

WOMEN NO LONGER FEAR SHADES OF NIGHT, SAYS M'LISS

Number of Unaccompanied Damsels on Streets After Dark Indicates Small Demand for Protective Masculine Arm.

AREN'T there enough men to go around, or is that mysterious antagonism said to exist between the sexes becoming more pronounced?

I don't know what the answer is, but I do know that the number of women who go forth into the streets at night, either alone or with other skirted companions, is growing noticeably large.

The time was when a woman counted it a misfortune, indeed, to have to brave the uncertainties of out-of-doors after the shades of night had fallen if she didn't have a masculine arm to cling to.

But look at them now! Eleven o'clock, midnight, 1 o'clock, you can see them, head up, chest erect, swinging along fearlessly.

And yet, though the policing of big cities and the lighting of them has obviated the necessity for masculine protection, I do not believe that there is any real woman who, other things being equal, would not rather go out with a man than with a woman.

I do not mean to infer by this that the many women we see abroad at night, or in the movies or at the theatre are of the unattractive breed in whose company men do not find pleasure.

As Bernard Shaw would put it, the "life force" is not strong within them, or, in perhaps, dormant. They wish to be sought after, not to seek, and that vegetating process known as "growing onto a chair" would be more desirable to them than continually inviting men to go places.

Fortunately for the modern woman "growing onto a chair" is becoming a more or less obsolete way of spending an evening. The economic independence of woman, whose pay envelope is sometimes twice the size of her brother's, plus her enlarged capacity for enjoyment due to the widening of her sphere, which is no longer bounded by the kitchen, the sewing room and the nursery, are greatly responsible.

She can go out alone without fear of molestation and she can pay her way. But is she any happier for it? I doubt it.

M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'LISS, Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'LISS: Do girls entertain as much in the parlor-dining room or saloon, whatever the name, as they used to do as was once the case. There was a time, not far distant, when one could expect a night in and a night out. Such a Cyprian state, if six o'clock, was correct, existed but infrequently at present.

Life is but one cabaret after another. As Sam, the barber, would say: "My affection for you cannot be told in words. But, really, you're not company, you're an expense." Why is this?

Girls do not entertain their friends at home as much as they used to—more the city. It may be the fault of the girls, as you intimate, but it's my opinion that the home is responsible—or, perhaps, the lack of it.

Homages are sprinkling even in this city of homes. Sister's beau does not have much chance at the parlor sofa these days, because more often than not that charming article, the average young man's cognomen "davenport," "convincible couch," serves as the bed for young brother, who gets restless if guests stay on after the hours of the evening.

Hospitality in the old sense of the word is virtually impossible in the cramped quarters of today, in which the average family pursues its life, and unless the living and unless the parlor and mother, to say nothing of the rest of the family, are willing to hide themselves away in the kitchenette, or take to the streets, a fair opportunity to entertain her callers. Then, of course, there is that other even more homeless class to be considered—the boarding house, the "convincible couch," serves as the bed for young brother, who gets restless if guests stay on after the hours of the evening.

Dear M'LISS—In the Travelers' Railway

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



ATTRACTIVE BLOUSE FOR EASTER SUITS

THE return of the habit is hailed with enthusiasm by the slender ones, for nothing is more flattering to the slim, graceful figure than the simple lines of this style of blouse. One of the newer models is shown today. Georgette crepe, of course, is the material used, since this most popular fabric lends.

White with orchid, mauve, coral or eel blue is the color scheme of this two-toned blouse. The lines are very plain. The bands of color are applied by means of hemstitching, which is also used to outline the shoulder line. First edging finishes of the pointed cuffs, collar and label ends. Price, \$8.

A middie-lengthy Lehigh poke hat is worn with the blouse. A fly-away bow of eel blue falls lined with tan gives distinction to the front of the hat, and forms the facing. A burst of color of the same may be seen peeping from underneath the brim. In any color, the price is \$18.

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.

Marion Harland's Corner

I AM asking for something which I have not seen mentioned in your Corner. I belong to the Campfire Girls and we are going to make baskets. Has any one a book or books of designs and helpful hints about baskets? Anything in the line of Indian work or even old Indian tales would be welcome.

"MARGARET G. K." There must be manuals of instruction upon this fashionable industry. So many young girls have taken it up—some as a means of support, some as a pastime—that you will almost surely get a reply—perhaps a copy of the book—from some of them.

Uses Quilt Pieces "I am a shut-in, having had rheumatism since I was 3 years of age. I am 20 years of age now. I should like to use all kinds of quilt pieces, including patterns, darning books, etc. I am willing to return favors and pay transportation."

"MRS. M. L." For 27 years a martyr to pain—and a shrewd! Stop and think for one minute what the words imply! If there are still a few ragbags and piece drawers which are long and narrow, including patterns, darning books, etc. I am willing to return favors and pay transportation.

Doing a Little Sewing "Has any one a dress form she has no further use for? I have been doing a little sewing for some women. I have three little children to support. I used to go out washing, but am not able to do that now, so I sew to get along. Would some one be kind as to send me a dress form? It would help me so much."

