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# M'LISS EXPATIATES ON THE LADY AND THE SUPERWOMAN

### Is Gentility a Matter of Small Ears and Curved Eyelashes, and Must Superwomen Have **Unwashed Hands and Mannish Habits?**

"SHE had small ears," writes James Hunsker in his criticism of one of George Moore's heroines-Mildred Lawson-"ears that are danger signals to experienced men."

Diminutive aural appendages in the vase of Mildred may or may not have been the visible indicators of the mean, cold soul that she had-if one of her characteristics can be said to have had anything so spiritual as a soul-but the fact remains that tiny ears have always been considered by the experts as one of the first distinctions of a beautiful woman.

An old book that I read recently quoted seven physical qualifications without the possession of which no woman could be said to be either a "lady" or a beauty.

Her cars must be small, pink and shell-like

Her hands must be delicate and shapely,

Her ankles must be slim and patrician.

Her neck, white and curved like a swan's. Her voice, soft and well modulated.

Her eyebrows, distinctive and delicately arched. Her. lashes long, silky and curling upward with a gentle sweep.

Mark you, there is no word about the color or size of her eyes or the classic old of her nose-points which the average person in considering beauty is likely to emphasize first of all. It is the little things that count in distinguishing the "lady."

But is the "lady," as Webster defines her, "a woman of refined or gentle manners and sentiments, etc.," still extant? Compared to the standards of 50 years ago, when a woman felt it an insult to be called "woman" and preferred the less red-blood appellation "lady," our sentiments are certainly not refined.

It is doubtful if any "lady" as our grandmothers knew them, would ever have wanted to vote. Assuredly, she would not have considered it within her province to aggressively choose her husband or to go out into the harsh world and make her own living, to ride a horse astride, to visit places of amusement at night without a chaperon or masculine companion. And yet the modern equivalent of these "ladies" do all of these things with impunity.

Perhaps they are endeavoring to be women-superwomen-instead of the more decorative and decorous "ladies." But what makes the superwoman? In the current number of Ainslee's Albert Payson Terhune asks the same question.

"What makes the superwoman? Is it beauty? Cleopatra and Rachel were homely. Is it daintiness? Marguerite de Valois washed her hands but twice a week. Is it wit? Pompadour and Du Barry were avowedly stupid in conversation. Is it youth? Diane de Poictiers and Ninon de l'Enclos were wildly adored at 50. Is it the subtle quality of feminism? George Sand, who numbered her admirers by the score-poor Chopin in their foremost rank-was not only ugly. but disgustingly mannish. So was Semiramis. Here are the stories of superwomen who conquered at will. Some of them smashed thrones; some were content with wholesale heart-smashing. Wherein lay their secret? Or rather, their secrets? For seldom did any two of them follow the same plan of campaign."

In my opinion, Terhure has not named the superwomen. Let us hope, at any rate, if he has, that they succeeded in being such in spite of their unwashed hands, sluggish mentality and disgusting mannishness. Some of the biblical women, Judith of Bethulia, Esther and later on down the centuries, Joan of Arc, more nearly approximate superwomen in my estimation. Their cause was as big as their acts. Women who upset thrones and subjugate men for the personal gratification they derive from their potency are not superwomen. But I don't think ears-at least the size of them-have so very much to do with it. M'LISS.

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## FASHION'S FANCIES

Readers who wish help with their dress problems will kindly address all letters to the Fashion Expert, Care of the Even-ing Ledger Woman's Editor, and write on one side of the paper only.

It was David Belasco, I believe, who

said that the man who foresees what the public wants, and supplies it, has the stuff of which millionaires are made. It is one of the greatest errors that It is one of the greatest errors that fashion makers commit when they believe that instead of consulting the present taste and mood of the women to whom they are catering they are capable of in-ducing them to favor a style after it has been launched. Just as though a phy-sician would feel the pulse of a patient, often end your before he attenuted a after, and not before he attempted a diagnosis! Fortunes have been wrecked

on that principal. Not so very long ago certain couturiers Not so very long ago certain couturers chose to imagine that woman was tired of her big waist and her comfy stays, which really could not be called stays at all, so merciful were they. The hour-glass waist, said they, will be the very thing! Incautious corset manufacturers stocked up with nipped-in models. But, class sak any consetter how those 'same

