

M'LISS SAYS A FEW WORDS ON ROUND PEGS IN SQUARE HOLES

"Be Sure You're Right, Then Go Ahead" Is a Pretty Good Slogan, If You're Sure You're Sure—But This Isn't Easy

DOES a great and impelling desire to succeed in a given line of endeavor indicate any particular aptitude for that line? Or to put the question in another way: If you are a round peg, with a liking for square holes, will you be able, with continued wriggling and much expenditure of energy, to fit yourself eventually into such a hole?

I am moved to ask these queries by the case of the young Philadelphia woman who foretook home, mother and a good job as teacher, to fare forth into the world to try to win fame as a musician or a writer. These, by the majority of people, are considered as more or less romantic professions, to achieve success in which hard work is not so necessary as temperament, exemplified chiefly by long hair and dirty nails.

The young woman's death was perhaps the most romantic episode in her search for glittering renown via the road of literature. There isn't a doubt in the world that this aspirant to fame gave up everything that she considered essential to the winning of her goal. Doubtless she'd have done much better if she hadn't given up so much.

I do not mean to sing out with Lord Byron:

"Oh, talk not to me of a name great in story, The age of our youth is the age of our glory, And the myrtle and ivy of sweet two and twenty, Are worth all your laurels, though ever so plenty."

On the contrary, I believe that the age of our youth is the time for striving. But one must know one's capabilities to make the striving worth while.

How Hugo Munsterberg would gloat over the case of this young woman. I do not wish to impute to the eminent Harvard psychologist a capacity for fiendish delight in another's misfortune. But the Philadelphia girl's untimely end does so prove the pathos of these round pegs with the liking for the square holes—a pet theory of Mr. Munsterberg's.

I remember hearing him talk one time on "Efficiency," when that tiresome topic was not heard with such frequency as it is now. In his lecture he declared that the Government should establish stations in various sections of the country with a staff of experts attached who would tell all who applied to them whether or not they were fitted for various occupations and careers. He demonstrated—and plausibly, too—how very easy it would be to ascertain if a man were fitted to be a motorman or a machinist, and whether or not such and such a woman was adapted for the position of telephone operator.

I was so impressed that I sought out the professor afterwards and put to him the question that leads this dissertation. "Do you not believe," I implored him earnestly, for I too wished to be great, "that a tremendous desire to do a certain thing, backed by a capacity for hard work, is bound to insure ultimate success?"

To drop into the vernacular, he gave me the "haw-haw." "Not at all, not at all," he said emphatically, when he had done laughing. "One of the most earnest, ambitious and hardworking men that I know desires to be a great painter. I wish you could see the pictures he paints. He will never be anything but a dauber."

"Know thyself," said Plato wisely. It is not easy to know oneself. Self-deception is much more prevalent than self-knowledge. Knowing one's limitations—which is another way of saying starting with one's eyes open—is indubitably the first rung on the ladder of success.

We cannot all be Michelangelos or Shakespeares, odd as it may seem—and a capable teacher is by far a more useful unit in the scheme of things than a mediocre piano-thumper or canvas-dauber.

Literally or Figuratively?

"The two outstanding and most perfect figures of the day," said the bright young man, "are President Wilson and the Kaiser."

"How about the ladies of the Folies?" lisped the brighter young thing, facetiously.

The Logical Deduction

The fact that only 32.2 per cent. of the feminine vote in Chicago came out at a recent primary, is being gloated over by the antis, who argue that this is one more of their many incontestable proofs that the majority of women do not wish the vote.

At the same primary in the Windy City, only 30 per cent. of the male vote was represented at the polls.

I suppose that by the same token, the "opposed" ladies will argue that the vote should be taken away from the men, since the majority have demonstrated conclusively that they do not think enough of their franchise privilege to exercise it.

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.

The following letter—a bare statement, as bare almost as the truth it describes—will bring, I sincerely hope, some response from my readers. In my estimation this communication demonstrates once more the limitations of a literary style. A large amount of space might be covered in an attempt to show the pathos of this woman's plight, but could any more graphic scene of poverty in all its sordid ugliness be drawn than that this woman has pictured in the few crude, ungrammatical sentences she has penciled?

