

FEMININE FRIPPERIES HONEY TO WOMAN SOUL, SAYS M'LISS

She Disagrees With the Doctor Mary Walkers of This World, Whose Hobby Is the Wearing of Masculine Attire

HOW many women, I wonder, envy Miss Florence Kindig, the young Philadelphia woman who, eschewing all the fascinations of feminine attire, has adopted for herself a hybrid costume, with all of the conveniences of a man's garb and none of the allure of a woman's.

Personally, I don't. In fact, if the truth be stated, I feel a bit sorry for her. I think she is misguided in her point of view. I have never regarded the skirt, the earring, the French-heeled slipper as a badge of woman's enslavement or as a sign that we have not advanced very far from the barbaric stage, and I would not feel at all comfortable or happy rigged out in an unrelenting vest, sack coat and harsh linen collar.

Indeed, I believe a great deal of the fun of life would be eliminated if the anticipation of new costumes and glorious clothes combinations were denied us.

Far be it from my intention to infer, W. L. George notwithstanding, that any happiness is to be derived from permitting clothes to become the dominant influence in one's life; but imagine, for instance, looking forward to the coming of spring untinted by any thoughts of the bonnet that is to accompany it and contribute to the general spirit of rejuvenescence!

The Doctor Mary Walkers of this world, with their ready-made and strictly tailored ideas, may be, as they contend, the really sensible people of earth. Florence Kindig and her ilk may save a couple of hundred dollars annually by the adoption of masculine or semimale attire (though I doubt it, for clever women will not require much more money for fineries and frills than the average man does for his tailored effects), but in so saying, they are deliberately atrophying that part of the woman nature which, since time immemorial, has been characteristic of her—the love of beautiful, soul-satisfying clothes.

What Does This Prove?

In the Germantown School test, embracing a wide variety of questions drawn up to ascertain just how well-informed the American youth is, the boys completely outclassed the girls. Does this prove that the male of the species is possessed of more intelligence than the female?

Suppose the test had been on domestic science, dressmaking, or whether the next door neighbor's spring frock was brand new or just rebuilt from last year's?

Enigmatic

"Cancer of the tongue," said Dr. "Jack" Da Costa at one of his crowded clinics in the Jefferson Hospital yesterday, "occurs more frequently to men than to women. God knows why!"

Students who attend this famous surgeon's lectures—and most of them do who can—declare that he never misses an opportunity to take a sly dig at the sex, and that he enlivens even the dullest subjects by his quips and bon mots which have women as their target.

No; he is not a crusty bachelor. On the contrary, a docile husband, it is said, proving once more that, like a dog's, a man's bark can often be worse than his bite.

Enter the Mantilla

Do you cherish among the possessions that you have laid away for use some time when things come "in" again, one of those delicate Spanish lace scarfs, or perhaps a genuine mantilla?

Get it out. The Castilian influence which stole in, none knows how, has become definitely established and threatens to outlive even the already accepted crinoline and its concomitant styles for first place.

Indeed, you who haven't any Andalusian heirlooms may take heart. The American manufacturers, urged by the demand, are creating lovely Spanish laces, even those with the chrysanthemum pattern so often seen in the old mantillas.

M'LISS.

Letters to the 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—Please tell me what I can do with my discouraging hair. It is straight and lifeless, and no matter how much trouble I go to to try to fix it nicely, it never looks as well as other people's. Is there any fluid that will make it curly? I would greatly appreciate it if you will advise me.

DISTRESS.

There are curing fluids on the market. I am told, which tend to hold the hair in curl after it has been curled by the iron or curler. There is also a process which some hair-dressers employ, known as the permanent wave. I spoke to a coiffeuse about the alleged permanency of this method and she told me quite frankly, just as she told her patrons, that its "permanency" is of only six or, say, 12 months' duration, depending on rapidly with which one's hair grows, for, of course, straight hair grows out straight and there you are!

Why don't you have your hair treated for its lifelessness? Often hair which shows a lack of vitality is but an indication of a general lack of vitality.

My advice is to watch your health and have an expert tell you what treatment will be best for your scalp. This will cost you less than curling fluids, in the long run. Healthy hair is always attractive, and console yourself with the thought that some people prefer the straight variety to curls.

Dear M'LISS—Inclosed find some palm-dresses to help your inquiries of a few days ago:

"Madame, I'm Adam" (Adam, on waking up, and finding Eve).

"Able was I ere I saw Elba" (Of course, Napoleon must be fathered with this).

"Taw and snug was I ere I saw guns and war."

