

MISS SEEKS DEFINITION OF REAL WOMANLY WOMAN

Must She Run to Cover at the Sight of a Mouse, or Has Womanliness Progressed Further Than That?

IN A DAY of rampant feminism, when women are thinking thoughts and doing deeds that the women of a century or two ago would have been burned at the stake for thinking and doing, the cry may be heard on all sides that women are no longer womanly.

Indeed, it is not at all improbable, according to a pessimistic viewpoint, that the most striking examples of womanliness may be found in certain members of that sex sometimes known as the stronger. Only the other day I heard a man say he was afraid he would have to relinquish cigarette smoking because it has become so frightfully womanly.

But just what is the womanly woman? Has she become so rare as to be almost extinct, or has the world's conception of those qualities that constitute womanliness undergone such a metamorphosis that were such a creature to appear before us we would fall to recognize her? I shall reserve my opinion, and if any of my readers wish to define the womanly woman, I shall be glad to publish their views.

In the meantime Mr. Laurence Housman, the English author-artist, has "sized her up." The womanly woman, he declares, is she who "seizes every opportunity for self-realization and self-development."

That's a definition which ought to please a whole lot of us who are sick and tired of having it impressed upon us that to retain our claims to feminine charm we have to pretend to a frantic fear of mice and an equally frantic admiration for heroes of the Richardson, Fielding, Dickens type.

"Under modern conditions, and through the entrance of women into the industrial world, sex distinctions have changed," Mr. Housman said recently, "so that there is now no hard and fast line between the qualities that are male and those that are female. All great men, being imaginative and subtle, have something of the woman about them; and all great women, being incisive and forceful, partake of the male. So that there is inevitably getting to be a larger degree of understanding between the sexes as to what each is about."

"Those admirable qualities that one associates with the term manly have less to do with the possession of other people and other things than they have to do with the possession of the man by himself; and it is this same self-possession and self-realization, to the full capacity of her being, that makes a woman really womanly."

"Women too submissive are ineffective. Milton would have had the ideal woman eternally submissive, but that is a denial of her best self. Too protected and dependent, she becomes at best a creature whose ideal is to live remote from the world, only to be displayed now and then on the arm of a proud and possessive husband."

"That will never do," concluded Mr. Housman, "for the woman of today; that clinging, undeveloped ideal is not a woman, because she is not womanly. How can those very qualities that are the foundation of the race and the world and the universe come into play unless the woman herself exerts the initiative and the independence that have been given to her along with everything else that is human and alive?"

"That complaint passivity which will allow two men to fight for her possession and repair her honor by a duel has become an insult to the socialized woman. It is far better for her that she choose herself to whom she shall belong, and that she fix the conditions of her belonging."

What do you think about it?

MISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

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

Dear Miss—Would you please answer a few of my questions? Would it be dangerous for a 17-year-old girl to travel alone to Alaska?

Can one get there by train alone, or would I have to take train and steamship? Is it 7,000 miles from New York or Philadelphia? And how much would it cost?

I hope I'm not asking too much.

PHILADELPHIA, OHIO. I do not think it is dangerous for a 17-year-old girl to travel anywhere if she is gifted with common sense and good connections, no difference if she is 17 or 41. Travel can be precarious, your money and don't trust strangers. If you are to spend the night in a strange city, reserve your accommodations, or have your parents do it for you, at a reputable stopping place ahead of time.

Don't ask questions of strangers; consult officials if you may be uncertain. I think policemen are generally ardent when you want them. Conductors and motormen are safe. Don't trust strange women any more than you would strange men.

An expert traveler tells me that the main-traveled route to Alaska is via Seattle. You do not say where you wish to go in Alaska. From Seattle to Nome, one of the largest cities in Alaska, is 2,000 miles. You get on the boat and it takes eight days. The cost varies from \$72 to \$100. From New York or Philadelphia to Seattle is 3,100 miles. It takes five days to go there and costs \$76 first class and \$60 second class. From Seattle to Nome, first and second class travel in that the passenger company will take you to Nome, Alaska, and the tourist car (it's virtually only a matter of dollars) you see, therefore, the distance from Philadelphia to Nome is 2,600 miles. The time required to cover it is at least 17 days, and the minimum cost \$138 just for travel.

