

### SHOULD A WOMAN HOLD THE PURSE STRINGS? ASKS M'LISS

#### The Fact That Lord Aberdeen, Lost From His Wife, Had No Loose Change, Does Not Indicate Man's Complete Subjection

MANY men, doubtless, smiled smiles of derision at the predicament in which Lord Aberdeen found himself en route from Jacksonville to Philadelphia, when, after being separated from his Lady wife, he discovered himself to be without sufficient funds to pay for his meals.

"He must be a milkop, indeed; and she a holy tartar!" was one man's unfeeling comment on the incident. "Imagine a man allowing such a condition to exist that he could be thrown into so embarrassing a position. After a while we'll be clamoring for men's rights, so as to be able to have pocket money and the price of a lunch."

Perhaps it isn't as bad as he pictured; perhaps Lady Aberdeen has a financial talent superior to his, which the English peer has perceptively enough to recognize. At any rate, in a day when the question of woman's extravagance and her inability to handle funds level-headedly is ever before us, it is comforting to know that there exists at least one man who is not too proud to have it known that he has sufficient regard for his wife's mentality and judgment to intrust her with the family pocketbook.

Indeed, apropos this incident, I am not at all so sure that men are better economists than women. Certainly they are not the adepts in that most difficult process—"making ends meet"—that women are.

I know of several households where it is necessary to count the pennies; and the men, recognizing the superior "canniness" that women have for getting the most for the least expenditure, content themselves with a weekly allowance for carfare, lunch and tobacco, and turn the bulk of their earnings over to the wives of their heart. And it's a safe wager that the wives do not have as much to spend for candy and sweetmeats as their lords do for cigarettes and "baccy."

#### Sartorially Speaking

Have you a little seaside cushion with your new summer outfit? This is fashion's latest kink. You must have a cushion, and it must match your new straw bonnet. Born as the result of the popularity of the muff, the seaside cushion adds a gay note to the beach costume. Some are flat and some are round, even as the muff is round or flat, and mostly they are decorated with a cord and tassel, so that the carrier can swing them debonairly when not in use.

Gay cretonnes and rich satins furnish the materials for this whim, and a monogram in the corner of one's own particular cushion can be embroidered to give distinction.

M'LISS.

#### 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—We have a wire-hair fox terrier dog and it has been losing its hair almost all winter. It comes out dreadfully. Would you kindly let me know through your column what is the cause of it, and what will stop it from falling out.

E. C. P.

A veterinarian tells me that it is difficult to diagnose your dog's trouble without seeing the animal. Falling hair may be due to overfeeding, particularly of meat. It may be, he says, that you bathe the dog too often or too infrequently. Dandruff, eczema and lack of exercise could also be responsible.

External applications, this authority declares further, are not to be recommended, except on the advice of a veterinarian after examination. Three grains of Glauber salts, however, given to the dog three times daily, he says, cannot hurt and might prove of great benefit.

Why not take the terrier to a veterinarian? Perhaps a single visit would suffice to cure him.

Dear M'LISS—You have recalled the ancient quarrel between beauty and brains as the desirable element in women. May I suggest that the matter was settled some time ago by W. S. Gilbert, whose luckless peers sang out:

"Her origin's lowly, 'tis true  
But of birth and behaviour I've plenty  
I've blood and position for two,  
And grammar and spelling for twenty!"

SULLIVAN.

Some of us feel that we have quite brains enough for twenty, which, I admit, is an intolerably snobbish position. When we are told that beauty fades as the rose, we reply that that's better than never having it bloom at all, eh?

And not all of you, beautiful or brainful, can reply as Phyllis replied to the lines I have just quoted.

I agree with you that Phyllis' retort was very neat. For the benefit of those of my readers who don't know it, here goes:

"I'm very much pained to refuse  
But I'll stick to my pipes and my tabors,  
I can spell all the words that I use,  
And my grammar's as good as my neighbor's."

As for birth, I was born like the roset.  
My behaviour is rustic but hearty.  
And I know where to turn for the best,  
When I want a particular party.

Dear M'LISS—Will you kindly tell me the meaning of the name "Nelle." READER.

"Nelle" is a nickname for "Helen," derived from a Greek word meaning "light." Women with this name are supposed to be blessed with more than an ordinary amount of intelligence.

Dear M'LISS—Can you give me the recipe for tartar sauce and name the various dishes with which this can be used.

A. KITCHNER.

Chop fine a half dozen shallots, greens and all, put in a bowl and add a handful of parsley, a half of clove and a pickle, all minced fine. Mix together well, and strain through a white cloth. Add an ounce or two of mayonnaise, depending on the quantity you desire, a teaspoonful of mustard and salt, and cayenne to taste.

Sauce a la Tartare is served with soft crabs, trout, fillet of sole, in fact, with sea-food of most every kind.

Dear M'LISS—That many women workers prefer a man to a woman as boss is not surprising after all. They prefer a man because, as a rule, he is not so strict. But what does strictness mean? It means that those who enforce it have the interests of their employers at heart and believe that an honest day's work be given for a fair day's pay.

This is the view the woman boss almost invariably takes. She cannot tolerate loafing, and as loafing enters very largely into some girls' conception of "a job," she is consequently disliked and written down a tyrant. The man boss may, and often does, overlook a little carelessness now and then in a girl worker, but a woman boss never does, simply because she cannot understand why such carelessness should exist.

