

M'LISS FINDS WOMAN PAYING TELLER IN PHILADELPHIA

Miss Helen Engle Sits in Her Cage at the Bank Like a Real Man and Cashes Checks Without Ever Making a Mistake

THE popular conception of a woman in a bank is a hurried depositor trying to insist on the paying teller taking in her money and wondering why the receiving clerk points to the next window when she tries to get him to cash a check.

But if you ever have occasion to stop in Gimbel's Bank observe the competent, well-poised manner in which Miss Helen Engle performs the multifarious duties of paying teller and you will see shattered, once and for all, the traditional notion that a woman in a bank is like a nervous hen in the road of a speeding motor.

I have been unable to discover after some little investigation any other woman throughout the length and breadth of Philadelphia holding a position similar to Miss Engle's.

She stands alone in demonstrating that a woman can do virtually anything she makes up her mind to, even to developing that most difficult of all accomplishments, "a head for figures."

"I started as a clerk," she told me the other morning, sitting behind her "cage," "and gradually worked up. It is true you don't meet many women holding the position of paying teller, but there's surely nothing in the feminine composition which unfits us for the job.

"Extreme carefulness, great exactitude and a courteous manner, are, I should say off-hand, the chief requisites for success in bank employment. Many checks that are presented must be carefully investigated. A woman's tact should enable her to do this without offending the person who presents the check. For, although this investigation is a matter of safeguarding with all banks, there are a few people in the world who imagine that because it is necessary to take some precaution you are questioning their veracity or honesty.

"It is an interesting business, too. One which cultivates in you a keenness in studying faces and reading expressions. It develops accuracy, too, to the nth degree, because mistakes are fatal and you come to realize that they simply can NOT be made. All these things, however, come just as easily to women as to men, and I should not be at all surprised if some day there were not big banking institutions owned, run and entirely 'manned' by women."

Why not? With Hetty Green and Miss Engle setting the example.

Manners: Where Does One Get Them?

With schools for this and schools for that and people of prominence, who ought to know better, bobbing up every now and then with suggestions for schools for something else, is there any place in all the land where one can take a course in etiquette? Or is this the one final thing that has been left to home and mother?

I hear that, excepting at the young ladies' seminaries, modern curriculums do not include a seemingly essential course in social usages and graces.

If a child learns to curtsy to her elders prettily, or a girl to serve tea daintily, it is either because she has inherited the talent from some charming ancestress or she has a mother old-fashioned enough to realize that such accomplishments are inculcated and do not come naturally by the grace of Heaven and a kind Providence.

By nothing is a man so betrayed as by his manners, says Spenser. This is even more true of women. A man can rise to the very highest pinnacle of success with practically no polish at all. His faux pas are put down to his virility, his preoccupation with his work. He hasn't time for trivialities.

He her intellect and her character what it may, a woman must have all the social quirks at her fingertips. She must know how and when to do things. The very men who ignore the amenities for themselves demand them in women.

How is she going to learn in this day and age? Is there any one to make answer?

Poor, Dear Mothers are so Ignorant!

Speaking of suggestions for additional schools, here comes Ida Tarbell with the idea that mothers ought to go to learn their business. They don't know how to raise children! They're not fit to teach the young twig to shoot!

I don't know anything at all about Miss Tarbell's parentage and early life, but I imagine she had a pretty competent mother who trained her in the way she should go. And I never heard that Lincoln's mother had to take a course in order to know how to bring up a leader of the nation, or the mother of Washington, who couldn't tell a lie.

In making her contentions, Miss Tarbell was freighted with statistics to prove that the majority of working girls marry. Because they have been working girls, they are, according to the lady's logic, unfit to marry without special training.

Very well, I shan't argue the point, but I'm willing to wager that the working girl whose sole idea of cooking is a Welsh rabbit on the chafing-dish can buckle down to the frying pan and the dust cloth with as good grace as the home-bred butterfly and debutante who doesn't know a fireless cooker from a vacuum cleaner.

As Every One Knows

There's a lot more difference between a "person" and a "personage" than just the "age."

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'Liss—Please let me know through your column in the EVENING LEDGER under what category such phrases as "The die is cast," "What's in a name?" are classed. Also what words I could use in explanation of them. Thanking you in advance, I am yours very truly,

These are well-known quotations. The former was used by Caesar when crossing the Rubicon and the latter is from Shakespeare. You might speak of them as famous sayings, but the word "quotation" is better.

Dear M'Liss—Will you kindly tell me the meaning of the word "Nelle"? READER.

Nelle is a nickname for Helen, which is derived from a Greek word meaning light. A popular belief is that persons with this name ought to be intellectual because of the significance of the root word.

Dear M'Liss—Can you tell me the birthstone of a person born in January? Garnet. JAMES N.

Dear M'Liss—When is the feast of Candlemas? R. O. The feast of Candlemas comes on Wednesday, February 2.

Dear M'Liss—How much does it cost to insure parcel post parcels? IGNORANT.

