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PROMISCUOUS GIFT GIVING DISCOURAGED BY M'LISS

People Who Send Out Wedding Announcements With Expectation of Reaping a Harvest Usually Get What They Deserve

WHEN the morning's mail brings to | you an epistle of a texture of stationery and size indicative of a hymeneal call within, do you murmur sentimentally (or cattily, perhaps), "Well, here's Mary's wedding invitation; she's got Tom at last"? or do you, perhaps heave a portentous sigh and break gently the news to your spouse, who, intrenched behind the matutinal news, little recks what is in store for him:

"John, you'll have to leave me \$5 today. The Jordans' Annie is going to be

Regardless of the manner in which you pass the information along to John, he has but one way of receiving it, that of consigning the Jordans' Annie and all young lovers to a region of burning intensity and of handing out the five. He is a slave to tradition's demand on that score, and even though the Jordans offering at his own wedding was a pseudosilver instrument of intricate design that closely resembled a surgeon's scalpel, he passes out a day's pay so that his prestige, as he imagines it, in the community may be upheld.

I have always intended having a word on the subject of reluctant wedding-gift being called "home." givers, and the following letter, requesting me to discuss the subject before the season of the June brides is over, "precipitates the crisis," as the war reporters

Dear M'Liss-Again and again I have heard it remarked that the sending of wedding announcements was a cheap way of receiving gifts. Personally, I think it a neat way of advising your friends that you are married, and letting them know you would be glad to have them call on you in your new home by inclosing "at-home" cards.

It never occurred to me that the receipt of one should be acknowledged by a gift, although usually a very good friend would feel that they wanted to send something, but nine out of ten persons with whom I have discussed this subject seem to consider it a breach of etiquette not to send a gift upon receipt of the announcement.

I do not think many a well-meaning bride would go to this expense and trouble if she thought her frience did not look at it in the same way she did, and if I am right in concluding that they do not obligate the recipient in any way, except to call on the couple, won't you please publish an article on the subject? It will settle an argument that I have longed to be set right on.

A CRANK. In the vernacular of conventional folk the wedding announcement "calls for a gift," I suppose, but few of them doubt less would have been chosen had the re uplent anything to do with the purchas

The sender of wedding announcements who mails them broadcast, not to make known to her friends the fact that at such and such a date in such and such a church she is to take unto herself a husband, but merely in the expectation of receiving a gift for each announce ment, deserves exactly what she gets.

And it's usually such a conglomerate aggregation of gilt-framed oleaginous landscapes, ornate silverware that has not even the merit of being useful, vases of Gothic architecture and chairs that were made for anything else but to sit on, that her home, before it is established loses all chance of ever being fit to live in and all claim to the worthiness of

But if the curse of universal weddinggift giving has settled upon the land, yet another, and one that threatens our independence and our exchequer, has visited us. It is the now established custom of presenting "showers" to prospective brides. We are bidden to kitchen showers, lingerie showers, linen showers and what-not showers.

"After me the deluge," said Louis XV. "Before my marriage, showers, if you please," is the tenor of the fiancee's engagement anouncements.

Let us be firm. The time has come for it. Let us resolve to regard wedding announcements as merely harbingers of news, not as subtle hints that a gift is expected in acknowledgment, and when we ourselves get married let us send announcements to those friends only who will understand our intention. Let us discourage the custom of promiscuous gift-giving. But should our own wedding announcements be misconstrued and gifts result that would make the new home nest seem like a trading stamp parlor, let us without sentiment or conscience qualms perpetrate their speedy destruction. This way only does salvation lie.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page Address all communications to M'Lias, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

R. S. V. P. "stands for" the French
phrase "Repondez s'il vous plait" (reply, if
you please).

Four first query will be answered by the
Fash on Expert in tomorrow's issue.
I am a woman and glad of it.
I am young enough not to mind telling
my age, and old enough to realize the indis-

Dear M'Llas—Will you please advise me what is suitable to wear on a train trip to Burfalo? Also is it true that you are a man and not a comman as your name susgests? How old are you'? You write so like a man. Is it permissible

Concerning German Silver

Will you please tell me what is German silver?
My chum and I disagree with regard to it. I contend that it takes the name from having been imported from Germany at first, and that it is really silver, but of inferior quality. He says it is little better than nickel, being a base mixture of metals. Which of us is right, and how did it get the name?

T. J. K.

I do not know how it got the name of German silver. Perhaps readers may tell us. It is a mixture of nickel, copper and gine, with no silver in the alloy. It is harder than silver and, if kept clean, resembles it in general appearance, but with a grayer tinge. If skiffully wrought, it is not a bad imitation of silver. As a domestic utensil, it has the disadvantage of corroding and discoloring readily when dipped into acids. For table use it is highly objectionable on this account which brings to my mind a wise saying of my sensible mother anent the imitation: "The true gentlewoman never fears to be kind and polite to inferiors of whatever rank. It is qute safe to stir pickles with a sterling silver spoon. But keep German silver out of vinegar." Readers may guess the application of the figure.

