

M'LISS SEES LOVELY WOMAN STOOP TO CRANK OWN MACHINE

While Man-made Audience Stand 'Round on Market Street and Offer Nary a Helping Hand to Get the Car A-going

A FRAIL woman tripped hastily out of a drugstore on Market street and jumped into the automobile where two youngsters and a shaggy dog awaited her.

With an energy slightly tinged with foreboding, she attempted to get the machine started. It wouldn't budge, of course. The engine had gone as cold as a glacier.

Now Market street was as crowded as only Market street can be when the hands on Billy Penn's clock mark 5:30 and the shopping and the working world are stumbing over each other in a concentrated endeavor to arrive home at the feeding-hour.

The feminine autist leaped nimbly from her modern chariot and, taking a deep breath, planted her feet firmly apart so as to brace herself for the job ahead of her.

Then with a supreme effort she cranked. The engine resisted her like a bucking mule. Crowsds hurried past. Strongs, husky men went on. No offer of help came. By the time she had succeeded in getting the lever to take three complete revolutions, she was exhausted, but the recalcitrant engine had given no answering chug-chug to show that it was about to respond warmly to the endeavors of its manipulator.

The woman rested and then went at the thing again. A passing male looked humorously at her struggles, but the climax came when two gentlemen of herculean proportions took up their stand on the curb and amusedly watched her struggle.

The woman was refined, it was plain to see, and not given to promiscuous repartee, but the sight of the two idle men was more than mortal Eve could bear.

"Are you two the composers of that little ditty entitled 'Let the Women Do the Work?'" she asked with frigid sweetness.

Before a reply was forthcoming and before the gazers from the curb could be stung into action, the motor became revived and the little party sailed triumphantly up the street.

But could this have happened ten, or let us say five years ago? And who is there who can put his finger on the reason for the recent rapid decline and fall of chivalry?

The Baby Adopted

Would that one possessed a magic wand that could be waved over a child so as to convert him into 20 adorable boys!

On Saturday, in this column, I cited the case of a destitute child whose distracted, luckless mother was looking for a good home for him. Generous-hearted people in all walks of life came forward and offered, nay pleaded, to take charge of him.

"Charity worker," who had brought the case to my attention, took the responsibility of awarding the child.

A young West Philadelphia woman, who has been married for more than five years and has no children, was the lucky person. Perhaps another baby just as cunning will be wanting a home soon. In that case I shall again call on the kind people who responded so whole-heartedly on this occasion.

Beware of Fakes

Don't do your Callot buying early. That is to say, don't do it until after March 15. These far-famed Parisian sisters, who are giving Worth, Paquin and Poiret a merry chase for fashion leadership, announced definitely that all gowns sold in America before this date, as the new spring models, are either old frocks rehabilitated or just plain fakes.

Incidentally, it may interest you to know that every effort is being made to have us resemble barrels this season. Skirts are bouffant in the region of the knees and taper slightly toward the ankles and the waist line. Band of contrasting or selfsame material simulate the hoops.

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—Will you please tell me what to use on my skin. My face is always so dry and hard. I tried not-gusting soap on it, as somebody told me this made it dry. But I do not feel that it gets clean without the use of soap, as I work in a very dirty office. I would appreciate an early answer.

GIRL.

There are many good cold creams on the market which are excellent emollients and warranted not to make hair grow. A woman that I know, however, who has an enviable complexion, declares there is nothing better as a softener than good olive oil. She cleanses the face with it at night and uses warm water and a pure soap afterward.

Dear M'Liss—I was exceedingly interested in the fact brought out by your articles on adoption of the poor little boy whose widowed mother could not afford to take care of him and the number of requests you received from people not well-to-do who offered to give him a home.

I wish some of these people who are forever yapping about the American woman's disinclination to raise families would read about it. Maybe that would keep them quiet for a little while. Every normal woman who breathes longs for children. She would much rather have her own than any one else's, but if God has ordained that she be childless, then the desire for a child is so great that she would rather adopt one than go without it. Sometimes this natural longing for a child is perverted into a hankering after a dog or kitten, and therefore we see so many women slaves to animal pets. It's just the maternal coming out in them in the wrong way.

And why do these women who want to adopt children have such little trouble persuading their husbands to give permission? Just because men have the same yearning. A child is verily a thing to be most cherished on earth. Those who haven't got them know this best of all.

INTERESTED.

Dear M'Liss—Please tell me through your columns if you know of a State institution in this Commonwealth where mentally defective children are taken and developed.

J. S.

There are three State institutions, I am told, which admit defective children.

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SEEN IN THE SHOPS



SPRING FOOTGEAR FOR ALL OCCASIONS

IT IS safe to remark that there isn't a woman in the city who isn't thinking of her Easter outfit. Every detail of her get-up—frock, coat suit, hat, gloves, hand-bag and shoes—is significant. Not the least of her problems is the selecting of the proper footwear. A glance at the advance styles in women's shoes reveals many interesting sidelights. For instance, one buyer declares that she shall be doomed to wear high shoes all during the spring months. Not the regular height, either. Some measure 8 and others as many as 11 inches high. The short skirt is, of course, to blame.