The cost of insurance is 3 cents for packages valued at not more than \$5; 5 cents for a \$5 valuation; 10 cents for packages valued between \$5 and \$50, and 25 cents for packages valued between \$50 and \$100. Packages valued at less than \$100 may be sent C. O. D. by parcel post for 10 cents in addition to the postage, which pays for the collection and also insures the delivery.

Dear M'Liss—What does one receive on one's 12th wedding anniversary? MATRON.

I'm sure I couldn't go so far as to predict, but the time-honored custom is to give silk and linen.

Dear M'Liss—Is Marion Harland a pen name? Who is she? CURIOUS. Mrs. Mary Virginia Terhune is her real name. She is a culinary expert and author of note.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



A STUNNING GOWN FOR EVENING WEAR

SIMPLICITY is the keynote of the little frock shown in today's illustration, made in the popular panther style, called by the latest couturiers "the umbrella effect." The material used is a wonderful Nile green soiree tulle, with touches of tulle and silver embroidery.

The fullness at the bottom is effectively confined to the proper angle by means of hand-smocking. A flat bow adorns one side of the corsage. Clusters of natural-tinted pink roses give a note of artistry which is decidedly pleasing. This gown will be duplicated in any color desired at \$35.

Full particulars as to the place where this gown may be purchased can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Please mention the date on which the article appeared.

Fashions and Fads

Belts are again in favor on children's coats.

There is no end to the use for beads this season.

The fullest coats look best on the slimmest women.

Moire is particularly good for full, straight skirts.

Marion Harland's Corner

Cleaning Brass and Copper

I HAVE seen an inquiry for a way of cleaning brass and copper in your Corner and I am glad to be of help. Mix together half a cup of flour, half a cup of vinegar and two tablespoons of salt. It is a little harmful to the hands, but you can avoid dipping your fingers into it by using a big sponge to do the work. Dip only half of the sponge into the mixture, keeping the other half dry. Rub lightly if you would have the best results. Be sure to dip the article into cold water quickly and dry thoroughly. Otherwise it will become green. Do this and your copper will be as bright as the sun. I am a foreign-born woman from a family of coppersmiths. O. B. T.

A large percentage of our working members claim lands other than America as their birthplaces. Readers who profit by their contributions would be amazed to learn how important these are to the continued excellence of the Corner. We are pleased to add to the number the writer of the recipe for polishing brass and copper utensils. In my youth a mixture of vinegar and salt, made hot, was the one and only compound used for cleaning the copper kettle which was the only vessel in which preserves and pickles were put up in quantities that would make our modern housemother stare with incredulous horror.

Ink Stains on Crepe Waist

"Will you advise me what I can do to remove ink stains from a crepe de chine waist without leaving a yellow stain of any kind? D. C." If the fabric be white you may easily remove the stain with chlorinated soda or oxalic acid, taking care in either case to rinse the spot with clear water within 10 minutes after the application of the detergent. If the waist be colored do not attempt the job yourself. You will extract the ground color with the ink.

Blushing Apples and Candied Pears

"Kindly let me know how to make blushing apples" I ate them once, and am desirous of finding out how to put them up. And I should like to know, too, how to make candied pears. The blushing apples are usually served with roast duck, and the candied pears with roast chicken. I have tried to buy them several times from grocers, but cannot find them. "Mrs. J. F. R."

My search through cook books and memory has been as futile. The blushing apples I gave up without a struggle. The name would have fixed it in my memory if I had ever heard of it. For candied fruits I have sundry formulas, but none that has to do with accompaniments of roast meats. The conclusion of the whole matter is an appeal to my great body of practical housewives and cooks—professional and amateur—for solution of the puzzle. I wish our querist had told us whether the apples "blushed" through syrup or pickle, and if the candied pears were incriminated with sugar or embalmed in "saucy piquante." In a word, the Cor-

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB Sometimes in life there comes a pause, An awful emptiness it seems. Then I sort out my memories And kind of freshen up my dreams. (Illustration of a cherub)

ner is in despairing ignorance and sends a wireless "S. O. S." through the fog.

Recipe for Cookies

"In return for the many helpful things I have found in your Corner, I will give you a splendid recipe for cookies. I have found this the best I have ever given, and so do my friends to whom I have given it. The recipe is: One cup of sugar, half cup of butter and lard, mixed; cream them well together; two eggs, three tablespoons of sour milk, three cups of flour, vanilla extract, a little salt, just enough soda to sweeten the milk, a heaping teaspoon and a quarter of baking powder. Sift two cups of the flour with the soda and baking powder. Mix all together and add enough flour to roll nicely. Bake in a quick oven. This will make four or five dozen cookies. M. J. B."

