

WREN OR PARRAKEET, WHICH DO MEN PREFER? M'LISS ASKS

Women Who Affect Brilliant Plumage to Attract Men May Be Laboring Under a Delusion

IT WAS a brilliant afternoon at the Devon Horse Show—brilliant with the sort of brilliance that has for its complements blaring sunshine, a greensward of new grass, white fences and dazzling feminine costumes. Logically speaking, at a gathering which is held for the purpose of the adjudication of the merits of equines, the horses should be accorded first place, with the feminine costumes as a mere sympathetic background; but what chance has the most spectacular filly when a damsel in a corset sweater, a hunter's green skirt and a saffron hat vies with it for attention?

Nowhere can one feel the pulse of fashion with such exactitude as at a horse show. At a fashion promenade one is suspicious of the gowns displayed. For dramatic effect they are apt to be outre. But one feels that those who sit in the grand stand at a horse show, as well as those who sweep over the lawn to the paddocks, wear on their backs the clothes of the moment, the ne plus ultra of stylistic achievement.

Time was when even the most elegantly garbed woman was not considered a person of sartorial taste if she went in for clothes which were described as "loud." In those days a tiny pin-check was considered loud. The maid who essayed stripes and checks and contrasts in colors rather than "matches" was exceedingly daring, indeed, and was likely to get herself talked about. It was said of her that she was "indiscreet" or "unconventional," and given the proper, or improper, tonal inflections those words carried a dire meaning, in very truth.

Find now the woman outside of a hunnyer or hospital who doesn't dress loud. Sulphurs, royal purples, cardinal reds, Prussian blues, awning stripes, benumbing geometric designs have been rendered inconspicuous—become domesticated, as it were—by their general adoption. Never have women permitted themselves such a rampagous orgy in dress as in this year of our Lord, 1916.

Devon proved this. But list to what I am about to tell you. In that red, white, blue, pink, yellow and purple riot I dis-

covered one little maid garbed with a simplicity that made her stand out like a wren in a cage of parrakeets. The overwhelming dowager who sat full-panoled in orange plush in the box next to her was completely submerged. She was merely "one of the rest." The girl in the Quakerly gray crepe de chine with her demure black "poke" was the loud person of the show.

I did not see her at first. For why? Because of the men who crowded round her. Now since nothing is so interesting as putting two and two together, I amused myself by wondering if it could be possible that the girl's costume had anything to do with her very obvious popularity.

Do men like a simplicity of feminine apparel? Women have often been charged with dressing to please men. Have they been laboring under a fond delusion? Have they really been bedecking and bedazzling themselves because of an insatiable passion for riotous colors?

Perhaps this accounts for the success with women of the Clarendons and the Claudes of the universe—those light-weights of humanity whose socks and ties always seem to be lined descendants of the barber pole and whose handshakes intimately are related to peppermint sticks.

It is the male bird, you know, who flaunts the brilliant plumage. When he wishes to please some winsome lady-bird, he spreads his iridescent feathers and struts. The female of the species is usually too taken up with the home-ness and her little "peeps" to be bothered about a gorgeous raiment—even if she could have one.

Can it be that the demure maid in gray knew something that the herd of us have been too blind to realize? Or could it be possible that the average manly man's refusal to bedeck himself as Solomon or Beau Brummell, and thus satisfy our craving for colors, has forced us to them, and thus to delude ourselves into believing that it was for their sweet sake, rather than for our own, that we became Shebas?

It is a thought to ponder on.

M'LISS.

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.

Correspondents who wish the name of the practical book on the making of bonnet frames will kindly inclose stamped self-addressed envelopes in their requests.

Dear M'LISS—Please give me a list of news-papers in New York—MASTER STREET. This list is too long for publication. Consult the newspaper directory at Ledger Central, Broad and Chestnut streets.

Dear M'LISS—Your words on the subject of spiritualism are to the point. I, too, have been stung by these false and unpleasing to see some one take a sweat at them. I was going to journey across the ocean, but how did the lady fortune-teller know that I was in power and genius to pull off this kind of stunt?

But what I can't understand is why the police don't get busy and weed them out. I have sold a gold brick which wasn't gold, he'd be run in quick enough. (IMITATED)

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should inclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a list of the articles in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the R. H. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of the Evening Ledger, at Ledger Central, Broad and Chestnut streets. They would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with those parties.

Gasoline for Moths. For the fish-shaped moths, if they are silver moths, try gasoline. They were in a cupboard, where they seemed to stay among some papers. I saturated the papers and floor with gasoline, closed the door, and left it closed till the odor from the gasoline was gone. I have not seen any since. Be careful when this fluid is used, for it is inflammable and should not be used where there is a fire or artificial light of any kind. M. L. W.