However, low slippers will of course never be entirely superseded by the high boot. The girl with dainty ankles will see to this. And after a winter of gaiters and high shoes, it is not to be expected of women to forego the chance to revel in low-cut Oxfords and stunning silk hosiery.

Colonial styles are strongly featured. There is no mode which is more firmly established. This may be attributed to the trend of the styles in women's dresses. What could we expect to wear with Dolly Varden flounces, grandmamma's frills, hoops and velvets? Buckles are large and varied. They may be as fancy as a woman can afford.

Plain colorings are assured us, too. No more of the wild and fearless "chicken" shoes of a season ago. Trimmings lean to perforations, contrasting leathers and very high heels. But violent color combinations are passe. Calf or kid vamps are seen with quarters of buck, or vice versa. The color, however, is uniform.

One rather startling innovation is the use of shepherd plaid leather. Shoes fashioned of this are smart, but require a Cinderella foot to wear them to good effect.

Gaiters are still good, the white broadcloth models vying for popularity with the glace washable kid ones and buckskin ones which sell for \$5 a pair. Because of the popularity of the golf and sports suit, flat-heeled shoes remain in vogue. The manufacturers, knowing that these would not do in the evening, and realizing that the woman who is accustomed to flat shoes will seldom adapt herself to any other style, have "come up to the scratch" and given us the low-heeled dancing pump. One used to have to buy these in the boys' shoe department. Now the style comes in regulation sizes for women and girls. They can still be bought in patent leather and dull kid, although the war alarmists tell us that patent leather is scarce, and getting more so.

The flat shoe is made in several colors, Havana brown being the most effective. This shade is to be the season's "best bet." Unless the buyers are greatly mistaken. Other good numbers are navy, tan, grays of all shades, with white in the lead. Reading from left to right, the shoes in today's illustration include Oxford sports model, white buck with leather bindings in rose, opean, champagne and green, at \$8 to \$9; high laced boots in black, white or tan from \$8 to \$10; street pumps with perforated trimmings in mahogany, white or patent leather at \$5 and up; high boots at \$4.75 in white canvas, from \$8 to \$10 in calf. The slippers on the figure are suitable for house or evening wear, in white calf or patent leather, at \$7, and in colored satin at \$6. The satin slippers below are finished off with bows or buckles and come in any wanted color at \$8 and up. The Colonial model features a two-color combination. The original was white and tan, but it comes in the other styles at \$7.50. The last shows a smart low-heeled street pump in black or tan calf at \$6.

The name of the shops 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 date on which the article appeared.

Now for the Porch

Now is the proper time of the year to begin to plan the summer porch. There is no part of the house which offers so many opportunities for unique and attractive furnishing. And if you are forced to spend the summer in the city the few dollars invested in making the porch comfortable will be well used.

Don't get a regular shrubbery of useless and sickly looking plants. A few hardy ones are more to be desired. Take care of the greens, if you have them at all.

Wicker furnishings are more reasonable for the summer. It will pay you to get good articles at the first, because the cheap styles fade out very quickly. You can make very dainty cretonne covers for chairs, swing or table yourself out of flowered, figured or the popular black-and-white material. The last-mentioned is very smart just now, but it is likely to be overdone.



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The change in fashion this season has been less radical than ever before. Jackets are to be short—a little shorter, perhaps, than yours. A 24-inch standard for coats has been accepted by the French dressmakers, although those arbiters themselves are putting out some individual models with hip-length and a few even with knee-length coats. Sand color will be worn this spring.

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FOOD VALUES

Planning a Day Ahead

By VIRGINIA E. KIFT

ONE woman goes to the grocery or delicatessen's for produce, which is just as bad, about one-half hour before dinner and procures a can of tomatoes and a can of peas for which she pays 6 or 8 cents.

In these cans she gets in return for her money a few tomatoes and peas and a great deal of liquor (on the peas) and water (on the tomatoes); this last she could just as easily have procured from her own faucet for nothing.

Another woman thinks today about what she will have for tomorrow night's supper and purchases a pound of dried peas at 3 cents a pound, two pounds for 7 cents. After finishing her supper dishes she soaks two cups of these peas in water from her own faucet, which costs nothing, and lets them stand over night. By morning they have swelled until they are larger than the average sized pea, and in an 8-cent can, and have just as good flavor. Four and a half cents has been saved.

Also instead of buying canned tomatoes, the value of which lies chiefly in the flavor and the variety they add to the diet, she procures fresh spinach, tomatoes or turnips, which not only have a better flavor, but contain far more food value than tomatoes at a slight saving in cost. The housekeeper who wants to save money, does not have to cut down on the menu, or give poor foods in place of expensive ones, but can by thinking ahead about tomorrow night's supper serve up attractive meals and possibly save the cost of the groceries. She can even serve better than she ever served before.

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To Aurora O, if thou know'st how thou thyself dost harm, And dost prejudice thy bias, and spoil my rest; Then thou wouldst melt the ice out of thy breast And thy relenting heart would kindly warm.

O, if thy pride did not thy joys control, What world of loving wonders shouldst thou see! For if I saw thee once transformed in me, Then all my thoughts should in thy visage shine. And if that aught mischanced thou shouldst not moan. Nor bear the burden of thy griefs alone; No, I would have my share in what were thine.

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