

"GIRLS TRAVELING ALONE, BEWARE!" M'LISS ADVISES

Letter From the Secretary of Travelers' Aid Society Points Out Dangers That May Be Encountered

A FEW days ago a young girl from Phillipsburg, N. J., wrote to me for information concerning a trip to Alaska. She also asked me if it would be safe for her to journey there alone.

It was such a beautiful May day. There was joy and happiness and goodness in the very air. I could not help but think that "all was right with the world," as Browning would have it, and I told her that with certain precautions traveling was safe for her.

I forgot entirely that the world, like the little girl who had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead, when it was good it was very, very good, but when it was bad it was horrid. I likewise forgot that there exists in Philadelphia one of the most praiseworthy organizations that has ever been established for the help of others—the Travelers' Aid Society.

Miss Mary H. Gillette, however, the secretary of that association, in taking me to task for not cautioning my youthful correspondent sufficiently against the dangers along the line, reminds me in an interesting letter of the good work the Travelers' Aid Society is doing.

In view of the fact that the traveling season is well nigh upon us and that the question of whether or not to let their young daughters go forth into the world alone is probably agitating many a mother's conscience, I am publishing the communication in full:

"Dear M'LISS—We have noticed in your column one day this week an inquiry from a young girl of 17 as to whether it would be safe for her to travel to Alaska alone, and note with disappointment your answer that it is all right for her to do so and that you caution her merely to write ahead for accommodations for any nights which she may have to spend en route. As a social worker with several years' experience with girls, and particularly in Travelers' Aid work, I know that a girl of 17, with the best training and motives, may get into most serious difficulties traveling alone.

"As you will see by reading the inclosed pamphlets, the Travelers' Aid Society was established in the first instance because so many girls disappeared on these long trips that they must often take alone. There is no necessity for a girl to go unprotected now, any place in the United States or abroad, as Travelers' Aid always stands ready to safeguard a girl on any journey. Arrangements are made so that at any stop-over or transfer junction she is met by a Travelers' Aid agent and cared for until time to be placed on the train again. This same is done until her final destination is reached.

"We spend so much time cautioning parents, guardians and the girls themselves against traveling alone, if it can be avoided, and against receiving help or instruction from others than uniformed employees of the railroad and agents of the Travelers' Aid Society wearing the usual badge, that we dislike to see a column so widely read as yours encouraging a girl of 17 to go across the continent alone. We could show you case history after case history of girls who innocently enough started on a long journey alone and who either never reached their destination or went through fearful experiences before getting there. It is our business to bring before the public the dangers of just this sort of thing, and the fact that there is a Travelers' Aid which stands ready to prevent any such unfortunate happenings.

"I hope that some time you will find it convenient to issue in your column a word of warning, and if at any time another girl asks how to travel in any way you will be good enough to refer her to the Travelers' Aid Society, which is at the command of any who at any time may need the assistance that we can give. Sincerely yours, "MARY H. GILLETTE, Secretary."

Among other startling information, the pamphlets which Miss Gillette sent me state that no fewer than 50,000 girls are lost annually in the United States. I trust that every girl who is contemplating a trip alone will take advantage of the offer of the Travelers' Aid made through Miss Gillette to safeguard her along the line.

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.

Dear M'LISS—In changing my room around for the summer I am putting the bed very close to the window. Is it risky to sleep with one's head to the window? I have heard that modern doctors put little stock in drafts. Will you advise me in this matter? Sincerely yours, Mrs. C. G.

Some doctors still believe in drafts. The one that I consulted in regard to your query, for instance, told me that he does not consider it wise to sleep with one's head directly at the window. It is much better to have your head turned toward the window. If this is not possible, however, arrange to have your feet toward the window. Then the air will be less likely to sweep through the covers.

A doctor tells me that it is better to have a draft on the feet than the head, as there is a course of the wind going down beneath the covers when the wind blows over the head. This is done away with when it blows over the feet. Then, there is always the possibility of catching cold or sore throat from a draft directly on the head.

Dear M'LISS—The womanly woman is every normal woman. The more that necessity, or even inclination, forces her into the manly actions, the more she is a woman. The business office or a profession doesn't in any way detract from her femininity.

