

DEICTATING FROM THE GRAVE CONTEMPTIBLE, M'LISS SAYS

Man Ordering His Wife's Life After He Is Dead, Threatening Disinheritance If She Marries, Is Brute

NEVER is the love of life more forcibly demonstrated, I believe, than in the kind of wills people make in their futile endeavor to maintain a hold on the affairs of this world and to dictate the lives of the living after they themselves have gone.

The manner in which Richard Harding Davis has left his money, one-half to his wife, with the proviso that she forfeit it if she marries again, has been the subject of much heated discussion, and for once the sexes seem to be agreed on a given subject.

In so far as Davis himself was twice married—not as a widower the second time, but as a divorced man—such a limitation on his wife comes with particularly bad grace.

It is safe to say that no particular satisfaction can accrue to him for having placed what might come to be an obnoxious restriction on some one whom he loved very dearly in this world.

It is had enough to have to recognize and tolerate the proprietary male in the living, but when he tries to extend his proprietorship after he has died, to hold the reins from the grave as it were, one can only marvel at his egotism and selfishness.

The wise Mohammed believed that all men should marry as often as they found themselves wife- or wife-less, but there were four classes of women against whom he warned them. They were:

A yearner, or a woman who has children by a former husband and wishes to get everything for them from the present one.

A deploer—one who is constantly deploring the loss of her first husband and stating his virtues to the disparagement of the present incumbent.

A backbiter, or one who is kind to her husband's face and behind his back accuses him of mean traits.

A toadstool, or a beauty who is lazy and tyrannical and spends his substance for personal adornment.

Mohammed evidently did not consider women of sufficient importance to advise them against the kind of men they ought not to marry or he certainly would have had something to say about the husband who endeavors to assert and maintain his ownership from the grave.

The human heart would be a tight little compartment, indeed, if there were room in it for the love of only one man, and certainly because a woman, after a decent interval of grief, marries again, there is no justifiable reason for calling her callous and fickle. I believe even if I had no inclination to marry a second time, if a man tried to dominate me from the other side of the Styx by threatening me with disinheritance if I did, I should be sorely tempted. And I'm sure many women will agree with me.

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. Edge Express of the track near Westery, R. I. April 17, 1916, I killed and 50 injured when a suburban train was derailed near Clayton, Conn. February 22, 1916, 9 persons were killed and at least 45 injured when three trains collided at Indian River, near Millford Station, Conn. April 17, 1916, 5 persons killed and 32 injured when the GHT Edge Express crashed into the New London local at Bradford Station, R. I. Dear M'Liss—Some time ago you wrote about a military camp for women. Please tell me how and when to enroll. LANSOWNE. Write to Miss Elizabeth E. Poe, Munsey Building, Washington, D. C.

Marion Harland's Corner

WILL you kindly publish another remedy for ants in reply to Mrs. E. R. S? Get half a pound of common chalk, at any paint or drug store; fill an insect powder gun and sprinkle in the crevices of the house, under the bed, in the drawers and wherever the ants abound. This is a sure cure. It does not kill them, nor does it injure human or animal life. Whenever the shelves are cleaned sprinkle more upon them, for they will not go near it. There is another small, oblong bug, black, with a little furry tail. It is called the buffalo bug, it eats and destroys woolens as moths do. Steam, sprinkled as for ants, will get rid of these. "M. E. H."

In reply to a request for a copy of Joaquin Miller's poem, "The Bravest Battle Ever Fought," you say you will probably receive a copy through the woman's page. It is a genuine pleasure to fulfill the prediction by inclosing the poem. I wish for the general good you could make room in your too small corner for the beautiful lines. You must exercise your discretion in the matter. "ALBERT R. M." We rarely publish poems in our column. Thank you for the copy.

For Tired Feet "Some time ago a Cornerite asked for something to relieve tired feet. An ex-soldier of the German army once told me that all German soldiers were required to soak their feet once a week in coal oil. They then remain barefooted until the oil has dried in. If German army efficiency relies upon this simple remedy for such an important factor as the feet of its soldiers, it surely must be invaluable to all who work upon their feet. "READER."

Formula for Government Whitewash "Some one has asked for government whitewash, and I herewith offer the recipe I clipped from some other source some time ago. Slake half a bushel of lime with boiling water; cover during the process to keep in steam; strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer, and add it one peck of salt previously dissolved in warm water; three pounds of

"Irish in Again" Baby Irish crochets has come into its own again on lingers. One shop shows a whole set of nightgown, chemise, cap and negligee of Beah Georgeette with Irish edging. The simple three-cornered finish is used, with medallions of very light-weight lace here and there.

Another notable revival is the rage for French lingerie. Among the more fastidious women, this has never "gone out," of course, but its popularity was temporarily thwarted by the vogue for the more elaborate modes.

Hand-made Philippine ligerie is not unlike the French work, except that it is done on a rather deep screw basting. Like olives, a taste for it must be cultivated.

Scent Bags Chiffon ribbon makes pretty scent bags. Get rather wide ribbon, fold it in half, fill the centre with dried lavender flowers and tie. A large rosette gives a becoming finish. Slip the bag between the sheets in the guest room bed; in the drawers of the dressing table or in the lining of your best frock.

