

WOMAN IN THE WORLD OF WORK—BEAUTY TALKS BY LUCREZIA BORI—FASHION SUGGESTIONS

IS GOSSIP EVER HARMLESS? SOME ONE USUALLY SUFFERS Women Who Ramble on for Sheer Love of It and Those Who Are Deliberate Trouble-Makers. The-Masculine Gossip Not Uncommon

THERE are two kinds of gossip—among women, at any rate—the woman who gossips for sheer love of expressing her opinions and the deliberate trouble-maker. I often wonder which is worse. The second one, of course, is malicious. Her gossip has a direct aim. But the first one often quite unconsciously causes many unhappy moments to her friends. Some one came to me the other day and told me of a disagreeable remark a mutual "friend" had made about me. She—to use an odious term—"meant well." She did not realize that she was hurting me. But an unkind remark always hurts. If it is true it goes right to the spot, and if it isn't true it is hurtful all the more because of the injustice. You are so helpless. You want to be loyal to the woman who was good enough to tell you of the other woman's catty remark—you cannot deliberately make trouble for her—yet the injustice of the thing is almost more than you can bear. How much happier we would all be if we could restrain that impulse to backbite and to repeat what "So-and-so" told us. How much better when So-and-so made the remark to tell her then and there just where she "got off." At least she would trouble you no further, but when next she went gossiping she would go to some other girl. But this is asking too much of the sex. And, by the way, while speaking of women as gossips, several days ago I had a letter from a champion of her sex, who said, "I enjoy reading your analyses of women, but why limit your criticisms to them? Are not men liable to the same petty weaknesses?"



A wintry hat, with rabbit's ears, frizzy white collar, muff and cuffs? No! They are only wristlets! But my, how catchily different! By all means! If I seem to harp on the weaknesses of femininity it is because this is a woman's page, devoted to the interests of woman, to her faults and follies. And as most of my readers are women it seems more in keeping to discuss their problems and shortcomings. And, then, too, being one, I am more fully cognizant of their faults, perhaps. But please don't imagine that many of the criticisms directed against women could not as readily apply to men. Gossip, for instance, is one of the prerogatives of the weaker sex. I have known so many men gossips that I have come to believe it a not uncommon trait. Anything from a suspected love affair of the office boy to the latest sensational scandal—they eat it alive!

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Letters and questions submitted to this department must be written on one side of the paper and signed with the name of the writer. Special queries like those given below are invited. It is understood that the editor does not necessarily endorse the sentiments expressed. All communications for this department should be addressed THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.

- THE WINNER OF TODAY'S PRIZE IS Miss Rose Friedman, of 6211 Woodstock street, Germantown, whose letter appeared in yesterday's paper. TODAY'S INQUIRIES 1. When hot liquid is poured into a glass receptacle the glass frequently cracks. How can this be prevented? 2. What are the relative values of milk and lean meat? 3. What emetic can be given in an emergency, such as accidental swallowing of poison?

- ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES 1. A piece of lime placed in the closet or in the shelf where preserves are kept will prevent them from molding. 2. A little sweet oil applied at once to painted or enameled surfaces on which too much alkali has been used will neutralize the effect of the alkali. 3. When the end of a fountain pen sticks when trying to unscrew it wind a rubber band several times tightly around the barrel of the pen nib, and as the elastic sticks tightly to the slippery surface the fingers can get a good grip.

Oatmeal Cookies To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Cookies made out of rolled oats are delicious. To two and one-quarter cups flour add two cups rolled oats. Make a little hole in the center of this and slowly add stirring all the time one cup butter, one cup sugar, two eggs, two tablespoons milk, two teaspoons baking powder and a pinch of salt. Mix thoroughly. Roll and bake. MRS. WILLIAM C.

Formal Supper Menu To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Will you give me a suggestion for a suitable supper menu? HOUSEKEEPER. For a formal supper a desirable menu would include oyster cocktails, stuffed olives, bouillon or cup of deviled crabs, broiled spring chicken, julienne potatoes, Waldorf salad, Roman punch and coffee. The supper without the bouillon or the crabs would be quite sufficient.

Fondant Will Not Melt To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—I have made fondant just as you instructed in your column, and it came out white and creamy. I had to melt it into liquid again in order to make different candies. I tried to dissolve it in hot water. MRS. HOUSEWIFE. I do not know just which recipe you used, but personally I have never tried melting it over a fire after it has been kneaded. If it is successfully made and packed away in a bowl, covered with a moistened cloth, it should remain soft and ready for use for twelve or fourteen hours.

