

"TO KISS OR NOT TO KISS," IT'S USUALLY NOT TO, SAYS M'LISS

The Habit of Osculation Is a Very Human One, She Opines, Albeit It Should Be Restrained

"TOLD," says Dean Swift in his "Polite Conversations," "I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing."

Alas, probably. But, in the meantime, is there any subject more discussed, more reviled or more praised than the osculatory one?

Kisses are the most paradoxical things in the world; they make homes and they break them, likewise kingdoms. They make men and they unmake them.

They can cause the most acute happiness—at least the poets tell us so—and the most profound misery. They are indulged in—and enjoyed—by the sordid and the esthetic. They can cost nothing whatever and they can cost the soul of a man. It all depends.

Comes now a correspondent with the following: "Dear M'LISS—Please answer just why it isn't proper for a young man to take a lady's arm when out walking. Also why she should not allow him to kiss her unless engaged."

Reversing your questions, Veronica, in the order of their importance, there are many reasons why it is not proper for a young woman to kiss a man to whom she is not engaged.

In the first place, the eucenists are really right about it: Indiscriminate kissing is unhygienic. Secondly, if you kiss this young man who is not your fiance you are likely to kiss that one.

Finally, remember the man who kisses and tells is very frequently to be met with. Men like to boast of their conquests, even as women do. But usually they don't marry the women whom they have conquered.

As for a man taking a woman's arm in public, it's an expression of intimacy which would be better unexpressed, for the simple reason that such public demonstrations are construed by Anglo-Saxons to be vulgar.

Dear M'LISS—My definition of the "womanly" condition is a condition in which the woman does not do anything that she does not want to do.

Dear M'LISS—It has been the custom always to wrap around the "external feminine" condition something of a protective covering.

Dear M'LISS—Would you be so kind to send me a copy of your "Young Girl's Topcoat" article?

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Dear M'LISS—I have four yards of check suiting which I cannot match. I want to make a suit of it.

Dear M'LISS—I am going to make a spruce, cool, summer evening dress. Would you have the undergarment of pale pink or pale green?

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YOUNG GIRL'S TOPCOAT

A distinctive topcoat useful for so many occasions. Today's fashion is a navy serge coat, and has bands of brown leather at the sides.

The sports hat is quite in keeping with the coat. It is fashioned of soft Milan hemp with white felt trim and bandeau around the crown.

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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.

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Large advertisement for "Extraordinary Reduction" during Gas Range Week, featuring "The Cookeasy Short Cabinet" and "The Cookeasy Box Cabinet".