Fruit Salad Did you ever try this dressing on fruit salad? Beat two eggs slightly, add a quarter of a cupful of the fruit juice, a quarter of a cupful of sugar and the same amount of lemon juice. Stir over the boiling water in the double boiler until it begins to thicken. Let it be thoroughly chilled before pouring over the fruits.

Rhubarb Fritters Cut the stalks of the plant into inch-long pieces. Simmer until tender, remove from the stove and drain. Dip in sweetened fritter batter, brown and roll in powdered sugar.

Removing Rust Rust spots may be easily removed from brass by rubbing with a piece of fine sandpaper.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



DISTINCTIVE CHILD'S COSTUME

SILK poplin is very smart for a child's coat. Today's fashion shows one in tones of peach or open, lined with fine habutai silk. The coat itself is quite plain, with a rather low belt line marked with smocking in black silk. The collar and cuffs are detachable for laundering purposes, and are fashioned of cluny lace. Black silk tassels finish off the ends. Four pearl buttons close the front. Sizes include 2 to 8 years. Price, \$9.98. Tuscan straw and crepe de chine form the hat worn with the little coat. The material may be pink or pale blue. It is shirred over the crown and is used as facing underneath the brim. The latter, by the way, has two odd little points at the side, to deviate from the ordinary lines in children's hats. The roses are made of crepe de chine and black velvet completes the trimming. Price, \$3.98.

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.

PROCRASTINATION GREAT ENEMY IN TREATMENT OF CANCER

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. HERE is a letter from a reader. It speaks for itself. "My mother has just died from cancer of the breast. I have a lump the size of a hen's egg in the right breast which is very painful. We have a splendid family doctor, who operated upon mother after she had trouble with the breast for many years. The doctor is very anxious to operate on me, but I have no faith in either the knife or X-ray (my mother had X-ray treatment after her operation). I have heard some doctors can draw them out. Our doctor says they are fake. In the meantime, what is to become of me? "What I want is honest, disinterested advice. I discovered the lump about 18 months ago, but I did not tell the doctor about it till last week. I will be very grateful if you will answer through the paper."

Playing with fire is a gentle pastime compared with the risk this woman is assuming. What kind of psychology is it that explains her procrastination? She states that she has splendid family doctor, and that he has urged her to submit to operation. But she wants honest, disinterested advice. Where can she obtain such advice, if not from that same family doctor? He has given her the only advice an honest doctor would dare to give in such a case. Would she look to the charlatan who "draws them out" for honest advice? No, no, no, ray, diet, medicine or treatment of any kind whatever can offer even a fighting chance for cancer of the breast. There is only one hope of cure, and that is prompt and radical surgery. Procrastination, not surgery, brings the disappointments. A week of delay may turn down the balance against a cure.

We have personally observed scores of instances in which a certain type of "doctor"—save the name!—attempted to "draw it out" and while the poor, deluded victim often imagined the sloughing off of a mass of the cancer meant that cure was assured, invariably the result was disastrous. Not even the knife, which at least does its work in a cleanly way and never causes blood poisoning, can offer a reasonable chance of cure unless the nodes or

lymph-glands high in the armpit are thoroughly dissected out too. For the lymph-glands draining the cancer are invariably involved in the disease and must be removed. All cancer pastes, oils and other devices of "cancer specialists" are based upon a stuporous ignorance of the nature of the disease.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Treatment of Tuberculosis What is a good diet for a tuberculosis patient? Is milk good? Should it be taken cold, cow-warm, or boiled? Are raw eggs better than soft-boiled eggs? Is woolen or cotton underwear preferable? How much exercise should he take? What is the doctor's name that claims he has a tuberculosis cure?

Answer—The diet should include a full variety of all ordinary foods. Milk is good, however you like it best. Raw eggs are in no sense preferable to cooked eggs. In general, woolen underwear is better; light weight, knitted goods. The amount of exercise should be determined largely by the temperature; when fever is present, rest is the thing. The doctor's name is Nature—we think Old Doctor Nature is the only healer that has ever produced any great number of cures.

Inadequate Nourishment May Agree With Child Our baby is a bottle-fed boy, seven months old. He receives condensed milk, which agrees with him, but he has head sweats and looks very pale. He is very fat, but weak in muscles. Answer—Baby poison, that's what condensed milk in a Ricketts is probably developing. Better give some clean, fresh milk.

WHITE GRAPES Scarcer than dyes 50c & 75c the lb. H. R. HALLOWELL & SON Broad Street below Chestnut

BORDEN'S Eagle Brand Condensed Milk advertisement. Includes text: "You need never hesitate to give your baby milk that carries the Borden label. It stands for real cleanliness, for richness and for delicate flavor. Thousands of mothers of twins who had enough milk for one baby only, have solved the feeding problem by supplementing their own breast feedings with BORDEN'S EAGLE BRAND CONDENSED MILK."