Dear Miss—Please accept my warmest thanks for your kindness in publishing my request for aid for the triplets born at the Detroit Maternity Hospital.

Strangely enough, I missed the item in your column and after watching a while I thought perhaps you deemed it best not to publish such requests. Imagine my surprise, then, when recently two of the beautiful clothes sent for the mother, the other for the child, and a reference to the babies in your column.

It was more than kind of you, and I only hope that I may in the future be able to express my thanks and appreciation to just these same wonderful, with cordial regards, I am sincerely yours, MISS, O. H.

I am glad to have been able to be of service to your little charges in their plight. I am also grateful to the readers who responded to my appeal for them in this column.

Dear Miss—An out class of Sunday school girls have just formed a charity circle, will you kindly publish in your column some suggestions as to how to make some inexpensive trinkets for children of crippled institutions? As we are to make some of these by Saturday, will you kindly give me some suggestions? I think if I were you I should call on some institutions for the blind, the deaf, the lame, or the Home of the Merciful Saviour, where there are crippled children and after telling them of your intention, ask them what articles would be most acceptable. Doubtless you will find them in the "Corner before," but the result of the organization of your circle.

Marion Harland's Corner

How to Keep Eggs

"SEEING a query in the Corner about water-glasses, I send the following formula: Eggs must be put down the day they are laid covered with a solution of one part water-glass to six parts of water. A crock with a cover is the best thing to put them in, and they should be kept in a cool place. They ought to smell, look and taste like fresh eggs when taken out. If they don't they have a poor quality of water-glass. Be sure to allow an extra half inch of the solution for evaporation and use one-half hour after removing from the solution. M. M."

Copy of Poem

"It is with unfeigned pleasure that I enclose a poem. 'When I went Fishing With Dad,' asked for a month or more back. It is too long for insertion in your small Corner, but you may forward it to the member who wrote for it. I am sorry I do not recollect the signature. 'CORNHURST'"

The selection awaits the call of the correspondent who wished to obtain it.

Helpful Hints From a Housewife

"Here are a few hints that may prove helpful to Cornerites: A colored ribbon tied to a pair of scissors will save many minutes that are otherwise spent in looking for them when they are half hidden under paper or sewing. Place a large sponge in the bottom of an umbrella jar and it will prevent umbrellas from striking against it and absorb the water that drips into it. Run a thread through a hole in a stocking before darning it. On damp days wipe off the windows with a clean soft cloth. You will be amazed to find the dust that has collected on the panes. A pin stuck in the top of bottles in medicine chests will prevent mistakes, for, when feeling for a bottle, the cork with the pin in it means danger! It is which has been shown half a dozen times. 'HOUSEWIFE'"

Copy of a Poem

"I am sending a copy of the poem, 'My Mother's Wedding Ring,' asked for by Edna M. F. Perhaps it has been sent in before this, as the paper in which I saw the request is a month old. I am glad to give pleasure to the person asking for it. Success to the Corner! I have clipped many good recipes from it. 'M. H.'"

Boiling Clothes Before Washing

"I noticed in a recent issue of the Corner an inquiry in regard to boiling clothes before washing them. The answer was: 'Don't do it; it boils the dirt in. I have used this method a long time, and find the reverse true: it boils the dirt out. In washing this way, as in any other, care must be taken to put the fine clothes by themselves; boil them first. While they are boiling any that are dirty may be soaked. I put my clothes in the boiler, and wash the dishes they begin to boil. I then remove them to the washing machine and put in the next batch, always washing them first, and, of course, any

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DAINTY FOR AFTERNOON WEAR

WITH the approach of mild weather dainty lingerie frocks again come into prominence. The one featured is a combination affair both in regard to fabric and color. White net shot with tiny blue floral sprays is used for the bodice, waist and yoke of skirt, while blue voile forms the collar, the came effect with streamers, the finish for the sleeves as well as the deep, triple-tucked Spanish flounce. Crocheted hanks finish the sleeves and streamers, while a single rose with sprays of forget-me-nots is worn as a corsage bouquet. In blue or pink, price \$21.50.

