

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE WOMAN BOARDER? ASKS M'LISS

She Must Be a Pest, Indeed, Judging From the Number of "Gentlemen Only" Signs That Appear in Windows and "Ads"

IT WAS after a frightfully wearying day's tramp throughout every section of the city where boarding houses thrive that my friend, foot-sore and peevish, flopped on my couch and flung out her plaint: "Oh, if I were only a man, then I'd have the kind of apartment I'm looking for handed to me on a silver plate, I suppose. But seeing as how I'm only a woman who's out of the house all day and willing to pay liberally for the service she demands, I'm treated as a pariah—a leper whose presence is contaminating. "Every time I called at a house that looked extremely livable; where the rooms were large and airy and where there were fireplaces, the same old phrase was gung-sunged at me: "We don't take ladies here."

"I tried to argue the matter with one landlady, but got no satisfaction. "Is it because a man goes out oftener and burns less electricity?" I asked her, "that you consider him a more economical proposition?" "No, 'taint exactly that," she replied reflecting, "I can't just tell you why it is in so many words, but a man is more desirable to have as a boarder than a woman is. For one thing, men ain't forever prying in your affairs. You don't have to keep your eye on them, either, for fear they're stealing your gas or electricity to iron or cook on. All you have to do is keep their rooms neat and clean and they're contented and never bother you only to pay their bills when they are due. "But women are forever fussing around. They want you to do this and to do that. They can't see why you don't provide the matches, and if they ram their curling iron through the gas mantle trying to heat it, they get mad if you don't buy 'em another. No, ma'am, you may be an exception, but I can't take any ladies in my house."

It is curious how the boarding and rooming house advertisements back up my friend's contention. Only in isolated cases is a woman wanted. In the majority of the "ads" gentlemen are preferred, and the oft recurring phrase, "gentlemen only" seems with unexpressed significance regarding women as tenants. Why is it, I wonder, that women have fallen into such bad repute with the boarding house mistresses? Why is it that a man, be he ever so cranky, is welcomed with open arms while the most genial woman is excluded. We must have been very petty, very undesirable indeed, to have made these "gentlemen only" and "gentlemen preferred" phrases occur with such frequency in the advertisements. There must be some reason not wholly occult why my friend, when she saw the kind of room that she had been combing the city for, with a great, high ceiling and old-fashioned mantelpiece and a broad, generous fireplace, could not yet have it because it was being held for some possible "gentleman," who had not yet materialized, although she was willing to pay the price asked and had no intention of using more light than that to which she was entitled.

More Preparedness

Is gray one of your favorite shades? Then do your buying now. A buyer in one of the largest shops told me that gray is one of the most difficult shades to get, due to the tenuous, in the dye situation. Just at the present time the shops seem so replete with all kinds of fascinating materials that it is difficult to realize the gravity of the situation, but I have it authoritatively, that the Paterson dyers have notified the manufacturers that before April 1 the latter will have to pay an advance of 60 per cent. for black and other dark-color dyes and 40 per cent. for those of medium shades. Incidentally, several women of my acquaintance, alarmed at the rumors, apparently well-substantiated, that next year we shall be paying double prices for inferior woolen goods, have stocked up with durable material for their winter suits. This may seem preparedness with a vengeance, but it may prove a case of "she laughs best who laughs last."

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—In placing my window boxes for the spring, can you please tell me which ones to put in the windows that get the least sunlight. I would like to have some flowers in them, as I do not like boxes entirely with ferns. FLORA. Spider-wort, begonias, pansies, violets, fuchsias, dwarf Japanese morning glories and trailing box vine. In addition to ferns, all thrive with very little sunlight. Dear M'Liss—Will you kindly tell me how I can clean an antique gilt frame that has become terribly tarnished. I do not wish to remove the picture from it. F. M. Make a thick cream of whiting and alcohol. After wiping away all surface dust with a soft dry cloth cover the frame with the cream, being careful not to let any of the mixture touch the picture. Allow it to dry for three minutes and then rub and polish with old silk or flannel. Fly specks will yield to further application of the alcohol.

Marion Harland's Corner

Poem of Joaquin Miller I SHOULD appreciate it very much if I could secure a copy of the poem of Joaquin Miller, poet of the mountains, which commences: "The bravest battles that ever were fought, Shall I tell you where and when, etc. Also, let me have a copy called 'The House by the Side of the Road.' I am anxious to read it. "M. M." A copy of the second poem you name went to you by mail. It was left over in our hands after other claimants were supplied through the beneficence of the constituency. I refer the request for Joaquin Miller's fine lines. If no copy is sent in for you, consult the poems of the mountain bard in your city library. I think, however, that you will receive a copy through the Corner. Wine-Producing Countries "What countries produce most of the wines used by the world at large? And is it true that these countries lead the world in drunkenness? Don't be afraid to speak the truth upon this matter! Some people are..." J. C. K. Italy produces yearly 1,358,524,992 gallons of wine. France comes next with 1,164,885,278 gallons. In answer to your second query, I venture to remind you that many of the wines made in these countries are almost non-intoxicant, being light and absolutely unadulterated. The "vin ordinaire" of the lower classes who drink it habitually, is to our taste more like weak vinegar than wine. Therefore, you may believe me when I assert that in two years' residence upon the Continent—most of the time in the large cities—I saw but two drunken men. I grieve to add that one was an Englishman, the other an American, who had indulged freely in brandy and high balls. You see I am not afraid to "speak the truth" upon this head. I am ashamed that one of the tipsy men was from my own country. Copy of Poem "I have tried in several quarters of the city to find the poem called 'The Pace on the Barroom Floor' and have failed. Thinking that in some way you might help me procure a copy, I ask your aid. I enclose postage for an answer. "W. E. B." Has the member who volunteered to copy the poem for other applicants been overtaken by the calls upon her? If not, will she let us forward the address of the contributor who has been singularly unlucky in his quest for the coveted lines? Or will some other kind soul come to his help? Stuffed Eggplant "I'm coming to you for a recipe for a stuffed noodle casserole. I think it is called. An Italian grocer tried to give it to me, but he couldn't recall all the ingredients, but he ended by saying: 'You write to Marion Harland for the recipe.' The reader who can make up to you for this deficiency on my part is earnestly solicited to come forward at this juncture and make me all wiser. I can and do precisely hand in the recipe for stuffed eggplant: Wash and wipe a large eggplant and parboil it in boiling salted water for 15 minutes. Let it get perfectly cold, cut in half lengthwise and remove the seeds. Boil the water of the vegetable three-quarters of an inch thick. Chop the pulp fine and add to it

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



SMART COPY OF FRENCH MODEL

AQUAINT little 1830 dress for dressy wear is this model in chiffon cloth, very moderately priced, and most becoming. The colorings include ivory, Nile green, shell pink, ciel blue and black. The shoulder straps are made of the chiffon, over a silver lace camisole. The wide-open sleeves are designed for dancing, so that the arm may be raised without discomfort. They are attracted to the lining of the gown. The giraffe is made of ribbon which matches the gown as well as the bandings on the very full skirt. The latter are cleverly alternated with self-colorings. A net foundation is used underneath the skirt to increase the bouffant effect. Price \$15.75. The hat is dressy, though simple in shape, and made of the fashionable horse-hair braid and chiffon combination. The braid is used to edge a soft brim of chiffon. A single rose, forget-me-nots and soft velvet streamers are interesting details. The price is \$5, in black. In silver or colors for bridesmaid's frock, the hat is reproduced at \$8.50 to \$10. 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.

WOMEN WRITERS PAY HONOR TO FAIR LILLIAN

Invincible Beauty Made an Honorary Member of Literary Organization

If the women writers of this city expected to wrest from the fair Lillian Russell, all the secrets regarding the preservation of beauty, which secrets she has had locked in her breast for, lo, these 55 years (if you don't believe it, see Who's Who on the stage and be convinced), they were sadly disappointed when Miss Russell came to their clubrooms at 1210 Locust street last night to address them and be made an honorary member of their organization. Except for a few broad general rules, such as "sleep eight hours out of every 24" and "work as hard and as long as you can," the stage beauty, despite her own effulgent pulchritude, was exceedingly secretive. But she did, in her low and vibrant voice, which is but another testimonial of the lady's invincible youth, divert "the girls" with some amusing incidents in her own journalistic career. "Write more about pimples and less about soul" was the succinct advice my first editor gave me," Miss Russell said, "but I found it easier to do this than to tell the public how to raise a 16-year-old boy, which was the next assignment he gave me." Miss Russell spoke with faint contempt of those famous beauties who only lend their names to articles that are presumably written by them. She writes her own every morning, she declared. Garbed in a smart black evening gown of filmy net and gold lace, a veritable alicy, fairly Lillian attire, enhanced by the chic hat of mailles she wore, Miss Russell once more gave the lie to her age, as she doubtless will continue to do, and proved that "age cannot wither nor custom stale" her infinite variety, at any rate.

Worth Knowing

An economical way to have fancy ice cream was originated by a girl who found that her slim purse wouldn't permit her to serve the dainties which her classmates served at their sorority parties. She ordered the necessary amount of bisque ice cream, took it out of the can and placed it in a melon mould which her mother used for jellies. A mixture of nuts, chopped maraschino cherries, citron and fresh fruits was prepared and added to the cream. Then she put it back in the ice in which it was delivered, and every one thought it a very expensive novelty.

Wants Copy of Song

"I noticed some one in the Corner had a copy of 'She Sleeps in the Valley,' I heard this years ago, but cannot procure it here. R. J. S." Referred. The song is so popular that a copy should be forthcoming without further appeal. Requests and addresses are registered.

Spring Opening Display All This Week Women's Tailleur Suits Made-to-Measure \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50 Values that are positively unequalled Be sure to see this magnificent showing of Victor Garments. Benj. S. Victor & Co. Tailors for Women and Misses 1115 Walnut St

BRACELET WATCH \$30.00 In 14 K. gold with gilt or white dial. The movement is jeweled and a remarkably accurate timepiece. C. R. Smith & Son Market St. at 13th

PERILS OF THE STREET DUE TO INADEQUACY OF TRAFFIC LAWS

Act of July, 1913, Governing the Operation of Automobiles, No Safeguard for Pedestrians

LIVES PUT IN JEOPARDY City Ordinance, Which Was Fairly Good, Superseded by Legislative Act

This is the tenth of a special series of articles written especially for the Evening Ledger by Ingers B. Oakley, which will deal with municipal laws which every citizen ought to know. Mrs. Oakley is corresponding secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of the C. I. O. U. of America, and a member of the Executive Committee of the General Federation, vice president of the Pennsylvania United Safety League, a member of the Executive Committee of the Woman's League for Good Government, and a member of the National Municipal League.

By INGENERS B. OAKLEY

The constantly increasing number of automobiles has put before Councils and Legislatures the difficult problem of giving motor vehicles a legitimate freedom in city streets and at the same time safeguarding the lives and limbs of pedestrians. In 1902 the Philadelphia Councils enacted an ordinance under which the rights of both automobiles and pedestrians were fairly well preserved, but this ordinance has been superseded by an act of Assembly approved July, 1913. Legal phraseology is more or less puzzling to the lay reader, but if several of the sections of this act mean what they seem to mean, the result is that pedestrians to make themselves ready for sudden death every time they go out into the streets. The act begins very well by providing that unless motor vehicles must be registered in the State Highway Department and must always show in a conspicuous place a tag bearing the registered number, as well as two lamps of specified kind; and it is further provided that no person under 16, whether the owner of a motor vehicle or not, shall operate such vehicle on any public road or street of this Commonwealth.

PAID OPERATORS MUST BE "QUALIFIED"

Much light is thrown upon these two apparently innocent sections by the one from which we learn that "every person desiring to operate a motor vehicle as a paid operator" must apply to the State Highway Department for a driver's license, to get which he must give proof that he is more than 18 years of age and "qualified to operate such a motor vehicle." The State Highway Department, if satisfied of the qualifications of the applicant, will issue to him a driver's license and a badge. The license must be carried by the driver whenever he is operating a car, and the badge must be worn conspicuously on the front of the outer garment of the driver "at all times when said driver is operating a motor vehicle."

From this section we learn that a paid operator receives a license to drive a car only after proving his ability to do so, "while nothing further is demanded of the operator who happens to own his car than that he be more than 16 years old and carries on his car the proper tag and lamps. There is no word in the act that even implies that the operator who is also the owner of a car should know how to manage it, and still further to strike terror into the hearts of unfortunate pedestrians we are told that "every person, other than a paid driver, owner, custodian or employee, desiring to operate a motor vehicle, shall make application to the State Highway Department for a license card, which shall be furnished free of charge to the applicant, and which shall expire on the 31st of December of the year in which it was issued."