"Roma tibi subito motibus ibit amor." (Free translation—When at Rome, momentarily, when least expected, there come before you scenes worthy of deepest appreciation.) ANN O'NEILL.

Thank you very much.

Dear M'LISS—Would you please publish in your valuable column what becomes of a body of a person that dies in a hospital here in the city. A woman's body was claimed and arrangements made by the person who claimed her as his wife. This man then ran away and the parents were notified, but never answered the letter nor claimed said body.

I think the woman was a foreigner and probably her parents could not read the letter. What becomes of body and is there any hope of having it buried later?

A CONSTANT READER.

Apply to Dr. A. Hewson, secretary of the State Anatomical Board, 2129 Spruce street, give him the name of the woman and he will answer your questions.

Much Salt in Rock

It has been estimated that 34,000,000 cubic miles of the average igneous rock would yield on decomposition, all of the sodium of the ocean and the sedimentary rocks.

Do You Believe This?

A successful woman buyer in one of the big department stores was asked for the secret of success the other day. This is what she said:

"A girl must be ready to sacrifice almost anything to her work. She must think of it night and day. It won't do for her to go home and put the thoughts of her work entirely out of her mind until the alarm wakes her up the next morning. No, she must study up the details of her trade; she must read."

"There are trades magazines for almost every occupation under the sun nowadays, and competition is so strong, especially where a woman holds down the job, that it is up to her to know her competitors and what they are doing."

"I allow three nights a week for this kind of reading, and one for studying. This allows three over for recreation. The trouble is that we are too much inclined to feel that we can rest when we really can't."

"A girl who watches the clock is a cog in the wheel; she doesn't care for her work and she will never be a success. The type of girl who goes into a store or into a shop to take up her time between graduation and marriage is the greatest obstacle to the efficiency expert has to overcome. She not only hinders her own progress, but she acts as a deterrent upon her associates."

Sports Wear

Entire suits of golfing wool, velvet novelty checks, plaids and stripes are smart for spring wear. These are ordinarily made of serge, belted in with a self-material, suede or patent-leather belt. Combination suits are also seen, in two materials. Colors include tan, rose, blue-green, purple, plaid and Joffe blue.

Drapery Again

If a skirt is short, it should be very full. However, many fancy house frocks have a rather elaborately draped skirt. This should be just a bit above the ankles to look well.

To Amanda

For ever fortune, wilt thou prove An unrelenting foe to love, And when we meet, a mutual hate Come in between, and bid us part?

Bid us sign on from day to day, And wish and wish the soul away, Till youth and gentler years are flown, And all the life of life is gone?

For once, O fortune, hear my prayer, And I absolve thy future care, All other blessings I resign, But make the dear Amanda mine. —J. Thompson.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



A MODISH STREET COSTUME

THIS little everyday frock shows just what can be accomplished with the exercise of good taste and the expenditure of very little money. It is decidedly inexpensive, and has style besides. Two fabrics are used, gros de Londres silk for the main portion of the gown and Georgette crepe for the vest and sleeves. The collar is edged with silk cording.

Smoked pearl buttons are used to fasten the smart coat at the front. The full ruffle at the back and sides is held in place by two more buttons. Cordings of self-material are used to outline the jacket, which gives the whole a very tailored appearance, even though the frock itself is of silk. The vest is pin-tucked, and has bishop sleeves. In combinations of Russian green, black and white, and navy blue, black, Joffe or georgette blue, rose and changeable silks with white, the price is \$16.95.

The hat is an attractive sailor model of white Milan straw. Black and white grosgrain ribbon is used to bind the crown. Mercury wings add a pert touch. The price is \$2.95.

The name of the shop 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.

REAL SURGEON ALWAYS SEEKS ADVICE OF FAMILY DOCTOR

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

CONTRARY to the popular notion, in the field of the general surgeon or not, the near-surgeon operates if the patient wants an operation. The patient, somehow, always comes just in the nick of time—another hour, day, week or month would have been "too late." But then, the near-surgeon ought to know whereof he speaks. He can tell quite accurately, for instance, what is wrong with an appendix that looks fairly good to the novice. Hasn't he removed plenty of normal ones?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Coddling

Is it a good idea to rub the throat and chest with alcohol before going out into the cold, or is that what you would call coddling?

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Helps for the Housewife

"I HAVE a few things which may be of benefit to housekeepers—ideas, I mean. If you wish to put a brass rod in a curtain put your thumb over the end of the rod. You will have no trouble. If you scale a fish with baking soda, holding by the tail, it will cut the skin. This will help those who go camping in the summer season. Now, I have a piecrust that can't be beaten. One cup of flour, two tablespoons of lard, a pinch of salt and three tablespoons of water. Stir all together. This will make a dough crust for a pie. It is never failing. Can I get a copy of the poem 'My Mother'? I will send a stamp for the same."

