

PRIZE SUGGESTIONS, ATTRACTIVE FASHION AND SHOPPING HINTS FOR EVERY WOMAN

YOUTH AND HAPPINESS

By Ellen Adair

Which Period of Life Is Happiest?

THE average human being is pursuing one thing with an eagerness that nothing else calls forth. And this particular thing goes under many, many widely varying names. Yet in the last analysis it can be reduced to one single word—happiness. Some look for it in the mad pursuit of pleasure. Some seek to find it in sheer hard work, while to others the ideal life is the one utterly devoid of all effort or responsibility. Yet all are seeking self-expression—and self-expression means happiness.

"What period of life is happiest?" was a question asked the other day. The speaker was a woman with a young-old face on which lines of fretfulness and discontent had already appeared to mar its prettiness. A young girl of the "happier" persuasion was playing tennis nearby. And the woman with the young-old face, who showed traces of a life lived too keenly, watched the young girl as she played. "Sweet sixteen is the happiest period of life," she said slowly and with a trace of bitterness in her tone. "At that age one has all one's hopes and illusions left! And when one loses these, there isn't much that's worth living for! No, after sixteen one is seldom really happy!"

A comfortable, rony-cheeked matron laughed with whole-hearted merriment. "I understand Sweet Sixteen over there better than you do, my dear," she said, "because I happen to be her mother and the recipient of all her confidences and tribulations. No, you are mistaken in thinking she is passing through the happiest period of her life. On the contrary, she is having quite a trying time. Just as every 16-year-old under the sun always does. At present it's an unfortunate love affair with the next-door boy. Only a week ago she told me her heart was broken because he took another girl to a party, and thereby canceled a very particular engagement with her. She's only beginning to get over it now."



NEW FASHIONS 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 Ellen Adair, Editor of Women's Suggestions, Independence Square, Philadelphia.
A prize of \$1.00 has been awarded to Mrs. J. Mayer, 2517 North 30th street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion:
The best way to wash chintz or any colored material is the following: Put one piece of goods at a time in warm suds, washing it out immediately, and rinse in tepid water and again in a blue water into which a tablespoonful of salt and vinegar has been added, to each pail of water. Hang in the shade to dry, and the colors will always be bright.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Miss B. Fielding, 10 East Centre street, Baltimore, Md., for the following suggestion:
Putting food into the refrigerator on paper or wooden "picnic plates" not only saves breakage of crockery, but also these plates take up less space in the box than chinaware of various shapes, sizes and thicknesses, and there is not the waste of ice as when heavy dishes are put in, absorbing much of the cold air.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. E. Brent, 1490 North 17th street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion:
Fill the cracks in your floors in the following manner: Soak newspapers thoroughly in a paste made of a half pound of flour, three quarts of water and a half pound of alum. The mixture should be about as thick as putty. Force into the cracks with a case knife and smooth on top. It will harden like papier mache.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. W. Herbert, 1400 Frankford avenue, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion:
Before placing oilcloth on the kitchen table, paste a piece of muslin on the wrong side at the corners where it would touch the table. By doing this you will prevent the oilcloth from peeling off, as it often does.

AROUND THE BARGAIN COUNTERS

Hats are a continual problem for the woman of fashion, even if she doesn't want one to match every gown she gets. In a few short weeks the gamut of styles changes for better or for worse from small, beribboned turbans with narrow brims to wide, floppy leghorns with broad shady brims which are simply trimmed with a bow of velvet or a cluster of flowers. Moline brims are also fashionable, and push crowns are seen on all the New York styles.
One handsome white Milan sailor hat for street wear was trimmed with a moire ribbon encircling the crown, which was made of the smoothest hatter's plush in white that you can imagine. The front was simply trimmed with an oval head in bright emerald green, giving a delightfully cool touch to the whole. The price was \$5.
Another charming style was more suitable for evening or theatre wear. It was an extremely large floppy leghorn, made in a sailor shape, although it was too big to be anything but a garden hat. The crown was rather high, with a band of navy blue tulle at the top and around the brim. This was headed with dark blue and black beads, and a beaded ornament stood up in the front. The price was only \$5.
A very odd little hat was made of white tulle, with a very wide brim in front, a large flat crown and a narrow brim in back. The only trimming on the whole hat was a tallized bow of white tulle, which was placed all the way across the front. This had two loops in front, and a second bow of black velvet attached in the center of the nose. The price was \$7.
A distinguished looking sailor shape, with moire effects in extensive covering the top, and simply trimmed with two brilliant red plumes at either side, sold for \$5.