Making Soup Stock To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Will you kindly tell me how to make a good stock? INDEPENDENT. If your family is small, as I imagine it is, you would not need such a large quantity. Get two pounds of beef marrow bones and have them cracked, three-quarters of a pound of lean beef and one-half pound of lean veal, an onion, a carrot, a turnip, four stalks of celery, a cabbage leaf and four quarts of cold water. Chop the beef and veal, then place, with all the other ingredients, in a large pot, cover with the water and set on the back of the stove, so that it will not come to a boil for almost an hour; then let it simmer, never boiling, for four hours. Remove from the stove, season to taste and set in a cool place until the following day. You will find a thick coat of fat has formed on top. Remove this, strain the soup being careful to press all the nourishment out of the meat, and the stock will be ready for use.

Why He Did Not Ask Again To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—I met a young man last summer who had a good clerk's position in a bank and he was very nice. We had splendid food and he spent a good deal of money, letting me choose the refreshments and seeming to want me to have a good time, but he has never asked me since. I am wondering if he is in the bank. Do you think I can do to win him back? Do you think he spent too much that summer? SARA. I do not think it likely you can win the young man back if you expect him, as a clerk, to spend his entire salary in food alone. You are a very foolish girl if you do not realize that, no matter how generous a man may be at heart and what money he has, there are very few who could stand such a drain on the pocketbook as you describe. A girl should always consider the circumstances of the person with whom she is, and if asked her preference at a cafe, as is usual, should put some limit to her orders. An oyster or crab cocktail, except any man to order for a late supper. I am afraid, my dear Sara, unless you have unlimited means yourself, it will take a heavy man in money one with such expenses to seem to have a maid of honor or bridesmaid at a house wedding.

Is Veil Necessary? To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Is it necessary for a bride to wear a veil? I am to be married next month at my home and would like to dispense with the usual custom. Also, it is customary to have a bridesmaid at a house wedding. PHILINE. No, it is not necessary for a bride to wear a veil, although the custom is more bride-like and a veil is apt to be very becoming. It is customary to have a maid of honor or bridesmaid, but it is by no means a necessary part of the ceremony.

MY MARRIED LIFE By ADELE GARRISON

Why Madge Phoned for a Taxi "HELLO! Who is this?" Mrs. Graham, how do you do? I do hope this means you are coming to my right away. Mrs. Underwood's loud voice boomed cheerfully in my ears. Whatever else Lillian (she may or may not be, she is always comfortable). She carries with her an air of good-will and wish-to-be-of-service that is really quite irresistible. "Thank you," I replied, "I shall be over shortly. I think I hesitated a moment. I did not quite like to ask for Ticky, yet he had told me to call him up at Lillian's when I had returned from my dinner with my cousin, Jack Bickett. Lillian solved the problem for me. "Here is Ticky waiting to talk to you," she said, "I'll speak to you again when he is through talking." I trembled violently in the interval between Lillian's leaving the phone and Ticky's taking up the receiver. When he had left me to go to Lillian's he had been (frantically angry because I was going to dine with Jack, although I had not seen my cousin for a year. What would be his attitude now? "Hello, Madge. Where are you—at home? Do you want me to come for you?" The words were friendly enough, but at the tone my heart sank. I knew he had not yet forgiven me for doing with Jack. But at least he had recovered his poise sufficiently to play the game before the Underwoods. I did not need to dread one of Ticky's scenes if I went to his home. "How about, Ticky?" I replied, "or could you come for me. What is that address again, and what is the nearest subway station?" "Don't be an idiot, Madge, just because you know how," retorted Ticky. "Take a taxi over. You'd be wandering around subway stations for the rest of the afternoon. The number is 101 West Eleventh street. Here's Lillian. Wait a minute to speak to your aunt."