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### Marion Harland's Corner

#### Asks Quilt Pieces for Invalid

BEING much interested in your Help-Hand Corner, I notice the kind offer of Mrs. M. S. to give quilt pieces and an unfinished embroidered piece. I should like to have these pieces for a poor shut-in, so I ask you to forward the address of Mrs. M. S. to me. In return for this favor I offer a number of lovely crochet and knitting patterns to any of your Cornerites.

ANNA L.  
The big bundle of pieces offered by Mrs. M. S. was given away before your letter arrived. We shall have more for you soon. I speak advisedly upon this point. Be patient and expectant. Many thanks are due you for the proffered patterns. They are "lively stock" in the Corner.

#### Aid for the Deaf

"Mrs. H. S. F., a poor old lady—God bless her!—asks for an ear phone. I hope she means an autophone; if so, the one I got from the woman who also gave me valuable raised letter books for the blind is still in my hands. So if you will send me Mrs. H. S. F.'s address I will write to her. I am planning to find a deaf and dumb institution where the instrument will be put to good use. I know you will help me to place it."

W. G.  
"Our Englishman" is ever a welcome visitor to our Corner, and the chair at our hearthstone is always waiting for him. He comes now, as his wont, with a full hand and heart.

Orange Spots on Serge  
"I am coming to you for advice. How can I remove orange spots from a blue serge dress? Let me know through the Corner, please."  
Sprinkle the spots with a mixture of equal parts of grain alcohol and ether, or chloroform, adding to a pint of the liquid a teaspoonful of household ammonia. Lay under the serge two sheets of clean white blotting paper and wipe dry with a clean soft cloth. Should the color be altered by the application, sponge with ammonia, laying white absorbent cotton under the spot to prevent the formation of a ring.

Candy to Be Pulled  
"May I enter the family circle with a recipe I know to be faithful and true? Soft candy to be pulled: One and one-

ANOTHER adaptation of the popular guimpé frock is shown in this child's costume of butcher's linen. The color combinations include rose, white, pink, navy, sky blue, tan or copen with white linen. The skirt is ample, the material being laid in side platts at the hips and flaring out at the hem.

Large pearl ball buttons are used to good effect on the little jacket of colored linen. The bindings are done in white. Bands of color are fastened to the white guimpé by means of hemstitching. The whole is very neat and decidedly practical, for linen wears and launders beautifully. Price, \$6.95.

The name of the shop where this dress may be purchased 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.

#### Fashions and Fads

Some evening frocks boast the dainty caught-up draperies of the Watteau period.

Even silk or brocade handbags are now being trimmed with fur to match the gown.

Beware of buying extremely short skirts; the fashion may change to moderately long.

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### HINTS ON SIMPLE METHODS FOR RELIEF OF VARIOUS PAINS

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

THE other day we observed that the skin of the thorax and abdomen is supplied with sensory branches from the intercostal (between the ribs) nerves, 12 pairs of which are given off from the spinal cord. We mentioned how pain in the appendix region (the lower right corner of the abdomen) sometimes means, not appendicitis or surgery, but pleurisy or pneumonia—the intercostal nerves evidently trying to play a joke on the doctor or the patient.

Take the sixth and seventh pairs, which supply sensation to the skin over the pit of the stomach. They leave the spine way up between the shoulder-blades, and there is the spot to apply your counter-irritation for pain in the stomach. There is the place for the mustard.

If counter-irritation is of any value in the relief of inflammation, it must act through the nervous system, certainly not through the circulation. The proper place to apply the hot stuff is therefore not necessarily directly over the situation of the pain.

Vigorous thumping of the seventh cervical vertebra—the prominence of the spine below the nape of the neck—is a recognized means of stimulating a weak heart. The thumping should be done with the closed fist, not too gently, and at the rate of about five times a second. Grandma instinctively thumped us a bit lower down on the spine when we

choked on an excessively large hunk of her home-grown turkey. That is the place for bronchitis.

A patient of ours who suffered much from flatulence (he had pernicious anemia) discovered that moderate thumping of the back half way down the spine would relieve him for a time. There is the spot to apply counter-irritation for troubles in the colon and the small intestine.

Cold applied to the back of the neck will stop a moderate nosebleed.

Sometimes the "old women," after all, display an uncanny intuition. They have learned where to apply the mustard even if they don't know a nerve from a "bronchic" tube.

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### MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS

OH! MONTY. DO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT FOR LUNCH. REMEMBER YOU'RE ON DIET.

DON'T WORRY, ANGEL. I'LL STOP AT THE CLUB AND GET SOME CRACKERS AND MILK.

A BOILED LOBSTER, AN ARTICHOKE, FRENCH FRIED POTATOES, AND FOLLOW IT UP WITH PLANKED STEAK, WILLIAM.

VERY WELL, SIR.

THE LOBSTER AND PLANKED STEAK WERE FINE, WILLIAM. I THINK I'LL FINISH WITH BISCUIT TORTONI AND COFFEE WITH COGNAC.

YES, SIR. AND THE MINCE PIE IS VERY GOOD TODAY, SIR.

I'M GOING TO BED, ANGEL. I DON'T FEEL WELL.

OH! DEAR. I'LL RING UP THE DOCTOR.

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