CONSIDER THE ALIMONY-TAKER AND HER WAYS, SAYS M'LISS

She Labors Not, Neither Does She Spin, Yet She Regards It Quite Within Her Rights to Be Amply Provided For

Ask anybody offhand which he thinks the more unmoral member of society, the parasite or the alimony-taker, and nine times out of ten the answer would be: "The parasite." A close analysis of the two, however, induced by the action of a member of one of Philadelphia's most prominent families in bringing suit against her husband in London for back alimony, leads me to the conclusion that the alimony-taker is an infinitely less worthy member than her half sister, the parasite.

The latter, as the modernists construe it in a special sense, is the person who lives on the earnings of another. When present-day authors speak of the social parasite (and when do they not?) they mean usually the wife who takes and then takes. Like the clinging viae, she fastens her tendrils around a man and clings. Often the man doesn't in the least object to being clung to, but

like the sturdy oak, stands creet and proud.

But even though she is not a self-supporting member of society, the parasite often pays in love and devotion for the sustenance she receives. This such cannot be said of the alimony-taker. She asks for a stipulated sum for a lifetime, if she can get it-and refuses to give even her companionship in payment. Just because she has bamboozied some man into marrying her she thinks she ought to be supported for the rest of her existence. She takes and gives nothing in return. And the law aids and abets her.

Of course the argument might be advanced that if a man marries a woman and then misbehaves in such a way as to make life with him impossible she has every right to expect to be looked after. I don't believe it, and I think some day the time will arrive when women will scorn to take when they cannot give. Thus will the alimony-takers pass from the face of the earth and a blessed millennium obtain-for the divorcees, at any rate.

. . . The Purple Villain's Rival

BEWARE of the model young man! A shining example of him has been arrested in New Jersey on the charge of bignmy. I suppose if his matrimonial career had not been so sum-

the end of time. He didn't smoke, chew, drink, play cards or stay out late at night. He attended to his business with unfailing regularity; he went to church conscientiously, and even became a teacher in the Sunday school. It was through his church work that he met the lady whom he decided to make No. 2.

marily nipped in the bud women would have gone on "falling for" him until

He had no difficulty, apparently, in convincing her of his utter perfection. It was only when No. 1 appeared on the scene that the second lady felt she had any reason to complain. Now the two women are husbandless, and the Model Young Man is meditating in Jail on the ways of the world.

Somehow or other the impression has taken root that it is only the devflish members of the opposite sex who set the feminine heart a-flutter. True, every time a scoundrel comes to grief at least a dozen women write him consoling letters or flock to his cell to comfort him, but, personally, I believe the model young man"-he who seems to be a combination of Sir Galahad, Paralfal and Alfred the Good-is the individual to keep your eye on.

Compared to the professional "model young man," His Satanic Majesty is a pure young thing!

The Value of "Sprucing Up"

BECAUSE a phlegmatic husband suddenly began to spruce up and take an interest in his ties and socks his wife became suspicious that he no longer loved her. She trailed him and discovered, she declares, an affinity. Now she is suing "the other woman" for allenation of his affections.

What kind of logic is this, anyway? It seems to me she ought to be suing herself for her inability to keep him spruced up. Maybe she failed in the "prinking" business herself and let her rival beat her at this interesting game, "The other woman" has succeeded in what she herself failed. "Prinking," like smallpox, is contagious.

Sleeping Beauty Tames the Beasts

THE power of beauty once more has been demonstrated. An entire train, Lpassengers, crew and baggage-slingers, walked on tip-toe so that Lillian Russell's beauty sleep might not be interrupted. Wake up, sisters, and sleep like Lillian does.

Attempting the Impossible

DISPATCH from Lendon says that women who work in the ammuni-A tion factories, after three weeks' training, make 7 per cent. more bonuses than men who have been working for years at the same trade. I wonder if this will carry any weight with the Government after the war? Anyhow, it is a pretty good argument in favor of woman's rights. But, of course, it might not strike the English.

"What's Sauce for the Goose-"

HINDUSTANI or a Hottentot comes over here and marries an American A girl. He enjoys the full privileges of these United States, but she is amenable to the laws of his country. An American man, however, can marry whom ever he pleases and retain the rights of American citizenship. Ettel C. Mackenzie found this out to her sorrow when she had to relinquish her vote in San Francisco because she married an Englishman. Why this invidious distinction?