Oxalic Acid for Stains. I have read a number of times about oxalic acid. I have used it for a number of years and have never injured my skin. I always keep a bottle of it at hand. There is no rule, for the water will only take up so much of the crystals. I first wash the article, if soiled, with hot water. Then have a tea kettle of boiling water, wet the spot with the acid, and hold it before the steam. If iron rust, the stain will vanish instantly. Some stains require more than others. If slow, rinse and rub, and try again. Only be as quick as possible and rinse thoroughly. This is for white goods and only for mineral stains. I enjoy reading the Corner. M. L. W.

Helping Two More. Please let me have the address of Nancy D. I should like to send her some of the things she wants to get. Also the address of Mary C. It would surely be too bad to allow her to starve for mental food, when there is such a superfluity of reading matter going to waste. The money must be relieved, and I shall do my best to help the good work along. It must be a great comfort to you to know that the Corner is so heartily read and enjoyed by the grateful hearts of the many who have been helped by your constituency. I received grateful thanks and acknowledgments from the woman to whom I sent that winter coat through your beautiful work. Mrs. M. L. M.

The addresses went to you by mail. Before this you must have joined the grateful registers of two more correspondents to those of which you write. We thank you warmly with full hearts for your sincere sympathy in your mission and appreciation of the rich reward it brings.

In Return for Lessons. Has any one a banjo and instrument book he or she will give in return for lessons on the mandolin or guitar? I will also give free lessons and coaching for club and concert work to one mandolin and one guitar pupil. She must bring good references, showing that lessons cannot be paid for. I hope it will not be long before I receive some reply through the Corner. Mrs. E. H. P.

The address of our generous member awaits the call of the student who would profit by it. If there be a spare mandolin book of the kind she wishes to obtain in the hands of any Corcoranite, we shall be delighted to negotiate the exchange indicated.

Annayed by the Noise. I live two miles from a railroad station, but when the wind is from that direction it is almost impossible to sleep for the noise of the puffing engines. Why in heaven's name should the railroad be allowed to disturb the sleep of thousands in these days when scientific methods are possible and practical? For instance, one can hear the screeching of the locomotive whistles at every crossing in the country, when an electric alarm bell would serve just as well.

If You Love. You should know that Century Flower Shop is at 1234 Chestnut St.

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

SOME VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR WELFARE OF BABY

By WILLIAM A. BRADY, M. D.

THE best physicians in the world, bar none, are the Germans. They tell us that babies do better on much less milk than has been considered necessary. For instance, Doctor Frer, in the Medizinische Klinik (Berlin), February 20, 1916, speaking of the good effect of the high cost of food in Germany has had upon German babies, states that 800 grams (about 29 ounces) of milk is all the one-year-old baby of normal weight (20 pounds) ought to have. Other things should take the place of milk in the diet, and Frer has many of Germany's most competent specialists with him. He begins adding sugar to the baby's milk at one month, gradually increasing the amount up to an ounce a day at the seventh month, at which time the baby is receiving only 350 to 500 grams (12 ounces to one pint) of milk in 24 hours. He also gives the baby starchy foods from the end of the first month, from a tablespoonful to two tablespoonfuls of rice or oatmeal gruels being allowed per day at the age of two or three months. He gives beef or mutton broth, from one to five tablespoonfuls, beginning at the sixth month; also fresh vegetables well cooked and very finely mashed, well spoonfuls every day or two after the sixth month. Of course, all these foods should be given in small quantities at first and very gradually increased to the full

quantities mentioned. Fruit juices (prune, orange, peach, pineapple) may be given from the fourth month onward and crushed fruits from the seventh month onward.

The first thing a mother should do when a baby develops intestinal trouble in warm weather is to stop feeding milk, and substitute, say, barley water sweetened with a little milk sugar or plain sugar. To make barley water, boil a tablespoonful of barley in a quart of water, slowly, for at least an hour, adding water now and then to make up for evaporation. Strain through a piece of clean muslin and sweeten each bottle of it with about a tablespoonful of sugar of milk, or for older babies, cane sugar. The second thing to do is, give a tablespoonful of castor oil. It is readily taken by babies under a year old.

The third thing to do, is keep the baby cool. He should be bathed several times a day in tepid water. He should have much cool water to drink. He should be kept in the coolest spot in the premises.

Doctor Brady will answer all signed letters pertaining to health. If your question is of general interest, it will be answered through this column. If not, it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is inclosed. Doctor Brady will not prescribe for individual cases, or make diagnoses. Address Dr. William Brady, care of the Evening Ledger.



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WAR HAS CHANGED WOMAN'S WAYS, BUT HER COQUETRY STILL LIVES

That Is Why Berlin Police Have Orders to Arrest Ladies Too Luxuriously Arrayed—Men From Front, However, Like to See Damsels in Their Loveliest Attire

HAVE you read that in Berlin the police have orders to hale to court women who venture on the streets too luxuriously arrayed? My sympathy goes to them, more especially to the girls fined for excessive use of rice powder. Talk about war horrors! I am sure if we thought that war might condemn us to walk about with shiny noses, we should all turn pacifists with amazing speed.

