REFRESHMENTS FOR VALENTINE FESTIVITIES—BRINGING UP A BOY—GIRLS' PROBLEMS—LETTERS

MENUS FOR VALENTINE PARTY AND RECIPES BY MRS. WILSON

Some Refreshments That Call Dan Cupid to Mind. Lovers' Knots and Little Heart-Shape Sandwiches

Cupid Gelatin and Other February 14 Dainties Tempting, Inexpensive and Easy to Prepare

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SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY is especially dedicated to the little blind god of love—Cupid. Tradition tells us that the birds seek their mates on the 14th day of February; so perhaps this is responsible for the very important part Dan Cupid plays on this day.

A Valentine Party

"I send my love a Valentine today,
Hoping that she will have me to her party."

Send the invitations upon heart-shaped cards; address them on one side only and then stamp and send through the mails. Have either red or pink decorations, with a touch of forget-me-not blue for true lovers. And then, after an evening of pleasure, games, dancing and the telling of old-folk lore, serve refreshments.

Menu No. 1

Cupid Sandwiches
Potato Salad
Valentine Cake Coffee

Cupid Sandwiches

Butter the bread on a loaf and slice in thin wafer-like slices, and then cut with a heart-shaped cookie cutter and spread with the following mixture:

One cake of cream cheese,
One-half cupful of finely chopped nuts,
One green pepper, minced fine,
Two tablespoonfuls of mayonnaise.

Mix to a smooth mass and then put the sandwiches together. Mount a stuffed olive on a toothpick and thrust through each sandwich.

Prepare the potato salad and then set in individual nests and garnish with hearts cut from spiced or pickled beets.

Valentine Cake

Three-quarters cupful of sugar,
Yolks of two eggs,
Three tablespoonfuls of butter.

Cream until light and frothy and then add

Four tablespoonfuls of milk,
One and one-quarter cupfuls of flour,
Two teaspoonfuls of baking powder,
One teaspoonful of vanilla.

Beat to mix and then carefully fold in the stiffly-beaten whites of two eggs. Bake in prepared pan for forty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

To prepare the pans, make a heart, shaped from stiff cardboard, about three inches deep and make the joints firm, using a heavy sewing needle and strong thread. Set this shape upon a flat baking sheet and line it with greased and flour paper, then pour in the batter.

Menu No. 2

Fruit Salad
Individual Cakes Cocoa

Menu No. 3

Shrimp and Potato Salad
Finger Rolls
Cupid Gelatin Tea

Cupid Gelatin

Make a cherry or raspberry gelatin, pouring it into a mold one-half inch deep in a large baking pan. When ready to serve cut into heart-shaped pieces with a cookie cutter. Chop all the left-over part fine and then place

One glass of apple jelly,
Whites of two eggs.

Beat, using a dover egg beater, until the mixture will hold its shape and then add the chopped gelatine. Pile the mixture into sherbet glasses and top with the heart-shaped gelatin. Garnish with a spoonful of whipped cream and serve.

Menu No. 4

Fried Oyster Sandwiches
Ice Cream Lovers' Knots
Coffee

Lovers' Knots

One cupful of sugar,
One cupful of flour,
One-half teaspoonful of baking powder.

Sift twice and then rub in

Seven tablespoonfuls of shortening

And mix to a dough with

One egg.

Roll in pieces the size of a lead pencil and then tie in a double knot. Brush with milk and cover with chopped nuts. Bake for ten minutes in a moderate oven.

TO DECORATE THE TABLE

The decoration of the St. Valentine's table is very important, too. With crepe paper and cardboard a hostess can do wonders. The table cloth with all the little cupids is crepe paper, and so is the costume of My Lady Valentine, who is a very new sort of a centerpiece to grace the February 14 table. The figure of cardboard is purchased separately.

Mrs. Wilson Answers Questions

My dear Mrs. Wilson—As I am interested in the Woman's Page of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER I am writing to ask for your suggestions as to having a valentine party. I would like to have your advice as to some refreshments. I am going to invite about forty, including girl and boy friends between the ages of sixteen and twenty. E. P.