stocked up with hipper-in models. But, alas, ask any corsettere how those same models were received. "We couldn't sell, them." one woman told me: "we had to put them on a back shelf and send out hurry-up orders for the comfy kind. You can't force a fashion if the women are against it. The recent mitche in correct a seemilifes that." 3.19

urely inded day, Uni-one wns, n via 0, a you and And, behold, what do we see in the shops? Relentless, unyielding basques to be fitted over 16 or 18-inch waists such as he fitted over 16 or 18-inch wants such as our grandmothers boasted in their hey-day? Not on your life. Instead we have wonderfully graceful and artistic smocks and their less-abandoned cousins, Russian blouses—apparel that will permit us to breathe long, life-giving breaths and to eat three hearty meals a day without fear of bursting our sartorial confines. "But will these smocks be worn on the

I hear a prim querist murmur. street?" "Are not they far too Bohemian for con-ventional folk?" I should not advise a smock under any

consideration or for any

Dear Madam-I am making a dress like the enclosed sample for my \$\$.year-old daughter. It is an Empire dress, with a buttoned bolero and the begin and applied trimming sections desves sawed in the bolero instar we finto an underbody. Do you think this will be satts factory, or is the material too stretchy? What kind of material too stretchy? What kind of material bands? Thank you for your kindness. Very truly yours. MOTHER.

collar and trimming bands? Thank you for your kindness. Very truly yours. MOTHER. Tour daughter, I believe, will make a mis-take if she insists that the sleaves be put into the bolero instead of being a part of the under-blouse. It is just such fine points that distin-suish a frock made by a professional from that put out by an amateur. But if she really wants it that way, i should reinforce the arm-hole with piping of the same material that you use for the collar and trimming. It is not the fact that the material is "stretchy" in which I base my objection, it is aimply that underblouses are so gmart this year and so charming too, with the sleaves of a material contrasting with that of the frock proper that it seems a pily not to have it made up in that way. Moreover, the sleaves and neck of a gown somys soil infore quickly than any other part. Moreover, the sleaves and neck of a gown somys soil infore quickly than any other part. Softness is the keynote of neck finishing this season. Why not have a hematiched collar of pale preen screets of neck finishing this make an extrement of neck finishing this make on the frock, and your letter mentions bands. A charming New York model that I may the other day. In one of the ex-clusive shops here, had georgette collar and sleaves. Old fishioned more ribbon, ploot-edged about two inches wide, was the only trimming. The forest was of pink sprigged voile and the ribbon was Prench blue. Why not material? If, however, your pattern is not adapted to it, I should advine taffets.

Dear Madam—Can you please tell me what material, slik and color, would be nice for an outing coat? Would a person with brown eyes, dark brown hair and a light complexion look good in a champagne or steel colored material for an outing dress? I have slippers of cham-pagne color and I am undecided in which color i would look all right. You will be doing me a great favor by an-swering the questions as stated above. Sin-cerely. S. F. L. Champagne is more suited to your type that

wering the questions as stated above. Sin-cerely. S. F. L. Champagns is more suited to your type than steel, which is a difficult shade for brown-eved women to wear unless they have been sifted with an unusual amount of color. But when you speak of an outing dream you sug-gest that you want to give it a great deal of hard wear. Champagne, although it is a love-ly shade and very fashionable this season, is delicate. It solid guickly. I don't believe I would invest my money in it, unless I got a good quality of shantung or pongee, which will not only be durable, but which washes very well. If you want your coat to be slik, alls ponling

# Marion Harland's Corner

Some time ago I read that some one wanted to know how the United States came to be called Uncle Sam. I was looking through some books and found the following: 'In 1812 a large quantity of provisions for the army was purchased at Troy, N. Y., by Elbert

Anderson, a Government contractor. The goods were inspected by two brothers, Ebenezer and Samuei Wilson. The last named was invariably known among the workmen as 'Uncle Sam.' The packages were marked E. A. and U. S. On being asked the meaning of these initials a workman Jokingly replied that he did not know unless they meant Elbert Anderson Anderson, a Government contractor. The named was invariably known among the workmen as 'Uncle Sam.' The packages were marked E. A. and U. S. On being asked the meaning of these initials a workman jokingly replied that he did not know unless they meant Elbert Anderson and Uncle Sam. So the title became cur-rent among workingmen, soldiers, and other people, and the United States Gov-ernment is known now by those who affectionately call it 'Uncle Sam.' This is my first attempt, so I hope I have been of some help. I read the Helping Hand Corner every day and find it of greathelp. Corner every day and find it of great help "MRS. M. N."

