

HOUSEHOLD TIPS FEMININE PATRIOTISM DISCUSSED GOOD FORM—READERS' LETTERS

WOMEN OF THE NATION ARE WABBLING, SAYS M'LISS

Fighting Their Instincts, Which Are Opposed to Sending Men to the Battlefield to Be Killed

"YESTERDAY," said a man in the subway, "my wife did me because I expressed jubilation at the fact that the country was finally showing signs of not being too proud to fight."

"All men love adventure better than they do their wives and children," she told me. "They delude themselves into thinking it's patriotism; but it's really the spirit of the chase and the lust for blood which actuated the primitive man, and which centuries of civilization have not succeeded in killing. You're simply dying for that sort of a trance!"

"I didn't say anything and she translated my silence into acquiescence with her views. This morning on awakening she told me that she'd been pondering on our talk of yesterday and that I—, mind you, who had not uttered a word—had the wrong idea, and that she would be very much ashamed of me if all the other able-bodied men of the country went marching into Mexico and I lingered behind—a coward!"

"Can you beat it?" I think the same sort of situation as this man humorously described exists in almost every household today. The women, it cannot be denied, are wabbling. They are torn between their desire to take what the world regards as the high, unselfish attitude (the stories of the sacrifices made amply by the French and German mothers still ringing in their ears) and their desire to hold back their husbands and sons.

War has always been the bete noir of women. They are the great conservers of the race, and since they have been accused—and rightly, too—of looking at everything through spectacles marked "personal," they haven't the breadth of vision to see that war is often imperative for conservation, paradoxical as it may seem.

With the men of the country banding about such frightful words as "enlistment," "bloodshed" and "war," the women are breathless with fear and indecision. It doesn't matter that it is only Mexico, it country looked upon by the minds of many as easy meat for Uncle Sam. The woman war is war, and though only one man out of every thousand may be killed or wounded, it is the woman nature to imagine that that man will be her man.

One of the most interesting letters in my mailbox this morning is from one of these women who are trying to make up their minds now as to be able to take the right attitude should a crisis come.

My dear M'LISS, it reads, I turn to you in my hour of stress for advice. To whom does a man owe his first duty—to his wife and family or to his country? My good husband says he feels it his duty to respond should President Wilson call for volunteers. I told him he should feel that he should protect his family by staying at home. He answered that only by protecting his country could he safeguard his home and family, and that he felt that in time of stress the nation should come first, because the men of a nation who did not spring to arms at its call had no cause to complain if invaders violate the homes.

We decided to ask your advice on this matter and to abide by your decision as to whether my husband should enlist or not. The same terrible situation confronts other wives. I know.

