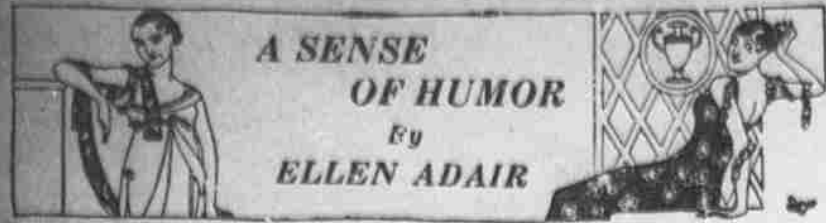


THINGS WHICH INTEREST MAID AND MATRON—HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS AND FASHIONS



A SENSE OF HUMOR
By ELLEEN ADAIR

The Thing That Makes Life Worth Living

I always feel so sorry for people who are born without a sense of humor. For they are missing half the fun and most of the jokes of life. And life is, after all, just what we choose to make it. All this talk about fate, and predestination, and inability to control one's own career is very stupid. For we can get along grandly in this delightful old world—provided we have the saving sense of humor.

Now a sense of humor, please be it understood, doesn't necessarily imply that one should go through life chuckling over every little happening, or snickering childishly over trivialities, or chortling with snigger over feeble jests that aren't worth wasting even a smile on—far from it! For your true humorist is no fool. He is much too wise to be anything of the sort. But he does incline to look on the brighter side of the picture.

I knew a family once which was the happiest family imaginable, and all because at heart they were born humorists. You simply couldn't make them gloomy. They saw the entertaining side in everything, and they as cheerfully refused to look at the disadvantages of any situation. In short, they were all proverbial sunbeams, right in the corner where they were!

But, unfortunately, their father was no sunbeam—and no humorist, either. He was more of an autocrat than anything else, and he ruled that cheerful family with a rod of iron. They were all quite fond of him, too, for confirmed humorists are generally most affectionate and long-suffering. And the old man certainly was a trying proposition. Sometimes it took all their sense of humor to have any sort of patience with him at all.

The father of this sunshiny family was just crazy about fishing. Not deep-sea fishing, or shrimping, or crabbing, or anything cheerful and friendly of that sort. No, indeed! Salmon fishing, with a judicious mixture of trout fishing, was what his soul yearned for. And that meant that for two solid months every summer he took his entire family to the Back-of-Beyond in order that they might sit by and watch him angling for the fish that seldom came to his rod, but for which he struggled from early morn to dewy eve.

Now, as those two lonely months approached, the faces of the sunshiny family would sometimes lose their brightness—temporarily, you understand. For of all things they detested having to abjure the

world and its follies during the very gayest period of the year. They hated solitude, they loathed the backwoods, and they couldn't stand trout or salmon fishing at any price. The girls were yearning for the cheerful treadmill of the Boardwalk at Atlantic City, while the boys were pining for camps and motor-cycling tours and young life and conviviality.

But they were all humorists, and they always determined to see the funny side of everything. It mightn't have seemed at all funny to the uninitiated, these protracted and desolate holidays in the backwoods. Two months is a long time, even if you're leading the life you have always longed for. What, then, if it happens to be the life of all things you particularly detest?

However, year after year, that family came out of the test triumphantly. They didn't quarrel, they didn't grumble, they didn't take the first train back to the city. No, indeed! They pretended to be interested in the trout fishing, they made desperate attempts to get keen on the sport themselves and they took an endless interest in the varying "catches" of their despotic old father.

He always liked to have them with him, by the way. If he wanted to fish from a rowboat, then his family must all pack in, too, and sit for hours in dead silence, without uttering a single syllable, for fear of scaring the trout away.

Or if he happened to fish in the shallows of a river, then his family would be requested to sit on the bank until such time as he secured something for the midday lunch. Whereupon they would all have to set and cook it then and there. Trout or salmon always tastes better if cooked at once in a particular way, and eaten in the open, he declared.

And so that family had to carry the implements of meals around with them most of the time. If it rained, the family got wet, and if it didn't rain, why, so much the better. But they didn't mind, anyhow, for they were confirmed optimists. The man or woman with a sense of humor is almost always a confirmed optimist. And they had a very strong sense of humor.

Yet you can be a confirmed optimist without having a grain of humor in you. You can't cultivate a sense of humor, although you can cultivate optimism. The person who has the saving sense of humor is to be very greatly envied. For it really makes life worth living. And humorists are born, not made.



NEW STYLES FOR CHILDREN

PRIZE SUGGESTIONS

PRIZES OFFERED DAILY
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 Elleen Adair, Editor of Woman's Page, Evening Ledger, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

A prize of \$1 has been awarded to Mrs. E. French, 317 Vine street, Camden, N. J., for the following suggestion:
When driving screws or nails in the bathroom, where damp towels or washcloths are to be hung, put the nails through the centre of an empty spool or a bottle cork. This not only prevents rust, but preserves the towels as well. Covered spools are very serviceable in clothes closets, if you make your loops long enough to fit over them.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. C. R. Dunn, 6821 North 7th street, Oak Lane, for the following suggestion:
The paper egg boxes in which eggs are delivered to the buyer may be put to good use as follows: Take a paint brush and coat them with melted paraffin to make them waterproof. Then they may be used for transplanting the little plants from seed boxes, or plant the seeds in each compartment. When the time comes for setting out in the garden, the partitions are lifted out, and the plant and its square of soil can be removed without disturbing the roots. These boxes are very useful, and are less trouble to handle than the separate pots for the purpose, as with one box in each hand you can carry two dozen plants.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Margaret Thompson, 227 South 33rd street, for the following suggestion:
If olive oil or medicine has been spilled on woolen blankets, moisten the spots well with warm water and rub borax on them. Let this remain on for a few minutes, then wash the blankets in the usual way. You will find that the spots will have disappeared.

