us. Bein the home. One of the most impor- cause we, are tired or finished with it tant dealers in roofing materials said seems adequate reason why it should do recently that it was impossible to buy no good to any one else. Some of us, it rags in America; that we are actually is true, have the worthy habit of sending importing from Europe millions of pounds of rags which their more thrifty inhabitants save, but which Americans quickly and entirely disgusted with such behavior. It is so evidently playing to the gallery that they naturally refuse the attention she invites. She may be pretty or dainty, but if she tries to ad-

said Bob's little sister, and added spite-said Bob's little sister, and added spite-fully: "It's just like you, with your big ears; she was just born with it. She and attractive thing. The expression of hence the housekeeper herself. "Yes, she can, too," he returned. 'No such a nature insvitably comes out at the have not heard from Mr. Brandeis comen needs to wave her arms and bob a party or social gathering. The girl that American women are wasting as her head around and make the grimaces who is fortunate enough to possess such a gift is always surrounded by admirers of both sexes. Gentle raillery and sparkmillion dollars a year by falling to save and give to the right persons the rags. bottles and old fron, but we feel sure that

AUTHOR OF "THE NEW HOUSEKEEPING." in the rag market? In the first place, to save a clear white medicine bottle many a housekeeper does not know that costing only a nickel? Or a colored glass such a market exists. But when she bottle which seems only in the way? Yet however dear to both parties, to leave writes on her linen lawn, when she we pay the nickel or the dime over again any difficulty to them to overcome for steps on many a carpet or when she in each new purchase of drugs or

We are all suffering from ecor we fall to see any value in an article old magazines to hospitals or charities. Others sensibly call in the Salvation Army to distribute our cast-off clothing and ares and penates. But how many others of us could save scrub cloths underwear, linings, petticoats, wrapping them together and giving them to old clothes men who are the rag middlemen of the industry.

Thrift, we have it not. Not willing to save for ourselves, we also refuse to save for others, and it seems as if we, by a kind of boomerang of fate, are being a stick."

This is unfortunately true of a great find in miny girls who think that men are attracted by what is called showing off. A girl gets into a crowd, where there are a number of men, and immediately her voice can be heard all over the room. She mimics her elders, tells foolish jokes, Is not America big enough, and do we not buy clothes enough with which to keep our own rag market supplied? Will

#### Ways That Puzzle Men

Here are a few girls' ways that no man can understand; at least, so a celebrated American author tells us:

She will sit in a draught in a low-necked gown with her arms and shoulders bare. But she will go out on the hottest aftermoon with her head and neck tied up in a thick veil, if veils happen to be fashion-

She will forget to pay a bill for months. But she will make herself conspicuous in a trolley squabbling to pay for her friend a few cents which she doesn't owe. She will wear a skirt that fetters every novement, and declare that she is quite

She is up in arms when she sees a horse whipped.
But she will drag a poor little dog on a

shopping expedition that would enfeeble a good-sized man.

She has a will that no power on earth can bend. Yet she allows herself to be called "the weaker sex."

V. Hurry, Scurry, and Worry eras These are the three most deadly enemies mid which can be harbored by the sensitive sirl, who is anxious to do her best. "Keep calm" is more easily said than done, but

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how to be of a quiet mind in the midst of stress is a secret which must be mastered if you are ever to reach the heights. that thoroughly, at a time, and get that place. over before you touch the next; if you can but follow this "counsel of perfection" you will achieve far more by the end of the day than if you had fussed yourself thto a fever. The battle is to the strong, and the "strong" are they who are self-controlled and patient. They are the ones who achieve most with the least expenditure of time and strength.

#### A Draught Preventer

Many doors, through shrinkage of wood, are quite two inches from the floor, allowing dirt and draught to enter. Fold about three thicknesses of paper just the width of the door and about two inches deep.
Cover with baile or serge, as near as possible to the color of the door. How on three small rices, one about a quarter of an last from each end, and one in the middle. Fasten into door three small screw hooks, with well-turned-up ends. Jing on by the rings. This perfect prought preventer thus moves with the door, keeps in its place, yet is easily sumoved and brushed.

Keeping Sewing Materials Tidy Choose a drawer solely for this purpose shallow one is best. Fit into it small offward boxes, and faster each with a wing-pin through the bottom. Then for in each box different kinds of sew-The baterial buttom, hooks, eyes, darn-in Jun paniles, safety pine, thimbles, etc. laws in reducely the drawer is opened what plants required is seen at a glance.

#### Tell-tale Shoelaces

All sorts of queer little trifles point out character to those who are observant. Yet few would ever dream of trying to puzzle out their friend's faults and failings by means of their shoelaces. Never- Hymns," and he expected it would be theless, those who are learned in this sort of thing tell us that there is much to be oted in this same matter of the laces. A thin drooping lace, they say, is a sure sign of a bashful and modest dispo-

You may recognize the clear-headed man of affairs by his stiff, strong shoe-Take things as they come, do one, and lace tied in a dcuble knot and always in

matters has luces that are always coming A girl who is given to flirting is fond of

wearing silken laces tied in a single The dreamy maiden is apt to have loosely tied laces, and the idle, untidy one, alas! descends to old ones that are guilty

The Meaning of Love

of knots, and that is the worst fault self-respecting lace can ever commit,

If loving thee be all,
How vain that love would beMere holding heart in tender thrail
With bond of mystery.

To win for thee the prize Of beart content, and keep undimmed The lovelight in thine eyes.

Than winning in the strife, Tis hope that makes the years serene, "Tis joy, and peace—and life!



