

M'LISS DISCUSSES HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' ATTITUDE ON UNIFORMS

President of One of the Senior Classes Gives Interesting Reasons for Not Adopting Them

COME day perhaps woman will be unshackled from her inordinate love of dress (I hope I am "dead and gone" by that day), and then the sex feminine will pursue its various vocations and avocations in some standardized uniform designed to garb tall and short, thin and stout blonde and brunette with equal unbecomingness.

Just what shape this future "polymurel" will assume can only be at this time a matter of conjecture. It may be that the business women of, let us say, 50 years hence will come to her office in the morning in a simplified Grecian body-covering, made perhaps of four yards of cheesecloth at 10 cents a yard; or perhaps a garb a la pajama, such as the Chinese women (they were ever an advanced race) now wear, will be construed as the proper attire for commercial occasions.

But as I insinuated parenthetically in an above paragraph, I'm "agin" uniforms—at least for women. I believe clothes and the planning and purchasing of them contribute very definitely to woman's happiness. Of course, by the same token, it might be argued that they contribute to her misery. But after all it is not better to have been happy and suffered for it than never to have been happy (sartorially) at all?

But, although the era of uniforms is not yet upon us, the high school girls with all the youthful ardor that they possess are doing what they can to precipitate the time. Each year more and more schools succumb to the appeal of democracy. I think that is the high motive that impels them, and their girls bid their adieu to the Alma Mater, clothed not in the frilly commencement frock such as our mothers knew it, but in raiment as severe and uncompromising as a trained nurse's.

Of course, the fine instinct which prompts girls of wealth to forego the certain joys of a real commencement dress, costing more than any dress they have ever had in their lives before, because less fortunate classmates will be "shown up" disadvantageously, is not to be scuffed at. This is a fine, big thing, but hearken to what one of the girls who will graduate this year tells me. She says that even in those schools where the commencement uniforms have been adopted, the girls buy their dresses anyway and wear them underneath the uniforms. Could anything be more deliciously feminine or lovable than that?

In an exceedingly interesting letter, this girl, Miss Violetta Sutton, president of the senior class at the Philadelphia High School for Girls, upholds the action of her class in voting negatively on the question of a uniform commencement gown.

"Dear M'Liss—The question of uniform gowns has always been one of vital importance, and is especially so this year, since two of our sister schools have decided to adopt the gowns. We have considered the question, not only among the girls themselves, but with our principal, Miss Puchon, who is always eager to lessen the expenses of the girls, and the girls unanimously voted against the gowns.

The idea of the college cap and gown, such as the William Penn School is about to adopt, was considered by most of the girls to be absurd. Why pretend to be what one is not? Perhaps to the commercial graduate who is completing her course there is a certain glamour about the collegiate cap and gown; but to the graduate of a school like ours, where only the two preparatory courses, general and classical, are given, this is not true.

As for the uniform white gown, the following arguments have been given: First, every girl gets some light dress for the summer, no matter what her financial circumstances may be, and where a regulation gown might prove expensive, a white dress would not. Then, in a school like ours, where a comparatively small number of pupils enables the pupils and teachers to be on a very friendly basis, great influence is exerted by the faculty over the girls in the selection of simple graduation dresses. We have had it impressed on us that since the graduation exercises are always held in the morning, an elaborate dress of the evening gown type not only makes us conspicuous, but shows very poor taste.

"I might add as a final argument, and feel justified in doing so, that wherever the experiment of uniform gowns has been tried it has been for the most part a failure, since virtually all of the girls have gotten new white dresses to wear under the gowns. More than one case can be mentioned where this experiment has defeated its purpose and proved futile.

"Our present graduating class is very proud of the way it has minimized the expense of graduation in regard to record books, etc., and since every class usually manages to do better than the preceding one, we hope that some day the ideal commencement at the least cost may be obtained without the girls relinquishing their white commencement dresses.

"These are the most important arguments offered by our girls. Sincerely, "VIOLETTA B. SUTTON," M'LISS.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



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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.

Several persons have written for information in regard to a wedding breakfast, what to provide and how to serve and what to do for the bridal party.

