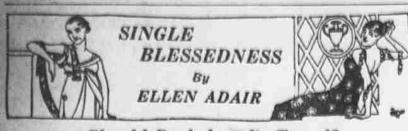
SPRING FASHIONS AND PRACTICAL IDEAS—PRIZE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER



Should Bachelors Be Taxed?

From time immemorial the pros and cons of single blessedness have been discussed and dissected with an enthusiasm which somehow always tends toward the holding up of the matrimonial noose as the be-all and end-all of existence. No traits that would try the patience of a matter how many terse and wonderful arguments are brought forth for the advocating of untrammeled bachelordom or spinsterhood, the majority of people are all in favor of wedding bells and the altar, and hold up hands of pitying horfor at the spectacle of any man or woman being left to tread the pathway of life alone and unhitched to some other human being. 3

Much controversy and contention circle around the time-worn topic, "Should bachelors be taxed?" and opinion, particularly in one section of the community, tends strongly toward the idea that they should be taxed. The bill to this end recently introduced at Harrisburg has caused quite a sensation, and if it really does come into effect, the idea is that the marriage license bureaus will be crowded with would-be candidates for largely among the benedicts. Just what matrimony and happiness.

"The bachelor life is necessarily a selfish one," so goes the trend of public opinion. "Of all depressing spectacles under the sun, that of the cross, cranky, egotistical, finnicky old bachelor is the worst! For he has no one to live for except himself. The money which he earns, and which in the ordinary course of events should go into the building of a home, the support of a wife and the upbringing of a family, he devotes entirely to himself and his own caprices. Yes, bachelors should be assuredly taxed. For their vulnerable point is the financial one. When it has been clearly brought home to them that they will be required to pay, and pay pretty heavily, too, for the privileges of an egotistical freedom, they will be then willing to forego the aforesaid joys of single blessedness and run their heads into the proverbial noose!"

While this is the view of a large number of persons, there is most decidedly a reverse side to the picture. For some bachelors, instead of being taxed for choosing to remain bachelors, should be rewarded for abstaining from inflicting themselves and their whims and absurdi- the river and fled. After many hours of ties on some unfortunate damsel, who might be foolish enough to accept their to the surface. It was found to contain hands and hearts and peculiarities and trying dispositions at one and the same mystery is, Why did the man throw such

The passing of the years does not always tend to make the average old bachelor more attractive or fascinating to womankind. For he assuredly develops Job, and that would demand the wisdom

of a Solomon for their eradication. Yet it is surprising to perceive the amount of pains that a woman will take over the "training" of some elderly, unattractive specimen of the male persuasion whom she wishes to ensuare into the hely bonds of matrimony.

The people who are foremost in the wish to tax bachelors are, curlously enough, the married men! It is a difficult matter to fathom the reason for this enthusiasm. One would imagine that the spinster of advanced years, who wishes to marry and whom an unkind fate has denied the chance, would be the one who might welcome and encourage the measure. But no! we find its adherents more particular motive lies behind this view is not quite certain. Perhaps the married men are envious of the care-free life of into the noose in which they themselves are so securely tied? Perhaps they are actuated by motives of the purest good-will and wish the bachelors to enjoy the connubial bliss, without which the world is stale, flat and unprofitable?

One thing is sure and certain, and that is that the taxation of bachelors will never bring about an increase in happy marriages. For matrimonial happiness that they could "make believe" with such never yet was founded on any sort of commercial proposition, and bachelors cannot be scared into becoming happy and well-satised benedicts.

"BABY OVERBOARD IN A BAG!"

HACKENSACK, N. J., April 12.-A man and woman crossed the Little Ferry bridge over the Hackensack River, the man carrying a bag. As the wife of the tollgate keeper approached the couple something in the bay stirred and made a noise which sounded like the cry of an infant. The man thew the bag into dragging the bag was hooked and hauled a 10-pound Wyandotte rooster. Now the

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Queen's Adventure

Queen was a beautiful big gray cat you ever saw. Her hair was long and silky and her eyes were big and dreamy. No

of her, proud of her shapely body, of her few silky white spots and of her pretty pink nose. And she watched her and cared for her just the best any cat

and cared for her just the best any cat was ever cared for, you may be sure!