Some few women are born womanly—not adorably feminine women. One of the most adorable and walked in the suffrage parade. Why see definitions? Really there is no defining "her infinite variety." ONE WHO KNOWS.

Millinery Notes

The ciel blue and rose pink combination which was so smart on chapeaux last season is seen again. The large floppy Gainsborough garden hats seem to require it. Water lilies, clusters of beaded poppies, vari-colored grapes and fruits are popular, too. One garden hat actually flaunted large tea roses with white stems, on which thorns were painted. Wheat and poppies ornamented another which boasted a Paris label inside.

Silk and Serge

Sometimes a whole skirt is made up of panels. A silk and serge suit seen recently had a skirt made of alternate panels of the same material, radiating from the girde in ever-widening bands. The effect was extremely smart. The coat had a taffeta foundation and a serge ruffle. The sleeves were clasped with dull steel ornaments.

Swagger Suits

Blazer coats are made of striped flannel. Skirts to match are fashioned of the same material, in white or solid color. Some of these coats are sleeveless; the wide armhole is outlined with a band of color harmonizing with the skirt. Swagger suits of this kind are decidedly smart for seashore wear.

Fancy Twine Holders

Twine holders are getting more and more artistic as their popularity increases. There are the Colonial ladies, whose wide, flaring skirts conceal the ball of string, and the bunny, duck and quaint little houses, like bird houses, as well as innumerable others.

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Marion Harland's Corner

All communications addressed to Marion Harland's Corner should be addressed to the Editor of the Evening Ledger, 408 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The name of the contributor should be given, and the address of those who wish to be published should be given. Communications should be sent to the Editor of the Evening Ledger, 408 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Games at Girls' Party

I AM going to entertain my club of about 12 girls and should like to have some suitable games. Also, I should like to correspond with some nice girls about the ages of 16 to 22. MARION T.

We have not room in which to describe enough games to keep you amused for one evening. Have you wearied of the old ones—such as "Consequences," "Happy Thought," "What Is My Thought Like?" and the like that call for the exercise of mind and imagination more than for guessing? Girls usually prefer "sitting still games" to more boisterous. Inquire at a book store for a manual of games. We register your name as a would-be correspondent of some nice girl. We couple with it the wish that you may enter upon a correspondence at once agreeable and profitable to you both.

Copies of Poems

I wish the address of Marion S. R., who asks for the booklet "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." If she has not yet received it and "School Girl" has not had a copy of "Cerfwe Shall Not Ring Tonight," I will copy them, if you will send me the address. Please send me the names of any one else who wishes the following poems: "Dan McGrew," "Moravia's Big Five," "Little Joe," "Guilty or Not Guilty," "I Would Like to Have Copies of 'The Face Upon the Floor,'" the one M. McM. wants of Joaquin Miller, and "The House by the Side of the Road." "MRS. M. L."

S. R. has received "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." The booklet "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" had her wishes gratified by other liberal members. We hold the lists open for the names of readers who would avail themselves of your offer to supply the selections you name. It is little that you ask for yourself after this array of titles. The three poems indicated should be forwarded to the Corner in trust for you, or better still, we will gladly send you the dress and let the donors communicate directly with our whole-souled friend and helper.

Seeks Missing Relative

"I should be glad if you will insert this in your Corner, and thank you heartily. Any information regarding George S. Sprague, formerly a book dealer in Chicago, would be thankfully received by "E. B. C."

The Corner has cognizance of circumstances that lend pathos to the foregoing brief request. These reasons move us to accentuate the appeal to any who may be able to supply information of the missing member of a sorrowing family.

An Exchange of Lessons

"I studied French for a period. Since then, due to lack of finances, I've been obliged to give it up. The French which I did learn will be of no use to me unless I can find some one who can use my ability to teach him or her English; to be coached further in return in French. I placed an advertisement some time ago to this effect in the paper, but the sort of person I'm looking for did not respond. Can you help me out by placing this appeal in your Corner in the hope that you may have a French reader who would appreciate instruction conversationally in my book in English? MAY S. J."

Would Adopt Baby Girl

"I am a constant reader of your Corner. Have you a name upon your files offering a little girl from two to five years of age? If so, please be good enough to send it to me. We are a married couple—married ten years—and have no children. We should love to adopt a little girl and have a good home to offer her. MRS. O. A."