Dear M'LISS—Could I hear through your column if any one has any old carpet they don't want or matting or anything to furnish a line? I would be very thankful to hear from someone as I am very much in need. I have two good-sized girls and an infant baby. The oldest girl is 12 years old. We live in one room. My husband deserted us and the room is nearly bare as I haven't but one rocker, a bed, a little stand and a small table. Hoping to hear from you. I'll be very thankful. MRS. F. H.

Dear M'LISS—Please print a short recitation for a child of five to recite at a 25th wedding anniversary. The celebration will take place on March 14. MOTHER, North Wales, Pa.

If you send me your name and address I will be glad to mail you several selections to choose from. I have not the space to publish them.

Washing Blankets

When it comes to a question of washing and putting away the colored blankets, there is an infallible way to do the trick without having them "run" on you. Use rain water, to begin with. It won't be hard to procure this in the spring, we shall probably have it with us. Into this put a half pint of ammonia to a tubful of water. The combinations sets the colors and removes the dirt.

Corner of 40th and Locust Sold

The store property at the southwest corner of 40th and Locust streets, lot 25 by 150 feet, has been sold by Palmer Watson to Horace L. Manfell, for a price not disclosed.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



SHOWING THE NEW TOMMY ATKINS FLAPPER SUIT

ADAPTATIONS are the order of the day, and the latest is the smart coat suit for young girls, which takes its inspiration from the English Tommy's outfit. Every detail of the jaunty costume is faithfully copied. The patch pockets on the front are outlined in triple stitching of white to match the blue-and-white color scheme of the whole. The collar and cuffs are of white faille. The yoke effect is outlined with white stitching also.

A military effect is enhanced by a wide belt, buckled at the front. The fullness of the coat is confined in small and becoming folds. The bottom of the coat is a wide pleatum, ruffled, stitched and pocketed like the upper section. The skirt is trimmed with side pockets, a buckled belt, and has side plaits to give fullness. In navy gabardine and colors the price is \$25. The hat is a youthful model, in natural leghorn, with a band of navy grograin ribbon around the crown. The brim is bound with a narrow band of the same. Price, \$8.50, with trimmings in any shade.

The name of the shops 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.

SOME HINTS ON A COMMON AILMENT AMONG CHILDREN

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

GRANDMA is sure the sun rises as she is that babies and older children have worms. And once in a long while she just happens to be right—about the worms. But this is a coincidence, not a diagnosis. There are no symptoms which can, with even a fair degree of probability, be attributed to worms. In fact, what grandma insists is worms—fever, nausea, vomiting, heavy, sweet breath, flushed cheeks, white lines about the mouth, etc.—are usually symptoms of acute intestinal indigestion or acute intoxication from dietetic errors. But occasionally the trouble really is due to round worms in the bowel.

Be it hookworms, tapeworms, round worms or pin worms, this is the ideal treatment: Send the patient to bed with a supper of only bread and milk. In the morning administer to a child one capsule of five drops of oil of chenopodium (American wormseed), or give the five drops on a little sugar. Two hours later give a dose of castor oil or of aromatic syrup of rhubarb. That ends the treatment. If no worms are found your diagnosis is wrong, or else your family doctor will have to help you out of the predicament. For an adult the same treatment may be applied, except that 10 drops of the oil may be given, and repeated two or three mornings if necessary. But for a child one is sufficient. Any alleged "worm medicine" that is given at intervals over a period of days is worse than useless.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Beef Juice for Invalids Would you advise much beef juice to give an invalid strength? Answer—No. It gives virtually no strength. You must feed the meat for strength. The juice is almost entirely a stimulant, and virtually worthless as a food.

Brewer's Yeast Again Mr. C. E. W. begs to say that an idea gleaned from one of your recent articles has brought much happiness to his household. You suggested brewer's yeast as a dressing for obstinate varicose ulcers. We obtained some, applied it for about 10 days and healed such an ulcer after six years of futile treatment!

Answer—If the breweries do decide to market the by-product we trust they won't give it a parlor car title and charge \$1 an ounce for it.