Now Mary had a brother named Ned and he, too, had his favorite pet—a big dog. Bob, a collie dog. Perhaps you think that must have made danger and trouble for Queen. But it didn't, for Bob seemed to be quite as fond of Queen and quite as proud of her as her own mistress possibly could be! He guarded her walks and looked after her the very best he could. And curiously enough, Queen seemed to understand his devotion and was always kind and gentle and good with him.

They played together and walked together and sat for long hours by the same fireside always the best of friends.

wame fireside always the best of friends. But that was in the winter. When spring came, Queen seemed to get very restless. She wasn't always her queenly dignified self and Bob could never account for the funny scrapes she managed to get herself into.

He scoided her roundly and tried to make her more careful. "You mustn't crawl into the coal bin," he said, after she had crawled out of there one spring afternoon, "can't you see how ugly it makes you look?" Queen purred meekly and graciously allowed herself to be cleaned up, but she made no promises. and graciously allowed herself to be cleaned up, but she made no promises.

Then another day he found her chasing chickens. "Here! Here!" he barked. "this won't do at all! You'll lose your reputation in no time if you run after chickens!"

"I wasn't hurting them," she exclaimed gravely. "I just wanted to do something awful!"

Bob shook his head and turned away. "Well. then, do something safe, at least," he said.

Queen left the chicken yard, for she

was sahamed of her foolishness, and and, to Bob's relief, she settl started down toward the brook. "If I the fireside and stayed there! can't chase chickens, I can at least look Copyright, Clara Ingram

QUEEN was a beautiful big gray cat | at the water," she said, and she hated

Now the sun was so warm and the air



BOB HAPPENED BY THAT VERY

so balmy, that before Queen even thought of doing such a thing, she was fast asleep; and so soundly did she sleep that she didn't even stir when the plank worked loose from the bank and started

down the stream.

Bob happened by at that very minute, saw her peril and barked to her, "Wake up, Queen, and hold on for dear life'

She waked up at that, saw her plight, and began to cry. "Don't worry, I'll get you," called good old Bob, and he plunged into the water. Bob shook his head and turned away.
Well, then, do something safe, at east," he said.
Queen left the chicken yard, for she enough of danger," announced Queen, and, to Bob's relief, she settled down by

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TOWN OF FUNNY DREAMS

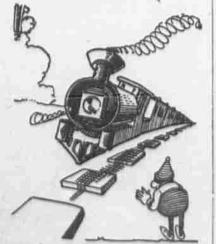
THE FLYING TRAIN By BOB WILLIAMS The Flying Train of Funny Town Was made of Magic Steel; It never felt an Engine's tug— That is, if Trains can feel!

The Cars they numbered twenty-one, Besides the one shead, Where lived the Man who was in charge— His name was Magic Ned.

"Twas he that built the whole affair in just a half a day," He worked from Dawn till late at Night-From June till Half Past May!

He also built the Funny Track, To hold the Funny Train If any one aboard should wish To Walk Home in the Rain.





You see, the Tracks were Rubber Mais Just Twenty Feet apart: If they were made of Wood or Tin 'Twould give you quite a start.

Whenever any one would ask The Magic Man to stop; Altho' it flew but three feet high, You know that's quite a drop!

One day Miss Arabelia Brown.
While trying to slight.
She alipped and struck a Ten-Foot DriftThe Childs were red of sight!

The Daily Story

Piracy and Proposal

Perhaps one reason why Hoffman respected his nephews was because of the excellent understanding between themselves and Alice Cutler. Ewan was bashful and self-conscious in her presence, but the twins were her chums and Ewan

He had been trying for six weeks to decide whether or not Alice cared for him, and he was afraid to put his fate to the test. He was not much of a ladies man. Until he had seen Alice ladies' man. his yacht had been his sweetheart, and a cruise with a lot of good fellows out-weighed all the allurements of feminine society.

