IF SPRING LOVE BUG GETS YOU DON'T BABBLE, ADVISES M'LISS

The Man or Woman Who Wears Heart on Sleeve for All to Behold Is Far From Being a Dignified Creature

THERE is a German adage which translated reads, "When the heart is full, the mouth runs over." We Americans have another way of expressing the same ludicrous and pathetic situation. We say, "He wears his heart on his sleeve."

Now that spring is upon us and all of its sentimental concomitants are about to reveal themselves; now that the lover is imminent—these being his halcyon days—and every unmarried man, even the crustiest bachelor, is in danger of becoming a languishing sweetheart, I wish to indite a few words on the subject of that most undignified, that most pitiful, that most humorous of all human creatures—he who wears his heart on his sleeve, whose heart is so full with the perfection and wonderment of his love that he babbles to the circumambient air so that all may hear and laugh at him.

I know a man who has already succumbed to that insidious bacillus with which Cupid's darts are tipped. From morning until night he "moons," and the veriest stranger is not immune from his pestiferous ravings.

"Have you noticed the cute little feet Miss Blank has?" he queried of a business acquaintance the other day.

The business acquaintance was forced to confess that he had been remiss in making this observation. I may add for the reader's benefit that Miss Blank wears a No. 6 length and a D width, and that whatever else may be said for her pedal extremities, they are neither cute nor little.

Later the lovelorn youth buttonholed a former flame, and with many a sigh recounted the further charms of Miss Blank.

"Have you ever had lunch with her?" he said foolishly. "She eats like a dainty little bird!"

Rumor hath it that the appetite of the lady, if not actually gargantuan, is at least adequate. But love knows no limits.

To me there is something exceedingly undignified in this lack of reserve regarding the emotion, which is certainly the most sacred, the most intimate of all emotions. But if this asinine loquacity is laughable and highly boring in a man, it is even more inexcusable in a woman, because a finer feeling for delicacy in matters like these is expected of us.

Furthermore, a woman can be guilty of no greater folly than to prate incessantly of her love affairs. What Jack said last night, how he likes his cheese croquettes, the progress of his cunning mustache, his taste in literature—all these may be subjects of supreme interest to Jack's beloved, but her friends find it a little wearying to be constantly reminded of them.

Then, too, love affairs occasionally have the misfortune not to terminate in matrimony, in which case it must be exceedingly embarrassing for the erstwhile lovers who have recounted to their wide circle of acquaintanceship their many little intimacies.

It may be true that "all the world loves a lover," but personally I doubt if the lovers' intimates are imbued with any feeling of affection for the afflicted ones. Discretion is not ordinarily a feminine attribute. Certainly it is not the lover's. But I advise an attempt at its cultivation as an antidote for that almost universal spring fever—love.

M'LISS.

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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— I am interested in the Woman's Preparedness Camp, near Washington, D. C. Is there a similar camp further North or in the mountains? I thank you for your help in this matter.

M. L. H.

Thus far I have heard of no woman's "Plattsburg" except the one at Chevy Chase.

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Dear M'Liss—I have read your interesting articles in the EVENING LEDGER for some time and have begun to look on you as a walking encyclopedia. Will you kindly tell me who is the gay "Lothario" one hears of at times?

S. A. P.

"Gay Lothario" is a rakish character in Rowe's drama, "The Fair Penitent."

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Dear M'Liss—Please tell me something of Edith Lyle. She was an actress, but it may have been several years ago. I would like to know how long ago and if she is living or dead.

ADDA MALISSA.

An authority tells me that Miss Lyle is with the Knickerbocker Stock Company, 40th and Market streets, Philadelphia.

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. This column will appear in Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger this week.

As the time for Easter weddings approaches, many questions are asked in regard to various matters connected with the social end of these affairs. And another query which is often brought to the fore is the matter of expense; who pays for what, etc.