#### Eggs Must Be Fresh

Eggs Must be Fress "Replying to inquiry of 'Old House-wife.' I beg leave to advise that you must have perfectly fresh eggs, unwashed, and be sure they are not cracked. The pre-served eggs should taste as good as when fresh. Whites and yolks do not run to-gether, and there should be no odor what-ever from the jar. Place it in the cellar and if your eggs are strictly fresh, un-cracked and unwashed they will keep for wears. I think your trouble will don' is years. I think your trouble with odor is because the eggs are cracked and particles ooze out and in time spoil, causing the smell. When placing the eggs in the jar lay them in gently so as not to crack any of them. I have heard some complaints of eggs spolling, but the trouble was traced to not strictly fresh eggs. I have had them over a year in water glass and they were as fresh as when put down. J. J. C."

#### How to Grow Ferns

"Once in a while I see a query in the Corner with regard to ferns. Ferns should not be overwatered when in a jar-diniere, where drainage is necessarily In spring and summer they re-

poor. quire three times the water necessary in the fall and winter. About once a week place them in the bath tub and give them a bath with weak suds from a good grade of soap. Rinse the soap off immediately. Care must be taken not Ferns as they come from the florist pre-pared for indoor culture should be placed In a strong light, though they grow well without sunlight. Water them sparingly, but keep moist at all times. Permitting to get dry is the foundation of most fern difficulties. Mealy bug is one of the worst enemies in house culture. This is a white, woolly insect that works close to the bottom of the fronds. If found, the plants should be examined every day and all insects removed by a splint or a tooth pick. Cut off the top of the fern within an inch of the ground if the pest be bad Examine every day until all the insect



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vater, a teaspoon to a quart, or manure leachings. Frepared plant food and wood ashes also give satisfaction. "FLOWER LOVER."

Reading the Lips

Keading the Lips "It is not many days since you pub-lished an inquiry as to lip reading. Be-cause of my own affliction I have recently been reading up on methods of reading the lips, and possibly I may be able to give helpful information. In the city li-brary there are three books on the subject.

The one I have found most instruction is a found on publication. How for the for the I was a found in the formation of the theorem in the formation of the theorem is a set of the found in the formation of the found is the found of the found is the found of the found is the found is the found of the found is the found is the found of the found is the found is the found is the found is the found of the foun



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11 a person cuts the ends of her hair every 105 105 two weeks will that make the hair grow? If 105 not, what will make the hair grow? 105 M. L. S.

M. L. S. Vaseline promotes the growth of hair, but if applied to the cyclashes it should be very carefully done, so that none of if gets into the eyes. Long cyclashes wil, not improve your appearance if the orbs the encircle are red and irritated.

and irritated. A doctor tells me that singeing the hair every six or eight weeks is better for it than clipping. I should advise you to have it done by an expert once at least (the price will not be more than 25 or 50 cents) so that you can observe just how it ought to be done. The hair is divided into sections which are twisted like a rope. The split ends are then descernible, and a lighted match or candle is used to singe them. It's damgerous business to attempt. Better let some one do it for you.

## COMMON SIGNS OF LEAD POISONING WHICH AFFECT MANY TRADES

#### By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

DAINTERS, workers in tobacco factories where lead foll is used, beer drinkers, children who eat jim-crack candles, and workers in lead ore, white and red lead factories, glazing and other processes in the manufacture of pottery, tiles, porcelain enameled ware, and china are subject to lead poisoning, of which also brass and ninkel polishing, type-founding and setting. hintel polishing, type-founding and setting. linotyping, charging storage batteries, dyeing and printing, holding "tinned" nails or tacks in the mouth, chewing tin-foil, glass polishing, glass cutting, plumb-ing, working in weighted slik, making ar-tificial flowers and leather varnishing are possible sources. Women have acquired obronic lead poleoning by using "flake white" as a tollet article. Bakers have used chromate of lead to color cakes. Inhalation of the dust carrying minute

used chromate of lead to color cakes. Inhalation of the dust carrying minute particles of lead into the lungs, rather than absorption through the hands or sich, is the usual mode of industrial lead poisoning. Even painters may be thus poisoned despite every precaution of cleanitness.

