

YOU KNOW HIM—THE MAN WHO IS A PSEUDO-GENTLEMAN?

Type of Male Who Reserves All His Courtesy for the Drawing Room Not Uncommon—Girl Whose Family Has Met With Financial Reverses

HERE is it more strikingly demonstrated than in the business office that there are gentlemen, pseudo-gentlemen—and just men!

The men with whom courtesy is bred in the bone, the real gentlemen, never forget themselves; they observe the same courtesies toward their stenographer and the other women working in the same office as they would to a member of their own family.

The pseudo specimens are the kind who have or should have been born to the drawing room, who, because of their birth and connections, are often given much latitude in business, yet who fall to observe even the common everyday courtesies of life.

I rode down in an elevator with one such recently. He, and another man and a girl, a stenographer from one of the upper floors, were the only occupants. The other man had removed his hat, this one stood with his firmly glued on. When he saw me he removed it. My opinion of him would not have fallen so much if I had not known that he was utterly oblivious of this girl. The final removal of his headgear was not a tribute to my sex, but rather a matter of expediency—so it seemed to me.

Such an occurrence may have been due to absent-mindedness. But former experience has made me believe otherwise. This youth has been petted and pampered by the women in the set in which he moves, and is rated a charming young fellow. But one is forced to believe that somewhere there is a strain of the boor.

Then there are men who because of an ignorance of the conventions, or a lack of early training, can not be called gentlemen in the accepted sense of the word—yet who, in the finer sense, possess all the qualities which make for gentleness, courtesy and the human kindness which comes from the heart.



Agrettes are never used to better advantage than when placed to accentuate the lines of a hat. These agrettes do that unmitigably.

"I've just heard the saddest thing," mused a friend of mine one day. "You remember that pretty little Dorothy C., who came out last year? She told me this morning that her mother had lost so much money recently she (the daughter) felt obliged to go to work." Sad, that the mother had met with misfortune; but I could not agree with this girl as to "poor little Dorothy."

"Poor little Dorothy!" indeed! How dreadful that she should settle down to a life of usefulness instead of keeping up the eternal and infernal round of luncheons, teas, dinners, balls!

This young girl displayed unusual artistic ability while at school; in her which was originally mapped out for her, confined to the furnishing of her own boudoir, perhaps. But now she has entered the shop of an interior decorator, and, in a remarkably short time, has shown herself capable of really splendid work.

Do you doubt that she is happy?

MY MARRIED LIFE

By ADELE GARRISON

Why Dicky's Mother Changed Her Critical Attitude to One of Friendliness Toward Madge

SAFE in the shelter of the Aquarium restaurant my mother-in-law faced me. Her eyes were cold and hard, her tones like ice as she spoke.

"Margaret! What is the meaning of this outrageous scene to which you have just subjected me? Am I to understand that this man is typical of your associates and friends? If so, I am indeed sorer than ever that my son was ever inveigled into marrying you."

"For the moment I had a primitive instinct to scream and to smash things generally, a sort of Berserk rage. The insult left me deadly cold. Fortunately we were alone in the room, but I lowered my voice almost to a whisper as I replied to her: "Mrs. Graham," I said, "I never in my life knew there was a man like Mr. Underwood until I married your son. He and his wife, Lillian Gale, are your son's most intimate friends. He has almost forced me to meet them time and again against my own inclinations. Of course, after what you have just said, I know that I am a fool to be so friendly to them."

I started for the door, but a little gasping cry from my mother-in-law stopped me. She was feebly beating the air with her hands, her eyes were distended, and her cheeks and lips had the ashen color which I had learned to associate with my own little mother's frequent attacks. Filled with remorse I flew to her side and lowered her gently into an armchair which stood near. Snatching her handbag, I opened it and took out a little bottle of volatile salts which I knew she carried. I pressed it into her hands, and then took out a tiny bottle of drops with a familiar label. They were the same that my mother had used for years. Taking a spoon, which I also found in the bag, I measured the drops, added a bit of water from the faucet in the adjoining room, and gave them to her. As I came toward her I heard her murmuring to herself: "Lillian Gale! Lillian Gale!" she was saying. "How blind I've been!"

