

M'LISS DISCUSSES "PAWER," AN OBNOXIOUS OFFICE PEST

It May Be Either Male or Female and Can Be Discovered in Almost Every Place Where Men and Women Meet Constantly

OF ALL pests extant in there any more aggravating than the "pawer?" Perhaps you are not familiar with the name, which I have used to designate a very widely known and cordially detested individual. He is the person who cannot hold the most ordinary conversation without "pawing" the victim he is addressing. He cannot advance the most banal remark without punctuating it with a "paw." He "paws" your shoulder or your arm or hand, and whether or not he is conscious of the offense he is committing can never be gleaned from his manner. Many women rather than earn the reputation of being "disagreeable prudes," put up with the "pawers" in their offices. Others run the risk of becoming known as "stiff" and "crabby," because they cannot bear this indignity in silence. When I first began to think about the "pawer" I imagined it could be applied only to the masculine sex. But a man with whom I discussed the matter tells me there are as many feminine "pawers" if not more, than masculine ones. Like the woman in one of Wells' books, they reduce everything to the basis of touch. To the sensitive persons this pawing is exceedingly offensive. It is undignified, cheap and tawdry. It should not be tolerated. Apropos of this, there is an interesting article in a current magazine on the "taking of liberties." Pawing is, of course, one of the liberties most often taken. "It is in the modern business office," declares the writer, "that the relationship between men and girls is most in need of mending. Here is a fertile soil for the flourishing of many cheap relationships. I am not speaking, of course, of the superior and high-class offices, though these, too, are not always free from such things. I refer to the average large office, such as I myself am in, or large factories where hundreds of young men and girls are daily thrown together more or less intimately. It is a rare girl nowadays who has been in the business world for any length of time who has not had the chance, or even her companions have the chance, for flirtations and tawdry friendships with men. "If you care to see the same thing in concentrated masses, go to nearly any summer place of amusement, or take a summer's evening walk in nearly any large city park."

A Serviette Acceptance

Just because it is a popular belief that the way to a man's heart is via his tummy is no reason why the New York girl should have found it necessary to write her affirmative answer to a proposal on a table napkin.

Can You Guess?

Do you know what the balayouse is? No? Well, examine your new spring crinolines. Is its hem protected with an edged fell of swiss, net or lawn, fully plaited and sewn inside the skirt? This is a true "back back" to our grandmothers' day. It is the balayouse.

Letters to Editor of 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—Will you please tell me what a palindromic is and give me an example? Thanking you for this and past kindnesses, I am, C.

You mean a palindrome. It is a word, verse or sentence which reads the same backward as forward. Ada, Hannah, madam are examples. Perhaps some of my readers know more difficult and interesting ones. I have heard of some very clever ones, but cannot find them at the present time.

Dear M'Liss—Will you kindly answer the following questions in your excellent column: "What is the meaning of the name 'Barbara'?" Among what race or nationality did it originate? MRS. J. E. J.

"Barbara" is taken from the Greek. It signifies "foreign stranger."

Dear M'Liss—Have you a recipe that you could publish for popovers? CILINDRARI.

After popping 'em corn—if you have not already bought it pop—put through the finest cutter of meat grinder enough corn to make one pint.

Add to this one quart of sweet milk, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of butter, one-half cup of sugar and two eggs, well beaten. Put in a baking dish and bake for 20 minutes.

Dear M'Liss—Your recent article on smoking interested me as well as greatly surprised me. I cannot believe that the common women, the great number of whom help make the ideal home, could so disgrace their womanhood as to smoke.

You gave an instance of a woman smoking in a hotel. From that I infer that the woman who smokes is in a so-called "high society"; that she has no desire to keep herself pure and become a loving mother; or, if she is a mother she wears no responsibility in the training of her children; in fact, that her noblest ambition is to become a "sport."

It is to be regretted that there are such women, but I am certain I have never found or heard of a woman smoker among the many self-sacrificing mothers of my acquaintance in a few very old women excepted. "Old-fashioned" mothers may have gone out of style, but we can be grateful for the very large number still to be found in this old world.