Refreshments for Valentine Party

E. P.:

Pimento Cheese Sandwiches
Celery Pickles
Fruit Salad Cocoa

Fried Oysters and Potato Salad
Olives Pickles
Cake Coffee

Ham and Celery Sandwiches
Celery Olives
Cake and Gelatin Coffee

Fruit Lemonade
Chicken Salad Olives
Ice Cream Cake

Allow three sandwiches for each person. Butter the bread on the loaf before cutting.

To make pimento cheese open one tall can of pimentos and then drain well and then adjust the nut butter knife to the food chopper and put the pimentos and

One-half cupful of well-washed parsley,
One medium-sized onion,
One and one-half pounds of cottage cheese through the food chopper. Then season with

One teaspoonful of mustard,
One level tablespoonful of salt,
Two teaspoonfuls of paprika.

Work to a smooth paste and then spread lightly upon the buttered bread. Cut into triangles.

To prepare the butter for sandwiches:

Place the butter in a bowl and to each one-half pound add

One teaspoonful of mustard,
One teaspoonful of paprika.

Beat to a soft cream and then spread lightly on the bread, using a [illegible]. Butter prepared in this manner for sandwiches will go as far as one and one-half pounds used in the ordinary way.

My dear Mrs. Wilson—Will you please publish a recipe for oysters au gratin and oblige? Mrs. P. W.

Mrs. P. W.:

Oyster au Gratin

Wash and look over carefully twenty-five oysters. Strain the juice through a fine sieve and then add sufficient milk to measure one and one-half cupfuls. Place in a saucepan and add four level tablespoonfuls of flour. Dissolve the flour in the milk and then bring to a boil. Cook for five minutes and then add the oysters,

One and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt,
One teaspoonful of paprika,
Two tablespoonfuls of finely minced parsley,
One cupful of finely minced celery

and the prepared oysters. Mix thoroughly and then turn into a baking dish and cover with fine bread crumbs. Dot with bits of butter and bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes.

My dear Mrs. Wilson—Would you please give me a recipe for lady fingers? As I make them they are very good, but they spread out of shape in the baking. Also I would like to know how to make patty shells for chicken patties, etc. B. T.

B. T.:

Lady Fingers

One-half cupful of sugar,
Yolks of two eggs.

Cream well and then add

Three-quarters cupful of flour,
One teaspoonful of baking powder.

Beat well. Beat whites of eggs until very stiff and then cut and fold in stiffly beaten whites into the mixture. Lay off in greased and floured paper on a baking sheet, using a pastry bag with a plain tube.

It would be impossible to give you a practical working method for puff paste. For patty shells it would require practice to give good results. Butter is very expensive to use for these shells. Try making a rich biscuit dough and then cutting out the centers. These may be baked and then filled as required.

Four tablespoonfuls of sirup,
Two tablespoonfuls of shortening,
One egg,
One and one-quarter cupfuls of water.

Beat to mix and then bake in well-greased muffin pans in a moderate oven for thirty-five minutes.

My dear Mrs. Wilson—Would you kindly publish in your articles in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER a list of the least expensive cuts of meats and their approximate prices? I read your articles in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and have benefited greatly by your good advice. Thanking you in advance. G. P. H.

G. P. H.—See the Friday marketing lesson for meats; the cuts and methods of cooking.

My dear Mrs. Wilson—Will you please till me through your EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER column what I can make with rice flour, also corn flour? I have a quantity of each and have tried different recipes, but made nothing very alluring. I would like to make cake with the former. Thanking you in advance, let me add that I never miss your evening columns. It is always a few pleasant moments in the evening for me. D. F.

D. F.—

Rice Flour Sponge Cake

Yolks of three eggs,
One cupful of sugar.

Cream well and then add

Four tablespoonfuls of cold water,
Seven-eighths cupful of rice flour,
Two teaspoonfuls of baking powder.

Beat well to mix and then cut and fold in the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs. Bake in a tube-shaped pan in a moderate oven for fifty minutes.