Easter week and the second week after Easter has always been the most popular time of the year for weddings. There is such an abundance of beautiful flowers to be had at that time, and Easter lilies form the principal decorations at the church weddings. It is customary for the father of the bride to stand most of the expense of a wedding; the idea being, perhaps, that this is the last expenditure for which he may be held responsible for his daughter. Therefore, the father or the family of the bride usually pay for the church decorations, the music, the carriages, wedding breakfast, floral decorations at the house, and, in fact, every incidental expense save the officiating clergyman's fee, the bridal bouquet and the flowers for the bridesmaids, which expense is assumed by the bridegroom. It is usual also for the bridegroom to give his ushers some small piece of jewelry, such as a scarf pin or shirt studs.

Of course, none of the things mentioned above are at all necessary as accessories to a wedding. It is in perfectly good form to dispense with many of the decorations, bridal party breakfast, etc. It is largely a matter of personal taste on the part of the contracting parties. But should a large wedding be planned the expenses are undertaken as I have explained.

In Love at 17

Dear Deborah Rush—I am anxious to have your opinion on a matter of great importance to me. I have been receiving a great deal of attention from a young man in the last three weeks, and he is very pleasing to me, but my parents do not approve of my becoming engaged to him, as I have only known him a month. I am 17 years old, and really love this young man. He is very much hurt that I have not accepted him yet. I would like to have your advice on the subject, as I do not want to make a mistake, but I don't think my parents should interfere, either.

DOLLY.

You will be a very foolish girl if you do not listen to your parents in this matter. I have never yet met any persons who really did not consider their daughter's future happiness in a matter like this. Personally, I should say you would make a mistake in becoming engaged to a man you have known so short a time. You can scarcely be said to know each other's characters or dispositions in that time, and congeniality goes a great way toward happiness in married life. You are still young enough to change your mind in the choice of your life partner four or five times as you put on a few years. I would certainly advise you not to precipitate matters, but follow your parents' ruling.

April Fool Tricks

Dear Deborah Rush—Will you kindly publish some new April 'oo' stunts which girls can impose on boys and girls?

R. H. C. F.

There are not very many new "stunts" this year, though I may be able to suggest something you have not heard of before. Crullers may be made to look very realistic fashioned out of brown crepe paper and sugared with chalk; a plate of these might be served during an evening's entertainment. Another device which will cause a good deal of merriment is to fill a good-sized paper basket with bonbons and place it on the table, having cut out most of the thin paper in the bottom. Ask one of your guests to hand the candy about and see the consternation when the bonbons fall through the basket and scatter over the floor.

It is a very good idea to serve things at supper all out of their regular form. For instance, there is a jester's sherbet which is served in a sherbet glass, looking for all the world like an ice, and in reality it is a fruit salad covered on top with a layer of whipped cream and garnished with a nut. Jokes and stunts which surprise and add to the general enjoyment of the guests are always to be recommended, but it is not wise nor kind to carry jokes to making personal fun of any one, so I would confine my "stunts" to the kind of thing I have recommended above.

Dear Deborah Rush—Will you tell me if it is ever proper to go to a cafe in the evening in a street suit? May men go to these public places not in dress clothes?

A. G. T.

It depends very much on the kind of cafe you attend. For instance, it is perfectly good form to go in street clothes to the grillroom of a hotel, where as it would not be at one of the usual supper dances. These rules are usually laid down at the hotels and cafes themselves. In some places abroad, and a few here, persons are not permitted to enter the place unless they are attired in evening dress.

DEBORAH RUSH.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS

GIRL'S PARTY FROCK

A SHEER party frock for dancing school wear, or for the many "engagements" which the young folks make so early in life, must, of course, be fashioned of chiffon. Shell pink and canary-colored chiffon are the dainty shades of which this pretty frock is fashioned. The surplice bodice has tiny ruffles on either shoulder, finished with posies. The belt is slightly above the regulation waist line, with a tiny peplum. Net sleeves with lace frills give a soft, childish line to the whole. A sash and suspenders of satin ribbon complete the illusion.

