

SHOULD WOMEN BE PAID FULL WORTH? M'LISS ASKS

An Adequate Pay Envelope Encourages Neglect of Race, Anti-Feminist Critic Asserts

If an employer pays a woman worker an amount of money equal to that which he pays a man, providing the work of the two comes up to the same standard, is he being fair to her, or is he in reality doing her harm?

Out of every 100 women to whom this question is put, I'll wager there won't be one who will not answer that he is merely doing the right thing; that he is conforming only to a just demand that women have been making of him for years gone by—giving her equal pay for equal services.

Comes now Mr. John Martin, an eminent educator, who uses the Survey as a mouthpiece for a doctrine that is characterized to make feminists the world over howl with rage.

In direct opposition to the feminist motto, which is that "every employment should be open to women," Mr. Martin declares that no employment should be open to women unless it is proved to be absolutely noninjurious to her and the future race.

Instead of being the boon to womanhood that the feminists declare themselves, this brave man asserts that they and their principles exert a pernicious influence by ignoring physical difference between women and men which should not and cannot be ignored.

"Potential motherhood," he writes, "is woman's prime social value, of higher worth to her and to the nation than any quantity of cotton she can spin, or ledgers she can balance or ribbons she can sell across the counter."

"To the maintenance of her power for healthy, happy motherhood every other factor in her life must be subordinate. Law and custom should distinguish, with eternal vigilance, in matters industrial between man's place and woman's place."

"A man may be terribly overworked without affecting his power for maternity. He may toil for 23 hours and yet be about the father of a healthy child in the 24th hour. He may stand the live-long day at a machine and subsist on black bread and water, and still beget vigorous babies."

"But a woman who similarly stands all the long day before an unwearied machine cannot bring forth healthy offspring. She has sold something which her wages have not paid for, never could pay for—the life and vigor of the next generation."

It is Mr. Martin's contention that men should be paid more than women for the work they do because, he argues, a man's wage is a family wage, whereas a woman's is, in the majority of cases, merely an individual's.

There are four ages of women, according to this antifeminist—the years before marriage and the three stages of married life, those before and after the children come, and the later years of maturity beyond the child-bearing age.

High salaries for women in the early years of their lives, he further contends, discourages matrimony and maternity. To pay a woman what she is worth before she is 45 is tempting her into spinsterhood.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



USEFUL TOPCOAT
This is a timely suggestion for the traveler, whether she proceeds by land or sea—by rail, motor or boat—in the way of a topcoat. It is made on plain, smart lines, with deep revers, half-belted back and slanting pockets.

THE WOMAN WHO SEWS

Readers who desire help with their dress problems will address communications to the Women's Page, care of the Editor of the Evening Ledger, care of the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street.

Was there ever such a season for ribbons? No matter what the article of feminine apparel, no matter how tight, the place in which the dressmaker finds herself, a band or a bow of smart ribbon solves the question.

I have even seen ribbon fringe! It's all made of narrow ribbon, sewed closely together just like fringe, with a narrow picot edge. And that isn't all. Modistes are ingenious creatures—if they run short of material nowadays they just set broad bands of tawny ribbon together and make a new fabric.

Most of the remedies for removing grease from articles call for lemon, which will fade the color of your blouse. You can try this, however: Get a half pint of pure alcohol, or enough to cover the spot well. Be sure that it is quite clean, then soak the stiff

Model Klitchen
It seldom pays to buy an inferior grade of cooking utensils. The kind that last a lifetime are the most economical in the end. In general, a good reliable quality of gray granite ware is best for vessels in which liquids are to be kept for a long time; aluminum ware for the cooking vessels and vessels that have to be carried or lifted a great deal—for aluminum is both light and bright—and good iron, and tin for the others make about the most serviceable equipment. The kitchen table will stand many years of hard wear if it is covered with zinc.

China Tips
In buying a china set for a wedding present or for use in the new home is a very foolish thing to buy a broken set because the price is reduced. A standard pattern from a reliable manufacturer is best for when—not if—the pieces are broken they can be replaced. The conventional blue and white for breakfasts, and gold and silver for dinners, are always in style, and may be as reasonable or as expensive as you wish to buy.

Your Kitchen Walls
Light tan or gray is the best color for the kitchen wall. The reason is that the white walls, though very attractive and clean, require too much care. There are a few shades of gray and blue available

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and a letter, signed by the writer, giving the name, address and occupation of the person to whom the article in which you are interested, appears in this column.

Reading Matter to Give
I wish to tell you I have two of the bestest correspondents through your Corner. We help them in their work, and we are glad to see them in your Corner.

Lessons in Exchange
This is my first letter to the Corner and perhaps may be of help to some one besides myself. I am a girl, and I have a great deal to say.

Books of Any Kind
I am a girl of 15 years of age and fond of reading. I would be thankful for books of any kind, and I would be glad to exchange with you.

Tried Hard to Get a 'Cello
I do feel I am asking too much, but take the liberty to write you, and I would be glad to trade. I have tried hard to get a cello, but I have not been successful.

Acknowledging a Gift
Please pardon my delay in acknowledging the precious gift you sent me. I am so glad that you should have thought of me.

Conventional Colors Pay
When you choose a frock—if you are a business girl and want to get something that will serve you both evening and day-time, if there is such a creation—remember that nature's colors are made that way so that man will never tire of them, and you will not.

Shopping Hints
It is not a good idea to plan too much shopping for one trip. By the end of the trip the shopper is so tired out and so cross that she does something that she takes an immediate dislike to when she gets it home.

Potato Peelings Are Useful
Did you ever think there is a use for potato peelings? There is, and the reason that it isn't known is that most American housewives are too wasteful to bother to save peelings.

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Received Box of Pieces
I received a box of quilt patches from D. D. H. through your Corner, for which I thank you much. I am also sending you a letter, signed by me, giving the name, address and occupation of the person to whom the article in which you are interested, appears in this column.

Formula Wanted
About two weeks ago on the page near your Corner, was a recipe for "Biting cracks in food boxes. Will you kindly return the formula?"

Johnny Cake and Filling
Here is my pet Johnny cake recipe: One well beaten egg, one cup of sugar, one cup of melted lard, one cup of sweet milk, one cup of sour milk, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of soda dissolved in a little hot water.

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