Use corn flour for making corn bread and muffins.

Corn Muffins

One and one-quarter cupfuls of wheat flour,
Three-quarters cupful of corn flour,
One teaspoonful of salt,
Five level teaspoonfuls of baking powder,

REFUGEE BABY CAP

Materials—Any kind of wool (preferably fourfold Germantown) in any desired combination of colors may be used. Shetland floss and Saxony are best used double. Needles should be Nos. 5 or 6 celluloid or amber.

Cast on 45 stitches and knit 5 ridges. Tie on another color for body of cap and knit 15 ridges. At beginning of next row, bind off 15 stitches and knit remaining 30 stitches plain. At beginning of next row, bind off 15 stitches, which will leave 15 stitches on needle in middle of cap. On these 15 stitches knit back and forth for 15 ridges. Bind off, leaving a long end of wool, with which to sew up the two side seams.

Tie wool used for border to first stitch set up at beginning of cap, and pick up stitches across the neck (about 55 in all). Knit 2 ridges plain. Next row form holes for ribbon, by knitting first 2 stitches, then put the wool twice around needle, and knit 2 stitches together, repeat across, ending with 2 knitted stitches.

Knit 5 ridges plain and bind off. Finish cap with ribbon strings 27 inches long.—Modern Priscilla.

Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

Meaning of Stamp

Dear Cynthia—Would you be kind enough to tell the meaning of a stamp put on a letter upside down?

Is it proper for the girl or the boy to end a telephonic conversation?

VOGUE.

In the stamp language the meaning is supposed to be "You are very cruel." This if the stamp is on the right-hand corner. As few people know the stamp language it probably means nothing but carelessness in putting the stamp on the envelope.

It is more polite for the boy to let the girl end the conversation, provided she does not talk too long.

Approves of Cynthia

Dear Cynthia—I have read your column for sometime, and it has proved very interesting reading. I merely wish to indorse your sentiments regarding "Anonymous." It is very good advice, and I think that adding a good heavy game of football, he will soon learn to enjoy life as boys should. Will write you again. DAN B.

Thank you for the letter Dan. I hope Anonymous is working hard at sports of some kind these fine cold days.

Cynthia Answers "Worried"

Go to the drug store and buy fish berries, mix these with equal parts of alcohol and have some member of your family rub the mixture into your head every day. Then use a fine-tooth comb and do this religiously every day, until no sign of the trouble remains. This will not affect the color of your hair.

You must not delay about this matter, as you will have no hair left if you neglect it. If your hair still continues to fall out after it is rid of the trouble, buy a reliable hair tonic and use it carefully every night until it ceases to fall.

"Love Your Enemies"

Dear Cynthia—The Holy Bible says to "Love thine enemies." How could any real American love the Kaiser?

Send a self-addressed envelope for the answer to your other inquiry.

DOROTHY.

One may love one's enemies and hate their acts, Dorothy dear. You personally would not shoot the Kaiser, but you would hate the system back of him and that he backed and you would be right in thinking that that wrong must be punished. No real American could love the German system which the Kaiser stood for. The daily novelettes are bought from a New York syndicate. If you will send a stamped addressed envelope we will send you the names of several syndicates where you may submit your story.

A Serious Problem

Dear Cynthia—I am a young girl of twenty years.

Fifteen months ago my fiance left for "over there." We were to be married in June, but, of course, this made it impossible.

He did not object to my going to dances, and this last summer, while at a service dance, I met a young sailor. We fell in love at first sight, and I had intended to ask to be released from my engagement, when I heard my fiance was on his way home, blind.

I waited to see what could be done, and when he arrived home, found that I had never really loved him, that it had been a girl and boy friendship (I have known him eight years.)

Now, Cynthia, I cannot tell him I do not love him, and if I break the engagement, he will think it was because of his affliction, but I would have married him under any circumstances if I loved him

Please advise me what to do. Marry the man I love or the man I pity.

HELEN.

