

WOMAN DENTIST TELLS M'LISS OF PROFITS IN HER FIELD

Eight Thousand Dollars Is the Annual Income of One Feminine Dental Expert Who Has Established an Interesting Practice

SOME people regard dentistry as a profession unromantic enough for men. Seven. But for women, perchance the thought of marrying a man...

Recent investigations on my part brought to light one factor in the relations of women to dentistry that might lead them to repel masculine advances.

There is money for women in dentistry.

If you don't believe me, ask Dr. Ruth Bitting, 131 North 19th street. Doctor Bitting is one of the pioneer woman dentists in Philadelphia.

"I could name a number," she told me, "who do not find it so difficult to make \$6000 a year, and there are plenty who make \$2000 and \$3000."

"Women are eminently adapted to dentistry. They are gentle and sympathetic—more so than men—and their touch is lighter. It is a mistake, though, for women who are thinking of taking up dentistry to imagine that their sphere will be confined to women and children."

"More men came to me than women—great big, husky fellows from the Bethlehem Steel Company, who declared that I hurt them less than a man dentist. I had, of course, a great many children, and I do believe that women are more successful with children than men are."

Women dentists, Doctor Bitting declared, do not extract teeth, not because any particular degree of strength which they do not possess is required—it's a question of knack rather than strength—but because specialization has entered into dentistry, as it has into every other profession, and a few men look after this phase exclusively.

Establishing a practice, to quote Doctor Bitting further, is as easy for a woman as it is for a man—which doesn't mean that it's a "taking-candy-from children" job by any means. But good work brings results, and one satisfied patient means two or three more.

What it lacks in romance it is very apt to make up for in lucrative returns.

Passed by the Censor

Strictly impersonal letters are to be sent by the Bryn Mawr College girls to lonely, "heart-achey" Belgian and French soldiers, after having first been censored by Madame Louis Cons.

Reading between the lines—verbal, not military—will become, I should say, the favorite diversion in the trenches.

Women and Patriotism

The tendency of woman, no matter how enlightened, to put on the spectacles marked "personal," even when viewing big, vital issues was never more clearly demonstrated than in the reply made by a member of the sex to a question put to her by Major General Leonard Wood.

"But," said General Wood, "would you object to your husband fighting for his God, his country, his home, or for you?"

"Oh," she replied, easily and without a moment's hesitation. "I should think him a cad if I were in danger and he didn't protect me."

We don't seem to be able to get away from the personal. I remember at the time of the sinking of the Lusitania, when some men believed and a great many hoped that we would go to war, I talked with prominent women in the city who have sons of war-going age.

"If you could prevent them from going to war, even though the cause were a just one, would you?" was the question put them.

Invariably the answer came back: "I should use every means in my power to keep my son away from the battlefield."

Just as I was beginning to believe that patriotism is peculiarly a masculine virtue, along came the Woman's Preparedness League, with Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel at its head, to disabuse the notion.

One more proof that age cannot wither nor custom stale (nor war destroy) woman's infinite variety.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Dear M'LISS—I have several white crepe de chine waists that have turned yellow from many washings. I have heard that they can be made a delicate pink shade by the use of red ink and that they can also be made blue with bluing. Will you tell me how?

A friend of mine has had notable success in "pinking" waists, but does not recommend the bluing process. She tells me that less than half a teaspoonful of red ink must be used if good results are to be obtained. The reason so many women streak their blouses in this home dyeing is that they use too much of the ink.

Ten drops in a medium-sized basin of water is sufficient if a delicate shade is desired. The waist must be well covered with the fluid and allowed to soak for about half an hour. Launder in the usual way.

Dear M'LISS—Will you please tell me if the two French words "fiancee" and "fiancees" are pronounced alike?

The last syllable of "fiancee" is held slightly longer; otherwise they are pronounced alike.

Dear M'LISS—Kindly tell me a cure for blackheads. My skin would not be so bad if it were not for the large pores that fill up and look ugly.

Fresh air, a daily bath, eight hours' sleep a night and nourishing food are the first steps to be taken. Supplement these with steaming the face. Put your face in the steam that rises from a basin of hot water and keep a Turkish towel over your head and the basin to prevent too much of the steam from escaping.

When the pores are thoroughly opened, which will be in from three to five minutes, press the blackheads out gently. Wash the face with warm water and castile soap and close the pores with cold water, to which a few drops of tincture of benzoin have been added. Do this before retiring.

Dear M'LISS—Please tell me when is the proper time to prune my lilac bushes? I think I did it too soon last year. Also, how early do you begin to prepare the ground for a garden?

Never prune a lilac bush until after it has bloomed, and then sparingly, cutting away only the dead wood. If you pruned your bushes last year before the blossoming you probably cut away all the buds.

You should begin planning your garden now. Any big seed house will be glad to let you have catalogues. Decide on the arrangement of your garden and the plants you will use. It is too early, however, to work the ground or do any outside planting as yet. Wait until the frost is entirely out of the ground, which may be the latter part of March.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



JANUARY BARGAINS IN FURS

TAN and brown tones are particularly good this season on all articles of women's apparel, and this smart fur set of German fitch and skunk carries out the color scheme to perfection.

The muff is even more generously modeled, being one of the melon designs which are so fashionable this season. In fact, any other style is quite passe.

Oddity is noticeable in every line of the smart skunk toque which accompanies the set. It may also be had in fitch and skunk combined to order.