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Dear M'Liss-Will you kindly place the following quotation for me: "The public weal requires that men should betray and lie and massacre"?

ANXIOUS.

. . . Dear M'Liss-Can you tell me something about the organization called the

It is from Montaigne's essay, "Of Profit and Honesty."

Dickens Fellowship? This society was formed in 1902. Its membership is composed of men and women throughout the English-speaking world who are interested in keeping alive the spirit of Charles Dickens as exemplified in his writings. Headquarters at Whitcomb House, London. Membership is open to all.

. . . Dear M'Liss-Can you please find out for me the origin of placing mistletoe around the house in conspicuously inconspicuous positions at Christmas?

In the early days of the Druids mistletoe was regarded as a sacred plant, to be revered and worshiped. Later it was thought to possess a protective and curative power, according to a Scandinavian legend, and to have it suspended ever one's threshold was to avert and divert danger from the household.

The world seems to have grown more sentimental from this time on, however, for the next mention to be found of the mistletoe is in early English when it was placed around the house for the purpose of imbuing backward members of the sex not supposed to be weak with the courage to osculate,

The popularity of this use is attested for by the length of time that it has adured. Unless I am greatly mistaken, even twentieth century Philadelphia girls have been known to hang the mistletoe. It is a nice decoration.

Dear M'Liss-When that little Sunbury woman comes across with the information as to how she tried to spank her 230-pound husband and got away with it, will you please let me know? My husband only weighs 145 pounds, MRS. BERTHA K. M.

You shall be duly advised.

. . . Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only. PANTALETTES AND BERTHAS AMONG SEASON'S REVIVALS



genuous type than this year. Pannler draperies, dainty shining silks, berthas, basques and Dutch bodices of all descriptions add to the impression of youthfulness as nothing else can. The first choice for the small girl of slender proortions is the basque. Carried out, as saw one the other day, in lines of sim-le elegance, with orchid faille for the material, trimmed with silver lace and pantalettes, the effect is irresistible. The pantalettes have at last received efficial sanction, along with the season's other revivals, although they have not been adopted by the conservative woman as yet. They really belong, both from type and from proviety, to the slender miss who is either in her terms, or, what is more important, still contrives to look it.

The pantalettes are carried out in the regular color scheme of the gown itself, being edged with soft lace in most cases, although I have seen more extreme most-els with ruffles of silver lace, caught in at the ankle like the old-fashioned pic-

NEVER was there a season when the which is worn over the pantalettes is young girl could be truer to her in. irregular in outline, assuming the form young girl could be truer to her in-uous type than this year. Pannier of the Lucille pointed tunic in one of its

of the Lucille pointed tunic in one of its many forms. It is used in such a way as to conseal the panialettes until the wenrer walks or dances.

Another favorite with the younger set is the indestructible net overdrapery. This, too, assumes the Lucille tunic form, although it is more frequently used in the smart ruffle effect, as shown in today's illustration. This little gown, by the way, is designed for a very young the way, is designed for a very young hay, and can be made up in a variety of fetching color combinations. Baby blue taffera is seen on the foundation, covered with alk net to match. The bodice is simple, like the baby freeks which we used to wear to dancing school. It has dainty camisole straps of flesh-pink satin ribbon over the shoulders, with the same drawn through the girdle. drawn through the girdle. The ruffles are edged with flesh-pink ribbon. At the back of the corsage a knot of the satin ribbon is seen at the waistline hanging down in a long sash. The skirt is a mass of pretty frills ruffles, over a salk foundation, pinked at the hem to make it boundant. The effect is charmingly youthful. es which we try to hide. The tunic youthful.

WHAT BLOOD PRESSURE IS AND HOW TO MEASURE IT

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

WHAT is blood pressure and how does the doctor measure it? Blood pressure is the force with which the column of blood in the blood vessel presses against the vessel wall. It is just like water pressure in a lawn hose. The higher the pressure the greater The higher the pressure the greater strain on the hose, and the sooner the hose will give out.

In health the degree of blood pressure varies with age. For all ages it averages 127 millimeters—which means that the pressure of the blood in the artery of Mrs. ever, we often find the blood pressure 160 quish or more in persons past middle age, yet they seem to be absolutely well.

