

ARE YOU A MODERN MAID?
PRAISE HEAVEN! SAYS M'LISS

Centenary of Charlotte Bronte Calls to Mind
Obstacles That Mid-Victorian Women
Were Up Against

Friday next those who remember anything about it and who love her for the books she has given us will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Charlotte Bronte, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of nineteenth century writers.

They Can't Keep 'Em Up
News reports from out of Germany state that the scarcity of rubber is responsible for a serious garter famine, and that women of heretofore impeccable dignity may be seen to clutch madly at recalcitrant stockings.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page
Address all communications to William M'LISS, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Marion Harland's Corner

HAVE a light tan Georgette crepe waist which I should like to clean. Would you suggest a way in which I should do the work without fading or shrinking it? I am inclosing an addressed envelope, in which please answer as soon as possible, as I should like to clean the waist this week.

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 address, having received them, communicate direct with those parties.

Do not send recipes and long formulas by mail. Had we wished to do this we could not address you. There was nothing stamped nor envelope in your letter when it came into my hands. To show how sincere is our desire to service you, let me say that I know of no better method of cleaning crepe than by soaking it in a bowl of gasoline and shaking it up and down, back and forth, in the liquid. The dislodged dirt falls to the bottom of the bowl, pour off the gasoline and fresh supply. Do not throw away a lot. You can draw off the clear and use again for other purposes. The waist will when it is clean and in the air to dry, pulling it into its original shape. When it is dry lay it upon a board covered with cloth and press on the wrong side warm—not hot—iron.

Crocheting Rag Rugs
I had one given me Christmas that is pretty and looks easy to make. It was made by my brother's wife. Any one wishing to examine it or to see it at my home, I inclose address. "MRS. W. L. D."

You favor us with your full address. You give your initials, but not your name. In the circumstances we cannot notice the communication but desire to show courtesy to a contributor whose kindly intent deserves acknowledgment.

Dusty Straw Hats
How can I remove the dusty appearance of a rose-colored hemp straw hat? black hemp straw hat? J. S.

being in the millinery business, I advise you with any degree of success in my own judgment. Were it mine, I should sponge it with a few drops of alcohol and other equal parts of water and wipe dry. If the dusty look is not removed, I should send the hat to a milliner. We have scores of women in business. Will not one tell us if usual to be worth anything?

Discussing Preparedness
We are having a warm discussion in our family as to the way of pronouncing "preparedness." Is it a word of three or four syllables? J. D. F.

Care of Men's Ties
How to remove the dusty appearance of a rose-colored hemp straw hat? black hemp straw hat? J. S.

Sterling Silver
I have a pair of sterling silver cufflinks which I should like to have cleaned. Will you please advise me how to do this? C. R. Smith & Son

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OUR CHANGEABLE WEATHER GREAT
HEALTH AND EFFICIENCY TONIC

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

VARIATIONS in temperature represent one of Nature's best tonics. So world-wide an authority as Sir Lauder Brunton believes tuberculosis patients will not get better in a climate that does not vary from 20 to 30 degrees every day. Many observers have hinted that the practical value of altitude treatment is attributable to the marked temperature variations of elevated regions as compared with the more equable temperature average of lower regions.

Most of the refreshing influence of "fresh air" is simply that of cool air. This is the day of efficiency. We do not strive to keep good and warm, for the good die young; we endeavor to keep cool and well. When white men have to live and work in a tropical climate, they degenerate physically, mentally and morally, not so much from the effect of the high temperature as from the monotony of the unvarying climate—the lack of the stimulation of a change of weather. See the movies.

Oyster Bay, Athens, Constantinople, Naples, Florence, Paris, Vienna, Berlin, London, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Tokyo, Peking, Jerusalem, Carthage, Sidon, Tyre, Memphis and Babylon, not to mention Birmingham and St. Paul—in short, all the great centres of efficiency fall within 10 degrees of the fortieth parallel of north longitude, which has been called the line of man's highest achievements. The weather here around the fortieth is delightfully changeable. Changeable is the only word for it. It is more changeable than any other known brand of weather throughout the solar system, for which Heaven be praised!

People who "winter" in mild or soft climates miss the tonic effect of our good old winter here at home. Especially is this true of neurosthenics and semi-invalids. The bracing northern winter, in a dry climate, will do the average valetudinarian more good than the perhaps, more comfortable southern resort. Of course there are certain ailments which are better managed in a warmer climate. But, taking it good, bad and indifferent—and that is the sensible way to look upon the weather—our fine, quick-changing, never entirely dependable kind here in the neighborhood of the fortieth parallel is, after all, the healthiest.

