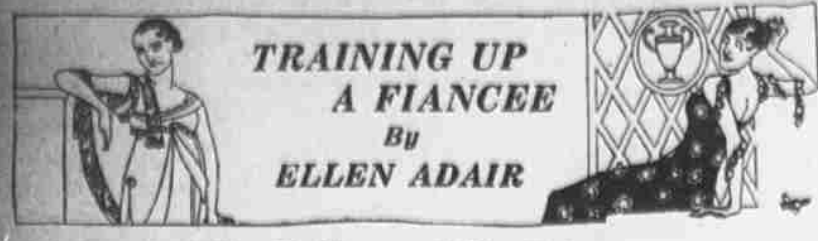


WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW—NEW FASHIONS AND PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS



TRAINING UP A FIANCEE By ELLEN ADAIR

The Failure of the Scheme

The long engagement is frequently cited as a period of ecstatic joy and of unmitigated bliss, the minor quarrels and disagreements which, of course, do occasionally occur being looked upon as merely the very necessary rift in the joyous life of perpetual love-making.

While it is perfectly true that the period of the long engagement ought to be a very happy time, the reverse side of the picture is too often seen. But the fault in this instance lies not so much in the fact that the engagement is a long one, but in the disposition of the would-be happy couple who have presumably given their promise and their professions of eternal love to each other.

Human nature is a curious thing. It breaks out in the most unexpected places and in the most curious ways. And love certainly has the oddest manifestations. I heard an odd tale once concerning a man who was engaged to a very charming girl. But he didn't realize that fact a bit. Not he! After he had duly proposed to her and been accepted, he told her that they would probably have a very long engagement—five years at the lowest estimate.

"But, my dear," said he cheerfully, "that's something to be rather glad about, since I shall regard it as a time of probation for you. I intend to spend the five years training you for the position of my wife. I hope that you will make an apt pupil, for I shall spare no pains in teaching you my ways and methods. I am of rather a peculiar disposition and I hate to be crossed or worried in any way. So it will take quite five years to get you into my particular methods and ways of living."

"If at the end of five years I find that you have not entirely adapted yourself then I shall consider the engagement at an end. But let us trust that nothing so unfortunate will occur. If you resolve now to devote yourself entirely to me, and to study my every mood and to strive perpetually to please me in everything, taking criticism and advice in the spirit in which it is meant, I think that you need have nothing to fear in the way of an ultimate rupture of our relations."

And the extraordinary thing about the above-mentioned harangue was that the little fiancee meekly listened to every word! Instead of being amazed, furious,

indignant, she considered that such a speech was the mark of a strong and wonderful character. She started in patiently to study that impossible little man. She gave up the pleasant society of most of her friends for his sake. She endured all sorts of impertinences and minor insults from him cheerfully. In fact, it is an open question whether she ever did see either the impertinence or the result of his attitude toward herself.

The engagement dragged out for the promised five years. And at the end of the allotted period the happy couple were married. By this time, of course, the little bride had all of her initiative and most of her spirits driven out of her. Five years of "training" is a long time, and only the very long suffering could ever survive any such course.

Unfortunately, however, the marriage was a very unhappy one. How could it be otherwise? It is true that the bride had learnt the worst of her kilted bridegroom. But even a worm will turn at last—and she did turn. To all outward appearances she was the meekest little soul that ever walked this sinful earth. But the process of "educating" had really been too much for her. And after about three months of connubial bliss, she cleared out of that home, never to return.

The husband was much annoyed. But he refused to run after her. "It is a direct insult to my method of training," said he to his friends, "and nothing will induce me to overlook such a slight. Why, I spent the five best years of my life in molding her will to mine! And I thought that I had succeeded so well. But women are silly, even the best of them! Never again will I trust a woman. No, nothing would induce me to agree to a reconciliation! I haven't the heart to start in 'training' her again."

Most other instances of this form of "training" have ended disastrously. Very few ever reach the stage of matrimony at all, by the way. For long before the altar is reached, the unfortunate dame is scared off. And small wonder that this should be the case!

For, after all, the one great essential in matrimony is love. And love includes forbearance, kindness and a very broad charity for any little faults on the part of the other.

A Smart Girl's Diary

More Spring Hats

I have been making quite a study of spring styles in millinery lately, and find it absorbingly interesting. You see, hats appeal to every woman, if she has one single grain of the feminine in her. A woman may take little interest in suits and dresses, although I haven't yet met the type! But always does she like a new hat!

Increased attention is now being given to larger shapes in millinery. This doesn't necessarily mean that the small shapes will be put in the background. But it will bring about a better assortment of medium and large styles.

The sailor shape is very popular and the tendency is for it to grow larger in size. The flat, wide-brimmed sailors are very much to the fore at present, and so are the sailors tilted at various angles to suit the face. A very smart style is the sailor with the uplilt at the back.

The better class hats are made in fine, soft milans. For the smart knock-about hat, a variety of material is offered, among which are lisle, escarlot, milan hemp and flat bamboo. A new braid has also come in quite recently known as



POPULAR STYLES IN SPRING MILLINERY

Jova. It is of rough braid mounted on net, and will be used quite a lot for ornamentation. Hair shapes will have a sale too, I understand. They will be used in delicate pastel shades for garden hats. Where street hats are concerned, we see combinations of hair with other styles and this to give the chic transparent brim effect.

