

TO SMOKE OR NOT TO SMOKE? THAT'S QUERY M'LISS PUTS

Tobacconists Declare Philadelphia Women Almost as Good Customers as Men Here. Differing Opinions as to Propriety

MOST men, if they do not actually revile it, at least deplore it—this growing tendency on the part of women to become devotees of the "noxious weed," and yet any one who has eyes to see and ears to hear cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that despite masculine disapproval and protest, the ranks of the feminine smokers are gaining recruits every day.

"Dirty habit," was the way one man phrased his emphatic comment on the subject, "dirty and unhealthy—bad enough for men, but loathsome in a woman."

With the exception of the facile writers of society novels whose dashing heroines invariably light their favorite brands with debonaire grace, the makers of literature which, supposedly at least, mirrors life, have coincided with the above view of the average man. The women in the books who do the smoking never marry the hero. They are always the foils—the ones who by contrast contribute to the sweet simplicity that characterizes the heroine.

Of course, we all remember Kipling's "sweeter, neater maiden, in a cleaner, greener land" when he "seed her first a-smokin' o' a whackin' white cheroot." But she was only a little Burma girl, and, of course, doesn't count, because Rudyard himself tells us that it all took place "somewhere east of Suez where there aren't no ten commandments" and a social code had not come into existence.

But right here in Philadelphia women of high and low degree have become addicted to the habit.

"At least 50 women a day come in here and buy their own cigarettes," the proprietor of a cigar store on a popular corner told me the other day.

"Some of them like them strong and some of them like them mild; some of them are masculine, tailor-made looking women and some, on the other hand, are the exceptionally feminine type. They used to buy them timidly. Now they are indifferent. They buy them as they would buy a bar of soap or a veil. They no longer consider that they have to be clandestine about it."

The time was when if a woman, used to the ways of London, Paris or Petrograd, drew out her cigarette case and monochalantly "lighted up" in a Philadelphia hotel, the waiter trembled and could be seen to seek the discreet ear of the headwaiter. He in turn sought the manager, who in deferential manner requested "Madame not to smoke, it being against the rules of the house."

If Madame was sensible she desisted. If, however, her pride was outraged and she refused to be dictated to and continued her scandalous puffing, the manager's tones became more firm and Madame was made to understand that she would either have to put out or get out.

All that is changed now. Almost without exception smoking is permitted in hotels and cafes of this city. Debutantes, smoke, mothers smoke, and a few grandmothers, of the advanced type, smoke, I am told by one who observes.

Furthermore, the clerks at several well-patronized jewelry counters tell me that women's cigarette cases, daintily monogrammed and of a size somewhat smaller than the man's kind, were favored Christmas gifts last December 25.

I talked with two women recently about smoking.

"I hate to see it," said the first, who doesn't, of course, "I think it is not only unbecoming, but wicked. It shocks me. In fact, I don't see how a woman can be good and smoke."

When I asked her to elaborate her last sentence and give reasons, she replied: "Oh, I don't know, I think a woman just couldn't be nice and smoke. It's so bold."

The second woman, however, who likes her "whackin' white cheroot" after dinner and over the teacup, perhaps, defended those of her sex who think likewise.

"Wrong?" she queried airily. "Fifteen! It isn't wrong for a man, why should it be wrong for a woman? It used to be considered unbecoming for us to go out to work. Now, behold, two-thirds of the women in Philadelphia are working outside the home. Smoking violates no moral law, therefore it cannot be wrong. It may be unhealthy; it may be unesthetic, but it isn't wrong. Nor is it unbecoming, except where geography makes it so. I saw a woman in a big London hotel smoking a cigar and she attracted no attention at all. Not any more than do the mountain women of North Carolina and Tennessee who smoke corn-cob pipes."

What do you think about it?

Sans Collars

Victory No. 1 for the New Jersey schoolboys: Contrary to a teacher's ruling, the State Board of Education has decreed that the youth of the Garden State may appear in classroom sans collars. Shirts, however, have been declared essential raiment.