I asked this question: A man smokes, why shouldn't a woman? I received this answer: "A woman should keep herself pure to fulfill her duties of motherhood." I prefer to argue this way: "If it is disgraceful for a woman to smoke, why isn't it wrong for a man?"

Has the man no part in that greatest work of producing and perfecting the coming generations? Hasn't his impurity any effect on the unborn child? If the man and woman were both pure in mind and body would not the next generation be born in a much better moral condition? And lastly, if the health of the man and woman is no argument in itself to them, can't they be made to realize that their duty to posterity is to perfect it, to give the coming generation the highest start in life rather than the lowest?

Back to my question—Why should a man smoke? A man states that it is disgusting for a woman to kiss her possessor. I can assure him that it is far more pleasant for the woman to kiss her pet dog than the man who constantly has

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



A FETCHING SPRING COSTUME

HERE is a smart street frock suitable for the youthful figure. The straight lines become a small woman, as well as a young girl. As usual, two materials are combined, in this case gros de Londres and Georgette crepe of the same shade. Touches of contrasting colors are seen in the gold and black and brilliant tints of the embroideries of the collar, cuffs and tiny pockets on the belt. The yoke is severely plain, with buttons at the front. The plaits are loose at the waist line, flaring out into extreme fullness at the bottom of the skirt. In dove gray, coral, navy, midnight green, open, twilight blue and black at \$9.95. Equally moderate in price is the hat, a "mushroom" model. The crown is topped with satin, with a novelty straw facing, and band of the same encircling the crown. A single rose and its natural foliage form the trimming. In red, rose, open, brown and black, the price is \$2.95. The name of the shop where these articles 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 data on which the article appeared.

NONSURGICAL TREATMENT OF GOITRE ADVOCATED

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

AT LEAST 75 per cent. of the cases of exophthalmic goitre are curable by nonsurgical measures, declares an eminent Philadelphia diagnostician.

There is of late years a growing tendency to subject patients with exophthalmic goitre to operation. Surgeons claim that less than 10 per cent. of the cases operated on succumb—but a "successful" operation is, of course, not always a cure of the disease. An operation, too often, is considered a success if the patient leaves the hospital in due time after what is called an "uneventful recovery."

Some cases of exophthalmic goitre recover spontaneously, without any treatment. Some cases recover after several years of intermittent treatment. Some cases recover only after weeks of confinement to bed. And some cases must be subjected to operation as a life-saving measure.

If we had exophthalmic goitre we should slither surgery until nonsurgical treatment carried out through a period of at least six months proved futile.

Against operation are these contingencies: First, The possibility of post-operative myxedema (due to the want of sufficient thyroid secretion).

Second, The mortality rate, which is several times as great as that of appendicitis.

Third, The fact that the majority of cases will recover without surgery, if treatment is persisted in for a reasonable length of time.

In favor of operation are these points: First, The prompt relief of hyperthyroidism, or poisoning by the excessive thyroid secretion.

Second, The conservation of the patient's energy—a very important consideration in severe cases.

Third, The saving of time. Some patients elect to be operated on, because they can't afford to be indefinitely disabled with the disease.

Fourth, The relief of dangerous pressure symptoms which develop in certain cases of exophthalmic goitre.

Fifth, Evidences of malignant changes in the gland—always an imperative indication for surgical interference.

The very competent authority quoted above asserts that a large majority of the cases are well on the way to recovery within six months of conscientious nonsurgical treatment.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Color Blindness  
Is color blindness hereditary or can it be acquired through disease of the eyes?  
Answer—It is hereditary. About 1 in every 25 males and 1 in every 200 females

WOMEN, WITH BALLOT, COULD END ALL WARS, SAYS SOCIETY LEADER

Mrs. Samuel Chew Suggests Courts Pass on Voters' Qualifications as in Case of Immigrants

ASKS LIMITED SUFFRAGE

"Give women the vote and they will abolish all wars," was affirmed today by Mrs. Samuel Chew, who has been recognized for years as a leader in the social life of Philadelphia. "The present war in Europe," continued Mrs. Chew, "is a marked instance of the faculty of letting men rule without the restraining influence of women's calmer, more conservative mind. Do you think women would vote for, or support voluntarily, such an insane struggle, where millions of men are butchering each other without the slightest idea as to why they are doing it?"