The picturesque hat is of white horsehair made over a rose velvet-bound frame. A wreath of French flowers and knotted rose velvet streamers effectively serve as trimming. The hat may be ordered in various colors for \$15.50.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVELINE LANGRISH, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

SOMETIMES A SICK CAT MAY BE WORTHY OF DOCTOR'S SCRUTINY

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

IT IS proverbial among the ruff-ruff that a doctor who tries, and fails to collect for services rendered, is ever afterward known as "doctor a sick cat." Whenever you hear that verdict rendered, look around for the unpaid bill.

Sometimes, after all, a sick cat may be well worthy of the closest professional scrutiny. For instance, here is a little story we clipped from Pediatrics, a high-class medical journal specializing on children's diseases:

"The family cat came down with sore throat—probably got her feet wet somewhere—and succumbed, presently, to a well-directed, but humane, blow with the ax. Ten days later the family wage-earner came down with—guess what?—sore throat. It cleared up in a few days under medical treatment. Perhaps father was a little better in the first place, father, mother and the baby might have been spared. The family cat probably brings home many a busy little epidemic, and nobody suspects, because who would venture to ask the doctor, face to face, to doctor a sick cat?"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Absent Yet Present

As the flight of a river That flows to the sea, My soul rushes ever In tumult to thee.

A twofold existence I am where thou art; My heart in the distance Beats close to thy heart. —Lord Lytton.

From the Moyen Age

A corselet of gold or silver cloth is worn with silk evening frocks. This is a development of the shepherdess fashion, which were so popular during the winter. It may be laced at the front or at the back, but it must be very plain and fitted. One gown of this sort has for its foundation a lovely chartreuse green serice silk, embroidered with silver butterflies. The corselet forms the only trimming.

Ostrich Trimming

An odd finish to a serge gown was seen recently. The frock itself was fashioned of navy serge, and the armholes and the edge of the Russian tunic had a border of navy curled ostrich feathers. Gold and black embroidery and red silk tassels complete the color scheme.

Bureau Appointments

Styles in boudoirs seem to change as the weather. The latest arrival in dresser services is the set of burnished brass. A gilt appearance is given the metal by painting over it a thick coat of fine shellac. This prevents tarnishing.

Cherries in Season

Cherries are ripe! The shops are showing large luscious boxes of them—the ripest, roundest cherries you can imagine. Prices are reasonable.

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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 Tuesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's Evening Ledger this week.

The letter printed below, received this morning, makes one realize what a pity it is that such a thing as so-called company-keeping still exists, though so much has been said and written against it. No girl should ever curtail her liberty to such a degree that any one may feel he has the right to say with whom she shall or shall not dance, walk or do any of the things which sensible men and women are privileged to enjoy together.

A girl should be free to dance with whom she pleases when attending a party, and there can be no more obvious bad taste than for another man or woman to insist that a man, even if he is even engaged to her, should be asked if she may be allowed to dance with another. Of course, one's fiancé has a right to desire that his fiancée does not dance with another man, but there are very few men who would take such a foolish stand, and certainly not in public. One might as well forbid one's fiancée to speak to another man. These practices bespeak the provincial in every way and should never have vogue among persons of any kind of culture.

The whole idea of company-keeping is wrong. It makes a girl refuse to accept perfectly legitimate attentions from other men; and if the so-called company-keeping lasts for several years and then the two find that they do not care to carry their friendship further, what sort of a position does the girl find herself in?

She has refused all invitations which did not include him, she has not received any other men in her home, she has danced only with him, walked only with him and has not even had the name of being invited to her home. It is all very well for the man; he can make new friends easily, because he is free to seek them and to offer attentions to others, but she has lost most of her friends and has no way of going back into the things which other girls of her age, who are good friends with all, are enjoying.

It would certainly be very bad taste, therefore, Grateful, not to dance with any man who invites you to, unless you have personal reasons for not wishing to do so, and it would never do to have the person who invites you to dance consult the man who has brought you to the party before asking you.