Talkative Stockings

Conversation hosiery has made its appearance at Palm Beach. It has been said that the noble art of interesting talk is becoming lost. The new stockings are evidently designed to fill in the breach. Some of them have the word "Delighted" delicately embroidered on the instep; some "Pleased," others "Sorry" and "Good-night."

"Will you have the next dance with me?" the gallant youth voices these words. It is not embroidered on his sock.

The maiden whom he has addressed, too lazy or indifferent to respond vocally, yawns a bored yawn and extends a silken-clad ankle.

If she wishes to "trip the light fantastic" she puts out the right foot, let us say.

"Delighted" or "Pleased" reads the waiting one. But, alas! alack aday for his hopes should the left foot be projected. It could not be said that he has been given the mitten, but the effect is just the same.

The fact that the stockings are selling for \$100 a pair will probably in no way help to make this latest mode of expression a popular one.

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—I am keeping company with a young man who my father says stays too late at night. I am 19 years old. Do you think 11 o'clock too late for a man to stay to see a girl of my age?

In a matter like this it is always safe to be guided by one's parents. Occasionally, I know, fathers and mothers have difficulty in realizing that their children have grown up. They are inclined to look upon them always as little "Peter Pans," who never grow up. Maybe if you talk to your father you can compromise on 10:30. That would be reasonable enough, would it not?

Meanwhile, please do not use the phrase "keeping company." It is really very bad form.

Dear M'LISS—Could you please give me the address of the man in Germantown who gives information on taking out papers to become a citizen of the United States.

A friend of mine would like to take out his first papers, but does not know how to go about it, or if there are certain days to go after the papers. I saw the daily papers a few weeks past about a man in Germantown who gives the required information, but I did not cut it out, not knowing then that my friend wanted to take out his papers.

Why bother to go to any "outside" person for information concerning naturalization papers when one can go directly to the Bureau of Naturalization, Room 316, Postoffice Building, 9th and Chestnut street, and get first-hand information, free of charge?

One of the men in charge there tells me that he will be glad to answer any questions that your friend may want to put to him; there, too, he can obtain his first papers, although if there is a night school in his neighborhood he can get his papers there. No examination is required at the time of taking out the first papers.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



SMART FROCK OF PONGEE FOR A SMALL WOMAN

NATURAL pongee, a fabric, by the way, which is constantly increasing in popularity, is used for this dainty little frock. Unlike the old-fashioned styles, however, this particular material has stripes of king's blue on the natural background. The blue note is repeated on the velvet ribbon threadings through the collar. Sand-colored Georgette forms the collar and sleeves. The waist line is outlined by a dainty cording, and buttons and simulated buttonholes of self-material finish off the girlish model. The circular skirt is extremely full, featuring the new flare lines at the hips. The same may be had in variously colored stripes on the same kind of a ground in sizes 14 and 16 years. The price is \$29.50. It is a graceful style for small women.

A modified sailor hat is shown in hump, with a slightly rolling brim. Glace ribbon, which is quite a novel form of trimming, is strapped across the crown to the brim and binds the latter. A cuff of hump braid encircles the crown at the base, fastening with eight cabochons. In any color, the price is \$12.50.

Full particulars as to where these articles may be bought will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

HOW TO GAIN TWENTY POUNDS, ALSO HOW TO LOSE THEM

By WILLIAM A. BRADY, M. D.

EVERY little while some desperate correspondent writes to us to say that she would give anything if she could only find some safe way to grow fat or lean to the extent of 20 pounds or such a matter.

Here is the method, which we unqualifiedly recommend to any individual who is free from organic disease and wishes to add or subtract the sum of 20 pounds or from an abnormal weight. There is just one drawback about this method of ours, like many of our prescriptions: "You cannot have it rubbed in by a hired servant." And some persons might object that it is slow, but our answer to that is that it is sure.

The treatment takes one year. That will at once reduce the class to a convenient size, for most fat and thin folk want to wither or expand in a few days or never.

Taken daily for one sober year any of the following articles will add 20 pounds to the weight—that is, if taken daily in excess of a normal maintenance diet.

