

LET FUTURE'S VEIL REMAIN UNDRAWN, M'LISS ADVISES

Fortune Tellers and Psychic Mediums Are a Low Lot, Wielding a Pernicious Influence

"MY WHOLE summer's spoiled. The horrid old cat said that I was going to receive a terrible shock some time in August. I paid her a dollar. I think she might at least have told me something pleasant for that."

The woman grimaced petulantly and there was a worried look on her brow. It was plain to see that she believed in the truth of her words. Her whole summer was to be spoiled. And all because she belonged to that class of women, from whom there is none more foolish, which persists in going to fortune tellers.

Of course they do not call themselves fortune tellers—this parasitic breed which draws its life from the credulity of an ignorant, superstitious public. They hide under the protecting cloak of religion or science. They are spiritualists or psychic mediums, and as such drain the pockets of their patrons with an unscrupulousness that is nothing short of amazing.

Superstitions have been planted in the minds of the visitors to these shrines of iniquity which, like bad sores, have festered until an entire household has been infected. I remember on one occasion when I was present at a seance—in the capacity of investigator—the loose-lipped, evil-looking medium pointed a grimy finger at a miserable specimen of humanity and in portentous tones said ominously three times:

"Watch your husband, watch your husband, watch your husband!"

The woman whom she addressed wore a wedding ring, so there was nothing psychic even in the guess that the warned one was married. The poor creature, who was obviously in exceedingly low circumstances, looked pitifully at the medium. One more burden had been added to her back. In addition to other trying sorrows, she now had to watch her husband, and the inference was that the result of those observations were to be far from pleasant.

It would be immoral enough if the fortune tellers confined themselves to optimism, like the gipsies. If they only told you about the innumerable dark young men and fascinating blondes who were eating out their hearts for you. It's a singular fact that for the gipsies there is no compromise, so far as complexions

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



PRACTICAL SUMMER MODEL

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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, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I never am lonesome
For long
Though I'm living unsought
and apart
For I play with surprising
to say,
A mysterious
friend in my
heart.



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. The column will appear in Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger.

To return once more to our talks on weddings and receptions and other entertainments in connection with these events. It is usual for the bride to entertain her bridesmaids at luncheon about a week in advance of the wedding. Sometimes the function is changed to a dinner and the men of the bridal party attend, but the luncheon is more usual. Very often a cake is served with the ice, in which a ring, a coin and a thimble are placed. The members of the party who find these articles in their portions are supposed to be destined for marriage, wealth or single blessedness as the case may be. Many other innocent old superstitions are carried out for the general delectation of the bridesmaids. Very often at the bridesmaid's luncheon the bride takes the opportunity to give her bridesmaids a lesson in good form. If the luncheon is given a whole week before the wedding it is better to wait until the eve of the day.

Remain Seated

Dear Deborah Rush—Is it correct for a lady to rise and greet a man or a man to come into a room and greet her?

A lady remains seated when a man is introduced to her or enters a room to greet her; but, of course, there are exceptions to this rule as, for instance, when a man of eminence or a venerable man is introduced to a young girl, she should rise in order to show him proper respect for his age and station.

Bare Table for Lunch

Dear Deborah Rush—When is it permissible to serve a meal without a tablecloth? MARY.

Luncheon and supper are always served on the polished table which is adorned with embroidered linen and lace centerpieces, plate doilies, tumbler doilies and doilies for the bread and butter plates. Doilies are also used under the candlesticks.

Three Questions

Dear Deborah Rush—Will you kindly tell me if it is considered good form to use a toothpick after eating?

It is very permissible for a lady to refuse to be introduced to a man or woman? What do you think of the expression, "Not at home" when a person is at home, but is engaged?

No, in this country it would be considered as inelegant as chewing gum, indeed, even more so.

A woman may refuse to be introduced to a man or woman of known bad reputation, but this is a matter which should be handled with the greatest delicacy.

The expression "Not at home" is a matter of custom and is not considered untruthful as the person who says the "Not at home" has simply the intention of not being home to visitors.

DEBORAH RUSH.

Berry and Lettuce Salad

A pretty salad is made with strawberries and lettuce. Clean and hull the berries, then put them on the ice until they are quite chilled. Take the heart out of a crisp head of lettuce, washing the outer leaves well and chilling thoroughly by setting them directly on the ice in a paper bag until they are ready to be used. Fill in the centre of the lettuce with the berries, cover with powdered sugar or a sweet mayonnaise.

Mending China

A cement to mend china in an emergency is made of a little bit of gum arabic dissolved in water and enough plaster of Paris to make a stiff paste. Wash and dry the pieces and put them together with the paste in between.

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RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE: BE A VEGETARIAN, SAYS DOCTOR

By WILLIAM A. BRADY, M. D.

Doctor Brady will answer all stated letters pertaining to health. If your question is of general interest, it will be answered through this column; if not, it will remain confidential. Send your questions to the Editor of the Evening Ledger, care of the Doctor.