A DISTURBING REPLY I lay for several minutes resolutely putting out of my mind every thought but that of my desire for sleep. Finally I was rewarded, and I awoke in half an hour almost to the minute from the time I lay down. "Slipping my feet into a pair of bedroom slippers" for I had taken off my shoes, I laid down and wrapping a bathrobe around me I went to the telephone. "Madison Square 947." The number I gave was that of the taxicab company where Ticky had an account. "Hello!" The voice that came back over the telephone had an unpleasant tone. "Is this the Bronson Taxicab Company?" "Yeah. What'sa want?" I intended to have Ticky report the man, but I didn't ask for sleep, his manner so uncouth, but I tried to answer pleasantly. "Will you please send a taxicab in fifteen minutes for Mr. Richard Graham, apartment four, 46 East Twenty-ninth street?" "Where?" "Mrs. Richard—" "I didn't ask you who. I said where—where?" The tone was rough and impatient as if he had been speaking to some stupid employee. "You need not trouble yourself. I would not order a machine from an establishment that permits such insolence. And you can rest assured that my husband will close his account with you at once." "AW, RO TO TO TO!" I could not believe my ears, as the words came over the wire, and the receiver at the other end smashed down upon its hook.

Request Lay lilies on dead innocence, strew roses on the bier of love, but let my grave of penitence be sweet with violets alone. —Charles L. O'Donnell.

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DAILY CARE OF FEET A PART OF BEAUTY CULTURE By LUCREZIA BORI

IT IS impossible to look pretty or be good-natured when your feet hurt, a charming debutante said, as she kicked off a slipper to relieve her aching foot. She was at a ball, and after treading the mazurka for at least twenty dances, she was painfully conscious of her feet. I have been in the same boat many times. Constant dancing, no matter if your shoes are plenty large and you have no corns, is likely to make the feet sore. This soreness is invariably accompanied by a burning pain that makes you feel you are walking on hot coals. Suffering from painful feet makes wrinkles in the face, so if you want to dance and keep your skin smooth you must pay more attention to the care of your feet. As a rule, they are the most neglected part of the body. The following treatment will greatly relieve any foot troubles if systematically followed.

THE DAILY REGIMEN After the morning bath dry the feet thoroughly and massage them with bay rum. Then rub the entire foot with cold cream. Not a great deal of cream is required, only enough to prevent any friction when the flesh touches the shoe. Follow this part of the treatment by generously dusting the feet with this powder, paying special attention to the spaces between the toes: Permanganate potassium 13 grams Substrate of bismuth 45 grams Talcum powder 2 grams Salicylic acid 2 grams This mixture must be sifted many times to blend the ingredients. A powder puff is the best agent for applying.

FOR TENDER FEET When the feet are extremely tender wash them in cold water night and morning, rub dry with a Turkish towel and apply this lotion: Salicylic acid 1/4 ounce Bay rum 4 ounces This lotion is soothing and refreshing. Bunions and corns are due to improperly fitting shoes. The pain caused by them can be relieved by soaking the feet night and morning in alum water, and, after drying, rubbing them with this excellent remedy: Spirits of turpentine 1 ounce Sweet oil 3 ounces After applying this lotion wipe off the superfluous grease and dust the feet with the foot powder, the formula of which has already been given.

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HOUSEHOLD HELPS

Dainty Ways to Serve Sandwiches THE sandwich comes into its own again during the warm season when everything tempts us to dine outdoors. One of the new devices that helps in dainty serving of sandwiches is the sandwich fork—incidentally a very useful gift for the summer bride. This fork is about the same size as the large fork that comes with carving sets, but the handle is of dainty painted china instead of heavy bone. At the base of the two prongs there is a cross-strip of plated metal which expands. The two prongs are visible only at the place where the sandwich is lifted from the plate by means of the two prongs, then the metal strip is expanded by a little pressure on the handle, and it shows the sandwich off the fork to the plate on which it is desired to serve. The daintiest sandwiches are usually those in which the filling has been minced, or transformed into a paste instead of served whole. The elementary rule for an appetizing sandwich is that it must be thin. It is not always possible to slice meats or other fillings so thin that they are palatable and yet do not make the sandwich unduly thick. The plan of mincing fillings insures that all the tasteful elements of the filling are kept without increasing the bulk of the sandwich. For afternoon tea a very dainty simple sandwich is the "flower sandwich." This is simply a bread and butter sandwich, but the butter is flavored. This is a custom originating with the French and simply consists of flavoring butter by taking the quantity desired, placing it in a thin cheesecloth and surrounding it with the petals of some fragrant flower, like sweet clover or sweet peas, violets, roses or apple blossoms. The butter in its flower bed is left standing for a few hours in a covered crock, and is then ready to serve. The butter is spread on thin slices of bread, a few petals of the flower whose fragrance is used are scattered on top, and then both slices of bread are pressed firmly together. The sandwiches are then placed in the crock.

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