I adore leghorn hats. Unfortunately they are just a shade expensive—but oh, so becoming! When midsummer comes in I expect to see leghorns flourishing everywhere. The rather large picture shapes will be popular, and the prettiest models are trimmed elaborately with ribbon, flowers and lace. I saw a lovely model with a shirred lace brim the other day.

Streamers always look smart with leghorns and so do loop bows. Velvet is exceedingly chic on leghorn.

The hats in the picture, photographed at Lila's, are very up to date. The upper one is a black milan in sailor shape with a smart wing worn at the side. The wing is divided by the brim and has quite a military effect.

The second hat is a large leghorn with a double brim. The upper brim is caught up by a big French rose, while the lower brim is faced with Saxe blue chiffon. Another rose is fastened under both brims toward the back, and the whole effect is charming.



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Does Love Come to All? Surely he does, or else the world were indeed a place of injustice and hardship. But many, alas, do not perceive him until too late. It may be that the manner of their wooing is so shy, so wrapped in awkwardness, that they never know that the luckless wooer means anything more than ordinary friendship.

It is tragic when this happens, for there might have been happiness on both sides, since a shy man is by no means the least desirable of mates. Therefore, it is true that practically no girl can say that she has never met love on her way through life, if she is a normally placed person who is not buried in a remote and manless wilderness or so uncomfortably shy as to flee from a masculine presence as she would from a tiger.

The Third Party

There is a saying that "two is company and three a crowd." It is not untrue in the case of newly engaged lovers, or of two people who have something to discuss that only concerns themselves, but it is not to be taken as always the rule.

For sometimes the presence of a third person keeps off those hasty and foolish little storms in tempers that spoil the happiness of sweethearts.

They cannot very well say bitter or unkind things to one another before another person. And by the time that third person has left them, they have probably reconsidered matters and come to a better frame of mind.

Indeed, if a third person is tactful and unselfish enough to withdraw quietly when no longer needed, there is much use and a decided helpfulness in his or her presence, even when it is bestowed upon two devoted lovers. A breath of outside interest is no bad thing in the atmosphere of love.

Thorns on Love's Roses

They are part of every fragrant rose, and we must learn to accept them and find that they are as nothing in comparison with the sweetness which they protect.

After all, we do not value what is easier had, what any one can take for nothing.

Indeed, there is even an old saying that the sweeter the rose the sharper the thorns!

Every lover worthy the name will rejoice that his rose is hard to win; if it were not so, where would be the delight and the glory of a successful wooing?

And she also would feel disappointed if there were a dead level of smoothness on her path; no small excitement of anticipation and wonder, and uncertainty, even maybe of opposition to overcome.

No, the travelers enjoy the road the more for its little diversities and difficulties, provided that these are not too severe. The rose is the queen of flowers, and she should not be too lightly won.

Desire

Enough that in delicious dreams I see thee and forget; Enough that when the morning beams I feel thy eyelids wet. Yet, could I hope, when Time lets fall The darkness for creation's pall, To meet thee and to love, I would not shrink from aught below, Nor ask for more above. —Rufus Dawes.

A Song

Thought is deeper than all speech, Feeling deeper than all thought, Souls to souls can never teach What unto themselves was taught. —Christopher P. Cranch.

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PRIZE SUGGESTIONS

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For the following suggestions sent in by readers of the Evening Ledger prizes of \$1 and 50 cents are awarded. All suggestions should be addressed to Ellen Adair, Editor of Woman's Page, Evening Ledger, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

A prize of \$1 has been awarded to B. E. L., 4213 Manayunk avenue, Roxborough, Pa., for the following suggestion:

Here are some of the uses for old newspapers. Furs and winter clothing may be stored away in them in summer. You will have no moth holes if you wrap each article in a separate sheet of newspaper.

Small pieces of newspaper when wet and thrown on the floor on sweeping day will brighten the carpet and lay the dust.

To keep the extra piece of ice, wrap it in a clean cloth and then in newspapers. The ice will last longer.

A prominent physician told me that newspapers make valuable pads for the sick room, and that people who have insufficient bedclothing should save several newspapers together. Used like a quilt, they are very warm.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to E. D., 2710 Richmond street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion:

When my black, white or colored gloves are too old to wear, I cut the clasps or snaps off and sew them on the bands or yokes of my undershirts. I find them most satisfactory, as they do not flatten, like hooks and eyes do, in the laundry. They do not come off, either, like buttons often do, and you need have no fear of iron rust. I have used them on the wristbands of working shirts for boys.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. J. Kelly, 2319 South Croaskey street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion:

Your bed springs will never soil your mattress if you cover them with white oilcloth, which, by the way, is very inexpensive. If placed glossy side upward it is easily brushed off in the mornings, and your mattress can always be turned without any effort. The oilcloth lies smoothly on the springs and always looks clean.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to E. M., 119 North 50th street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion:

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LUNCHEON.

Grilled Sardines, Toast, Cup Custard, Chocolate Cake, Tea.

DINNER.

Chicken Soup, Veal Cutlet, Stuffed Sweet Potatoes, Spinach, Onion Salad, Grape Juice Jelly.

Cream codfish and eggs: Mix a cupful of creamed codfish with a cupful of boiled macaroni. Heat thoroughly with a little extra milk if needed, and put on a hot platter, and surround it with scrambled eggs.

Grilled sardines: Use boned and skinned sardines, and drain them. Then brown them in hot olive oil in a shallow frying pan. Serve them on thin slices of buttered toast and sprinkle with pepper, salt and lemon juice.

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