A Man Named Fitz

I will be grateful if you can tell me whether or not there is or was a man by the name of Frank W. Firs, and for what was he goted.

"Fitr." as a prenomen, meaning "the son of," is a common name, although few who bear it ever think of the significance. I have never heard of the person you name. Readers may be wiser. He may have been a local celebrity.

British Plain Toffee

In reply to a request for homemade candles wenture to contribute one from my store of trustworthy formales, called British plain toffice. One hound of last sugar, one plach of ream of tarter, one gill of water, flavoring to taste. Place the sugar and water in a pan and sir occasionally until mellat. When it begins to bell put the lid on the pan and let it boil thus for three minutes. Then bell uputil is little tried in cold water breaks off crisp and share. Four the toffice while still warm upon well-buttered that Mark with a mile and break up while cold. H. E. F.

We promised several days ago to treat readers to this recipe. It is worth waiting

Dear M'Liss—Please tell me the meaning of STELLA.

S. V. P. in reception invitation as soon as affair?

STELLA.

Your first query will be answered by the Your first query will be answered by the

> retion of so doing.
> There is nothing that I so enjoy as adising people-particularly about their love

big round graters and it takes me half an hour to half clean it after using.

Perhaps your lemons are of abnormal size. Half the grated yellow rind of a medium-sized lemon would not be in even teaspoonful. Discard the thicker white lining. I suspect you have grated down to the pulp. Scald the grater well and scrub with a wire brush, if you can get one. If not, use a four-pronged fork to scrape out the soaked particles of yellow rind. The vigor of your language testifies sadly to the unfitness of man to be alone—in the kitchen. You have the best wishes of the Corner for the success of your culinary experiments. We are right proud to learn that you accept our recipes as guides. Let us hear further of your progress in the "baching it" experiment. A President of the United States once spoke of the life to me as "bachelor halling." Both are manufactured terms. Both express heroism of a rare order.

Carrot Marmalade

Will you kindly send me a recipe for carrot marmalade? M. R. P.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS

PETTICOAT WITH HOOPS

As THE afternoon and evening gowns threaten to increase in width rather than decrease, we have now the hooped pettleoat, which sets them off to good advantage. This one of net, which fits snugly around the waist, has two hoops; the first one. Well above the knees and run through the heading of the flounce, is smaller than the one

which distends the edge of the skirt.

The hoops are made of reed, which is both flexible and rustless—points worth noting.

The flounce, which has a gathered heading, is finished with two graduated tucks and a ruffle. Numerous satin bows adorn it. The petticoat is priced at \$4.95 and comes in

Washable satin is used for this brassiere, which has its double top outlined by walls of Troy finished with hemstitching. Satin ribbon is used for the shoulder straps and rosettes. It comes in flesh, white and white with flesh trimning. Price, \$1.50.

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.

A Saving "Stunt"

Here's a recreation for the kiddles that Here's a recreation for the Riddies that will save you many pennies next winter. Place a pile of newspapers in a tub, filling the receptacle about half full, weighing the papers down with a large stone. Then pour in water until it is filled to the brim, and leave for three days. When you look again you will find the papers quite pulpy. Now the youngsters can pour off the water and make the paper into solid, compact balls, about the size of a snowball. Leave these on the ground in the sun, and they will dry in a solid form, like wood. They may be easily burned in the fireplace, or in the coal stove, giving intense heat, and leaving

Oilless Salad

Here is a good salad dressing that does Harland should inclose a stamped, selfaddressed envelope and a ellipsing of the
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the Marlon Harla Here is a good salad dressing that does not require any oil: Put 5 tablespoonfuls of vinegar and a small plece of butter in the double-boiler and boil for 5 minutes. Mix dry 3 tenspoonfuls of sugar, 1 of salt, 1 of flour, ½ of mustard and ¼ of pepper. Beat into the mixture an egg, add a cup of milk (evaporated is best) and turn into the vinegar. Cook until thick and beat with an egg-beater just before setting away



Young people need clear complexions If you find yourself "left out"

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marmalade? A couple of years back we little such a recipe, but we have not a copy of it. As I recall it, it bore a humiliating resemblance to the Frenchman's famous "pebble soup." But we shall be happy to be converted to the belief that palatable marmalade may be based upon carrots. Who will be first to undertake the work? Frozen Salt Water Is it true that sea water freeces fresh, that it parts with all the bring tasto? Then why not utilize floating leebergs when the lee crop falls? A. T. A. T. Salt water loses four-fifths of the saline properties in freezing. At least so say scientific men. It remains salty enough to spoil it as a compensation for the failure of



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What is the best way to serve a formal supper at a dance in a private house? The very best way, if there is room, is to seat the guests at small tables in a room near the bailroom. In fact, if a sufficient corps of attendants can be provided, tables may be very quickly placed in the bailrooms even and taken away again after the supper has been served. Candles and flowers are usually employed for decoration, and the supper in this case should be served in courses by waiters. Of course, if there is not room enough a buffet supper would be in perfectly good form. At a buffet supper the men guests usually assist in serving the women, but, of course, a number of waiters are needed.