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Dr. Brady will answer all signed let-ters pertaining to Health. If your question is of general interest, it will be answered through these columns; if not, it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is in-closed. Dr. Brady will not prescribe for individual cases or make diagnoses. Address Dr. William Brady, care of the Evening Ledger.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chronic Gastritis Not Enough What should a person with chronic gastritis eat?

-That would depend upon what Answer Answer-Inat would depend upon what alls the individual. Is it heart disease, cirrhosis of the liver, cancer of the stomach, pulmonary tuberculosis, alcohol-ism, duodenal ulcer, gastroptosis, gall-stones or just overeating? "Chronic gas-tritis" alone is inconceivable.

#### Two Common Ideas

1. Is quinine good for the bones? 2. Is sulphur or sulpherb good for the blood? 3. Is Hoffman's anodyne good for the heart?

heart? Answer—I. No. 2. No. J. No. Qui-mine cures genuine malaria and hence may relieve "bone ache," which has nothing to do with the bones. Sulphur is a laxative, nothing more. Hoffman's anodyne is chiefly ether—a pain reliever, not a heart stimulant.

#### Improbable Factors of Disease

Improvable ractors of Disease I have never noticed any effort to steril-ise (a) the doctor's thermometer, or (b) the communion cup. How about these? Answer-We are strong in our faith in the "garm theory," but we would never heaitate to lat any doctor take our tem-perature, nor would we fear the com-munion cup. In fact, there is no good evidence that the latter ever is a factor of disease, or the former either.

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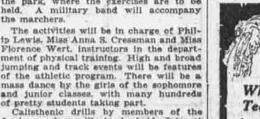
2000 TO TAKE PART IN FETE OF GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

#### Big Athletic Program to Be Feature of Field Day Program

Two thousand boys and girls will par-ticipate in field exercises to be held this afternoon at the Waterview Recreation Centre, Haines street and McMahon ave-

uue, under the auspices of the German-town High School. It will be the first af-fair of its kind held since the school was opened, less than a year ago, and almost every member of the student body will participate.

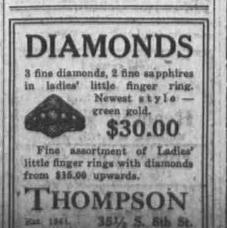
A bassball game between the "Greens" and the "Whites," each team consisting entirely of girls, will be the star feature of the occasion. At 2 o'clock the pupils will parade from the school building, at High street and Germantown avenue, to the park, where the exercises are to be held. A military band will accompany the marchers. the marchers.



mass dance up the girls of the sophomore and junior classes, with many hundreds of pretty students taking part. Calisthenic drills by members of the freshman class will also be held. Interest among the boys of the school will centre around a baseball game between the "reg-ulars" and "scrubs."

#### Art Nouveau

The prejudice against imitation jew-elry that formerly existed has vanished, and the shops are showing charming ex-amples of the jewelers art. There are amples of the jewelers art. There are handsome brooches, nedklaces and ear-rings of art nouveau origin. Now that Bakst has introduced richness of color-ing and modern jewelers make novel de-aigms some truly weird effects are ob-tained. The most elaborate toilette is enhanced by well chosen ornamentation, and the new studded combs or tortoise-handled handbags greatly add to the charm of the ensemble. charm of the ene



will very If has ful. very well. If you want your coat to be silk, silk poplin has the advantage of being smart and beauti-ful. But although silk makes a dressy coat it is not the material I would choose for every-day wear. A very lightweight woolen material -an inconspicuous check, perhaps-will give you more satisfaction in the long run.

#### Rainbow Blouses

The blouse department of a large store looks like a rainbow come to earth. There are peach pink Georgette waists with touches of black, or dainty white ones

color. Striped chiffons of all kinds are smart, and plaid ones, too. One sees all the historic plaids of Scotland reproduced in this filmy material. White blouses of Georgette with edgings of this plaid ma-terial are decidedly chic.

#### French Knots Again

French knots are used to finish off the hems and sleeves of fine creps de chine lingeris. The knots may be of the same color as the garment they trim, or of pale blue, violet, and even black.



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