WOMEN DEBATE SUFFRAGE IN SHORE POLITICAL CLUB

Politicians Puzzled by Plainly and Elaborately Gowned Disputants
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 21.—Shore politicians are in a quandary today, after a two-hour session last night with local and up-State society women, who invaded the headquarters of the Young Men's Republican League, and fired their heaviest artillery for and against the ballot for their sex. Mrs. Lillie F. Felckert, of Plainfield, president of New Jersey suffragists, handsomely gowned in cerise satin, set forth all of the familiar arguments in the affirmative. She declared 5,000,000 women will let Presi-

dent Wilson feel their resentment through voters at the polls in 1916 if he does not declare himself strongly for their cause in the meantime.
"Some women think they want to vote, but the great majority of women in New Jersey have no desire to mingle morality and politics in the home," retorted Mrs. Orville D. Oliphant, of Trenton, president of the anti-suffragists of the State. "If women vote the average will be just about the same as among the men. Many good women would not vote, while a great many others who ought not to vote would be waiting for the polls to open."
In a business-like shirtwaist and a skirt suit and a natty sailor hat, the doughty antagonist of the suffragists was a striking figure as she hurled her heaviest shots into the ranks of the opponents. There was a yell from the "boys" that used to run with the Kuehnie machine when the Trenton matron said that the spread

of suffrage sentiment in the West was not a good argument.
"Meanies spread also," she exclaimed. Kuehnie, former Sheriff Nick Johnson, Surrogate Manny Shaner, former Assessor Hugh Genoe, Freeholder Dave Barrett, Sheriff Joe Bartlett and many others heard the debate.



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Tomorrow's Menu

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Oranges
Cereal and Cream
Coddled Eggs
Corn Bread
Coffee
LUNCHEON OR SUPPER
Clam Sandwiches
Hot Chocolate
Wafers
Cheese.
DINNER
Cream of Carrot Soup
Porgies
Mashed Potatoes
Chopped Pickle
Creamed Asparagus
Lettuce Salad
Batter Pudding with Strawberry Sauce
Batter pudding with strawberry sauce—Sift a cupful and a half of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, and to it add four egg yolks, well beaten, and a pint of milk. Then fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Bake in a hot oven and serve with strawberry sauce, made by mixing a cupful of powdered sugar with the yolk of an egg, two tablespoonfuls of butter and a cupful of fresh strawberries all beaten well together. Chill and serve very cold on the hot pudding.



A SMART GIRL'S DIARY

Smart Frocks for Children
THE problem of the growing girl's wardrobe has puzzled many an anxious mother. The "fapper" period is not an English institution, by any means. Our own American girls soon get to the age when they seem to consist entirely of angles, and the problem of softening these and dressing the young miss to the best advantage is by no means a small one.
Simplicity is, and always should be, the keynote of a child's clothing. Unnecessary finery is usually unbecoming, and is always out of place. The fashionable specialty shops—where children's dresses cost as much as grown-up—are showing linens, batiste, organdies and fine voiles for the young girl's frock. Plain colors are used, as well as striped, checked and the charming French gingham plaids which look so cool on a hot day.
A miniature coat suit is shown on the larger child in the picture, although the dress is made in one piece. The front is very much like a jacket, with its row of crocheted Irish buttons, used like small studs. The same are used as ball trimming around the bottom of the coat. A buckle of the Irish lace clasps the girde in front. The skirt is box-plaited. This same color was used on the band of velvet around the chic little hat, with bright fruits at each side for trimming.
The other little frock has also a coat-effect. The linen is white, with a yoke of finest batiste, hand-tucked. The collar and cuffs on the coatee are hand-embroidered, and the only trimming is a couple of novelty buttons, and a wide girde of linen at the waist line.
Smocking is a most fashionable trimming for children's dresses, and this is suitable for children of 10 and 12 years, too. Many plain white muslin, batiste or organdie frocks are seen in the shops with no other trimming but a touch of handmade smocking—and no more than a touch is necessary.

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