EXHIBITION TO CLOSE TODAY Many Paintings Sold at Plastic and Sketch Clubs The Fellowship of the Fine Arts, composed of graduates of the institution, has announced today that many pictures have been sold from the exhibition in the gallery of the Plastic Club and the Sketch Club. The exhibition closes today, but the pictures will be divided into three groups and placed later in the Germantown Friends' School, the Wright School, 11th and Yenang streets, and the Widener School, 13th and Thompson streets.

The pictures sold and their painters are as follows: "Golden Glow".....Hugh H. Breckenridge "The Bridge".....Adolpho Boris "Lines and Paths".....Herbert Pullinger "The Old Farm".....William J. Edmondson "The Deserted Hamlet".....Herbert Welsh "Reflections".....Annie L. Fera "Flowers".....Edith M. Mann "Spring Flowers".....Ella Shelden Stern "The Musical".....Helen Abrahamson "Chrysanthemums".....Hazel T. Busby

Will Honor "Jewish Mark Twain" A reception will be tendered tonight to "Sholem Aleichem," considered by many the foremost Yiddish humorist and known as the Jewish Mark Twain, in the Metropolitan Opera House. Off the stage "Sholem Aleichem" is known as Solomon Rabinowitz. Mr. Rabinowitz will come from Lakewood this afternoon and will be met by a committee composed of M. Katz, literary editor of the Jewish World; A. Prunkin, city editor of that paper; J. S. Prenovitz, city editor of that Jewish Daily Forward; and Nathan Fleisher, city editor of the Jewish Warheit.

"BABY WEEK" STARTS WITH VIEW TO SAVING LIVES OF HELPLESS

Philadelphia to Have Practical Demonstration of Need of Constant Care in Treatment of Infants

ALL CLASSES AFFECTED

Last year 4317 babies under one year of age died in Philadelphia. The Health Department estimates that 30 per cent. of these deaths were readily preventable—that is, that 1303 babies died who might have grown up to be good citizens. The preventable deaths were largely due to the ignorance of parents.

Baby Week started today. Its purpose is to save the lives, health and happiness of babies. Every man, woman and child in Philadelphia will have brought home to him or her in the next 30 days at least one striking demonstration of the need of a constant state of openness of mind toward every suggestion offered to insure the proper treatment of babies beginning now.

Baby Week, while it is national and will be observed in 2500 cities, will have a more elaborate reception here than in any other community, for the reason that in recent years the calamitous figures quoted above have been borne deeply in upon Philadelphia, as is shown by the many child-saving activities. It is to co-ordinate these activities and to bring the campaign home to the unscientific rank and file of the people that Baby Week was planned.

The names that have been given to the seven days of the week shows that the immediate proceeds far beyond the immediate field of babydom. Monday will be "Fathers' Day"—father is not to be allowed to dodge his responsibilities. Baby Week brings him forward as a parent with duties as necessary of fulfillment as mother. Tuesday will be "Mothers' Day." And Wednesday will be "School Day"—that is to say, Big Brothers and Big Sisters' Day; for the welfare of the baby has to be dependent on children as well as adults.

Today, "Baby Sabbath," infant welfare topics were discussed in the synagogue. "Our slums are not the only baby slayer," declared the Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, of Keneseth Israel, in a sermon, "Pity the Babe." "Its most fertile nursery is far too often, the country cow-stable and the city milk can. The danger of tuberculosis from cows could largely be obviated by pasteurization had been proved, he said.

Tomorrow, "Baby Sunday," in nearly all the churches, there will be some references made to the subject, and many pastors have prepared sermons devoted to child welfare themes.

On Monday, "Fathers' Day," exhibits of appliances and methods for juvenile hygiene will open. Physicians assigned by the Montgomery County Medical Association will speak at noon at various places of business in Main Line towns and at lodge meetings held Monday night. In this city there will be noonday meetings for men in factories, department stores and shops. Members of the County Medical Society and the Pediatric Society will deliver short talks.