Dear Debords Rush. Please tell me whether or it is right in a conversation on etiquette. A seets three girls in a moving-picture house and, feer talking with them. It became fate and the ris started for home. Was it proper for A to emain seated and say good night, or should be ave gone out with them?

Dear Deborah Rush: Will you kindly give me a few musnestions as to wint would be an anpropriate birthday gift to district on a girl and 17, whom I have known about six months? I should like something that is not too formal and does not cost more than 5. W. R.

More on Street Car Etiquette

Dear Deborah Rush: I agree with M. S. S. R. that a workingman should not be obliked to offer his seat to a woman when returning from work at night on a street car. We set just as tired as the girls do, and they are always given a chance to rest during the day. I see "Working Girl" calls him a whipper-snapper of a boy; I wonder what she will think of me? I am 32 years old, and I heartily agree with him. Like

him. I would like to hear from other persons of the subject in your column. EL. RIDER.

Neither a nor b are correct any more

If You Love-Flowers You Should Know The Century Flower Shop 12th Below Chestnut St.



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You do not tell me what B argues, to cannot say which is right, but as the girls came by themselves and there was no arrangement to meet them, there was cer-tainly no necessity to leave with them. Of course A should have risen when they got in and resumed his seat after they left the aisle. It would have been polite to offer to take them home if the show was ver, but there was no obligation to do so.

Appropriate Gift

There are very few things that a man can give a girl unless she is his flances. A handsome book or two could be pur-chased within your limit of \$5. Of course, flowers or candy are always appropriate, but as they do not last, a book is always a splendid gift.

What about the factory girls who have only three-quarters of an hour to eat and rest in from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m.?

Question of Degrees

Dear Deborgh Rush; Is it correct to address ersons as per the following;

(a) Mr. John B. James, M. D.

(b) Mr. Samuel T. Smith, Esq.

(c) Mr. J. B. Johnson, I.L. D.

(d) Mr. L. O. Olis, Merchant,

(f) Mr. P. M. Masters, Physician.

(f) Mr. C. O. Dunn, Lawyer,

(g) Mr. L. Y. Goff, Commissioner.

If (a) and (b) are incorrect, why are not the there also?

than the other names cited. If degrees such as M. D. LL.D., B. A., M. A. and



Tasty Sandwich Filling

Here's a new filling for sandwiches: A half-pound of plain cheese, a half can of plmento peppers, olives and ketchup, as onlon, salt and paprika. Put through the

meat grinder and mix well with two table-spoonfuls of butter, melted. Cut the bread round by stamping each slice with a bis-cuit cutter. Put the mixture over the rounds and brown in the oven before serv-

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When the Kiddies Play

Now is the time when the kiddles run wild, more or less, because most schools have closed, and playtime is here. It is a good plan to get a small load of sand dumped in the back yard. Sand is clean and nice to play with and every youngster likes it. It keeps them off the streets, and in these days of heavy traffic this is a very in these days of heavy traffic this is a very good recommendation.

Inexpensive and Pretty

A cheap and effective bedspread for the mmer seashore cottage may be made of unbleached sheeting. Simply cut the sheet ing the required size and work a conven-tional design on it in mercerized cotton French knots. The sides may be finished with a cotton fringe. These launder beau

Removing Tarvia

This tar product that is put on the roads to keep them in good condition is all right for motorists, but when it gets on clothes it certainly causes have. One woman has made the interesting discovery that if the spots are properly saturated with turpentine, and rubbed well, the spots will come

In the Kitchen

Still they come—scientific, hygienic milk bottle openers. The latest model is two-fold in its usefulness, for, while it skims the cap off the bottle with great accuracy. it also skims the top of the milk-the cream

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB So many problems in the world I never knew about before. Since I've read Socialistic books DERORAH RUSH. see I ought to Worry More

Mexican Recipe

Mexican codfish doesn't sound very healthy just now, but it's realty an ideal luncheon dish. Cook a bit of chopped onlon until tender, in a quarter cupful of butter, stirring constantly. Add a cup of stewed tomatoes, pressed through a sieve, and a cup of shredded, freshened codfish. Season with paprika, cayenne and sait. Cook for ten minutes and serve on toasted bread.

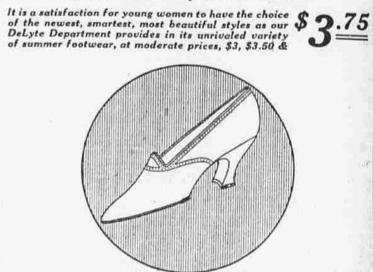


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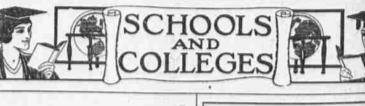


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