First. Three slices of bread.
Second. One-third of a quart of milk (three small glasses).
Third. Three-quarters of an ounce of butter.

For fat persons, the problem is much easier. All that is necessary is to cut

that amount of nutriment out of the daily diet.

For thin persons it is even a simpler problem. Just eat that amount as a fourth meal, at bedtime.

This is no theory alone. It is the tried and true method that has worked out exactly as described in many a case.

Just two things are essential for success in the treatment—faith and perseverance.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Diet for Baby 15 Months Old

Can you give me the proper diet for a baby 15 months old?

Answer—This is about right for a baby from one year to 18 months: Milk, stale bread soaked in milk, well-cooked oatmeal, arrowroot, or other porridge or ready prepared breakfast food, soft-boiled egg, beef broth or mutton broth, rice, tapioca (no raisins), orange juice, prune juice.

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NEW CENTURY CLUB TO DISCUSS SOCIAL SERVICE AND FOODS

Plastic Club Getting Ready for Artists' Masque. Philomusian Club Holds Recital This Afternoon—Other Club News

THE third in a series of lectures on "Our Modern Type of Script—a Heritage from Rome," by Prof. Charles Upson Clark, of Yale University, will be given in Room 316, Postoffice Building, at 4 o'clock. Professor Clark is also director of the American School of Classified Studies in Rome.

The New Century Club of Chester will celebrate Lincoln's Birthday with an appropriate program. The address will be made by Edward C. Stoites, former Governor of New Jersey. Mrs. Charles H. Hubbard, chairman of literature, will have charge of the day.

Talks on "Gardoplots for Children" and the "New Law for Continuation Schools" will be given at the meeting of the Twentieth Century Club, of Lancaster, today. Mrs. Edward C. Kirk will have charge of the meeting, which will be under the auspices of the Civic Committee.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Woman's Freedom Association will be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Election of officers will be followed by a musical program by Miss Margaret E. Daly, a composer of songs. An address on the "Peace of the People's Mind," by Miss Edna R. Jatho, will also be given. The public is invited to attend. Mrs. J. M. Caley is hostess of this affair.

The New Century Club social service department, of which Mrs. Louis C. Madors is chairman, has arranged for three important meetings this week, on topics covering social service, including sanitation, food inspection and scientific marketing. A pure food luncheon will be held at the clubhouse, on Saturday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. The speakers will include Dr. Harvey Wiley, Dr. Charles H. Lawall, local conditions in the pure food and drug act. The menu will be made up from the "Book of Recipes," compiled by the club.

At the meeting on Friday evening at 8 the subject of discussion will be the workings of the child labor law. Governor Brumbaugh is expected to be present. The speakers will be Mrs. Florence Kelly, of the National Consumers' League, and H. E. Miles, president of the Wisconsin State Board of Industrial Education.

There will be a meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Club, of Ardmore, on Friday afternoon at 3, at the home of Mrs. R. J. Hamilton, and on the same evening at 8:15 a Polyantha benefit will be given.

Today at 1 o'clock the executive board of the Century Club of Norwood will meet. At 3 a business meeting will be held, at which Mrs. John L. Farrell will read a report of the Delaware County Association of Woman's Clubs, and Mrs. Alfred A. Crooks will talk about the Americanization Conference. Informal tea will follow.

The various activities of the members of the Plastic Club in the Artists' Masque, which is to be held this year on February 22, is the chief topic of conversation at the clubhouse, on Saturday afternoon at 1. Miss Florence Fulton will preside.

The Saturday Club of Wayne will hold a Mother's Day meeting today at 3. The program is in charge of Mrs. Foster H. Starkey, president of the West Chester New Century Club, who will present the paper. "Physical Training of the Child," by Mrs. Wallace P. Dick; "A Review of the School of Tomorrow," will be presented by Miss Emily Hoopes. The Y. W. C. A., of Philadelphia, will be represented by Miss Carner. Music will follow.