Now he regretted a little-just a lit-tle-his divotion to the sea. He did not even know whether Alice thought of him as his nephewa' uncle or as himself. Unversed in the ways of women, he could not decide. He might have asked his stater, but he dreaded Gertrude's gibes, so he devoted himself more than ever to the twins, and thus gained a right occasionally to enter the charmed circle, the centre of which was Alice Cutler.

time tales of the Spanish main had fired their imaginations. Here they were

fired their imaginations. Here they were on the Gulf of Mexico, whence the gold-laden galleons had made their start. Nothing would satisfy but that they should go upon a pirating expedition. Their mother was gind enough to be rid of them for the week the cruisa would occupy, and Alice Cutler manufactured a most imposing skull and cross bones flag to be broken out from the mast head when the quarry should be sighted. The twins carefully looked after the saluting cannon and its supafter the saluting cannon and its supply of ammunition, and laboriously prac-ticed carrying wooden daggers between their teeth.

men are envious of the care-free life of the bachelors, and wish to ensuare them the bachelors, and wish to ensuare them the twins kissed their mother good-by, as dutiful pirates should, and set out with Alice for the pier, while Ewan hur-ried over to the postoffice to make sure that a belated business letter was prop-

> He cursed his fate with true piratical fervor when he came to the dock and found that Alice had returned to the hotel without a good-by for himself, but nce on board and under way he became absorbed in the twins' play.
> It was one of their greatest charms

> seriousness as to convince an outsider that their pretense was real, and Ewan grinned over their circumstantial account of the capture of a beautiful maiden, whom they were holding for

"We just tied a handkerchief over her nouth," exclaimed Dudley, "an' says less we get ten thousand dublins from mouth, your father we'll send him your ears."
"An' she cried," supplemented Gordon,
"and tried to take the bandage off and we tied her hands and it was doubleoons, not dubling what we said."

"Taint, it's dublins," defended Dudley and by the time the arbitrator had de-cided that neither was right on the pro-nunciation of doublooms, the twins were eady to go down into the cabin and deide upon their course.
"Now what I propose," explained Ewan

is to get out in the Gulf and lie in wait for the galleons from the mines. They should have left Vera Cruz day before yesterday. Shall we do that or shall we set sail for Brazil, land a force and plun-der the storehouses of the natives?

"I don't think mother would like it," objected Dudley. "It's too far away. Besides we've the beauteous maiden to ran-We ought to cable her father as 'Pirates don't cable," suggested Gor-

don, "they send messengers in disguise."
"I guess modern pirates use the cable,"
laughed Ewan, stopping a demonstration. You youngsters had better pile on deck

wonder she was named Queen, for ilke a grand, stately queen did she look.

Her little mistress, Mary, was so proud out she went.

The twins departed, still arguing the question of to cable or not to cable, and lighting a cigar. Ewan gave himself out she went. The twins departed, still arguing the over to wondering why Alice had not waited to bid him good-by. She had half promised that she would be on hand to wish him good luck on his first piratical adventure. It was not like her to break

her word.

He was still lost in thought when the steward came in to set the table for lunch.

"Beg pardon, sir," he asked, "shall I set a place for the lady?"

"Have the boys been telling you about their captive?" laughed Ewan. "I supposed that captives on pirate ships were fed on bread and water."

"The young lady in the cabin, sir, the one the young gentlemen were telling you about, sir."

"There's no young woman in the

you about, sir."
"There's no young woman in the cabin." denied Ewan. "It's a part of their make-believe."
"I thought you knew, sir." persisted the steward. "There's a lady in that

abin." Hoffman made two steps to the door Hoffman made two steps to the door indicated and threw it open. There on the bunk lay Alice Cutler, bound hands and feet and with a towel across her mouth. It was the work of a moment to release her, but it was five minutes before her lips permitted her to speak. "Don't mind." she smiled as she list-ened to Ewan's horror-stricken explana-"I imagine that the boys took

their pirate too seriously. It was all done so suddenly that I could not help myself, but I was sure that you would find it out when you came on board."
"And to think." he groaned, "that I was sitting in the cabin all the fore-noon, and you were lying here suffering."
"It wasn't so very bad," she concillated, "and the boys were so full of their cruise that you really cannot blame them. hope you will not punish them."

"Punish them," he echoed savagely. "If they are going in for this sort of piracy they should be strung up at the yard-

With a whoop the boys came tumbling down the companionway. As their giance fell upon their captive they jumped upon their uncle and began to pummel him.

"It ain't fair," protested Gordon, "to let the captives out. They might run away."

