

MISS CRITICISES WOMEN WHO APE MEN'S BAD HABITS

Damsels Who Swear Would Do Well to Realize That the Masculine Sex Has Other Traits More Worthy of Emulation

"I COULDN'T believe my ears," the conservative man who refuses to think of women as flesh and blood creatures, but prefers to regard them as celestial beings perched angelically upon their pedestals, said Mrs. T. when she heard the words of a young girl who said she had heard a young man in a store, and the oath that I heard was in unmistakably feminine tones."

He had gone into an uptown drug store to buy some cigars, and a girl—*a 19-year-old*, as she described her—had sworn shamefacedly and determinedly because something she had tried to purchase was not to be had. He was shocked. Who wouldn't be?

But some of the men that I know to whom I recounted this incident failed to express the surprise I expected of them. "Oh, sure enough," was the careless comment of one of them, "swearing's in again. Like cigarette smoking and trouser wearing, it's become the fashion. But cheer up, it'll go out again, and some years hence the new woman of today will have become the old woman and we'll be worshipping a totally different type. Doubtless she'll be of the prim, prudish variety, the very antithesis of the 1916 girl."

It may be as he predicts. Perhaps the independent, self-sufficient damsel of today, who solves her own problems and pays her own way if must confess I rather admire her, is only a passing fancy of womanhood, but I don't believe it. I don't believe we will be any more willing to part with our new-found freedom than would the Chinese women be willing to submit to having their feet bound after once having been permitted to forego the pain of stunting them. There are some things for which one cannot retrograde.

But it will be a great pity if the pendulum of this emancipated femininity is allowed to swing too far. Because we no longer have to faint and cling and reduce our gray matter to the proportion of a goose's in order to assert our femininity, there is no sane reason, by the same token, that we should have to smoke and drink and swear to assert our—what?

I almost wrote "masculinity." But what are we trying to assert, anyway? True, the status of woman has changed and is still changing. Women are no longer under the dominance of man. Of that there can be no denial. Some say this has been the result of her own efforts; others smile cynically and say that woman is no longer what she was because man, having tired of that type, allowed her to "evolve." This is a matter of opinion. But let the responsibility for changed womanhood rest on whose head it may, why should we assert anything? It has been charged, and perhaps justifiably, that the majority of women who smoke, drink and swear do so because they are "smart" for them to do it, because they want to register their indifference to masculine opinion and criticism, not because they really enjoy alcohol, tobacco or profanity. Primarily it is this fact which makes those indulgences harmful to women.

But a swearing woman is analogous to a man who uses perfume. Masculinity may include swearing just as femininity includes perfume, but emancipation doesn't necessarily include masculinity. Of course, morally and ethically there is no greater harm wrought by a man's profanity than by a woman's. But, after all, two wrongs don't make one right. If we must copy men—a wise woman, however, knows that she mustn't—let us ape their good qualities. There are plenty of edifying attributes that are peculiarly masculine.

Say what you will, men are not so catty as women. All his life Diogenes looked for an honest man. I have met many types of women—women in all walks of life—and though I have looked for one who had nothing of cattiness in her make-up, I have not yet succeeded in finding one. We may be out-and-out cats, making no attempt to conceal our claws; or we may draw them into our fur subtly and dangerously. It makes no difference. We are a race cursed with a virulent "feline," of which we evidence no desire to cure ourselves, if it can be cured.

Let us not, then, imitate the bad habits of men. Let us rather copy the good traits that seem peculiarly theirs—extinction of cattiness first of all.

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—Your championing of servants is very well in its way, but I think you have ventured your views with a great deal of confidence. It may be true that we hire women for our kitchens and our laundries, but I think that personally I have never been asked to set any rules, or to be responsible for the food and the housework.
When you took a boarder into your home, even though you did quarter him in the third-floor back, and gave him three good meals a day, with little snacks in between times, if he wanted them, would you do it for less than \$5 a week?
Of course not. Add the servant's wages to this and you have paid a woman who has the money to pay for a servant, has the right to do as she pleases with her own money, and is not to be bothered with her boss in the kitchen or laundry.
It may be very enabling for a woman to do her own work, but the woman who has the money to pay for a servant, has the right to do as she pleases with her own money, and is not to be bothered with her boss in the kitchen or laundry.
The business man doesn't think that he ought to do his work. He employs a stenographer, a bookkeeper, a saleswoman, a truck driver or whoever it is he wants, and he doesn't get the kind of man or woman he wants he fires until he does.
The housewife should have the same privilege. There is too much sentiment in the relations between maid and mistress, rather than too little. In my opinion, a woman who hires a servant should be allowed to fire her at any time she wishes.