EFFECT OF THE WAR

The main advantage likely to be derived from this present war, she pointed out, is that it will open the eyes of women throughout the world to the danger and suffering that always follows when the government is controlled by the distasteful masculine idea of force and frightfulness. "More feminists will certainly strengthen the rule of reason and the interests of the home, she added.

"In England, as I have direct advice, the women's cause is much advanced by the keen judgment and patriotism, under stress, that even the most militant suffragists are showing," Mrs. Chew continued. "In every European country the importance of women to the government will be more clearly seen after this war. If we are to have the influence of women in this country against war, we shall need their vote to do it."

TEST FOR VOTERS

Mrs. Chew outlined a plan whereby judges would determine the qualifications of new voters.

"We look upon the judges as our wisest men, best qualified to decide questions in dispute," she explained. "I have long cherished a plan, which while it has not yet met much support, I feel confident will be put in force some day.

"By not having the judges pass upon the qualifications of each new voter, in the same way that foreigners are naturalized?"

"This is certainly no legal a function as any they now exercise, and who is so well qualified to determine the right to vote?"

"If the judges were not compelled to give so much time to the liquor business they could then devote attention to such an important subject as this. If a fixed standard of intelligence were required by law, and the voter had to qualify before competent judges, we might then well afford to give the ballot equally to men and women. We are excluding the intelligent women and admit many ignorant men."

RESTRICTED SUFFRAGE

"I do not believe in universal suffrage, but there are certainly many women better qualified to vote than a good many of the men. We are beginning to admit women judges in some of the courts, and if they can sit as judges they ought to be able to vote.

"It is good logic and social economy that once we fix by law a proper qualification for voters on the basis of intelligence, we should do away with the distinction of sex. To establish a board of judges for the purpose of qualifying voters seems, in my judgment, the right way to solve the problem."

AID FOR ARMENIANS, PLAN OF CAMDEN RALLY TONIGHT

Mayor Ellis Lends Support to Meeting for War Victims

Municipal approval of relief work for the homeless Armenians will be voiced tonight when Mayor Ellis, of Camden, presides at a mass-meeting in the C. Madison Young Men's Christian Association, which will be addressed by eye-witnesses of the misery inflicted on the Christian Armenians by the Turks.

Thrilling stories will be told by the Rev. Dr. William Nesbitt Chambers, of Adams, Turkey; the Rev. Dr. W. A. Shedd, of Urumchi, and others who witnessed the scenes which accompanied the making of a homeless nation. A large attendance is expected, as the entire city is invited and notices of the meeting were read in all Camden churches yesterday, in addition to invitations tendered to all lodge members. Gifts will be asked from the city and suburbs.

The Camden Armenian Relief Association was organized February 7, with the following officers: Mayor Ellis, president; the Rev. Dr. George H. Hemmingway, Conrad Ott, William A. Colescott and the Rev. C. J. Frank, vice presidents; the Rev. Samuel D. Price, secretary, and City Treasurer George A. Frey, treasurer.

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KITCHEN CHEMISTRY

What Is Hard Water? How Long Does Your Cleaning Powder Last? How Do You Clean Your Bathtub?

By VIRGINIA E. KIFT  
HARD water is due to complex organic matter in the water. This organic substance decomposes soap. It also forms a scum on top of the water. It will not form suds easily. To do good washing or get a good suds with such water something must be added to dissolve the organic matter. Washing soda is the best thing to add. Ammonia and borax are next best. "Quick Suda" or other quick soap powders may form suds for you very quickly, but note how much you pay for the privilege. A whole pound of washing soda at 5 cents is equal to 10 boxes of most cleaning powders at 5 cents per small box. Washing soda, sand, rosin and soap shavings are the usual ingredients of most soap powders. Use your own soap shavings, omit the sand and rosin, dissolve 1 cup of washing soda in 2 cups of boiling water, soften your own water with it and add 20 to 30 cents a month on cleaning powder. In buying soap notice if the wrapper is sticky or damp. It may be adulterated with water. Rosin in soap is of little use for cleaning purposes and is added merely for yellow and sticky to the water and will in time wear on the material. "That's fine," said a friend who told her to use coal oil for scrubbing bathtubs, spigots and all porcelain. "It is unexcelled for cleaning and back bending and scouring soap is better to efface certain stains on porcelain. Use coal oil with soap and how do you clean your bathtub? Test this method to see. Copyright 1916 by Virginia E. Kift.