"When one sees how essential the dress form is to the dressmaking seamstress of this age one wonders how we ever lived and were decently governed before it was invented. To which our correspondent responds:—

Miracle of the Sea "O wondrous Sea! Charming forever with thy strange inconsistency. Luring the spirit with adventure bold To grasp the mystery thy depths unfold. In jealous guardianship— O restless Sea! What treasure-trove of rest—of peace supreme— Thou bringest to the world-tried souls of men. I gaze within thy heaven-reflected blue. Scarce ruffled by the vagrant summer breeze. I mark the change to opal, emerald and pearl. And the vast whole to jeweled splendor burn— But what I gaze. White-flaring meteor waves appear. And, with strange procession, Lose themselves in that aqueous sky— Bold Neptune whistles up the courses of the main. That rear and plunge. And onward hew their way. To dash resistless, on low-lying, undefended shores— On, on they come. Now separate—now reunite— The strength of many walled fast in one. I turn to contemplate the conventional figure that it would be impossible to describe them, except to say that they are charming."

Season's Silks "Fancy foulard silks are confidently predicted by the fashion arbiters for spring and summer. These old-fashioned silks come in a variety of new-fashioned designs. The Japanese influence is noticeable among the latter. Early in the winter the rage for Japanese figured taffeta for evening gowns was evident. This is reflected in the new soft foulards, which feature small bridges, pagodas, Japanese ladies, fans, etc. in natural and Oriental colorings. Another very popular design is the 'Clippard' pattern. This comes in a variety of strikingly original conventional figures that it would be impossible to describe them, except to say that they are charming."

Flowers for Spring "A pretty trimming for the spring evening gown is an extended garland of roses which starts at the hem of the gown and continues up the front of the skirt to the girdle. The flowers are very small, moss roses or variegated French roses, with gilt fruits here and there. The effect is novel."

Sports Hat "A very good-looking black sailor hat for sports wear has a crown of alternating bands of black and white moire ribbon. A pique-edged bandeau of emerald green falls around the crown, and the same is used in facing the rather drooping brim."

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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 the Ledger on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's Evening Ledger.

Conversation is an accomplishment more difficult to attain than respect for the opinions of others, even if one disagrees.

A mistake is made very often by persons who claim to know things of which they are really ignorant. Besides being a mistake, it is foolish; some one is sure to see through the sham.

Another fault against good taste in conversation is to ask leading or personal questions, or to show curiosity about the affairs of others.

Long Engagements "Dear Deborah Rush—Will you tell me what you think of long engagements? Do you think it is unwise to let an engagement go on for five or six years?" V. A. L.

Unless there are very good reasons, a prolonged engagement does not seem wise. Six months or a year should be sufficient time to wait after an engagement has been announced.

Address Wedding Invitations "Dear Deborah Rush—A friend of mine is sending out invitations for her wedding and asked me to write to you to state if she should write 'Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and family' on the outside envelope as well as the inside. Also, if she wants to ask two daughters in a family should she send one invitation directed to each one. Repeat the name on the inside envelope, Miss Mary and Miss Sarah Jones or Miss Mary and Sarah Jones. An early reply from you would be appreciated." J. N. R.

When sending an invitation to a family of friends it is not good form to say "Mr. and Mrs. Jones and family." An invitation should be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, another to the Misses Jones and one to each son. Repeat the name on the inside envelope, but not the address.

If you wish to economize on stamps it is correct to send one invitation directed to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the Misses Jones, and another to the Sons. Jones.

To both cases repeat names only on the inside envelope.

2. In this case, two invitations should be sent, one to each, as if there are other sisters in the family whom you do not know, you should not want to invite them to the reception. It is a polite thing, however, to invite the families of your friends to the church, if it is a church affair. It would not do to address them as you suggest.

Carriage or Motor? "Dear Deborah Rush—Which is appropriate for a noon wedding, carriage or automobile?" I. J. S.

Either vehicle is in good form. Limousines are used more than carriages now, but that is merely a matter of personal taste.

Perplexed Fiance "Dear Deborah Rush—Kindly answer my question in the Good Form column. I am a young man and keep company with a young lady to whom I have been engaged for about one year. She acts coolly toward me, and when I visit her in the evening, when I leave to go home, she will never kiss me good-by. Do you think it is proper for her to keep company with her or to break up?" H. J.

As it is generally conceded that a man engaged to a girl has the privilege of kissing her, it seems rather strange that your fiancee should object. I would have a talk with her on the subject, as if she does not intend to marry you, it would be better to know at once. The expression keeping company is considered bad form.

Bride's Dress "Dear Deborah Rush—Can you give me the old rhyme about what a bride should wear on the day of her wedding to insure good luck?" AMY.

Of course the superstition is absurd, but the old rhyme runs: "Something old and something new, Something borrowed and something blue."

What of Perfumed Paper? "Dear Deborah Rush—Is it good form to use perfumed note paper? Also is colored paper permissible?" M. E. C.

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Sleep Inducers "Do you suffer from insomnia? If you do, don't let any one talk you into taking harmful drugs as sleep producers. There are many plain, everyday remedies which you can take, any one of which will have a beneficial effect unless the case is serious."

A trained nurse keeps a book of crackers beside her patient's bed. If the patient is restless or fretful a bowl of warm milk with a few crackers sipped slowly is soothing.

Another woman uses fresh oranges in the same way. She says it is most efficacious with cross or sleepless children. Just let them suck the juices of the orange slowly. It must be quite cold to have the proper result.

It is well known that a glass of hot milk, slightly salted, is a sleep inducer if taken just before retiring. A bowl of cold milk and bread is good, too.

To Clean Dishes "Pots, pans and greasy dishes—that bug-bear of the young housekeeper who prides herself on her lily-white hands—should be washed with steel wool. You can get any number of good prepared cloths of this material on the market. They should be dried right after using."

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