"MARY H. N."

Author Will Lend a Copy

"I have been told that recently some one writing to the Corner asked for information with regard to 'The Battle of Tippecanoe,' written by Stein. I wrote the poem and read it on the occasion of the celebration of the battle. The celebration was held in Lafayette, Ind., and at the battleground near by in November, 1911, and the poem was published in two of the local papers, but no copies are now to be had at the newspaper office. If your correspondent wants a copy, however, I would suggest that she write to Dr. Thomas G. Moran, head of the history department of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. He was chairman of the Centennial Committee which asked me to contribute to the celebration. He may possibly have some extra copies of the paper. If Doctor Moran cannot furnish this I have an extra copy myself. I will send to your inquirer if he or she will return it."

E. S."

Concerning the Ouija Board

"This letter appeared in the Corner some time ago: 'Can you give me any information with regard to a ouija board? I am anxious to know the origin of this board, and a friend tells me that it has spiritual connections attached to it.' With regard to the above, I wish you could refer the inquiry to a book which may be obtained at the public library of almost any city entitled 'The Great Psychological Crime.' You will find the board fully described."

AGNES T. C."

Copy of a Christmas Poem

"I am inclosing a copy of 'Jolly Old St. Nicholas.' It is too late for this year, but somebody may wish to keep it until next Christmas. I send it upon the chance that it may not be amiss. I am 9 years old and in the fifth grade."

"ALICE L. G."

Formula for Hop Beer

"I see that a reader wants a recipe for hop beer. I have an excellent formula. Boil a 2-cent package of hops until the strength is out. Usually it takes seven or eight quarts of water. When cool, stir in one cake of compressed yeast, three pounds of sugar (or more if desired), 16 cents' worth of wintergreen essence, and set in a warm place until it bubbles. Then put into bottles after straining it. It will be good in three or four days. It is excellent for the nerves and is a splendid drink. Here is a recipe for any one who is troubled with their fingers cracking. It cured mine and has cured many others: Two ounces of rosewater, two ounces of glycerin, two ounces of bay rum, 15 drops of carbolic acid. Shake well before using."

F. K. B."

Blushing Apples

"I inclose the recipe asked for by Mrs. J. L. R. Canned pears, I should think, would be made like any candied fruit. However, I have never made them. I have made successfully blushing apples. I believe the original recipe is Mrs. Jant."

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H.H.C. I am glad to send it in. Core six red apples and cook in boiling water without removing the skins until they are tender. Turn the apples often with a skimmer so they may cook evenly. Remove to a plate; carefully take off the skins; scrape off the red pulp adhering to the inside of the skins and replace it on the opposite sides of each apple. Reduce the water to a cup or less, add a cup of sugar and the juice of an orange; also the grated rind of it. Let it simmer until a thick sirup is formed. Pour this over the apples. Drop a spoonful of whipped cream on each apple or serve the cream separately, set whipped cream on the side of the dish with game, I do not have cream. But as a luncheon dessert it is delicious."

Hints in Laundering

"Here are a few hints for the housewife, and such, I think, cannot be repeated too often, for no matter how one tries to commit them to memory at the time they are most needed, either the clipping cannot be found or the scrapbook falls us. A garment spotted with fruit juice can be restored to its original color by making a paste of saleratus (soda) and rubbing it in well. It will disappear. If stubborn, hold over the steaming kettle of boiling water. To remove stains from white clothes injured by a sock or colored bit of wash boil the clothes in soapy water, to which has been added two cups of good vinegar. It will whiten them, no matter how badly stained they are. Five cents' worth of soap bar."

two quarts of water, reduce to one-half the quantity, and add three tablespoons of ammonia, and bottle. See on how to remove stains from woolen clothing, skirts, trousers, etc.

Prince of Wales Cake

"Please help me to get the recipe which some years ago I clipped from a newspaper. It was called Prince of Wales wedding cake. It is a recipe which I prize highly, but while I was ill in bed it disappeared. It ran something like this: The grated rind and juice of 16 oranges, 8 eggs, all kinds of fruit, two nuts, and brandy. It was baked for nine hours. I hope to get it again through the Corner. I wish to use it and would be thankful."

"H. H. H." Although I am pretty sure the recipe you want never appeared in the Corner, I hereby issue a call for it. Our readers are quick-eyed and a formula so unobscure as this is not likely to be overlooked. Please send it to the Corner, and we should be glad to republish it.

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