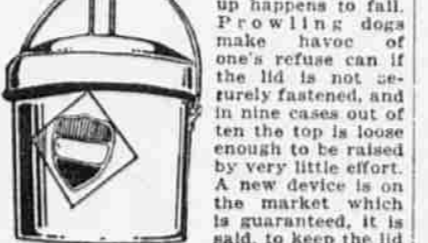
Needs a Blanket

"I have been a shut-in bed on account of heart trouble for almost two years. I am a young woman in the early twenties. The cold weather is on and I need a blanket badly. Is there any one among your generous Cornerites who has one to spare? If we were able to purchase one I assure you I should not ask for it. We have had much sickness and misfortune. May I also ask if any one has lavender flowers to give away? I should so love to have some! E. S." The invalid does not stipulate that the covering shall be new. A blanket which has been properly washed and laid away in the linen closet because it is not needed for any bed in the household would be as acceptable as a new one. People who keep the blood in active circulation and, therefore, warm by outdoor exercise cannot guess at the actual suffering of the thin blooded shut-in while winter chills the heart of nature. To be cold means hardship even to the well and strong. To our shivering girl it is sheer torture.

All communications addressed to Miss Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Send to Marion Harland, Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

"Unspillable" Garbage Pail

Nothing is more disturbing than the sight of an overturned garbage pail, not to mention the labors of the unfortunate person to whom the lot of cleaning it all up happens to fall.



Proving dogs make havoc of one's refuse cans if the lid is not securely fastened, and in nine cases out of ten the top is loose enough to be raised by very little effort. A new device is on the market which is guaranteed. It is said to keep the lid of the garbage pail from coming off. This is a simple arrangement of wire, like an arch over the pail, to which the lid is tightly pressed, naturally causing the top to stick tightly to the vessel. The wire is slipped off when the cover is removed. The same principle may be applied to closing pots and pans, if wanted.—Popular Science Monthly.

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GALL-STONES CAN BE PREVENTED BY DIET AND TREATMENT

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

CAN gall-stones be cured without operation?

No. But perhaps gall-stones may be prevented by dietetic and medicinal treatment in persons who have signs of gall-sac inflammation.

Stout persons along toward 40, mostly women, are apt to have gall-sac disease, especially persons who have had typhoid fever a few years previously.

Most everybody thinks gall-sac trouble is "stomach trouble" or "dyspepsia" at first. The earlier symptoms are occasional slight pain or discomfort, with gaseous distention, felt about the stomach region; considerable belching after meals, which sometimes relieves or seems to relieve the discomfort. The patient may note feelings of coldness or slight shivering at times. There is a tender spot under the edge of the right ribs. Not rarely there is palpitation. These symptoms are prone to come on in the night.

A later stage, developing in months or years, is marked by sharper pain, more belching and sometimes vomiting, but the health is pretty fair between attacks. "Acute indigestion" shoulders the blame for these attacks in the patient's diagnosis. Some particular article of food is generally blamed, a rather characteristic symptom in itself.

In the third stage typical colic occurs now and then—severe pain in the upper abdomen, perhaps vomiting and chill, fever, sweat following the colic. Next day there may be jaundice. Such symptoms speak strongly for gall-stones. X-ray photographs may show stones containing considerable calcium salts, but will not show stones with insufficient calcium to give a shadow, and hence is not a certain, though a helpful aid in diagnosis.

Gall-sac inflammation and gall-stone disease are chronic, lasting for years, with attacks at rare or frequent intervals, depending upon the patient's diet, occupation or mode of life.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Professor or Doctor

Which would be the better man to consult for a chronic kidney trouble, a medical school professor or just a doctor?

Answer—It wouldn't matter which. A good professor may be a very incompetent physician. Your distinction is not significant.

Hexamethylenamine

Will you kindly inform me what hexamethylenamine is used for in medicine? Answer—It is used to diminish bacterial activity in the urinary tract. It produces

a formaldehyde compound when eliminated from the kidneys. It is also believed to exert an antiseptic action in the gall-sac and possibly also in the nasal cavity—at least, it is given sometimes for cholecystitis and for common coryza (cold in the head).

An Old Man's Habit

What can an old man of 75 years do to break the habit of taking two small doses of opium a day? Answer—It is doubtful whether he should try. At that age it might be a serious matter.

Freckles

Please publish a simple remedy to remove freckles. Answer—There is no such remedy, so far as we are aware.

Love Me Today

Love me today—for this delicious span Takes thou my hands and smiles into my face: Give me those kisses thou hast held in store So many empty days. Nay, I implore Be prodigal—a spendthrift of thy grace— Love me today!

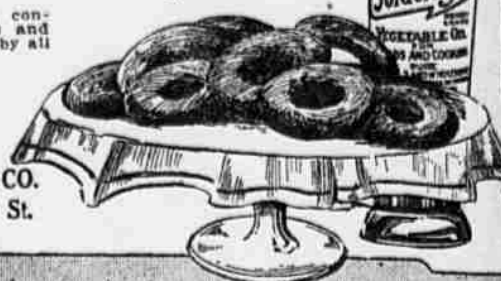
Oh, but tomorrow is a distant place, And yesterday a barren land of yore; Today I live, who knew no life before— Love me today!

Oh, give me all today! Spare no embrace, No little word that bears of love a trace; Then let me beggared go for evermore Content to know, though poverty be sore, That one gold day I bore Love's gold crown and mace— Love me today! —Theodosia Garrison.

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