The skirt is as wide and as bouffant as one could desire. The tiny lace ruffles have bows of ribbon at the sides at various unexpected angles. A huge satin bow is seen at the back of the girdle. Sizes include 8 to 14 years. The price of the frock is $15.

A Tuscan straw poke bonnet is presupposed with an outfit like this. The facing is of shell pink, veiled with softly shirred lace, forming a frilled edge. Plaitings of pink satin encircle the crown, ending in rosettes. Clusters of moss roses give the springy touch. In colors, the price is $8.

The name of the shop 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.

PROGRAM FOR FASHION SHOW AT ATLANTIC COMPLETED

Wide Variety of Dresses and Gowns to Be Shown at Shore

The program for the fashion show "extraordinaire" to be held in Atlantic City during Easter week co-jointly by the Atlantic City Hotel Men's Association and the Walnut Street Business Association has been completed, following a conference of the committee at the Royal Palace Hotel. The show will begin Tuesday, April 18. One of the features will be the display of men's fashions, at which living models will be shown.

On Tuesday evening, April 18, street dresses and afternoon and evening gowns will be shown. On Wednesday morning, morning dresses and sports suits will be shown and in the afternoon and evening afternoon dresses and evening gowns will be exhibited. Thursday morning and afternoon will be for women only, when corsets and lingerie will be shown. In the evening dance frocks and ball gowns will be exhibited, following which will be a dance competition with prizes for the most graceful models. Dresses and sports suits, juvenile fashions and evening fashions will be in the limelight on Friday, and on Saturday will be the great Boardwalk parade of living models. In the afternoon will come men's fashions, and in the evening dance frocks. The show will end the following Monday.

Song

Ah! when some other name I learn,
And try to whisper love,
Still will my heart to thee return
Like the returning dove.
In vain! I never can forget
And would not be forgot;
For I must bear the same regret,
What'er may be my lot.

E'en as the wounded bird will seek
Its favorite bower to die,
So, lady! I would hear thee speak,
And yield my parting sigh.
'T is said that absence conquers love!
But, oh! believe it not;
I've tried, alas! its power to prove,
But thou art not forgot.

—Frederick William Thomas.

Spots Off Polished Table

White spots will come off a polished table top if a few drops of spirits of camphor are put on them. Let the camphor remain for two or three minutes, then rub off with a clean, dry cloth.

Marion Harland's Corner

All communication addressed to Marion Harland should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for addresses of those they would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with these parties.

Magazines and Pieces

"I HAVE a number of old magazines to give to somebody who will call for them. Also a large package of cotton quilt pieces for making quilts, and a whole lot of Battenberg patterns and braid and thread to make them. I know Battenberg is not quite so popular as it was some time ago, but there may be some one who would want them. I have a beautiful water-lily design in two widths, also a lot of old music, mostly popular songs of five or eight years ago. I am not asking anything in return for these articles. Any one who wants them can have them by calling for them. I should like to get a discarded baby's high chair. I have two babies in my home and my husband has been out of work for some time, and these children board with me. I will gladly call for it, and hope some one will want the things I offer. Mrs. H. D."

Your list might have been "made to order," so well does it chime in with the tastes and wants of our members. Not one item is superfluous or likely to become "dead stock." Out of gratitude and a sense of simple justice we must find that high chair for the baby boarder left upon the floor while the other sits in state.

Mends Muff Lining

"If E. H. B., who is having trouble with her muff lining allowing the feathers to come through, will take a piece of cotton, rub beeswax on one side of it, and press with a warm iron, then put the waxed side next to the down, she will have no more trouble with it. The lining need not be heavy. I use ordinary cotton.

"J. F. L."