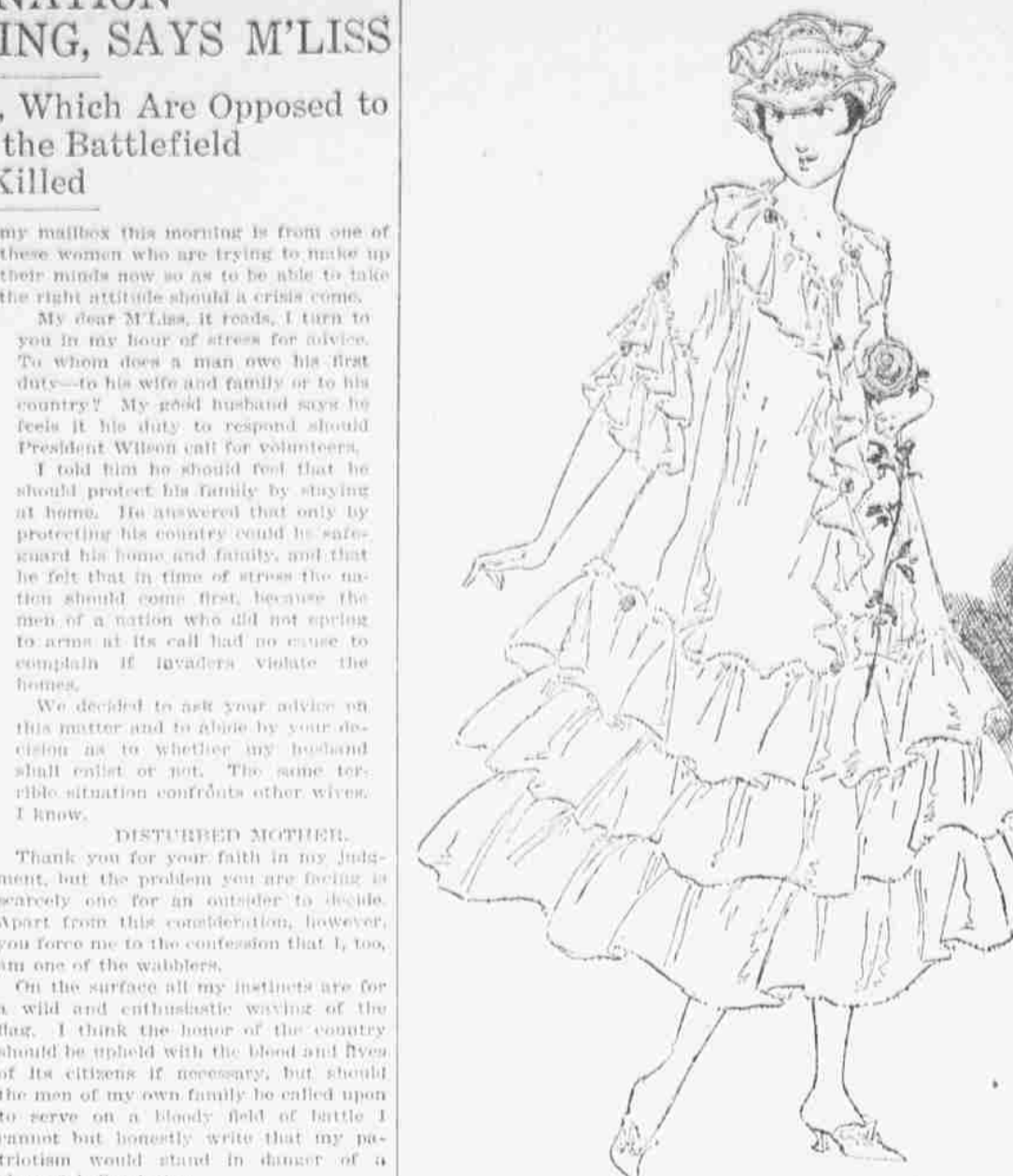
Thank you for your faith in my judgment, but the problem you are facing is scarcely one for an outsider to decide. Apart from this consideration, however, you force me to the confession that I, too, am one of the wabblers.

On the surface all my instincts are for a wild and enthusiastic warlike of the flag. I think the honor of the country should be upheld with the blood and lives of its citizens if necessary, but should the men of my own family be called upon to serve on a bloody field of battle I cannot but honestly write that my patriotism would stand in danger of a shameful dissolution.

By all recognized standards your husband's attitude is the right one. I should have no unnecessary qualms at this time, though, surely there will be hundreds of thousands of unmarried men ready to rally to the country's need. Doubtless there will be trouble holding them all back. So far as one can judge, almost every man is changing his mind in one way or another—some through motives of patriotism beyond the shadow of a doubt, but quite as many, I am sure, because the call of the wild is upon them.

M'LISS.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



NEGLIGEE SPECIALLY PRICED. GEORGETTE crepe is used for this filmy, flilly negligee, which is built over a self-colored crepe de chine foundation. It is made on cut lines, hence called a coat model. The neck is finished with a fluted effect, which continues down the front in cascades till it reaches the top button, where it stops. Self-colored ribbon crosses along the pointed sleeve, falls the flimsy, cascades and top button. This model, which is very specially priced, being a duplicate of one which sold for much more, comes in flesh, peach, lavender, eel and white at \$15.20.

The quaint bonnet cap features ruffle under, all of which are cut circular and bound with satin. Double widths of French flowers complete the cap. White silk net, which is used for the cap, is finished with different colored satins, flesh, eel and maize. Price, \$2.95.

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.

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 will appear in Wednesday's and Friday's Evening Ledger.

THE proper setting of the home luncheon table is a problem sometimes, but in these days when simplicity holds sway it should not be a problem at all. A cloth is seldom used at luncheon unless it is a fancy one which comes embroidered or stenciled for the purpose. The prettiest lunch table is laid without a cloth. A centerpiece of linen or lace is used and flowers or a plant in the center. A place-dolly is placed in the center. A place-dolly should be used under the glasses. Cups and saucers are placed before the hostess who serves the tea or chocolate which is taken at luncheon with the main course. A fork or two forks as the courses may exact is placed at the left of the plate with a bread and butter plate just above the tip of the fork and the knife and butter knife and teaspoon are placed on the right side with the tumbler just above them. Dishes are used for luncheon, the larger tapers always being laid for dinner.