Lincoln's Birthday will be celebrated on Friday at 6:30 p. m. by the Montauk Club of Fox Chase at the clubhouse. Hostesses will include Mrs. Rapp, Mrs. J. W. Holland, "The Turning Point of the Civil War" will be the subject of a talk by Mrs. Hoode. Mrs. McMurray will give a reading of "The Hives of Gettysburg," and Mrs. McNeil will read Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Mrs. Harper will give examples of Lincoln's humor.

The Council of Jewish Women, Philadelphia section, will hold their regular meeting today at 2:30 in Mercantile Hall, Broad street above Master street. The Philomusian Club will hold a recital this afternoon at 3. The program will be given by Miss Louise Wallace Hackney, of Chicago. Miss Hackney's theme will be "Shakespeare's Women in Modern Heroines." Mrs. William Potter Davis, Jr., chairman of the literature and art section of the club, is in charge of the entertainment.

The Review Club, of Oak Lane, will devote tomorrow afternoon to sewing for the children's Country Week Association. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. B. D. Neuhauer. The current events section meets Thursdays at 10 a. m. in the library.

Grip

Just a little winter. Just a little blow. Just a little freezing. Just a little snow. Just a little skating. Just a little fun. Just a little melting. By just a little sun.

Just a little mix-up. With a little drop. That with colder weather. This grip thing will stop. Just a disappointment. When the mercury rises, and when sneeze time come again we see.

Just a little mixup. Of the weather man's. Just a making over. Of all our plans. Just "A Cold Wave Coming." Then a "Fair and Warmer." Sign, and there you are! —Baltimore American.

Water Spots on Silk

"Will you kindly tell me as soon as you can how to clean a light blue messaline silk waist which has water spots on it?"

First try smearing the ring with pure alcohol, putting blotting paper under the silk while you sponge. Wipe dry at once. Should a ring remain, stretch the silk taut and scratch gently with your finger nail around the edges of the ring—always away from it and evenly—until you have blended the darkened spots with the rest of the silk. If done skillfully, this will often make the blur nearly if not quite imperceptible. If, in cleaning silk, you will put a thick dry pad of raw cotton under the stained part of the stuff, there will be little danger of the ring.

Care of Ivory

"I have just had a present of an ivory toilet and manure set, and I am coming to you for advice as to the care of it to prevent the ivory yellowing. Any advice you can give me upon this subject will be gratefully received." "MRS. N. R. C."

Never clean ivory with hot water or

SUFFRAGE LEADERS DIVIDED ON WILSON'S PLANS FOR DEFENSE

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont for It "the Teeth"—Mrs. Boissevain Against the Project

MRS. VILLARD CRITICISES

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Woman suffrage leaders of national prominence today came out both for and against President Wilson's program of preparedness.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, leader of the militant faction of American suffragists and chairman of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, is for "preparedness to the teeth."

On the other hand, such prominent suffrage leaders as Mrs. Henry Villard and Mrs. Inez Milholland Boesevain came out in opposition to preparedness from a humanitarian point of view.

"None of the countries has time to attack the United States now," declared Mrs. Boissevain, who was a member of the Ford peace party. "They are too busy with their own concerns."

Mrs. Belmont took the stand that the time has gone when men and guns and powder are to be considered the only armament of a nation. The women must be considered. That in one of the big battles that has been drawn from the conflict in Europe.

"Let America learn from the European war," said Mrs. Belmont. "Let us require a war of our own to learn the real and permanent armament of the women who produce the real armament of a nation—its men. Let America's national defense consist, among other things, of the conservation of its women."

Mrs. Villard criticized President Wilson for "arousing a spirit of militarism with strong aids. Keep your set clean by wiping daily with a clean cloth dampened slightly with lukewarm water. Wiping perfectly dry immediately. Should the ivory become yellow, rub gently with the finest sandpaper you can get and polish with chamois. Should this fail to whiten the ivory, wash with peroxide of hydrogen and lay in the sun for an hour or two.

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the news 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 addresses of those they would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with these parties.

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YOUR NICE NEW SUIT RUINED

THANK GOODNESS IT DIDN'T BURN YOUR NEW NECKTIE

HOW LUCKY

NEVER MIND, MONTY, BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME