

WHICH IS WORSE, GRAFTING GIRL OR HER VICTIM? M'LISS ASKS

The Man Who Permits Girls to "Work" Him Deserves Contempt and None of the Sympathy He Solicits

"WRITE something, please," requests a correspondent, "about the grafter of the feminine species—she who is a combination of one part mushroom, one part ivy and one part clinging vine. She springs up when you least expect her, fastens herself on the unsuspecting male, and when she has got all that she has to give leaves him high and dry with empty pockets and a bitter soul."

Dissipation

We were standing at the corner of 46th and Spruce streets the other day—or, to be exact, I should say the other midnight—waiting impatiently for the car that seemingly wouldn't come.

Contrary to the popular belief that the wind dies down at night and should be quiet around at midnight, there was a stiff gale blowing. Two little old ladies approached us. If they appeared to sway unsteady, we put it down to the March lions doing their best to bowl them over.

The gray heads of the figures coming up to us were swathed in scarfs, or maybe shawls, and I was just remarking to my companion that the shawl on the head of an old lady is the sign of dissipation for her—the sign that instead of touting her toes by the fire and retiring at the customary 9:30, she has taken the night off and gone on a party.

It was only when they got quite up to us that I knew how truly, how literally, I had spoken. Like swaying saplings they oscillated in the breeze. They were drunk, silly and undignified drunk.

"We've been to my 'sister-in-laws,'" the smaller of the two informed me just as if she had known me all her lifetime. "We've had 'sush' a good time talking over old times." The other nodded her head foolishly in concurrence, and they bubbled away to their hearts' content.

Garbed in sombre clothes, as befits old ladies, they looked so gentle, so refined, that I am sure they belonged to that Great Respectable Class which is the backbone of the nation.

How did they let themselves go far enough to get intoxicated? And what will their feelings be when they are themselves again? Will they blush with shame, or will they judge each other gleefully, overjoyed at the discovery that they are not too old or gray to "have the devil of a time" in the rocking-chair period of life? I wonder.

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 kindly tell me how I can clean a set of white fox furs before packing them away? CALEPUL.
Brush well with clean tepid water, first against the grain and then with it. Wipe over with a soft flannel, then with a wash of cotton tied in old silk and dipped lightly in any of the fur conditioners. It is really best for white furs. Work quickly, changing the cloth when it becomes soiled.

Corn again and sift over with hot corn meal, rub it well through the fur, up down and crosswise, shake it out and then cover your white fox with a mixture of powdered starch, whiting and powdered dry bluing, just a little of the last mentioned.

Dear M'Liss—This is the first time I have ever written you. I am a young girl of 19 and I often notice when riding in the car that a girl about my age will get up and offer her seat to an old lady, when even the men in the car do not do so. Is not this a little forced and over polite?

On the contrary, the young girls you have observed have shown their courtesy and good breeding in offering their seats to an older lady. It is astonishing, but unfortunately true, that men do remain seated when an older lady is obliged to stand and hang on to a strap. You would do well to copy the young persons you have observed. DEBORAH RUSH.

Dear M'Liss—I don't agree with you on the subject of the woman boarder as you are so kind as to call me one. All boarders are a nuisance, but in some cases they are unavoidable. But I'd rather have a woman boarder than a college student any day. ONE WHO KNOWS.

Dear M'Liss—Let this lie for several days, then brush out thoroughly and wipe very quickly with a clean damp cloth.
Dear M'Liss—Kindly send me the name of the book you mentioned in your article on how to furnish the home. E. C.
Stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

Dear M'Liss—Please answer the question why is it wrong to say lady friend or girl friend? I am, N. J. A.
It is not wrong to say "lady friend or girl friend"; it is simply bad form and very bad taste. This sort of expression puts a person down as vulgar, without any further parley.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



CUNNING ROMPERS FOR THE KID

THERE is always something new and pretty for children to be seen in the stores, and many mothers who haven't the time to look them up personally will appreciate this suit of rompers for the little boy or girl. When children are so little it really doesn't matter whether it is a boy or a girl who wears the rompers. The style pictured in today's illustration is fashioned of soisette, in white, with colored collar and cuffs of the same material.
Smocking is introduced on the front and at the cuffs, done in pink or blue to match the collar. The patch pocket at the side will take the youngster's eye. In sizes ranging from six months to two years, the price is \$2.25.
The name of the shop where this article can 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.

GOOD FORM

Good form queries should be addressed to Deborah Rush, written on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request. The column will appear this week in Monday, Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger.

THE next thing to discuss about a tea or garden party is the way in which the debutante should dress and who should compose the receiving party. In the case of the debutante's having an older sister, it is always good form for her to stand beside her younger sister to receive the guests. The hostess stands first in the line, then the debutante, next the older sister. If there are several sisters, it is only necessary for one to be in the receiving line, the others should mingle with the guests, just as the other persons who are asked to receive with the debutante are expected to do. It is customary for the older women who are invited by the hostess to receive, to take turns during the afternoon in presiding over the tea table. The younger friends of the debutante who are asked to receive should see that the various guests have what they desire in the way of port and mints. In recent years it has become customary to wear regulation evening frocks at afternoon teas, and the debutante usually wears a gown of white silk, satin or some filmy material.

Why is Lady Friend Wrong?
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When Comes the Hors d'Oeuvre?
Dear Deborah Rush—Can you tell me when the dish which I have heard spoken of as hors d'oeuvre is served at a dinner? And could you name some simple ones? I will be greatly obliged. A. G. P.
The hors d'oeuvre is served first of all at a dinner or luncheon. It is already on the plate as the guests sit down. The hors d'oeuvre is intended as a sort of appetizer for the rest of the meal. There are very many kinds of these appetizers, a delicate piece of toast is usually the foundation. This is cut in a circle, diamond or little squares. One delicious recipe is to pound chickpeas and olives into a paste and spread it over the toast; or another is made with a hard boiled egg grated and spread on the toast and in the center is placed an anchovy or sardine. These are often garnished with a slice or so of stuffed olive. Either of these are very easy to prepare. A small fork is used for the hors d'oeuvre, in fact, one is made now at the jewelry stores as much on the order of a salad fork with a wide side prong to cut into the toast.

Correct Use of Napkin
Dear Deborah Rush—Will you tell me the proper way to use a napkin? I notice that some people open theirs out wide on their laps, others fold them in half, and on one or two occasions I have seen an end tucked into the blouse. A word from you would be appreciated. AGENVA.
The napkin should be unfolded and placed across the lap so that about a third of it is folded under. It is not good form to spread it out full size over the knees, and to tuck it into one's blouse is quite an impossible thing to do.

As Man to Man
Dear Deborah Rush—Is it considered good form for a man to rise upon being presented to another man? I know a

SISTER SUSIE'S TAKING UP NEW SEWING FAD

Latest Patchwork "Revival" Marks New Era in Home Activity

Have you a little patchwork in your home? If you haven't, you are not keeping up with the very latest "revival." Making the summer home a thing of beauty and a joy forever has replaced sewing shirts in the hearts of the many Sister Susies, who are taking up the new fad. Now poor, dear John! In the trenches will have to lay his weary body down on the snow and ice, or roll up in his sheepskins, for the girl he left behind him is too busy quilting for her own dainty boudoir, or planning new decorations for the summer porch, also, to ensure a new beau lover. Such a life!

Much has been said about the gossip parties over the clicking knitting needles, but, if the fair ones need encouragement, in this most popular of all indoor sports, report has it that nothing is more conducive of telling confidences—both one's own and others—than the soft, insistent and wholly restful sensation of a good old-fashioned patchwork party. Somehow or other sewing these quaint, weird designs, the drab, cream-colored background seems to loosen the tongue, and the dulness of the penitential season is thus dispelled. Do you wonder why all the girls like to "patch"?

"It's not the kind of patchwork that grandmother used to make," remarked an authority on patches and patching, "if one is to rely upon the comments of the older women who come in to buy the articles. The old-fashioned patchwork was a tedious affair, a long, patient putting together of any kind of pieces, just because they happened to be pieces, with no regard for the color scheme at all. Now modern art needlework is no misnomer, and you couldn't sell the old-fashioned patchwork to any one. The first woman that laid eyes on it would call it hideous. It may look all right in Wallace Nutting pictures, but I really couldn't recommend it for a dainty boudoir."

"The 1916 patchwork is primarily intended for the nursery. A set consisting of creeping rug, crib quilt, baby pillow and sides—padded arrangements to line the four sides of a child's crib—is decorated with the most realistic pussies, monkeys and things. These are simply sewed on the places indicated by tracings on the quilt itself, which comes already made. The figures are cut-out, and all the worker has to supply is the cotton with which the applique is done.

"This compact and very efficient arrangement is due to the fact that few women are willing to work on a thing very long without getting decided results. They want to see the work grow. Now, when you get a big bedspread, for instance, and you have a shirt or two showing, how the thing looks when made, it is an easy task to place the figures on and neatly stitch them as the design explains. You need not do anything more than select a modern woman who takes up a fad like this for her sun parlor or to harmonize with the wicker furnishings in her bungalow wants something she can do quickly."

Please Explain "Temperate"
Dear Deborah Rush—I see in your answer to a question, in Monday's EVENING LEDGER, about a girl allowing a man to kiss her. You say this should be only when they are engaged, and even then temperately. Will you tell me what you mean by "temperately"; that is, how often should one allow one's fiancé to kiss one during an evening? ANXIOUS.

It would be impossible to give you any rule on this matter. A woman's own good breeding is the safeguard for such things.

Should Girls Offer Seats to Older Women?
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Muffins and Dates
Cornmeal muffins with dates is a new way to fix up an old dish. Use a cupful of white cornmeal, 1 teaspoonful of salt, 4 teaspoonfuls of baking powder, 2 tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, an egg, 2 tablespoonfuls of butter, a cupful of wheat flour, ½ cupful of chopped dates, 1½ cups of milk.

Cook together with meal, sugar, salt, butter and milk in a double boiler for 10 minutes. When cool, add the egg, dates and the flour, into which the baking powder has been sifted. Beat the butter thoroughly until light and bake in muffin tins in a hot oven.

"Try Out" Cake
A simple cake for the beginner is made by using two-thirds of a cupful of sugar, piece of butter the size of an egg, creamed together. Add an egg and a pinch of salt, beating until light. Then add a cup of milk and one and two-thirds cupful of flour, into which has been sifted 1 heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake in 2 round pans, or in a square loaf pan in a quick oven. Care should be taken not to have the oven too quick or the cake will not be light.

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Marion Harland's Corner

Has Violin but No Music
"WE LIVE five miles from one town and six miles from another, and at this dreary time of the year money is scarce. I have a son 13 years old. A year ago he had a violin given to him. We managed to let him take a few lessons, enough to teach him how to handle the violin. I taught him the notes, etc. What I would like is if some one had some violin music he no longer cares for or does not need he would kindly let us have it. I would gladly pay postage or express on it and be grateful to the giver. A. M. J."

How much easier it is for us mothers to ask for what our children need than for benefits for ourselves! This mother tells her story well and calmly, but we read between the lines what the gift of violin music would mean to the boy who can already handle the instrument and must figure it idly during the long evenings at "this dreary time of the year." Cannot our juniors look up dusty violin music in some remote cranny for him? MARIÉ H.

Wants Shorthand Manual
"I wonder whether or not it will be too much to ask that I should like to learn shorthand, and as there is no night school or any place out here where I could learn, I would like to know if one of your readers would give me a system of shorthand that I could learn by myself. I will pay postage. Best wishes and much success to the Corner! MARIÉ H."

I press home your request for a shorthand manual upon the consideration of the great body of stenographers who are as a strong right hand in our mission work. There must be text books that would be of incalculable advantage to a learner. I know one stenographer who became an adept in the practice of her profession without other teacher than an excellent shorthand manual. She practiced assiduously and unweariedly, and the labor was severe, but she gained her end.

Reading Italian Books
"We are constant readers of your Corner, and we note the great work of numerous constituents. We read most of the Italian books in the city library and we have bought all we can afford, but Italian books cost too much for us. Have any of your readers seen or know of any Italian books, historical, classical, fiction, etc.? We will be glad to pay express charges. S. S. and O. S."