Director Krausen, who suggested the idea of "Baby Week," has appointed an Executive Committee. The chairman is Albert Cross, and Dr. Charles Scott Miller is secretary. The personnel of the committee is as follows: Director Krausen, Dr. Joseph S. Koff, John D. McLean, Dr. C. Lincoln Furbush, Dr. Howard Childs Carpenter, Dr. H. H. Doan, Dr. John F. Sinclair, Dr. S. McClintock Hamilton, Dr. Robert G. Le Conte, Dr. Theodore Le Boulleiller, Dr. Henry T. Jump and John A. Vogeison, chief of the Bureau of Health; Charles S. Tryon, Howard T. Boyle, Albert E. Turner and L. Wallace Armstrong.

On Tuesday, "Mothers' Day," there will be special meetings held by all women's clubs and all church societies in the city for the consideration of ways and means to help mothers; special lectures in dispensaries and clinics for mothers, and circulation of material by the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

"School Day," Wednesday, will be the occasion for the reading of a proclamation by Governor Brumbaugh in all the schools and addresses by physicians. Special exercises will be held at the opening of school. Principals of schools will be asked to send out a general order that all compositions by girls throughout the city for that day shall be concerned with some phase of the care of the baby and hygienic homes, and that all compositions by boys be written on public health subjects.

SUFFRAGIST A BROKER, TOO Miss Elizabeth McShane Goes Into Investment Business

Miss Elizabeth McShane, suffrage orator, has become a stock broker. Not that she has deserted suffrage work; besides "spreading independence in business," as she said, she will continue to advocate "independence in the affairs of the State and nation for women. In other words, while she isn't selling stocks and bonds in her office at 5th and Chestnut streets, she will work for "votes for women." Miss McShane, who is a law student and Vassar graduate, has taken joint charge with Miss Mary H. Ingham, of the local branch of the women's department of the firm of William P. Bonbright & Co. She will show business women how to increase their incomes by judging investments for themselves. Miss McShane accompanied the suffrage Liberty Bell on its tour of the State last summer.

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Marion Harland's Corner

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"MRS. DE M." The address you desired to obtain went duly to you by mail. The Corner thanks you heartily for "waters returning" which have, indeed, "filled the fountain full of refreshment." One such tribute to our will to help humanity, and the partial success that has crowned our efforts, says us for weeks and months of labor. The story of the dear grandmother gives a touch of sacredness to the materials that will in other hands be wrought into the quilt she could not finish.

Looks for Chance to Help "I received the address I asked for. I have written to her sent her some papers, and now I wish to thank you for replying so promptly and tell you that I read the Corner always with a great deal of interest and with a view to helping in some way, no matter how small. This seemed the first time I could be of help, and I am glad to do even a little.

"MRS. L. F. B." Do our Cornerites comprehend, even in part, what a stimulus to effort is the consciousness that loving eyes watch the interchange of question and answer, the sympathetic response to the call of achievement, or the perplexities of ignorance and overwrought men and women who appeal to us for aid? Every week strengthens the links of the chain binding us into one great family.

Quantities of Magazines "I mailed to the address you sent me a large bundle of 'first clothing.' I have quantities of magazines to give away.

"MRS. J. R. P." And "quantities" of readers would be glad to have them. We hold your address in this conviction and thank you for other deeds of kindness done in behalf of the Corner.

Long to Answer Calls "I wish there were more of me. As a child I can remember wishing I could make my shadow work. Then, how much I could accomplish. That's something like what I feel now. There isn't a week in which I do not long to answer some of the calls. I am still in touch with one person I met through your Corner years ago. Please send me the address of H. V. and J. M. A. I should like to write to them; also 'A Wife,' who wishes some things for the new baby. Such work is nearest my heart.

"MRS. E. J. D." Have as much mercy upon yourself as you have for others. We cannot have you wear yourself away to a shadow even in our service. The addresses for which you ask went promptly to you by mail.

Old Music to Donate "I have some old music, both religious and popular, that I should like to donate to any one who would make good use of it. If you will furnish me with the names and addresses of some one who would be more than glad to send me some, I have.

Aid for Dressmaker "I think, through your department can help some poor dressmaker. I have three best forms, two iron stands for skirtmaker; also glass sign with word, 'Modiste,' brass chain, all in good condition. I will give all away free to one who needs them most.

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IT'S NO USE, MONTY; YOUR FATE IS SEALED

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