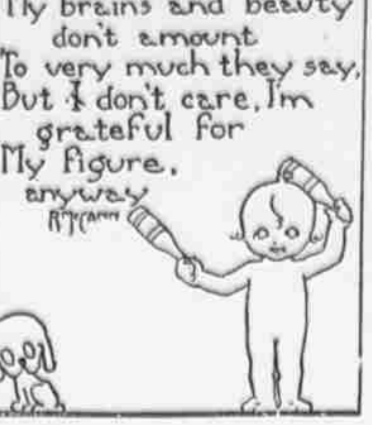
NO RESTRAINT ON OWNER OR RENTER

If this section means what it says any young man more than 16 years old who

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB



My brains and beauty don't amount to very much they say, But I don't care, I'm grateful for My figure. anyway

is not the owner of a car or a paid operator may borrow one or rent one, get a license for the asking and without any knowledge whatsoever of how to manage a car may run it over any road and every crowded street in the Commonwealth until December 31 of the year in which he borrowed or rented the car. The act does, it is true, mention certain rules and regulations which even owners, renters and borrowers of cars are supposed to know enough to observe. Every car, for instance, must be provided with a good and sufficient brake, and it is implied that owners and renters of cars which they drive themselves know what a brake is and how and when to use it. "Every car must have a bell or horn or other signal device, and every operator of a motor vehicle must sound this bell or horn when necessary to insure the safety of other users of the highway. "The unnecessary sounding of bells or horns or the unnecessary use of muffer cut-outs are prohibited. It is needless to say that what constitutes the "unnecessary use of muffer cut-outs" differs with the skill of the driver of the motor vehicle. A "paid operator," who is an expert, will make far less noise than the owner or renter, who is not required to understand how to manage his car. The act specifies very wisely that "no person shall operate a motor vehicle recklessly," but so long as owners of cars are permitted to drive them without any guarantee of their ability to do so, this act may be considered to condone recklessness. The speed of a car in the built-up part of a city is limited to 15 miles an hour, and "joy riding" is forbidden by the section which provides that "any person

operating an automobile under any circumstances other than that of its registered owner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to fine and imprisonment." One wholly inadequate section of this truly remarkable act is that which relates to the operation of a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to fine and imprisonment. One wholly inadequate section of this truly remarkable act is that which relates to the operation of a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to fine and imprisonment.

WORSE THAN INADEQUATE

This section is really worse than inadequate, for the majority of accidents in which motor cars and street cars have played a joint part have come from the sudden darting forth of automobiles from the other side of the car just as a passenger or simple-minded pedestrian is about to cross. At congested crossings, like Broad and Chestnut and Walnut streets, the traffic rules apply to all vehicles when the street cars are halted, and "safety first" requires the same rule whenever and wherever street cars may be stopped. The final section of the act informs us that "the constables and police officers of the State, counties, cities, boroughs and townships of this Commonwealth may arrest upon view and without warrant any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act." They "may," but apparently sure that, if used as a gauge, they need not unless they feel so inclined.

Borax Uses

It sets colors. Bleaches and prevents clothes from becoming yellow. Gives gloss to clothes when added to starch. Exterminates ants, bugs and roaches or discourages them, at any rate. Cleans hair brushes and combs beautifully. If a warm-water solution is used, it relieves sore throat, if used as a gargle. Borax and water rubbed on the face will discourage dandruff. Soften warm hard water. Whites clothes when added to the Monday washing.

Sweetening

Did you know that you can use more syrup instead of granulated sugar in your tea and coffee and save about 10 per cent on your sugar bills? It is fine for lemonades and punch. Make it in the following manner: Fill a clean bottle with granulated sugar and pour in cold water, filtered preferred. Let stand overnight and add more water until the bottle is full and all the sugar dissolved.

Cake Made at Home

with Royal Baking Powder is of finer quality and superior to the ready-made store or bakery variety. Made from cream of tartar, derived from grapes, Royal possesses healthful qualities which do not exist in baking powders made from alum or phosphate, which are derived from mineral sources.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Made from Cream of Tartar Absolutely Pure No Alum No Phosphate

LUIGI RIENZI 1714 Walnut Street Importer and Ladies' Tailor Spring Opening Paris Model Gowns and Wraps A Display of Very Smart Ready-to-Wear Suits and Dresses at Extremely Moderate Prices In the Millinery Department Stunning French Creations With Many Very Charming Rienzi Models

S. Sacks Importer Opening of Our Spring Fashion Exposition Your inspection of our new designs for the Spring is cordially invited. Beautifully tailored costumes in the most appealing fabrics that assure style and service satisfaction. 1831 Spruce St.

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Says Maggie the Cook "It ain't only what's in what they eats—it's what they gets out of it that counts. Give 'em a food for breakfast, I says, that has a lot in it. And let that lot be such that their insides can take it all up, easy-like. Give 'em Cream of Barle" (At Your Grocers)