The cry of the mother's heart, "Give me children or I die" has sounded down to us through thousands of years; that the orphaned and worse than orphaned little ones for whom he have found homes and parental love since the hospitable gates of our Helping Hand Corner were opened to them and to all who need the friendly offices we have it in our power to offer. We can predict with a fair degree of certainty that the baby girl Mrs. O. A. longs to adopt will be found for her, and before long. Pending this, we hold her full address.

Crochet Work to Sell

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The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, Evening Ledger, 408 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

Common Sense

She came among the gathering crowd, A maiden fair, without pretense, And when they asked her humble name, She whispered mildly, "Common Sense."

Her modest garb drew every eye, Her ample cloak, her shoes of leather; And when they sneered, she simply said, "I dress according to the weather."

Cherries on Crepe

A dainty little summer frock was fashioned of navy crepe de chine, with suspenders. The flit skirt was smocked about the waist line, which was outlined with a slight heading of the same material. The suspenders were fastened at the shoulders with clusters of tiny, bright cherries and leaves.

Pin Money Scheme

A very handy thing to have about the house is a crotone bag filled with corks of all sizes. A clever woman can make these bags easily. They are decidedly novel. As a further embellishment, a corkscrew and bottle opener are attached to the drawing string of the bag.

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 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's Evening Ledger.

There seem to be many questions in regard to the proper way of entertaining formally at dinner, when guests should arrive and the many other little matters of form which are such small things and yet mean so much.

Guests should always arrive at the time fixed or a few minutes later, never before the hour and never later than five minutes afterward. The guests should be assigned to the dressing rooms appointed, one for the women and another for the men. The hostess receives the guests in the drawing room. If the dinner is in a large and formal affair, a graceful way of assigning dinner partners is to write a woman guest's name on a card and place it in an envelope and direct the envelope to one of the men guests. Have these envelopes placed in the men's dressing room, so that each man may know who is assigned for him to take in to dinner.

It was usual some years ago for a man to offer a woman his arm to take her into dinner when it is announced by the butler to the hostess, but this is practically done away with. Some persons, however, still adhere to the custom, so it is well to watch the host, who always leads the way with the woman who is given the place of honor at his right hand, and if he offers his arm to escort her to the dining room, the other men should follow his example. After dinner has been served it is the hostess' place to rise and return to the drawing room, the other women following. Sometimes the men remain to smoke. Coffee is served on a tray in the drawing room in a demit-tasse.

Hats for Evening Wear
Dear Deborah Rush—Do girls wear hats in the evening now for dances or are they only to be used for daytime affairs? Suppose one attends a dance?
No, hats are no longer the proper thing for evening dress. They are not worn with evening dress, but they are worn with evening dress. It is considered bad form not to wear a hat in the evening, but it is considered equally bad form to wear a hat at a dance, though it is proper to wear one.

Walking With Two Girls
Dear Deborah Rush—Can you tell me if it is good form when walking on the street with two girls to walk between them? I always do, and very often take them by the elbow, and the other day one young lady objected and said, "I don't like it." I would like to hear what you have to say about it. JACK.

The young lady is right. It is a very provincial habit and never to be done. A man should never take a woman by the arm or, in fact, show her any familiar attention. This does not mean that he should not always be ready to assist her when any attention is needed, as to take her hand when she is from a motor or car, or to help her in weather or some other way which may be but he should never offer his arm to a woman who is not his wife or his daughter.

Place Plates
Dear Deborah Rush—Would you please tell me if a plate used for fish at dinner should be placed like the soup and coffee plates in the place for the fish course? No; the place for the fish course is on another plate. The place for the fish course is on another plate. The place for the fish course is on another plate.

Bachelor's Tea
Dear Deborah Rush—Will you please tell me if a girl should accept an invitation to a bachelor's tea? I received one yesterday from a young man who is a bachelor. I am a single girl. I am a single girl. I am a single girl.

Wedding Clothes
Dear Deborah Rush—Will you please tell me if a girl should wear a white dress at a wedding? I am a single girl. I am a single girl. I am a single girl.

When She Sewes
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