It stands to reason that the writer of this daily department of disaffectionment is not the busiest practitioner in town. It takes some time to run the department. But at that, the worst thing that can happen to a mediocre doctor is to acquire a very large practice, for when he gets to the point where he is "going night and day" the doctor is sure to go mostly backward, as far as his professional equipment and education are concerned. A doctor who has to "see" 30 patients in two hours is not likely to give each patient the same attention he would give 10 patients in the same time, being a human, so to speak, being.

A good many things that are set forth in this department are, say, 10 years ahead of the profession. But it takes about 10 years for the newer methods and the latest discoveries of medical science to get into general use by a sort of composite doctor. A doctor who is mediocre is a perfectly reliable adviser, provided he is also broad enough to accept a good thought regardless of its source. Possibly the unkind young tyro right around the corner knows more medical science and has more actual ability than any of the great men you know as successful physicians. But their surprising low skill is not for you. You are afraid of him—he is too young, and he has no reputation. His skill is for the people who will be glad to get him 10 or 15 years hence, when he will be a man of some standing.

Here is a general conclusion we have developed out of several miles of reading. It comes as a surprise to the unkind young tyro right around the corner who knows more medical science and has more actual ability than any of the great men you know as successful physicians. But their surprising low skill is not for you. You are afraid of him—he is too young, and he has no reputation. His skill is for the people who will be glad to get him 10 or 15 years hence, when he will be a man of some standing.

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For Bare Floors

A useful mop for bare floors in summer is made by taking about a dozen clean stockings, cutting off the feet, and dipping them in equal parts of kerosene and turpentine, mixed with five cents' worth of oil of lavender. Wring out and dry. Put in the mop handle just as you do with a cloth. This serves as a dustless mop, catching all the dust without scattering it.

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Society and the Prisoner

THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE, former warden of Sing Sing Prison, has written a series of three articles on "Crime and Criminals." Next Sunday's Public Ledger will contain the first article, "Society and the Prisoner." Probably no other person in America is so thoroughly acquainted with this subject as Mr. Osborne. For many years he has studied crime and criminology, and his presentation of this absorbing topic should appeal to all Public Ledger readers.

SUNDAY'S PUBLIC LEDGER

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: Please tell me how to clean a German silver medal which is unlined and which will everything I put into it. K. V. H.

Use an old toothbrush and a good silver polish. Warm water and soap is also good. If I were you I would line the bag with a silk or cotton lining, as it is virtually impossible to keep anything clean in these unlined bags. I know, because I have one.

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a dollar for the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of the Editor, for address. Those who would like to help, and having received them, communicate direct with those parties.

Nice for Shut-In Child

I SAW a while ago a request for cut-out paper dolls. My daughter would like to have the address of the person, as she could send a little girl some. She has a good many, and they are nice for a shut-in child. Should you know of any one who would enjoy picture postals once in a while, kindly let me have the address. I have a girl of 14 and a boy of 12 who would enjoy spending a few pennies in making some other little one happy. Kindly send me an address. "GERTRUDE C. R."

Give us the initials attached to the mother's letter, and you will be put into communication with her. You will probably hear soon from someone who will embrace the offer of your dear girl and boy to have pictures copied. You are bringing them up in the right way by infusing into their minds the desire to make others happy. This is the best method of training true Cornerites. Success attend the noble endeavor.

To Adorn Charitable Home

"Would any one have to spare a large picture of George Washington and one of Abraham Lincoln, the greatest Presidents? They are to be found at political Republican headquarters of every ward. We wish to adorn with them the walls of a charitable institution which is essentially American."

The request is from a clergyman connected with the institution for which the portraits are wanted. It should not fail upon needless ears. The large pictures are to be found in private houses as well as in political headquarters. One may easily be spared from the walls to give pleasure to the inmates of the retreat and exert influence upon a wider circle.

In Need of a Rug

"I am the mother of five children and my husband has been out of work. He is using one pair of roller skates he is not using. My little girl would like to have some and I can't afford to buy them. I have been sick. And if you could send a carpet or rug for me I shall be thankful."

"MRS. W. B."

Motherlike, out correspondent asks for the roller skates which bring joy and health to her girl before mentioning modestly her need of a rug. We must gratify both desires if we can. Five children, scanty means, and a bare floor for the aching feet of the woman of all work are features of a pitiful story. Would that it were the only one of the kind we are called upon daily to contemplate. We may lighten the shadows in this by looking up rug and roller skates.

To Aid Botany Student

"I am studying botany and our teacher has recommended 'How Plants Grow' for reference work. It is a history for young people, containing a popular flora of common plants by Dr. J. N. Rose. It was published probably in 1898, as this is the date I find in the book. If any of the readers have the volume in their possession and would be willing to loan it to me, I will gladly pay postage. I hope to be able to return the favor soon."

"FLORENCE D."

I recollect the treatise very well and gratefully am surprised that it has apparently gone out of circulation. It is altogether too admirable to be relegated to the limbo of "back numbers." If any reader has one which served its purpose in her household she will do a worthy deed by sending it to me for the address of the enthusiastic young student of botany.

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