Wants Things for Children

"I received a nice bundle of baby clothes from Mrs. M. this morning. I sent her a note of thanks and now wish to thank the Corner for sending my name to her. I can use everything I get, as I can sew and alter things if they don't fit. I am the woman who asked you to try and get a twin coach. I have a hard time keeping the children in shoes and clothing, so they can attend school. I would sooner give something than to ask for anything. If I can ever help the Corner please let me know. At present everything looks dark and dreary to me.

"LOUISE H."

Will readers send to me for the mother's address? Life will be less "dark and dreary" for her if sisterly sympathy is poured into ear and heart.

Room for More Books

"Will some one give me books? I have a large bookcase and it is so bare. I cannot afford to buy any books.

"MRS. O. P."

And so many other bookcases are not big enough to hold all the books the families have read and do not think of looking at again. Have a clearance day and let Mrs. O. P. have the benefit of the "good riddance."

Gospel Hymns of Long Ago

"Does any one know where I could get a book of gospel hymns such as was used in all English speaking Protestant Sunday schols 35 years ago? Some of the songs I sang when a little girl I don't see in the book of today.

"MRS. L. P."

There must be scores of the old editions gathering dust and mold in garrets and closets somewhere. I am registering your request and address and entreating readers who knew and loved the old hymns to take pity upon you and write for your address. Let us know when you get the book.

Sends Six to School

"This is the first time I have ever written to the Corner. I have seen that L. D. has school books to give away. I send six children to school, and it is impossible for me to buy them all they need. They are in need of books from the eighth grade down to the first, so you see how handy they would be in my family. I cannot buy magazines, and like to read—so do the children. My 'John' has been out of work for a long time. Besides, we have had sickness, which caused us to move to the country a little over a year ago. We had always lived in the city. I hope I am not asking too much, but I should also like the name of W. A. F., who offered magazines. I think the Corner is great, and hope to be of use to it in the near future. I will send some recipes later on, most of 'John's' favorites.

"MRS. J. C. K."

The books donated by L. D. were given away before we had your letter. I hope and believe that when this is read you will have news of another supply for the half-dozen school children. The address of W. H. F. went to you by mail. If you do not get magazines enough, write to us again. We are interested in you and yours, and would like to clear a few sharp stones out of your daily walk. Comfort yourself by thoughts of what good times are ahead of you when the children are grown.

How to Wash a Sweater

"Please tell me how to wash a sweater? I shall watch the Corner. I am sending in a burnt sugar cake recipe and hope some one may try it: Place one-half cup of sugar in a pan over the fire. Stir until liquid smokes and burns brown. Add one-half cup of boiling water and cook into a syrup one cup of butter, one and one-half cups of sugar, yolks of two eggs, one cup of water, and two cups of flour. Beat all thoroughly. Add enough of the burnt sugar to flavor it, also a teaspoon of vanilla, another half cup of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder and whites of two eggs. Bake in two layers, using remainder of burnt sugar for icing.

"V. E. M."

Thank you for the recipe. Some one is sure to try it and report her success. Make a soapsuds of lukewarm water and pure white soap. Immerse garment and squeeze until all soil has disappeared. Rinse in water of the same temperature to which a little borax has been added. Do not wring, squeeze out the water and hang inside of a pillowcase in the sun to dry. Hang indoors or upon a radiator to dry during the winter months, turning several times until perfectly dry. The garment should look like new when finished.

Home-Made Library Paste

Home-made paste that will stick is very easily made. Use a half teaspoonful each of flour and starch, and a little bit of boiling water. Let the mixture stand, adding more water, and cooking until quite thick. This paste spreads well, will not discolor the paper and, best of all, it "sticks." The preparation will keep indefinitely if a few drops of oil of cloves are added.

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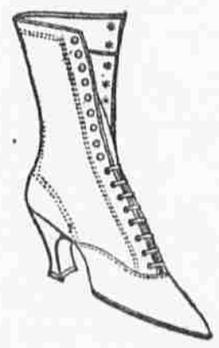

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