Owners of Italian books no longer need will do a kind deed by writing to the Corner for the addresses of the two exiles who long for works written in their own tongue. There are comparatively few even in the finest city libraries in our country.

Just Finishing a Quilt
"Seeing that you have helped so many, I am going to ask a favor of you. An old lady has requested me to make and silk quilt pieces. She is just finishing up a quilt of calico and another of silk, but lacks material to complete them. I have asked almost everybody I know to help her out, and now turn to the Corner for more. She will be greatly pleased, no doubt, with any your generous readers may care to send her. MARIÉ H."

Will a fair percentage of "everybody" known to the Corner contribute a few scraps to the quilt the dear old lady would like to have? We'll be glad to have the tokens threatens to bury her, she will let us know? Don't send the parcels to a patient and long-suffering force in the newspaper office. Write to the address of the quilt maker's friend and scribe, and communicate directly with her.

When They Are Engaged
"Is it proper for an engaged girl to ask her fiancé to call for her when he knows she is to be away, or should he offer to call and take her home? M. Y."

The mutual confidence of the pair should be so perfect that neither should stand upon ceremony in the matter. If he knows she will be from home and will need an escort he should offer promptly to call for her. Should he not do this there is no impropriety in her asking him if it will be convenient for him to escort her at the time named. She would not hesitate for an

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YES, GRANDMA, YOUR MUSTARD PASTE IS A FINE REMEDY

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.
SOMETIMES, writes a schoolm'am of Sparta, I think you are a little too hard on the grandmothers and old-fashioned people. You are certainly an honest and your attitude of those ideas borders on the discourteous. A good doctor was called to attend a case of grip and the first thing he did was to order a mustard paste applied. And an old grandmother applied it, with the happiest effect!

All of which is good and true. Haven't we openly apologized to grandmothers right here in cold type for our sins? Haven't we admitted that her good old flaxseed meal poultice beats any canned mud ever invented? Haven't scientific investigation shown that one of grandmoths' flaxseed meal poultices retains the heat longer, gives greater relief and is a whole lot cleaner than the modern medicated clay imitations? Haven't we harped right along on the same old tune—how grandmoths' old-time cough "seerup," honest, castor, chamomile and "aerup" teas are the only kind of home remedies we want to take when we are sick?

No, teacher, you can't stir up a quarrel between this department and grandma. We just wish you could read some of the letters we receive from grandmoths 50 and more years young, and see how old-fashioned they are. Few people attain common sense until they reach the grandmoths' era of life.

Now, a mustard paste properly made, and watched to see that it doesn't raise a blister—one part of mustard flour to four of wheat flour, cold water and just a wee bit of white egg (our own grandmoths insist on this, to prevent blistering, she says), the paste to be removed as soon as the skin reddens up—there isn't a better pain killer or a more effective local anesthetic for internal inflammation in the throat.

If you young schoolteachers and housekeepers and merchants and workers would listen to grandma, and not run off to the drug store for some home-savored dope every time you have anything wrong, you doctors wouldn't have so much practice to swell our heads.

When we speak of the "grandmothers" we generally refer to those who are grandmothers in conduct only—most of 'em wear trousers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Kerosene for Chilblains
The self-same teacher who started the above language asks us to publish a remedy which she states she has used with untiring benefit for chilblains, frostbite. She says it is better than rubbing on snow. The remedy is kerosene. We pass it on without any personal knowledge about it.

Naevus on Face
Our baby, 3 months old, has a raised, purplish mark on one cheek, as big as a dime, with what looks like little veins running out into the skin around it. It appeared right after birth, and seems to be getting a little larger. What is it, and is there any remedy?
Answer—Naevus. After the second year electrolysis or surgical removal is necessary.

The Soft White Hand
A short time ago you gave a formula for a hand lotion which would keep the skin soft and white. Please, dear Doctor, repeat it, and you will make many of us poor drudges happy.
Answer—One "poor drudge" uses it, also on her face, and calls it the "Ponce de Le-otion."
Glycerin.....1 ounce
Bay rum.....3 ounces
Oil of rose.....3 ounces

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