Even in my anxiety for her condition I found time to wonder as to the significance of her exclamations. Evidently the name of Lillian Gale was familiar to her. From her tones also I knew that it was not a welcome name. What was there in this past friendship of Dicky and Mrs. Underwood to cause his mother so much emotion? I remembered the comments I had heard at the theatre about my husband's friendship with this woman.

All my old doubts and misgivings which had been smothered by the very real admiration I had felt for Lillian Gale's many good qualities revived. What was the secret in the lives of these two? I felt that for my own peace of mind I must know.

"SEE IF HE'S GONE"

The color was gradually coming back to my mother-in-law's face. I stood by her chair, forgetting her insults, remembering nothing save that she was old and a sick woman.

"Is there anything I can get for you?" I asked as I saw the strained look in her eyes die out. "Nothing, thank you," she said. Then to my surprise she reached up her hand, took mine in hers and pressed it feebly. I could not understand her quick transition from bitter contempt to friendly warmth. Evidently something in my words had started her.

DIARY OF A WELL-DRESSED GIRL



A coat-dress of white broadcloth. ONE glance at Helena Marsden convinced me that she was born to the art of knowing how to dress. She was all that "Mrs. Jimmy" promised—not a bit disappointing.

I liked her from the very first moment that she jumped from the train, after a three days' trip, looking as though she had just stepped out of a bandbox. Her hat was on at the right angle, her veil properly adjusted, her suit unwrinkled, while her shoes and gloves matched perfectly.

I found Helena not a bit hard to get acquainted with. Before we knew it we had dropped all formalities and were the best of chums. When I commented upon her excellent taste in dress she frankly answered: "I've got to have good taste. I have so little to spend on clothes that everything I own has to be wearable."

I confessed that I thought she paid extravagant prices for her frocks. They have an air of elegance that is only to be found in high-priced garments.

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"Most persons would think that I was foolish to buy the white broadcloth coat-dress which you admire. I'll prove to you that I am not. It will stand innumerable visits to the cleaners, and it costs me no more than a new frock. So you see I've not been extravagant in buying this frock, which is far out of the ordinary."

I agreed with Helena. Her white broadcloth is the smartest frock of its kind I've seen in a long time. It looks very much like a long, semifitted coat built on decidedly straight lines.

The bodice has that broad, flat effect, both back and front, that is so smart at present, and platts at the sides. The long sleeves have turned-back cuffs ornamented with a row of squares embroidered with black silk. This same trimming appears on the revers, collar and about the waistline.

I could not help admiring the skirt of this frock. It was side-plaited with a wide box plait in the front and at the back. Each plait hangs "as straight as a die." The wide hem is turned up on the outside and machine stitched.

An effective trimming touch which Helena had added to this frock took the form of belt loops made of narrow strips of broadcloth. There were placed on each side of the front.

I am convinced that a coat dress of white, tan or champagne-colored broadcloth is a sensible "buy." It is the most practical garment one can have for spring wear, as well as the smartest. I've decided to follow Helena's line of economy. I'll order a coat-dress of white broadcloth very soon.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB



The Vagabond

The wind is in the wood, The sap hath stirred Blue flowers in multitude, And song of bird; And, though her day hath been Last summer's fern Is red among the green, For to discern!

What scribe am I, I say, To mope within, When as the common's gay With yellow whin, When sun and shower and sod In ancient plan Or go with jest and rhyme A-journeyming By Tams' flood from Prime Till Nones doth ring!

Where lusty poplars bend The path is free; I'll tread it with a friend For company. Then rest and drink a glass, If they should brew Ale at the "Dragon" as They used to do!

—Patrick R. Chalmers.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

TO KEEP bread fresh soak a small new sponge in cold water, place it in a saucer in the bread box; the bread will remain moist and fresh for several days.