When a general invitation is sent out for a wedding it is not usual to extend the invitation for breakfast to all the guests, but to the relations and particular friends. It is not often that more than several hundred guests are invited. Music is generally supplied at these affairs, but it is not necessary, and in a small town house is better done away with as the musicians take up the room which might be otherwise used for guests.

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MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

Hot water (not boiling) rather than cold, is the best for the stomach. If this suggestion is followed the crust will always be baby tender and crisp. The addition of a little cream before pouring it into the tomato mixture will prevent it from curdling when it is put into a too hot oven, especially when for to do so will curdle it and it will be so appetizing. HOUSEWIFE.

What a pity that all mothers cannot sing. It is touching to learn from speech mother used to sing has upon the heart of the most world-hardened man. We owe this copy of "The Gipsy's Warning" to the loving memory of nursery days, transmitted through three generations.

Now, to continue the subject, hear another instance of the reminiscence: "I enclose a copy of 'The Gipsy's Warning' as nearly as I can remember it. I committed it to memory 50 years ago. When I saw the request for it in the Corner I brushed up my memory and wrote it off as accurately as possible. I think it is correct, if you can make it out."

True to the traditions of the Corner, there is a rally all along the lines in response to the revived report of the editor that a call for an old song had fallen flat upon ear and thought, if one might judge from results. No fewer than 50 constituents have stoned for the seeming remoteness! Witness the few specimen articles for which we make room:

"I enclose please find copies of 'The Gipsy's Warning,' as per request in the Corner. I hope they are what is wanted. I am delighted to be able to help you this time, as you helped me several years ago by replying to a query."

"I see that Lottie H. wishes a copy of 'The Gipsy's Warning.' I have a scrapbook that my father made when I was a school girl that is full of clippings and poems. I shall be happy to copy the poems asked for, such as 'The Gipsy's Warning,' etc. I also have 'Rain Upon the Roof,' if that is what G. B. S. wants. Shall I make a copy of it for her?"

Twenty years ago, in passing through the market place in Jerusalem, my attention was called by my dragoman, a Christian native, to the illustration of scriptural methods of measuring fruit, etc. The dealer filled the vessel to the brim, shook it hard to settle the contents, then piled it up until it ran over and down the sides. "Just as was done in our Lord's time," said 'David,' reverently. The incident recurs to me again and again when readers are asked to contribute to the fancies, or the necessities, of their brethren and sisters. "Good measure, shaken down, pressed together, and running over" is the rule. And, again, I repeat softly to my full heart the rhyme quoted here weeks ago, "Christ in these who round you wait; make much of your dear Lord!"

Three Cooking Hints "The secret of flaky pie crust is the use of..."

Park Fruit Cake "H. A. J. requested dark fruit cake. Here in one every one pronounces delicious. I experimented with a pork cake until it was what I desired. One pound of pork ground fine, two cups of hot water poured over the pork, one and one-half cups of sugar, three and one-half cups of molasses, two cups of raisins, one cup of citron or candied watermelon rind, one pound of dates, one pound of figs, one cup of canned cherries (juice drained off), three eggs, one and one-half tablespoons each of cloves, allspice and cinnamon, one tablespoon each of ginger and nutmeg, one tablespoon of soda, one teaspoon of black pepper, about four and one-half cups of flour, two tablespoons of whiskey. Bake slowly."

Mother's Songs Remembered "One of your correspondents asks for the old song I am inclining to you, Lottie H. who says her mother used to sing 'The Gipsy's Warning.' I am glad to send it."

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THE FAMILY MEDICINE CHEST SHOULD HOLD SIMPLE REMEDIES

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. SHELF five inches wide and 14 inches long will hold all the medicine any plain family needs to keep in the house for emergencies. This condensation puts to shame Dr. Elliott's five-foot bookshelf. And to prove our assertion, here are the items:

1. One ounce of plain tincture of iodine in a rubber corked or glass-stoppered vial. Use this to swab upon every cut, bruise, wound, burn or scratch not sufficient to require medical attention. Apply it just once. Then protect the wound from infection by painting it with either—

Delectable Dessert

Grapefruit halves or quarters can be used very nicely for gelatin. Simply make the gelatin very stiff, then, instead of pouring it into a mold or bowl to set, pour it into the grapefruit halves. Cut the fruit skin and the gelatin like the segments of an orange.

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