There are a dozen types of apparatus, body as highly as he values for measuring the blood pressure. The blic or his watch, is the bithing is done in this way: A cuff is test, it will tell him whethe wrapped lightly about the upper arm: beyond his physical means. cuff consists of an inflatable section this cuff consists of an inflatable section of rubber tube, like the inner tube of an auto tire, covered with a stout layer of cloth, the whole pinned or tied about the arm. A length of rubber tubing leads from this cuff to an air-pump and also to the standard which holds the mercury column in a glass tube. Instead of the mercury column a dial manometer may be used.

The physician now pumps the cuff full

The physician now pumps the cuff full The physician now pumps the cur full of air, thus gradually squeezing the arm, while he keeps his fingers or stethoscope on the pulse at the wrist; at the point where the pulse no longer reaches the wrist he reads what the manometer says—and that is your blood pressure. As

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB



simple as feeling your pulse, but incomparably more accurate.

Arterial hardening (arterio-sclerosis)

will show itself early in a rise of year sure over the normal. Kidney disear, certain toxic or autotoxemic states will increase blood pressure markedly for instance, uremia. This is why the expectant mother should have her blood pressure measured occasionally if she is not perfectly well. Overeating and excessive quantities of meat in the diet will raise blood pressure. Tobacco, alcohol, lead poisoning and certain chronic infecthe arm is enough to raise a column of tious diseases likewise elevate the pres-

> measurement of the blood pressure with the sphygmomanometer. Part of the annual physical examination which every man over 30 should have, if he values his body as highly as he values his automo-bile or his watch, is the blood pro-

THEIR KINSMEN OFF AT WAR COUPLE WEDDED QUIETLY

Philadelphia Girl Bride of Canadian Munitions Plant Man

at St. Catharine's, Ontario, Can, was Add the soda, dissolved in a tablespool Johnston, rector of the Church of Our Sa- Bake for an hour in a moderate oven viour, officiated. The wedding was private. Close relatives of both bride and groom are on the firing line with the

Mr. Anglin is the son of Col. William Anglin, surgeon in the British army, and now in charge of the base hospital at Cairo, Egypt, where the wounded soldiers of the Allies are brought from the base of operations along the Dardanelles and the Balkan States. His home is at Kingston, Can. Mr. Anglin is also the cousin of Margaret Anglin, one of the favorite actresses of the majority of theatre-going persons.

Miss Sherron's brother is on the western front as a captain in the British army, where he won recognition by his valor. Owing to the fact that Miss Sherron's grandmother is ill and the uncertainty of accurate news from the front, the ceremony was confined to intimate friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Anglin will reside in Canada after an extended honeymoon.

If you're looking for a really distinctive gift, and want to get something quits new why not give her pantalettes? Most girls fove nice undergarments, and the very very dernier cri calls for pink chiffon taffota pantles, peeping out beneath her evening nown. They have dainty ruffles about the ankle, banded with a fur cade and anklet. The effect is decidedly chic, and they only cost is decidedly c Mr. Anglin is the son of Col. William

SAYS MISSING HUSBAND HAS MET FOUL PLAY

Wife of August Moehring Asserts Also His Mind May Have Been Affected

A deranged mind or an accident to keeping August Mochring away from his comfortable home and family is the opinion of his wife, who has been waiting for his return for three days. Mochring, who lived at 2400 Ingersoil street, left for his place of business, at 673 Preston street, on Wednesday morning and has not been seen since. He did not reach his office.

"He was a good husband, and I know he is not staying away from me on his own accord," said Mrs. Mochring today. "He has either met with foul play or his mind has been affected by a serious Ill-ness from which he was just recovering. Since he was so ill he has acted very strangely at times. I am almost heart-

broken."

Moehring, according to his wife, did Mochring, according to his wife, did not drink. He was treasurer of the Red Men's Lodge, No. 238, which meets at 28th and Columbia avenue, but it is said that his accounts there are in good order. He has been held up and robbed twice of large sums of money on College avenue, his wife said, and she feels that he was held up on Wednesday and injured. He had \$28. The police have been mearching the city but not a trace of the missing man has been found.