Full particulars as to where this costume may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street.

COAL AND FRUITS BEST BOUGHT DURING SUMMER

One Contributor Tells Budget Editor That Fresh Vegetables All Winter Are Possible on a Limited Income

IT REQUIRES a good deal of management to have fresh vegetables on the family table all during the cold months. It isn't so hard if the family purse is fat enough to allow the housekeeper to go to one of the big markets and select anything she likes, from hot-house tomatoes to new potatoes, in January.

Plain, nourishing vegetables and meat once a day is her formula. She buys coal in the summer, when the prices are at rock bottom. When fresh fruits are at their lowest prices she puts a few by in canned form for winter desserts.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB No matter what my troubles are, Or what the future brings, There's one joy I can always have— The joy of making things.

Advice to Budget Contributors On Monday, January 10, a first prize of \$5, a second of \$3 and two of \$1 each were offered for the most practical household budgets of a \$20-a-week income of a family of five.

Dear M'LISS—Will you please tell me when is the proper time to prune my lilac bushes? I think I did it too soon last year. Also, how early do you begin to prepare the ground for a garden?

Turkish Delight with Pistachio nuts 40c pound. Old-fashioned Butter Taffy... 30c lb. Maillards White Cream Mints... 40c lb. E. Bradford Clarke Co. 1520 Chestnut Street

Woman's Club Activities Now in Full Swing

One of the features of interest of Miss Louise Betts Edwards' short story, "The subject of an illustrated talk," which is held on Friday nights, to members of the Woman Writers Club, 1210 Locust street, will be a talk on the merits of the short story, to be given by Carl Harriman, of the Ladies' Home Journal, on Friday evening, January 21, at 8:15. Members are invited to bring one guest.

The chairman of the Committee on Entertainment of the Plastic Club, Mrs. Joseph P. Ball, announces a very interesting meeting for tomorrow afternoon at 4. "Some Excursions at Otawi" will be the subject of an illustrated talk.

"The Economic Effect of the Child Labor Law" will be discussed by George E. Sprague, secretary of the Public Education and Child Labor Association, before members of the Current Events Class of the Philomathean Club, 344 Walnut street, tomorrow morning at 10:30.

This afternoon at 3 Mrs. Samuel B. Jard, chairman of the industrial and legislative section of the club, will call a meeting. Edward B. Martin, of New York, and Charles E. Reitzel are some of the speakers.

A meeting of the Philadelphia branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae will be called at the College Club, 1200 Spruce street, Louis Nusbaum and Dr. Lucy Wilson are among the speakers.

A junior section of the Review Club of Oak Lane will hold its first meeting tomorrow afternoon. This little club consists of the younger daughters of the club members, including Miss Doris Miller, Miss Mary Stewart, Miss Josephine Spengel, Miss Esther Landis, Miss Margaret Speese, Miss Helen Grafy, Miss Anna Noll, Miss Doris Mills, Miss Grace Frick, Miss Katherine Dickel, Miss Louise Simpson and Miss Josephine Simpson.

The Matinee Musical Club will hold its regular meeting this afternoon in the Rose Gardens of the Bellevue-Stratford. The music of Germany and the border country will be given. The guest soloist will be Mr. Henry Hotz.

Mrs. William McEwen is in charge of the meeting of the New Century Club of Lansdowne this afternoon. Current events will be discussed, followed by informal tea.

The annual luncheon party of the Hathaway Shakespeare Club will be held on Friday, January 21, at the Normandie. Mrs. Charles Livingston, president of the club, will be toastmistress. A reception will precede the meeting.

The Haydn Club, a chorus of women's voices, will hold its midwinter concert this evening at Horticultural Hall. The soloists will include James Harrod, Mary Barrett and Elise Hartman.

The little gray home in the West is alight. With the love for the home-coming son; His room is prepared, and his window is bright— The festival welcome begun.

He crosses the lawn, once with roses ablaze. Where snow eddies silently whirl. He kisses his mother, goes up to his room, And dresses to call on his girl. —Mithcigan Gargoyle.

Marion Harland's Corner

Address of Geographical Society CAN you kindly furnish me with the address of the National Geographical Society? Does it publish a magazine pertaining to historical and geographical things and places? KITTIE K.

Dry Cleaning White Voile "Please be kind enough to tell me how to dry clean a white voile dress. It is now small for me, and I know if I wash it I will not be able to wear it again. I should, therefore, welcome some kind of process that you may suggest."

Washing Tile Floor "My bathroom has a pretty tiled floor. I am told by a woman who ought to know that it should be washed daily with soap and water. According to others just as wise, suds will take all the shine off. I am inclined to believe this last, for a new maid has scrubbed the tiles with hot suds and they are duller already. And they are such pretty tiles (blue and white). Let me know what I ought to do with them—please. BRIDE."

Author of Old Song "The name of the author of 'Two Little Feet' is given in your Corner as Mrs. Allen. Another correspondent writes it is Mrs. Allen. Which of them was it? 'Rock Me to Sleep, Mother.' My mother used to sing it when we were babies. There was a great dispute about the song was first published. It was said by some that a man wrote it. I just thought that old song, so I should like to be fully informed as to the real author. Can you do this? MRS. T. DEW."

In Public Library "If A. G. S. has not found elsewhere a copy of the poem desired by her, I will live in a house by the side of the road," she can secure it at the public library. Samuel Walter Foss is the author. HENRY B."

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for address of those they would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with these parties.

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