FERTILIZING THE HOME GARDEN

By JOHN BARTRAM

Proper care and nourishment must be given the soil. Plants quickly draw on the elements they need, and these must be replenished from time to time. Growing things derive their nutrition from the air and the soil. The first cannot be governed by man, but substances in the soil, from which plants derive their food, may be supplied.

Nitrogen exists in three distinct forms, viz., as organic matter, as ammonia and as nitrates. It is the most expensive fertilizer. Nitrates afford the most readily available forms. The most common are nitrate of soda and nitrate of potash (saltpetre).

Phosphoric acid comes from materials called phosphates. It does not exist alone, but in combination, most commonly as phosphate of lime in the form of bones, rock phosphate and phosphatic slag.

Superphosphates—In untreated phosphates the phosphoric acid is insoluble in water and not readily available to plants. Superphosphate is prepared from these by grinding and treating with sulphuric acid, which makes the phosphoric acid available. Superphosphates are called acid phosphates.

Potash appears in a number of forms, but chiefly as chloride or muriate and as sulphate. All forms are freely soluble in water. Wood ashes and cotton-bowl ashes are sources of potash.

Generous quantities of enriching elements should annually be applied to depleted soil, thoroughly incorporated. Stable manure should be used to improve the mechanical condition of the soil, and commercial fertilizer to supply potash, nitrogen or phosphoric acid. On a quarter-acre garden 10 to 12 cords of manure is not too much to plow or dig in with 100 to 200 pounds of a well-balanced fertilizer, harrowed or raked in. Crops may be stimulated during growth by two or three supplementary dressings of fertilizer, applied at the rate of 100 pounds per acre at each application.

Nitrogen speeds early and succulent growth. Potash hardens growth and throws vigor into fruit or flower. Phosphoric acid in nutrition, influences maturity and color. Lime renders inert plant food available for feeding roots.

A complete fertilizer contains nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Lime is a necessary adjunct for less frequent use. It will not pay the amateur to mix his own fertilizer. A well-balanced soil ration containing all the elements can be bought from reliable dealers at \$2 to \$3 per 100-pound bag.

This can be broadcasted before plowing or mixed in hills and drills before planting, or sifted along rows after planting. It should not be allowed to come in direct contact with roots, seeds or foliage.

Soil acidity is the chief chemical enemy to plant growth. Sour soil is sterile. Air-slaked lime, lightly broadcasted, is the best sweetener of acid soils and pulverizer of caky soils.

Humus is the great natural source of fertility in vegetation. Leaf mold or any well rotted animal or vegetable matter makes humus.

Stable manure, either horse or cow, contributes warmth, moisture and humus. It is an undervalued soil nutrient, but well-aged barnyard manure is difficult to get. "Green" manure must be avoided; it is full of weed seeds and lacking in qualities held by the rotted.

Humus-supplying preparations, consisting of dried sheep and stable manures which are whole soil foods, are inexpensive and unobjectionable. These are on the market in a number of reliable patent preparations.

Nitrogen-gathering bacteria with which to inoculate seeds of the clovers and legumes may also be purchased at a low cost. Bone meal is a most valuable all-round fertilizer.

Hardwood ashes and soot from chimneys, fireplaces and stoves are excellent foods for the soil. Sifted coal ashes soften heavy soils.

A compost pile may be started now of leaves, ashes, barnyard manure, rubbish, etc., and will prove valuable for the garden.

This should be kept in a big box, covered, if the supply and garden are both small. If room permits, build a pit with rough boards. Sift some lime over occasionally, and stir the mixture now and then. Keep the compost heaps always covered.

In applying a commercial fertilizer, calculate one pound for a plot 10 by 43 feet (434 square feet), for a 100-pound per acre application; one pound for plot 10 by 23 feet (234 square feet), for a 200-pound per acre application; one pound for plot 10 by 14 1/2 feet (146 square feet), for a 300-pound to an acre application.

Mighty Aches From Little Toe Corns Grow but there is no need to tolerate corns if you have HANNA'S Ointment, which is thoroughly removed. Consult us. HANNA, S. E. Corner, 10th & Sansom Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 1204 CHESTNUT ST. CORNS REMOVED, 10c PER MANICURING, 25c.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I asked a man to buy a sketch, He rudely told me, "No, I didn't want the money but He hurt my feelings so!"

The Lip and the Heart One day between the Lip and the Heart A wordless strife arose, Which was expertest in the art His purpose to disclose.

The Lip called forth the vassal Tongue, And made him vouch—a lie. The Lip was expertest in the art And braved the listening sky.

The Heart to speak in vain essayed, Nor could his purpose reach. His will nor voice nor tongue obeyed. His silence was his speech.

Mark thou their difference, child of earth! While each performs his part, Not all the lip can speak its worth. The silence of the heart is art. —John Quincy Adams.

Indian Recipe To a cup of finely chopped left-over boiled ham add a quarter cupful of grated cheese and two tablespoons of chutney dressing. Mix well. Have ready about six toast rounds, well browned. Put the mixture over the toast, put them in the oven long enough for the cheese to melt thoroughly. Garnish with olives and pimento.

Simple Trimming Machine stitching is coming into its own again as trimming on dresses, suits and fancy neckwear.

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