A SMART GIRL'S DIARY

A Pretty Frock for a Child

I was terribly homesick for Ellnor today, so I ran over to Mollie's to see the kiddies. It was raining, so I knew they would be at home. Mollie has a big playroom on the fourth floor, where all the children of the neighborhood congregate when the weather will not allow them to go out.

After I had entertained them for a while telling them stories, I went down to Mollie's boudoir to have a chat. She was sewing, as usual, and the dress she was working on attracted my attention right away. You see, it was so plain and so fashionable. Many mothers waste time and eyesight trying to embroider children's dresses when they may be made just as prettily by using plain trims, such as crocheted buttons, dainty edgings, etc.

This little dress was for Mollie's oldest youngster, who will be 10 next July. She is one of those frail, dainty children, who require a background, so to speak, to show up their charms. Her dress served this purpose admirably. It was made of old rose linen, with an odd little coatee for a waist, over a gumpie of plaited white rice cloth.

The gumpie, of course, is one which Mollie had, as all the children use them, and they save a great deal of laundry for a busy woman. The coat was straight and loose, being tied in front with a narrow black velvet ribbon bow. Irish crocheted buttons were attached to the front of the coat in rows.

The little skirt had a panel down the front, and was full at the bottom. Mollie said it is awfully easy to make. She had some of the rose linen left over, and out of this she made a bandeau for Dorothy's hat, with a few French flowers on the side. Mollie certainly is clever enough to bring out Dorothy's good points now, and it is well to start early, as the habit of looking smart is a good thing to instill in a child.

The Useful Newspaper
It is a very wise plan to put sheets of newspaper under bedding and carpets, and in frosty weather to tie them around waterpipes to prevent bursting.

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Are Vain Girls Prettiest?
If one looks round at the girls of one's acquaintance, one often notices that the daintiest and prettiest of them all owe a large measure of her charm just to a little spice of vanity, which makes her take care always to look her very best.

It is quite likely that those girls really have not a bit better features or complexions than some of their sisters, whom one characterizes as frumpish and dowdy. Vanity has, however, taught them what colors to wear and what to avoid, and how to show or conceal the good or bad points of their figures.

The result is that, instead of being spoken of, perhaps, as "passably good-looking," they have the reputation of being "quite fascinating," or possibly are credited with actual beauty of feature.

Many girls are looked upon as the "ugly ducklings" of a family simply because they lack the little wholesome spice of vanity they need to make them sufficiently careful how they dress and look.

Never was there a greater mistake! Nature herself, if they would but heed her, would point it out. She lavishes beauty upon us on every side.

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AROUND THE BARGAIN COUNTERS

Newest Styles in Gloves, Footgear and Hosiery

Kid gloves are very attractive this season, and promise to be as fashionable in the spring and summer months as the silk ones. The craze for leather articles of all kinds, such as belts, gloves, novelty shoes, etc., is probably responsible for this.

One of the large department stores is showing some good quality lambskin gloves in black, white, gray and tan for 75 cents a pair. These are plain, of course, and rather heavy.

Another extraordinary bargain was seen in a Chestnut street shop. Some odd—and very small sizes—of good French gloves were selling for 9 cents a pair. These are black, with broad white braid on the back, and white with smoked pearl buttons, and black stitching. On account of the reasonable prices, these gloves were going fast.

Fabric gloves are useful for every-day wear or household purposes. These come in chambray color and white. Short ones may be bought just now for 25 cents a pair, and the long ones are 35 cents. This is a good chance for the woman who likes to keep her hands in good condition.

Gaiters are being worn very extensively this spring with the low shoes, which prove too cold these days. In a small specialty shop on Market street felt gaiters in taupe and tan are selling for 50 cents a pair. The woman who has paid \$2.75 and \$3 for these earlier in the winter will appreciate the difference in price.

Low bronze slippers promise to be popular for street wear this spring, in spite of their impractical appearance. An attractive style with Cuban heels, moderately thick sole and pump front with a buckle of cut steel, sells in a certain shop for \$4 a pair.

High bronze boots on military lines, with laces up the front and a line tassel at the top, accentuating the boot style, which, by the way, is about two inches higher than the ordinary high shoe, sell for \$5 also.

A very eccentric-looking pair of stockings seen in one shop is called a Harlequin style. They are just like the regular checkered hosiery which comes in black and white with the harlequin's costume, and they cost \$2.25 a pair.

A bronze pair of stockings to go with the bronze boots or pumps comes in several shades of bronze, to match both the natural leather and the polished shoes. These stockings have flesh-colored stripes alternating with the bronze from the knee up, and are made of silk. They cost 50 cents a pair.

Four-leaf Clovers
"I know a place where the sun is like gold,
And the cherry blossoms burst with snow,
And down underneath is the loveliest spot
Where the four-leaf clovers grow."

One leaf is for hope and one for faith,
And one for love, you know;
And God put another one in for luck;
If you search you will find where they grow.

"But you must have hope, and you must have faith,
You must love and be strong, and so
If you work, if you wait, you will find the place
Where the four-leaf clovers grow."

Fresh Blouses
When you wash colored crepe de chine blouses rinse them in water in which a bit of crepe paper of the same color has been put.

Washing Hint
Put a little borax in the water in which you wash table covers, dollies, towels, etc., having red borders. The borax will keep the color bright.

Onnoxious Ants
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