MRS. GALT GETS BRIDAL GOWN

New York Costumer Delivers Wedding Finery

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 -Mrs. Norman Galt, fiances of President Wilson, now has her wedding gown. It was delivered at the Galt home by Julius Kurzman, of Kurzman Bros., New York, who also furnished the gowns for Miss Jesale Wilson when she became the bride of Francis Bowes Sayre and for Miss Eleanor Wilson when she married Scentary, McMoson who she was delivered at the Scentary state of the Scentary state o son when she married Secretary McAdo. Mr. Kurzman would not discuss the wedding dress, the trousseau or any article furnished for it by his house.

Indian Pound Cake and Several Other Recipes

Indian pound cake is more or less in the nature of a surprise when served to Northerners, because the recipe is an old one, not very well known in these parts. The following, then, copyrighted by the New Orleans Picayone, is a very nice, dght cake for a light ten or lunchcon dish, and is delicious if properly

Required: 12 cup of flour, 1 cup of Indian meal, 12 pound of butter, 12 pound of sugar, 3 eggs, a grated nutmeg, a tea-spoonful of cinnamon and a half glassstoonful of cinnamon and a half glass-lui of sherry wine and brandy, mixel. Stir the butter and sugar to a cream and add the well-beaten yolks of the eggs. Leat till very light, then add the meal and the flour, well blended. Beat until light. Add the spices and liquor, and finally the whites of the eggs, beat-en to a stiff froth. Beat thoroughly, but lightly, and turn into a buttered tin. Bake in a moderate oven for an hour and a half. Luncheon cake is good, and can be

Luncheon cake is good, and can be made in three-quarters of an hour. Use 1 cups of sugar, 3 cups of flour, ½ cup of milk. 1 teaspoonful of baking powder and a teaspoonful of peach extract. Beat the sugar and eggs to a cream, then add the milk. Then add the flour gradually, into which you will have sifted the bal-ing powder. Add a teaspoonful of peach anyother extract and bake for % of

Motley cake is so called because the ingredients are so varied. It is very good, indeed, and easter to make than some of the recipes given before. Required: 1 pound of sugar, 12 pound of butter, 3 cups of flour, 12 eggs, a teaspoonful each the arm is enough to raise a column of mercury 127 millimeters above the level. From 15 years apward a blood pressure under 100 degrees is rather too low for health; and from middle life onward life insurance companies look with disfavor upon a pressure above 145 degrees. However we often find the blood pressure with the adversary of the blood pressure with the adversary of the look pressure with the adversary of the look pressure with the subsymmetric field in the second sifting, the have sifted, in the second sifting, the baking powder. Mix thoroughly and beat vigorously. Then add the whites of the eggs, beaten to a stiff froth. Now divide the batter into two parts and put a teaspoonful of peach extract into and a teaspoonful of fruit coloring into the other. Mix well and drop by spoonfuls into a buttered cake pan, first a spoonful of the white, then a spoonful of the pink, until the batter is all used up. Bake from 45 minutes to an hour in

moderate oven. Pearl Cake: Use % pound of butter, 1 pound of sugar, 1 pint of milk, 4 eggs, I teaspoonful of soda, 1 pound of flour, 1; The marriage of Miss Josephine E. grated natmeg and a teaspoonful of va-Sherron, daughter of a retired manufac-turer of this city, and William W. An-gin, connected with a munitions plant at St. Catharine's, Ontario, Can, was solemnized this afternoon at the home of ful of boiling water, and then add the the bride's father, William Thomson milk and best carefully. Add the flour Sherron, at Hamilton Court, 28th and Gradually, beating vigorously. Then add the spices and essence, and lastly the spices and essence, and lastly the white of the eggs, beaten to a stiff from

Christmas Hints

If you're looking for a really dis-

Marion Harland's Corner

In Need of Reading Matter AS READERS of your Corner, we ask

ganized in our town the J. W. Club, and it is badly in need of books, magazines, Will you please ask your readers if there are any who can spare books or ningazines. It will be greatly appre-ciated and freight, express or mail ex-

press will be paid. A. R."
This is the kind of work to which the Corner gladly inclines. Most of us ought to be clearing a space upon our shelves for the books which Christmas is sure to for the books which Caristman is sure to bring. Anticipate the rush by packing all you can spare and sending to us for the address of A. R. representing the club. Don't send them to the newspaper office, but directly to the address received

Offers Farm Papers

"Since sending Luke D. W. some farm journals I have found more papers of like nature, which somebody else might care to receive. Any applicant is welcome to them who wishes to read them.