Marion Harland's Corner

Mite of Household Lore  
I AM a sufferer, subjected to ignoble penury, unable to combat my almost unparalleled ailment, unable to afford the necessary ether and steel. Would you advise me to pursue complications by encouraging this scenario malady? Oh, if I could only enlist your sympathetic cooperative plan! But I am helpless at the present time, so am powerless to carry out my intentions. Here is a mite of household lore that may not be amiss in your miscellany: Toast tea leaves before pouring boiling water upon them. Trial C. S. H.

And we are as sincere in our desire to lend the helping hand to you. Any information we can give you with regard to scenario writing, which is the rage at present in every class, will be cheerfully extended. Let us know how we may do this. By toasting the dry tea leaves you mean warming them in the oven, I suppose. Accomplished teamsters always put the leaves in a pan with a cover and set it over boiling water for a few minutes before wetting them. It is said to prepare the leaves to yield up their chemicals to the boiling water afterward poured over them. The urea or pot. Care must be taken not to let them scorch.

Relief for Tired Feet  
"Can you tell me of a simple solution and how to use it for the relief of the feet of those who are constantly standing?" It is used by police officers, motor-men, clerks, etc. CORNERITE.  
Soak the poor aching feet at night in strong salt water as hot as you can bear it with comfort. As the water cools to blood warmth add a pint of water to which has been added a few minutes two tablespoonfuls of powdered alum. This should be allowed to get lukewarm before the solution goes into the foot bath. Keep the feet in the five minutes longer and dry with soft linen. Persevere in the practice for a week, and if you are not relieved by that time consult a chiropodist. The salt water should ease the aching and the alum render the feet less scaly. Wear shoes that do not cramp or pinch the feet.

Earning Money at Home  
"We are three little girls in our early teens. We have a club and wish a suggestion as to how to earn a little money for decorations for our clubroom. Do you know any mysteries we could solve?" T. W. G.

Tens of thousands of girls all over the land are tormenting their brains with the problem of doing work at home. Have you thought of finding out what each one of the three can do best, such as cake-making, breadmaking, millinery and the like? It is better to do one thing well than half a dozen things imperfectly. Can you make a market among friends for home-made candy, for salted nuts, for cakes, for punch-cups, for matchboxes, for workbooks or bags? If you have a talent for any kind of fancy work cultivate it. Have a specialty!

Lost Valued Poem  
"I have lost a poem that I valued highly and appeal to you. Could you or some member of the Corner get me a copy of it? It was entitled 'My Mother's Vest.'" T. E. MILLERSHIP  
Who speaks the words of truth and soberness? I have learned the same lesson by experience. All cooks do not alike from roaches in one and the same kitchen.

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IT'S NO USE, MONTY, IT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE

"I'M GLAD I GOT THIS BOOK ON HYGIENE. I'M SURE THE DIET IS DOING YOU GOOD, MONTY."

"IT'S SIMPLY RUINING MY TEMPER, ANGEL."

"THANK YOU, ROBERT. COME ALONG, MONTY."

"LUNCHEON IS SERVED, MADAM."

"GOSH! HOW I'D READ IT."

"TRY SOME MORE OF THE NUT SALAD."

"NO THANKS. I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE A SQUIRREL."

"WHICH WAY SHALL WE GO?"

"DON'T SAY A WORD, FOLLOW ME."

"THAT IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SCENERY I EVER LOOKED AT."

RESTAURANT