THIS BUSY LAWYER WAS TOO BUSY TO CONSULT A PHYSICIAN—HE DIED

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.
HE HAD an excellent family history and generally the best of health. He had a good build. But of late he was troubled considerably by dyspepsia, for which, being a lawyer and therefore competent to treat himself—though he wouldn't defend himself if he were sued for conspiracy—he tried one remedy after another and sampled various impressive styles of treatment. In fact, he did about everything but consult a doctor.

He was 46 years of age and had lost flesh and had grown rather pale the last few months. Then, too, there were frequent headaches, come to think of it. Yes, he was kind of short-winded recently—now that he was reminded of it. Also his eyelight wasn't so good as formerly, and glasses fitted by the jeweler hadn't improved it.

The heart sounds were louder than normal. The apex of the heart was lower and farther to the left than normal. The snap of the closing aortic valve was altogether too snappy. Then, round behind, there were fine rales or crackling sounds heard when the lawyer breathed—of course, he had his shirt off by this time, not just pulled off by the neck, movie fashion. The ankles were a wee trifle puffy, nothing to speak of, but the doctor just noted the fact. There was nothing in the abdomen but too much meat.

The blood pressure was 110 millimetres, not half bad for a lawyer. High enough, however, to cause rejection in any life insurance test. The urinalysis showed a specific gravity of 1.011, a faint trace of albumin, and under the microscope a few leucite casts.

Here is the doctor's impression: Edema (or "dropsy") of lungs from passive congestion. Snapping closure of aortic valve might mean high blood pressure in arteries, aneurism, arterio-sclerosis, excitement, nephritis—puffy ankles again, white-pinked urethra. Enlarged heart might be a sign of arterio-sclerosis, athletic training, extreme hard work (physical exertion) or nephritis—falling eyelight once more hinted nephritis.
Well, just 10 years later there were en-

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



PETER RABBIT DRESS

AN UNUSUALLY attractive juvenile frock is this little model. It is of white mermaid-trimmed poplin in jumper style, piped and bordered with same in pink. Flowered belt trims the skirt, as well as forming a pocket on the same. The belt is finished with pearl buttons. Pearl buttons also trim the dimity gimp, which is pin-tucked. It comes in pink and blue, in sizes from 6 to 10 years. Price, \$2.75.
The mushroom hat is of leghorn, trimmed with corded bands of pink taffeta and hand-embroidered flowers. Velvet streamers add a finishing touch. It may be ordered in various colors for \$10.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 603 Chestnut Street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

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 Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger this week.

A correspondent asks whether it does not occur to me, as it has to her, that there is something to say about the manners of the growing-up who are teaching the children. Several times lately I have spoken in this column of the bad manners of children and how they should be corrected. One cannot expect a child to be polite if one is rude in its presence. The woman who gossips about others before a child can scarcely expect from that child a silence in regard to what it sees others doing. Gossip is so ill-bred, and yet there is a tendency toward it in every human being. Tiny children start to repeat things they have heard and said, and so it goes.

It should be remembered that children who are not taught and obliged to be polite to their elders and to one another will suddenly become well bred before strangers. Yes, the manners of children depend largely on the good manners of the elders. I quite agree with A. R. M. who asks the question.

Dear Deborah Rush—I have received an invitation to a wedding and then to a reception afterward. When answering the invitation, should I mention the wedding or just the reception? The invitation does not mention supper, but I suppose that is understood. Should I use the word supper in the answer? Would you mind wording an answer for me?
UNKNOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Unknown accept with pleasure invitation to the wedding reception of their daughter.

On Thursday, June the eighth, at half after eight o'clock.
Answer the invitation as above. There is no need to mention the wedding, in fact, it is customary to answer wedding invitations unless the invitation is for the breakfast. And do not mention the word supper unless it is in the invitation you received.

Dear Deborah Rush—is it good form when sending a wedding present to write a sentiment on one's visiting card?
No; the card only should be enclosed without any writing upon it.

Various Queries
Dear Deborah Rush—is it considered in good form to wear white shoes on the street in winter or at the time of year? Do you think they should always be worn? Are men expected to wear the white shoes in summer?
At this time of year.
White shoes in the winter and at this time of year are not to be considered strictly in good form. These things are largely a question of personal taste, however.
A lady who comes in the street in winter without a hat is in bad form. There is no time of season when they may be dispensed with.
Many men go to informal affairs now in dinner coats, and very often it is permissible to wear the regulation street suit. When the weather grows warmer many men wear white knicker trousers, dark coats.

Letters of Condolence
Dear Deborah Rush—Will you tell me if a



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Brightening Shadowed Lives

PLEASE send the names of Nancy D. and Mary C. I feel sure it is possible to brighten their lives a little, and the doing of it will be a great pleasure to me. I have on my list the name of a shut-in which you sent me eight years ago. I am still helping him a bit, and he is so appreciative. "GRACE A. M."

