

BEING WOMAN A CAREER IN ITSELF, M'LISS WRITES

Many People, However, Are Imbued With the New Idea Which Is to Hold Wifehood and Maternity in Contemptuous Indifference

HEAR a lot of women nowadays talking about what they would like to be or what, given certain golden opportunities, they are going to be.

Furthermore, I see a great number of this type actually setting out to fulfill these intangible dreams. They're everywhere around town—women who neglect themselves and their homes, so that an ambition concerning a poor, pitiful little career can be nursed.

They live in Bohemia to prepare themselves for the day when they shall breathe the rarefied atmosphere of Mount Parnassus. In an endeavor to look interesting and become freaks or merely dowdy. Sometimes they marry, but the home is, of course, a secondary consideration, and as for their children—well, they just haven't any.

Some of these women make good. A few magazines and newspapers, a few art galleries know them for a day or a year or two and presto! they are forgotten. Few achieve any permanent renown.

The women who sacrifice the big, vital things of life, such as home and children, in order to court her are more to be pitied than scorned. In their blind endeavor to be something else than that which they are they lose sight of the fact that to be just a woman—a real, vital woman and not a hulk—is in itself a career which transcends in difficulty all other seemingly more starry flights.

In truth it is not an easy thing to be a successful woman. That is to say, a woman who has a genius but not an

obsession for domesticity; whose home runs as smoothly as a well-regulated business office, but with a precision of system that is less obvious; who is neither a patient Griselda nor a shrill Katharine; whose mental development, instead of being arrested at the altar, receives the fresh impetus of a larger and more complete experience.

It always makes me rather peevish to hear women whine out the wish that they had been born men.

"Then," they declare, "we could do things, things big and real that count." Nonsense; there are no big real things that men are capable of which women likewise are not capable of, and it is exceedingly tiring to hear people talking of doing other people's work when they have shown themselves to be inefficient in the performance of that which is peculiarly their own.

I do not wish to go on record for a restriction of woman's field. I believe in individualism and every woman has a right to do what she will with her life. If she prefers being a hodgekier, an aviator or a sculptor to being a wife and mother, very well and good; but what I do object to is the superior regard she has for her puny little career and the contempt in which she holds domesticity and maternity.

A novel that I read recently concluded with several women bemoaning their fates. Said one of them:

"Well, I suppose while there's life there's hope."

"Yes," another replied, "hope even for wives."

These were the remarks of married women, it so happens, but their attitudes are similar to those assumed by every successful unmarried business woman I have ever met.

The assumption is that being a successful wife and mother is within the capacity of every woman; that she can be that when she cannot be anything else. Look around at the failures and draw your own conclusions.

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—I have tried various cuts, both lamb and beef and there is nearly a quarter cent waste on everything I can get. At the present price of meat this is a serious question, as the purchasing power of a dollar is much reduced, and income does not increase.

Where I live they charge 22 cents per pound for most of the cuts, and 18 cents for the rest, with the bone, so that the higher priced cuts are much cheaper than they have been.

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HEALTH OF STORE EMPLOYEES AND HOW TO CONSERVE IT

By WILLIAM A. EVANS, M. D.

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if submitted in this column, will be answered in this column.

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A better plan would be an entrance examination that would select employees for certain jobs, keep employees from jobs in which they must fail to make good and prescribe a probationary period for those who, though not in good physical condition, could get into condition by right living.

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value for the money spent and each way appears dearer than the other—if that is possible.

For a stamped self-addressed envelope I shall be glad to tell you where you can get a pamphlet on the economical use of meat.

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SEEN IN THE SHOPS



PRACTICAL SUMMER SUIT

ONE of the shops is offering a very good value in a little boy's suit ranging in sizes from two to six years for \$1. It is a Norfolk-middy model, of white linen, with collar and cuffs of contrasting colored chambray in tan, navy or green.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 403 Chestnut street.

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

Two Copies Offered Please extend to Mrs. D my sincere thanks for her kindness in sending me the words of the song "As We Forget When We're Young."

We are pleasing ourselves and, we are assured, our readers also, by giving an "echo" or two from the hills and vales overpast in the last month.

To Add to Collection Permit me to thank the Corner for the lovely stamps sent to me. These I received from R. E. consisted of over a hundred.

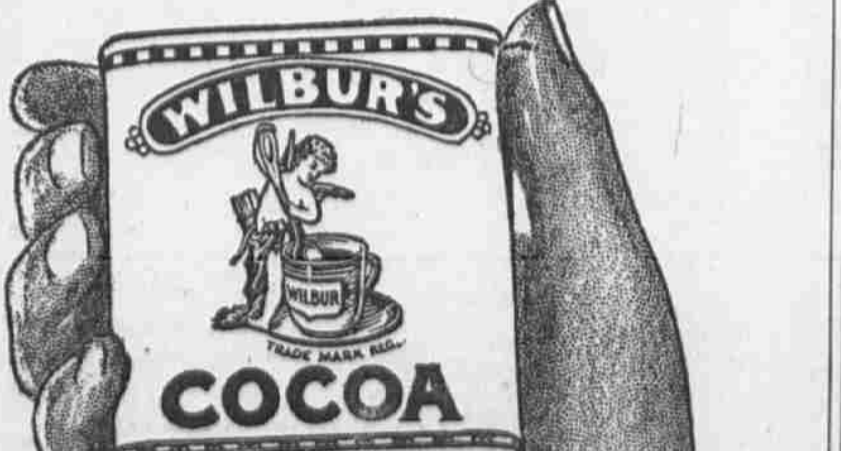
More Cheer for Sick Kindly send me the address of the correspondent who signs himself W. P. I believe I can help him in the matter.

Have You Seen Them? Dropped stockings are in vogue. The droptitching is arranged in even rows or in groups up the front of the leg from the instep, and is well displayed by a low pump or a dancing slipper.

No Soggy Doughnuts A bit of vinegar added to doughnut fat will prevent the doughnuts from soaking fat when they are cooked. Try it.

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GOOD FORM

Good form queries should be addressed to Deborah Rush, writes on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request.

A letter asking about the proper serving of dinner is answered in the lead today. The custom of serving soup and various other things which are eaten at dinner at the table has long since been done away with.

It seems to me that several books would be a nice present to take her. If you do not know her tastes sufficiently well to take them with you, why not wait and give her the present when leaving? Not having seen her since she was two years old can give you no idea whatever of what might be a suitable present.

How Ask an Escort Dear Deborah Rush—I received an invitation to a party and I would like to bring an escort. I would like to know what to write to him when I call on him.

Scouring Greasy Pans The greasy part of the frying pan is always distasteful, and the housekeeper who has to remove this grease daily would do well to learn an easy and comparatively clean way to do it.

Little Ways to Save Little economies make a great difference in the family income. For instance, saving apple parings—you can get enough from two apple pies to make a glass of jelly.

A Memory Four ducks on a pond. A grass bank beyond. A blue sky of spring. White clouds on the wing.

Ashamed of her bad complexion If you, too, are embarrassed by a pimply, blotchy, unsightly complexion, try Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment regularly for a week and see if they do not begin to make a blessed difference in your skin.

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