For a moment Ewan struggled with a desire to fight back, then he caught Alice's eye and he contented himself with grasping the collars of two sailor jackets and bringing the twins in front of him.
"I'll give you a dollar aplece as ransom," he said sternly. "Not a cent more."
"You can have her," they chorused. "Give up the dollar."

Favorant was made and Hoffman and

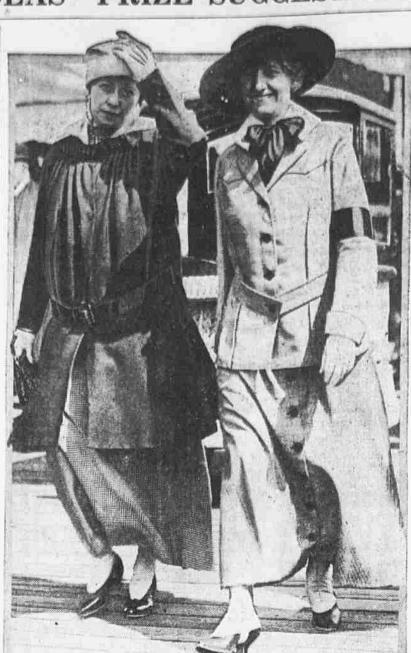
Payment was made and Hoffman sent Payment was made and Hoffman sent word to the mate to head for home, to the great dismay of the twins, but in this point Ewan and Alice were agreed. The sun was just sinking in the west as the Mona, renamed the Scourge, came in sight of home. From the bridge Alice and Ewan watched the landmarks loom up, while the twins, with Ewan's best binoculars, watched at the stern for nursuers.

"It is too bad to bring the cruise to such a audden termination," she smiled. "It is too bad to have to return to the real," he supplemented. "For the last four hours you have been my captive and now."

"And now?" she prompted.
"The situations are reversed. I have been your captive ever since I came down Then you were a very unbusiness-like

pirate," she laughed softly, "to ransom Why?" he demanded.

"Because," she whispered, "you had only to ask and..." The next cruise of the Scourge will on honeymoon firm.



FASHIONS AT ATLANTIC CITY



PRIZES OFFERED DAILY For the following suggestions sent in by readers of the Evening Leonen prizes of \$1 and 50 cents are awarded.

All suggestions should be addressed to Ellen Adair, Editor of Woman's Page, Evening Leuring, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

A prize of \$1 has been awarded to Mrs. J. F. Teeple, 5124 Chester avenue, West Philadelphia, for the following suggestion: This is an original method of mending runs in silk stockings, and I have found it invaluable. Use a fine crochet needle, like those with which you make silk ties. Take the needle and catch it in the last remaining loop, then draw the next thread through, and continue to do this down the run until the last open thread is reached, and tack this neatly down with silk thread to match your hosiery. disappeared.

for the following suggestion

To remove a glass stopper from a decanter or other bottle, have some one hold the bottle firmly, while you put a piece of twine twice around the neck of the bottle. Keep a firm hold on both ends of the twine and pull rapidly, first with one hand and then with the other. When you find the neck is hot, really hot, the stopper will come out at once.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. W. F. Baus, 3345 Mutter street, Phil-adelphia, for the following suggestion:

Make a good apron for wash day in the following manner: Buy some plain table ollcloth, cut a large circle out of it and cut a hole in this large enough to fit cut a hole in this large enough to ht around the waist. Slit up the back, first seeing that the hole you cut in the oll-cloth was far enough back to make the apron longer in front than in back. Bind the slit and fasten with snap fasteners. This will last a long time for scrubbing and washing.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Carlton Bayard, 889 North 40th street, West Philadelphia, for the following suggestion:

Now is the time to plant grass seed and here is a good way to make it grow quickly. Mix oats with the seed when you plant it and you will find that very quick results are obtained. This is because the oats sprout quickly and protect the delicats sprout quickly and protect the deli-cate blades of grass which follow. When

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the oats die they furnish fertilizer for the ing lawn is secured in a few days. After the grass seed has been sprinkled about, a thin spread of oats is distributed over the lawn and a thin layer of earth over

Tomorrow's Menu

"It is the part of a wise man to keep himself today for tomorrow, and not to venture all his eggs in one basket."— Cervantes.