Kiss the Bride? Dear Deborah Rush: Is it proper for the groom, upon guests especially, to kiss the bride on the wedding reception? What about the kissing the bride? It is not proper unless the man be a very old and intimate friend and should ask permission first, at any rate. Because men and wives are acting as attendants at a wedding ceremony, there is no reason to be familiar, therefore, my dear Jim, I am sorry for your sake to have to say it may not be.

Marriage After Parents' Death. Dear Deborah Rush: My father died two months ago, and I had intended to be married long ago. I have been waiting for my father's death to be long enough for me to marry. It would not do to have a large wedding, but if you had decided on this time, there is no reason why you should not be married and have your family and very intimate friends present. A large reception would be in very bad taste.

Indignant at M. S. S. R. Dear Deborah Rush: I am a girl who wears long hair, and I am very fond of it. I am very indignant at M. S. S. R. for their attitude toward women who wear long hair. I am a working girl, and I am very proud of my hair. I am very indignant at M. S. S. R. for their attitude toward women who wear long hair.

Widow's Wedding Gown. Dear Deborah Rush: Will you tell me what to wear for a wedding gown? I am a widow, and I am very fond of my hair. I am very indignant at M. S. S. R. for their attitude toward women who wear long hair.

Removal Sale. BIG REDUCTION—NOW ON! On or About July 1st We Shall Remove to 1612 Chestnut Street to larger quarters. We are offering real values in shopworn goods, discontinued lines, etc., at approximately one-third to one-half of before-the-war prices.

J. Franklin Miller. 1626 Chestnut St. "The House Furnishing Store"

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should be sent to the Editor of the Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. The Editor will be glad to receive and to publish in this column any letters, articles, or suggestions that may be of interest to our readers. Communications should be signed with the true name, and should be addressed to the Editor of the Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Proved a Real Blessing. I thank you for putting me in touch with Mrs. N. who expressed interest in my condition. I have been in a very bad condition for some time, and I am very glad to hear that you are well. I am very glad to hear that you are well.

Desires to Learn Photography. We herewith for the letter which follows express our interest in your desire to learn photography. It is a very interesting and useful art, and we are glad to hear that you are interested in it. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

Asks Clothes for Children. Many thanks for the address of a woman who would be glad to donate clothes for children. I am very glad to hear that you are interested in helping children. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

Making Keepsake Quilt. I should like to please you with the name of a quilt which I have made for you. It is a very beautiful quilt, and I am very glad to hear that you are interested in it. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

Must Sleep in a Tent. I have written you about my tent, and I am very glad to hear that you are interested in it. It is a very beautiful tent, and I am very glad to hear that you are interested in it. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

Needs Crib for Baby. I have written you about my baby, and I am very glad to hear that you are interested in it. It is a very beautiful baby, and I am very glad to hear that you are interested in it. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

Mend Wall Cracks. Cracks in the wall are very ugly, and they are very dangerous. They should be mended as soon as possible. I am very glad to hear that you are interested in mending wall cracks. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

The Sensible Way to Get Summer Hot Water. Have this heater in your basement. It gives you all the hot water you need—quickly—burns a bucket of coal a day and makes hot, uncomfortable kitchen unnecessary. Keeps the dampness out of the cellar—costs little to install.

MANDO. Removes Superfluous Hair From or Under the Arms. Fashion and good taste demand that the underarm must be as smooth as the face.

GEORGE ALLEN, Inc. 1214—Chestnut—1214. FOR THIS WEEK WE OFFER A Charming New Collection of Sheer, Dressy Hats in White, Pink or Black. These models are entirely our own original ideas and the women of Philadelphia have been loud in their praise of them.

Clear-Out Sale Silks. Today we commence a Big Value-Giving Sale of this season's choice Silks. Striped and Check Taffetas and Louisines, 36 inches wide, values to \$2.00 a yard. \$1.00 yard Sale Price. Chiffon Taffetas, 36 inches wide, \$1.25 yard Special.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB. It doesn't do to work too hard—So soon we hear the final call. When I consider that I think it doesn't do to work at all.

Instead of Ice. If you run out of ice unexpectedly, and the weather is very warm, soak some bricks in water; place them on the kitchen floor, and put the butter, eggs, etc., on top of them. This will keep articles of food cool for some time.

Economical Cooking. When you cook fish, meat or vegetables remember this: The flavor is best preserved by steaming or roasting. Simple boiling is more economical, as it does not require so much fuel. It is a good thing to know, but steaming is the easiest and cheapest method for summer food, because several articles may be steamed over a burner on which something else is cooking.

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