The question as to what is the proper thing to say if a man asks if he may take you home from a party is slightly ambiguous. Certainly if you have made no arrangements to be taken home, it would be gracious to accept his offer. It would be perfectly correct also to say to the man, if you would like to have him call, that you would be pleased to see him. It is probable, however, that he will ask if he may call on you, and in that case you have only to answer in the affirmative politely.

Answers to Invitations on Cards

Dear Deborah Rush—Will you tell me if it is correct to answer formal invitations on correspondence cards? I have received many such cards and I am not sure how to answer them. I have a small sheet of white note paper, a very nice note paper, with either the family name or the name of the party on the top of the page.

It is better to answer a formal invitation on a small sheet of white note paper. A very nice note paper, with either the family name or the name of the party on the top of the page.

Dear Deborah Rush—Should a girl rise in a car and offer her seat to an old man if there are no other seats? It is not polite to do so unless the old man is very old and feeble.

Dear Deborah Rush—Will you kindly tell me a form to use when laying the table for a formal dinner with two knives, a soup spoon, a fork, a butter knife, a butter plate, and three forks, one for the main course, one for the salad, and one for the dessert, on the left side of the plate?

Dear Deborah Rush—When giving a party for children of 10 years or so, should I have a menu? It would be better to have a menu of this age are old enough to play and dance together, and it is always well to have little boys and girls get used to going to parties together, so that when they grow older they will not be ill at ease with each other, but will grow up into happy, healthy friendships. It saves them many an unhappy moment later in life.

Dear Deborah Rush—In a formal or informal affair, should a lady dance with another gentleman without the permission of her escort?

If not, who is to ask the permission, the lady or the gentleman who asks her to dance? What is the proper thing for a lady to say when a gentleman asks her to escort him, and he is expected that the lady extend an invitation to the gentleman when he leaves her at her home? GRATEFUL.

Dear Deborah Rush—Is it proper to use small napkins for dinner, by small napkins mean about 12 inches square and hemstitched? Which is better form to serve, salad individually or to allow guests to help themselves? No napkins of that size should be used for

Children's Party

How Long the Baby Should Sleep

Moth Patches, Liver Spots

Moisture and Vapor

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Country Home

Country houses and summer homes are lighted with candles and gas. The bedrooms and living rooms are made a lovely addition to the problem of lighting in many cases.

Old-fashioned wind guards are made of etched glass. They are made a position as to keep the candle flickering. Besides this, half-shade fancy glass are used, especially of the wall. Six, eight and ten-branched candles are attached to brackets seen on one candelabra. This sufficient light for ordinary purposes in extremely beautiful looking.

A charming boudoir set includes a four-poster with pinpoints, top and rug just requires colonial case complete the picture.

"Preparedness"

A wide silk giraffe for sports and tiny pockets of the same material idea is to tickle the handkerchiefs, puff, or any impudent in the order to have them at hand.

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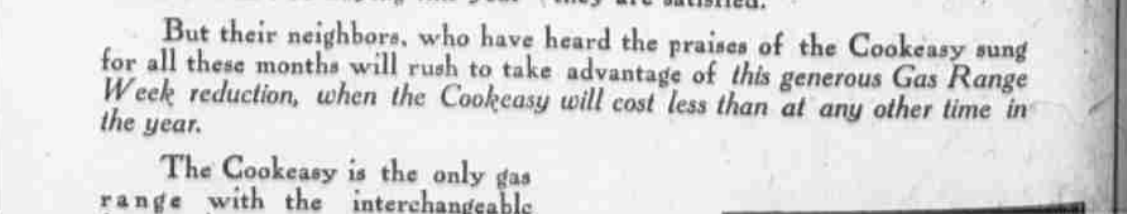
1 1/2 cans "Eagle Brand" Condensed Milk 3 1/2 cups water One-half tablespoon gelatine 3 oz. vanilla chocolate Dilute milk with two cups of water, previously boiled; soak gelatine in one-half cup water twenty minutes. Grate chocolate in one cup water and boil smooth; when cool mix all together, strain and freeze. Be sure to use



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