A little methylated spirit used to moisten the polishing paste intended for brass and copper dishes will keep them from tarnishing for quite a long time.

If a piece of bread tied in a bit of muslin is dropped into the water in which greens are being boiled it will absorb the unpleasant odor.

Before placing a sponge cake in the oven to bake, try sprinkling a little fine white sugar over the top. This forms the rich, brown-looking crust that makes bought sponge cakes look so tempting.

The stalks of currants may be quickly removed by well flouring the hands and rubbing the fruit as hard as possible between them. This takes much less time than picking them separately, and is just as effective.

To repair an umbrella slightly torn, cut out a piece of black sticking plaster rather larger than the hole and let it float in cold water until soft. Then place it very neatly over the hole on the inside. The umbrella will last like this for some time without needing recovering.

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TODAY'S INQUIRIES

- 1. How can milk be tested to determine whether it is watered? C. M. E. 2. How is barley water made? C. M. E. 3. How can the fine of a fireplace be cleaned and in the spring after it is closed up?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES

- 1. To prevent apples from turning brown after cutting drop them into a bowl of water to which a few drops of lemon juice have been added. Use a silver knife when paring and cutting. 2. The flavor of prunes is improved if a cup of seeded raisins is added to them while cooking. C. M. E. 3. A slice of raw potato placed in soup which has been salted too freely will absorb much of the salt.

Recipe for Anchovy Paste

To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Please publish a recipe for anchovy paste, if it can be made at home, and send it to me. One pound of anchovies, one pint of water, two and one-quarter ounces of salt and two and one-quarter ounces of flour, a dash of cayenne pepper, a small quantity of grated lemon peel and one-half ounce mushroom catsup, all thoroughly pounded and mixed.

Angel Cake To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Can you give me a reliable recipe for angel cake? (Mrs. L. B.) Angel cake requires, as you know, the whites of a great many eggs. The following recipe calls for the whites of eleven eggs, one and one-half cups of fine granulated sugar, one cupful flour, sifted three times with one teaspoonful baking powder, one teaspoonful vanilla. Beat the whites until they are quite stiff, then put the sugar in lightly, then the flour and lastly the flavoring. Pour into an ungreased pan and bake forty minutes in a moderate oven. Remove from oven and let the inverted pan stand on two cups until cold. To make the icing, use the whites of four eggs, one and one-half pounds of white sugar dust, the juice of one-half lemon, one-fourth ounce extract rose. Place the whites and the sugar in a bowl with the juice and extract. Beat with a wooden spoon until when letting it run from the spoon it is thready for several minutes, then apply to the cake.

Hollandaise Sauce—Cheese Straws To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—I shall be obliged to you or any of your readers if you can give me a recipe for hollandaise sauce, also how low are cheese straws made? ANXIOUS. I think this recipe will give you satisfaction: Cream one-half cupful butter, add gradually the beaten yolks of two eggs, stir well; one tablespoonful lemon juice and a dash of salt and cayenne. Add one-half cupful boiling water and stir the mixture over boiling water until it is as thick as melting custard. Serve immediately. For the cheese straws make a pie crust as follows: Three cupfuls sifted flour, two cupfuls butter, one egg yolk, a little salt and less water sufficient to make a dough. Roll on marble slab and keep very cold. Roll thin, sprinkle with grated cheese and a dash of cayenne. Fold in three, roll out and again sprinkle with cheese and cayenne. Roll out quite thin, cut in fine strips, lay on flat pans and bake in moderate oven.

To Clean Black Veils To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—How can I clean a black veil? Put the veil through a warm liquid of weak soda and water, rinse in cold water, and take a small piece of glue, pour boiling water over it and pass the veil through it, and then frame to dry.

Removing Silver Stains To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Is there any way of removing silver stains from clothing? (Mrs. M. K.) Wash the spots with water, then apply a solution prepared by mixing one part of potassium chlorate with ten parts of water, rub in and rinse.

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