All of which is not a mere reiteration of the perverse views so often expressed in this column. No, indeed. We "lifted" this article, almost word for word, from an editorial in that very conservative periodical, "The Journal of the American Medical Association."



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GOOD FORM

Good form queries should be addressed to Deborah Rush, writes on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request.

More than once attention has been called by various correspondents to the matter of answering letters. This is a point in good form which is very often neglected. I am not referring to correspondence between young girls and men, as, except in rare cases, this is not to be encouraged, but matters of purely common courtesy. A woman writes to another about a thing she would like to have answered. Maybe it is a maid's reference, or the address of some one, and the recipient just puts the letter aside and does not notice it, or forgets it, and just lets things go. This is not only bad form, but very rude. Worse still is to let an invitation, formal or informal, go unanswered for any length of time. Some persons will wait until the last minute to accept or reject an invitation, thereby placing their hostess in an impossible position, unable to fill the place at the last moment. Of course, such breaches in good manners have their own reward, eventually, as persons who behave in this wise are not often asked twice by a hostess.

Suggest a Game
Dear Deborah Rush—Will you be kind enough to publish in the EVENING LEDGER some games to play at an evening party given in a small hall to raise money for a girls' club. If you could suggest an inexpensive one I would be glad if you will write it in the EVENING LEDGER. Thanking you in advance, yours truly, E. M.

It seems to me the easiest thing would be to play different games of cards. You can use sheets of cardboard for tables and buy pretty but inexpensive prizes for each table. Cards can usually be donated by friends, and some persons will even bring a prize for the table. Games such as euchre, 500, hearts and even old maid cause a good deal of fun, and are very easy for any one to play.

Smoking While Out Walking
Dear Deborah Rush—Is it polite for a man to smoke while walking in the street with a woman? J. G. B.

No, it is not good form, but if a woman allows it the man is scarcely to be blamed.

Is Stamp Flirtation Good Form?
Dear Deborah Rush—Do you consider it good form to use the language of stamps; that is, for girls and men to use it? C. V. G.

The language of stamps or stamp flirtation cannot be considered in good form. Those who do make use of it would probably only do so in joke. It should scarcely be considered seriously.

Puzzled
Dear Deborah Rush—Kindly answer my questions in your good-form column:

- 1. Is it proper for a young man to kiss a girl good-night when at first meeting, or calling? Will he think just as much of me if I don't?
- 2. Please tell me, when a girl and fellow don't speak, is it proper for the girl to speak first and find out what is the matter?
- 3. What is the best way to win a young man's friendship?
- 4. Is it necessary for a fellow to hold a girl's hands just when holding a plain conversation?
- 5. Is there any wrong in sending a fellow a postal if you go away on a vacation? Will he think I am after him?
- 6. Please tell me if I should meet young men on corners if my father objects to my having them call at the house?
- 7. If a fellow has anything belonging to a girl, such as a ring, picture or handkerchief, will he think wrong of her? Trusting to hear from you in the near future and thanking you for your kindness, I am sincerely, BETTY S.

be any doubt about my answers to the above questions, but perhaps some one has been imposing upon your good nature and credulity, so I will answer the questions as you request.

1. It would be highly improper to allow a man to kiss you, especially on so short an acquaintance. You should allow no such liberties. A man might enjoy taking this privilege, but he would think very little of you for allowing it.

2. It would depend entirely on circumstances. If you know the young man well and he has imagined some hurt, it would be more sensible to ask what is the matter. I would certainly never stop speaking to any one without a very well-defined reason.

3. Simply be your natural self. Any effort to attract is always forced. If you are kind and polite to every one you are sure to make friends.

4. It is most unnecessary and a very great familiarity when holding any kind of a conversation, plain or otherwise.

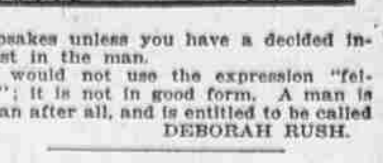
5. There is no wrong in sending a postcard, but it would be better form to wait to be asked to do so by the man you think of sending it to.

6. You should not meet your friends on corners if your father objects to their calling. Parents usually have very good reasons for objecting to some young men calling.

7. There is no reason why a man should think wrongly of a girl if he has procured such belongings of hers as you mention. It is not wise, however, to give these

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

The future looms so vague and vast. And likewise does the unknown past. It thrills me, this uncertain state Of playing hide and seek with fate.



keepsakes unless you have a decided interest in the man. I would not use the expression "fellow"; it is not in good form. A man is a man after all, and is entitled to be called one.

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