Thee F. Siefest,

#### THE HOME-MADE XMAS GIFT

A great many far-sighted women are and is rubber lined. This little case preparing Christmas gifts already. There should be made as compact as possible, are numerous accessories for the dressing as the idea is to get in all the toilet table which look charming and can be made with very little trouble. The little week-end case is a very new arrival. It is usually a plain box covered with a glass bowl, either plain or cut glass, if you can afford it. Fit on this a cardbard top. Cover the cardboard with a bit of brocade, moire, cretonne, satin—any bit of brocade, moire, cretonne, satin—any dainty rose-colored brocade or moire silk. This may be shirred inside and looks very well with the corners edged with dull gold braid, which, by the way, only costs about 5 cents a yard.

Inside this is a box of talcum powder, trothers. both paste, a small bag to hold the toothbrush, a tiny cake of soap and a large mirror in the back of the box. The

bit of brocade, moire, cretonne, satin—any plece of silk which is available—and bind the edges with dull gold lace. The little knot of dull gold lace on top of the cover is finished with tiny French rose-buds and serves as a handle. It looks charming when made to match milady's soap case matches the outside of the box | room.

#### Her Choice

One Sunday morning a father suggested to his daughter that she ought to go to church in the evening, the subject of the discourse being "An Hour With Favorite very interesting.

"Father," said the daughter, with a smile, 'I should like to go very much, but I have made an engagement to spend several hours with my favorite him tonight.'

#### For Shiny Serge

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#### MODESOF THEHOUR

show very clearly how close the relation sometimes is between children's fashions

A party frock for a child no longer means, of necessity, fine mull and yards and yards of insertion and lace. That of the "littlest girl," for instance is made of white voile. The two-tiered skirt is plaited; the collar con ruffle and the turned back cuffs

follow suit.
The girdle is the counterpart of one that older girls and women have been wearing. It is made of wide black velvet ribbon with a formal bow in back and one in front.

The frock at the left is designed for an older girl, one at the flapper age. The German word is bacffisch, a term of endearment, although it does liken them to the somewhat foolish minnow.

It is an age that is hard to dress satisfactority it. factorily; it is so easy to err in the way of making the dress look too grown-up for the girl or, contrariwise, the girl too old for the dress,

The outline, or the silhouette, of the iress illustrated, is quite youthful, alhough the materials include the season's two great favorites, velvet and fur.
The straight little bodice is fashioned after the jumper idea, only it is sleeve-

The drop skirt matches in color the soft gray blue of the velvet bodice. It is chiffon, however, and the sleeves and overskirt are made of figured chiffon. Skunk, in the narrowest banding, edges the pepium and the short straight sleeves

and completes a little dress that is really charming in its effect.

It was a one-piece guimpe model with a scalloped V-back and front and wide calloped armholes.

Scaloped armholes.

Straps were cut in the dress itself so that a sash could slip through and the behind. The straps were scalloped on both sides and room was found on each one for a pretty design in French embroidery. A design was also embroidered below the V of the neck. below the V of the neck.

A gulmpe and sleeves of fine organdic were finished with a narrow edging of Valenciennes lace and a few hand tucks were run in the guimpe back and front.

A plain coat of dark blue zibelline, with collar, cuffs, belt and buttons made of velvet of the same shade, is a good model for semi-formal wear.

## BRITISH RELIEF WORK



MRS. E. BURD GRUBB Chairman of the British Relief Work

Surrounded by a crowd of people, packing-cases, packages of all sorts, and packing-cases, packages of all sorts, and piles upon piles of clothing, worked Mrs. Burd Grubb, the able and energetic chairman of the British Relief Committee of the Emergency Ald, which has established its headquarters at 1428 Walnut street.

"Yes, although we only started this Burd Grubb, the able and energetic chairman of the British Relief Committee of the Emergency Ald, which has es-

particular branch on Thursday of last week, we are getting along splendidly," she said, "and contributions are flowing freely in. I happen to be an Englishwoman and so feel doubly enthusiastic. Oh, yes, we take all norts of offerings, and are only too glad to get them. Clothes that have been worn are received with gratitude, provided they are in fairing good condition. We get heaps of them, and want more all the time."

"Do you send money directly across for the soldiers and sallors and the other poor people you are helping."

"Oh, no," said Mrs. Burd Grubb, quick-"Oh, no." said Mrs. Burd Grubb, quick-ly, "we are very glad to get money, but we spend it all here in Philadelphia, for we buy the clothes, etc., with the money sent in, and send the purchases across at once."

"Is there any special demand for one class of article?"

class of article?"

"We have just started a tobacco fund, and we do hope that all the men will respond, and send in some of their tobacco for the poor seidlers and sailors. A good smoke will be such a tremessions pleasure to these poor creatures when they are worn out with the cold and exposure and the long fights."

"What sort of thing do you specially require?"

"One of the most important things."

"One of the most important things," said Mrs. Grubb, thoughtfully, "is the warm woolen undergarment. We simply cannot get too many of such! Socks, hand-knitted, of natural color yarn, size hand-knitted, or natural color yarn, size 10½ to 11½ inches, are greatly wanted; so are flannel shirts, mufflers, cholera belts and woolen wristlets. Blankets are received with overwhelming gratitude,

"We have just sent off three large cases to the American Women's War-Hospital, in Devenshire, England. In the last month that hospital has treated about 600 wounded soldiers, and we have about 600 wounded solders, and the signed by its patronesses, the Duckess of Mariborough, Lady Randolph Thurchill, Anits. Strawbridge, Minna Paget and others: "Have you any relatives over on the other side in the war?"

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