The addresses went promptly to you by mail. Thank you for joining hands with us in trying to brighten shadowed lives and, as Dr. Jowett prays that he may do, taking "delight in helping to bear our neighbor's cross."

Foreign Stamps Wanted

"Will you please give me the name and address of the one signing 'Amateur'? He has foreign stamps to give away."
"MRS. C. N."

It would be useless to comply with your wish to obtain the address of the wholehearted donor of the foreign stamps. They were all given away before we heard from you. We should like to secure a supply for you if we can. We register your petition and address.

Works on Phrenology

"Seeing requests of S. S. and O. S. for Italian books, we have a New Testament (Italian-English) which I bought for a young man to help him. I shall be glad to pass it on to these worthy men. I should like to know if any reader has any works on phrenology or physiognomy which he or she would like to pass on. If so, I would greatly appreciate them. What a blessing to many in our little Corner! May the good work continue to prosper!"
"RUNCIE"

It must prosper while we have colleagues like yourself and a host of kindred spirits. The addresses were sent by mail. Readers who can spare the works our member would like to have would do a kind act by sending to us for her address. She is an honored and efficient member of the great family.

Building Up a Library

"Perhaps some of your readers would help a small Sunday school to obtain a library. There are no library facilities in our town and many young people and children might be benefited by access to wholesome reading matter. We should be especially thankful for books for children and young people, also for adults. We will pay transportation on any number of books. Our school has an average of 150 and has never had a library! We have gathered now by earning and in various ways about 20 volumes, but our progress is slow."
"E. M. K."

Coroner's may be said to reveal in answering petitions like this. They know by experience what an easy matter it would be to increase that 20 to 200 volumes, and without imposing upon a single family. In every Christian home there are dozens of books which would not be missed if they were out of the house for good and all. If each working member of our H. H. C. were to contribute a single book, that mission would have to build a larger house to contain them.

Flower Bulbs of Any Kind

"Isn't it fine that we are just one good, big family helping one another? Who ever thought of it first? If you will send me the addresses of the applicants and try to supply a part of each want. I should like to ask for flower bulbs of any kind, also geranium slips. I am fond of plants of all kinds and find it impossible to include them in my expenses."
L. P."

The addresses went duly to you. Thank you for sending for them. Last week we referred to the longing for flowers and all green and growing things abroad in the land at this season. We also told what an easy thing it is to envelop roots and slips in damp sponges or cotton and commit them to the parcel post. Having just unwrapped great treasures of narcissus and boxwood that have borne unharmed a journey of 400 miles, I speak "by the card" on this head. If you flower lover desires all we can do to forward her desire to fill her garden with tokens of sisterly affection.

Eager to Play Clarinet

"I am a high school girl of 16 and am musical. I play the piano, but am eager to play the clarinet or saxophone. As my mother cannot afford to buy me one will you try to get it for me? J. H. W."

We have not asked for a musical instrument in over a month. It will be as long before we speak of another—unless it be to announce a gift. There are reasons why your Clarinet particularly desires that this school girl should get her heart's desire. Who will fulfill it?

Little Girl Collecting Stamps

"A packet of foreign stamps is offered to parties sending a stamped addressed envelope. My little daughter is gathering a collection of stamps and would appreciate the favor extended in the paper."
"C. F. G."

We have just told another member how sorry we are that all the foreign stamps put at our disposal have gone out of our keeping. If readers are as regretful over your little's disappointment as we are you will soon hear of a lot for her especial delectation.

A Bird or a Dog

"About five months ago I wrote to you

THE CHEERFUL CHEERUP

Most everyone is pretty great Who spins a life of useful days— For instance, Edison and I Are simply great in different ways. 

For an overcoat and offering some pieces I received the overcoat and have sent the little pieces off to the address you sent me. On October 25, 1915, I was run over by an automobile truck while on my way home and have been in a hospital for four months having had two operations which left me left leg a little shorter than the right. Now I should like to know if you can get me a bird or small dog of some kind. I am unable to do about much and have thought something like that would help me to pass the time away. I will gather some more pieces of silk together and send them to two or three persons. JOHN F. W.

You ask for so little in your helplessness and pain that we ought not to hesitate an hour procuring the small dumb companion for you. Thank you for the offer of pieces.

Coat or Frock?

Top-coats look not unlike one-piece frocks this season, for some of them have because bodices and long, full skirts which stop about four inches above the hem of the frock underneath. Otherwise, one would have no reason to believe that they weren't cloth trousers.

Shower Gift

Crocheted initials of flax lace inserted into a fine hand-towel or bureau scarf makes a mighty pleasing gift for the bride-to-be. They are very expensive in the shops, and any clever girl who crochets no matter how little, can make them.

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