In the same paper I read that a gallant New York Magistrate suspended sentence for speeding upon a young woman automobile driver because of her prettiness. This seemed, on comparison, like another case of what kills the Dutch cure the Irish. Seriously, however, one cannot blame the Germans for losing patience with the modes of the present. In the first place, she wore no petticoat and used as little material as possible for her dress. Industry, dependent upon woman's caprice, suffered. The manufacturers of cloth and of white goods wished for the return of ample garments, as did the lacemakers, who were working half time. Immense industries are

dependent on woman's choice of wearing apparel; what she likes triumphs, what she disdains dies. On the form of her skirt depends the fortune of many.

Then the war broke out. It set the wheels of all the factories going. There is no longer enough cloth, leather and linen in Europe to equip the troops. The armies have used up the various national resources. The price of everything is taking aerial trips.

Now woman widens her skirt, for cloth is rare. There is little thread obtainable, so she wears lace. Linen, used for the wings of aeroplanes, is as expensive as silk, so it has become fashionable. During the time of abundant leather she wore low shoes. Now that leather is rare, she wears them half way to her knees.

Let us be just to the woman of Europe. She has shown the same heroism and readiness to serve as man. She has risen to the occasion most admirably and has developed her powers in every direction. The only thing that remains unchanged is her coquetry. Catastrophes can change feelings, but they have no influence on clothes. Pretty finery continues to be purchased, even though with a feeling of more or less guilt.

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 appears on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger.

Just as the future bride usually entertains her bridesmaids at luncheon before the wedding, so it is customary for the bridegroom to give a dinner to his best man and ushers; and this is invariably a stag party. On the other hand, custom at the ushers' dinner is to drink the health of the bride standing, and to break the glass afterward (that it may not be used again for a less worthy purpose).

The bridegroom usually presents his ushers with the gifts he has provided for them, generally the ties they are to wear at the wedding, which are accompanied by a scarfpin, shirt studs, cuff links or some such article. Of course, the bride's luncheon and the bridegroom's dinner are by no means necessary adjuncts to a wedding, neither is it necessary for them to give these individual presents, so if expenses are to be cut down these extra affairs may be omitted.

Introductions. Dear Deborah Rush—Please tell me if there is a better form of introducing a person than that you are glad to have met them; or is this form all right? How can I overcome self-consciousness? UNKNOWN.

I do not know of a better expression than to say in a sincere tone, "I am so glad to have met you." A set phrase such as "Pleased to meet you" is very ordinary and never to be used. As to overcoming self-consciousness I am afraid you are the only one who can cure yourself. As about the only cure I know of is to forget oneself and think of others, and for one who suffers from self-consciousness this is very difficult. Strong will power is the one and only cure.

Bride Gets Wedding Presents. Dear Deborah Rush—A man I know is going to be married and I want to send him a present. A. says I should send it to the bride, and B. that I should send it to the man, and I do not know the bride. Will you kindly settle the matter for me? CHARLEY.

A present. It would be very bad form to send the present to the man; it should

be addressed to the bride. It is an understood thing that the presents are meant for both, but the bride is always the proper one to whom they should be addressed, whether she is known personally to you or not.

It is, of course, all right to send a personal present to the bridegroom, but the wedding present should be sent to the bride.

Wedding Attendants. Dear Deborah Rush—Is it not true that the bridesmaid at a wedding should all be unmarried, and the ushers also? J. K. D.

According to old customs and the usual idea about wedding attendants, they should be unmarried, but of late this rule has not been adhered to at all and most of the wedding parties include both married men and women.

Evening Dress in Mourning. Dear Deborah Rush—Should a man wear a black vest and tie with evening dress when he is in mourning? J. K. D.

No, whether in mourning or not, a white tie and vest are always worn with a dress suit. A black tie and vest are only worn with dinner coats.

DEBORAH RUSH.

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Fragrance. In early spring, one day, I strolled about a garden's ample bowels, and soon beyond the cultivated space a few discarded plants I found. Now, why should these, I thought, be so white yet some life perchance they had. And then a shivered spot I noted. And planted all in softened mold. The morrow came, and from that time my steps to distant scenes were bent. And months had passed ere I returned. To where the early spring was spent. It was a sultry summer eve. And an oppressive, heated air. Seemed to weigh down my mind, which was troubled much with anxious care. But soon a zephyr breeze arose. And bore with it delicious balms. Which o'er my senses gently stole. Suggesting thoughts of peace and love. But where the fragrances? For I had been far from flowery terraces gay. I traced the source, and soon beheld. The plants which once deserted lay. The loved, familiar heliotrope; Geranium, too, with leaf so sweet. And such, fancy's vision, seemed. With tender grace myself to greet. So from an unremembered day. A fragrant recompense may rise. When from some heart a grateful plea. In prayer is waited to the skies. —Earl of Aberdeen



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