"J. H. L."

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Willing to Divide Her Family

'I am 6 years old, going on 7. But know what the Corner means, for my mamma tells me. I am the mother of six dear children, but since I go to school I do not have time to love them all. If you can find a home for three of them I will be very glad. I guess you are a line woman to do so much for other folk. It makes your heart 'jumpy' when you do good. W. dell's a second when the second words. you do good. My dolls have good clothes to wear. MARGARET B."

In all the history of the H. H. C., few epistles have brought me more pure pleasure than that written in the childish characters I wish I could transfer to this sheet. Margaret uses an indelible pencil and traces every word herself. A letter inclosed from her methers which letter inclosed from her mother-which I obey her by withholding from publi-cation-assures me of this and that the child writes with her mother's sanction and of her own free will. I presume upon this true-hearted woman's indulgence so far as to borrow one paragraph from her personal letter: "Margaret is tearning a wonderful life lesson-one that none of us can learn too well: 'Be thoughtful of others and it will make you happier in every walk of life.' The darling is studying under a wise and tender preceptor.
The dolls-i. e., Margaret's childrenmust have good homes and fond and
careful owners. The wardrobes will go
with them, you will observe. Margaret's thristmas will be the happier for

Magazines and Fancywork Patterns

or and an old book on knitting and erocket, also magazines, for any one who wants them.

MRS. F. H." who wants them. MRS. F. H."
Your note is brief and to the point.
More than one point is covered, for the
magazines and patterns may not go to one and the same person. All will be

Given to Earlier Applicant

"Would you think me too forward if I make one more request? If it has not been disposed of I should like to ask for the clastic kneedup that Daisy C. offers. I have quite a lot of trouble with my right knee. If I don't step just right it "goes out" and is quite painful. I am unable to step upon that fout for one whole day afterward. MRS. W. H. P."
It goes to my soul to have to deny your. It goes to my soul to have to deny your first request. The kneecap went to an earlier applicant. I am casting about in

my mind as to the probability that another may be found for you. Those who have stiffened knees can comprehend what you mean by saying that yours "goes out" when you try to walk and the pain that follows. I hold your address, and should a "cap" be offered you shall have prompt notification of it.

Offers Designs for Quilt

Offers Designs for Quilt
"I can supply pretty designs for a log
cabin quilt, requested by L. C. H. I also
have some pretty crochet lace patterns to
give away. I enjoy the Helping Hand
Corner very much. To E. J. K. I will say,
follow closely advice you gave her, applying persistently the following: For
bedbugs, equal parts of corrosive subitmate, turpentine and wood alcohol. I
want a singing capary. Can I get one want a singing canary. Can I get one through the H. H. C.? IRENE D."

If there be a song bird the present owner is willing for any reason to spare to our liberal soul she may be sure that it will find love and heart music in the new home. L. C. H. is supplied with patterns. Yours will be wanted by somebody else. Let us hear whether or not you get the bird. get the bird-

Orchestra Wants Music Stands

"I have some cotton and wool gullt pieces, some old music and magazines. Who wants them? Our Sunday school is starting an orchestra and is in need of one or two music stands. This any one an old one that we can have? I think the Corner is doing a fine, a splendid work. I wish you had more room for it. "M. L. S." In imagination we see that orchestra-nited up with all the appliances requi-site to comfortable performance, and

wish it success. Has Magazines to Give Away

"I am in receipt of your information as to the person who could use my weekly as to the person who could use my weekly file of magazines. Inquiries at the post-office showed me that the mailing rates were prohibitive from my home to the little village, and the express would be no different. Can't you give me the ad-dress of some one nearer? Meantime, in order that your Cornerite might not be disappointed in the efficiency of the Corner, I have included her name in a club-bing list and am having a good maga-zine sent to her for one year. V. P. K. Somebody has defined an expedient as "doing the next best thing when you find you can't do just as you like." Our member needs no training in the fine art of expediency. Witness the duplex benefaction indicated in his letter. Not content with sending the correspondent a year's subscription to a margine he sake to subscription to a manazine, he asks to whom the others left in his hands may go

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