BREAKFAST. Dried Apricots. Cercal and Cream. Ham Omelet.

Gems. LUNCHEON OR SUPPER. Shepherd's Pie. Bread and Butter. Crackers and Cheese DINNER. Clear Soup. Broiled Beefsteak. Mashed Potatoes. Lima Beans Cauliflower Salad.

Gems-Beat the yelks of two eggs and add alternately a cupful of milk and a cupful and a half of flour sifted with teaspoonful teaspoonful of salt. Then fold in the

beaten whites of the eggs and pour into buttered muffin tins. Crackers and cheese—Split Boston crackers in half and moisten them a little with hot water. Spread with butter and a little mixed mustard, and then cover cach with a layer of grated cheese—a thick layer. Stale American or Parmesan cheese is suitable. Bake in a hot oven until the cheese is melted. Serve hot. Cauliflower salad-Break the cauliflower left from yesterday into neat pieces and mix with left-over peas from the day be-fore. Chill and serve on crisp lettuce

"Hold Thy Tongue," Woman's Rule DENVER, April 12.-"Hold thy tongue. That is the secret of political success according to Helen Ring Robinson, who has ended her career as a State Senator. She was the only woman Senator in the country. "It took me nearly two years to learn how to keep still," she said

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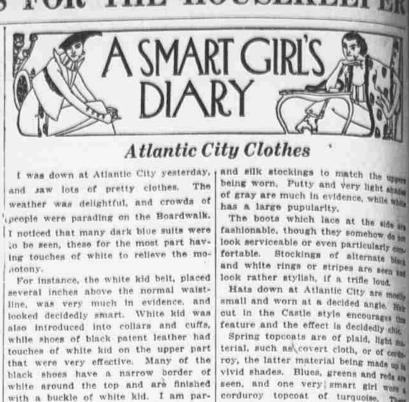
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Cracker and Cheese Dishes



Boots and shoes play a very important part just now in milady's tollette, for the very short and full skirts display more than a suspicion of ankle, particularly when Atlantic breezes blow on the suit as a finishing touch. Buttons of Boardwalk. Pumps are very much in de- white are much in evidence, and white mand just now, the upper part of these belts give a finishing and brightense being of some light contrasting material, touch to the most severe tailored sub-

ticularly fond of this combination in foot-

of gray are much in evidence, while has a large pupularity.

The boots which lace at the side an look serviceable or even particularly and white rings or stripes are seen as Hats down at Atlantic City are motile

Spring topcoats are of plaid, light an corduroy topcoat of turquoise. topcoats are all belted, and the beat placed well above the normal waistliss

Many suits of blue taffeta were seen on the Boardwalk. The darker tones of blue are popular, and white is employed on almost every sort and condition ;

AROUND THE BARGAIN COUNTERS

Lingerie and Accessories

Lovely plain undergarments are on sale lining the stones. This is most attractive on a sheer white blouse, and may be worn in the evening as well. The n all the department stores just now, and at very reasonable prices, too. The trimmings are noticeably lacking in the ex-cessive ruffles, insertions and such laundry catchers this year; hemstitching is seen on the least expensive garment seen on the least expensive garment.
One large department store is seiling out some dainty envelope chemises for 59 cents apiece. These are made of soft muslin, with a Val edging and a touch

of embroidery at the neck.

This same store has a charming assortment of nightgowns for \$1. Some have full, baby sleeves, tied with satin rib-bons; others have a high waist line, outined with wide ribbon, threaded through

pretty embroidered beading.
Cluny lace brassieres are very much in style just now, and promise to become more fashionable later in the season. You can get these for \$2, and they are made over a foundation of heavy linen, which adds greatly to their looks. Swagger sticks are the last word in woman's wear just now, and they come in various styles. Most of them are

not quite as long as a man's cane and have a colored tip and handle. A bright silk case of black-and-white check is seen on many of these, and the price is \$3.75. This is not too expensive for the chic woman, evidently, for many are seen on the boardwalk. A most effective pin to wear in the front of the new black-and-white gowns is a large circle of rhinestones, with two

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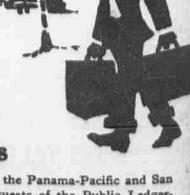
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