My dear, I feel so sorry for you, and it is very difficult to advise you. If you are very strong and think you could marry this blind boy to whom you are engaged and be always faithful to him, forgetting the other man, marry him; but if you do not think you can, tell him the truth gently and kindly. It would be better for him to know than to be deceived because of his blindness.

Is She Too Tall?

Dear Cynthia—I am a girl fifteen years of age. I go to high school and, Cynthia, I find that while I can carry on conversation easily with any of my boy class mates, I cannot with the majority of the girls. Most of them are around my own age, but, Cynthia, could it be because I am so tall? I am five foot nine inches and seem to tower above them. It seems that they try to avoid me. Do you think it a fancy? I have known them, or rather the majority of them, all my life. I have one or two close "chums" and am not "bad-looking." I try to please them, but it seems impossible. I like the rest of them, like to play basketball, etc.

I may not be able to dress as well as some of them can, but am always neat.

So please tell me what to do, as I'd love to be friends with all of them. I think you are doing splendid work, Cynthia. MISCHIEVOUS CURLY.

You are making a mistake, my dear, to think about your height. In the first place, you are neither so extraordinarily tall or even very tall. You have been thinking so much about this that you have been self-conscious and stiff with the girls probably and that is why they seem strange with you.

Put this idea out of your mind, be jolly and friendly, and you will soon see that it will be all right. Are you careful to keep confidences? And do you refrain from making fun of the girls? These two faults are often the cause of trouble. So watch that you have neither.

Do Something for Others

Dear Cynthia—I wish you could help me, for I am living under very strenuous conditions. I took sick about four months ago for the first time, and it was really more shock than anything else. Even when I was feeling better, I was afraid to go back to work, thinking I would get more hold of myself. But it even made me worse, for all kinds of morbid thoughts entered my mind, and it seemed that I was too weak to drive them away. So I used to almost worry myself sick, and ever since then I have instilled such fear into myself that even if I do try to think of pleasant things a shadow of fear prevents me from continuing, and I seem to have to stop and just worry. I try so hard to forget by reading and going to the moving pictures, and if I see or read anything unpleasant, which one is likely to come across, I'm just full of fear. I do not seem to be free and most of the time prefer sitting all alone so I won't have to tackle the things we come across. I want to change so much, for I am really miserable. I am nineteen years old and have had a good education and have held very good positions, and it seems that I can't set my mind down to anything without those troublesome thoughts.

TROUBLED.

You are suffering from the effects of your illness. Do you eat well and take sensible walks in the fresh air? Are you taking any tonic? It would be well to see your doctor and to obey his orders. Then work on your mind and will, for that is the principal trouble. When one is weak and nervous after an illness, one can only cure oneself by determining not to think of the morbid things nor to be afraid about things. Do something for some one else, that's the best remedy in the world. If you are a man, get into the Big Brother work, if a girl, go into Red Cross. There's so much to be done these days, no one should be idle, and doing something useful never made any one ill.

To Wash a Lace Collar

When washing a lace collar, baste it on a firm piece of white goods, put in a saucer of soapsuds in the sun and do not starch.

WHITE SILK CORD ON DARK BLUE DRESS

The dress is dark blue tricotine, the front of which is a long panel with heavy silk embroidery. The collar is white satin and the girdle a white heavy silk cord

A Daily Fashion Talk by Florence Rose

IT WOULD be interesting to know just why it is that the eastern woman clings to the straight line one-piece dress while the western woman inclines much more to the more fitted type of frock? This is not a surmise, but an actual fact based upon the orders from women's apparel shops in various part of the country. One might think that it would be not a matter of geographical location, but a figure, and that women would be guided only by the question of becomingness. It may be in fact that the New York type of woman looks better in the chemise type of frock than in the fitted type and that the woman of the West is most charming when wearing a fairly snug frock.

The dress here pictured is characteristic of the sort that eastern women are selecting for early spring wear. It is of dark blue tricotine—and, by the way, New York women, for instance, more than women in any other part of the country, do stick to dark colors for day-time outdoor wear. The front has a long panel, on either side of which and on the cuffs there is rich silk embroidery. There is a shawl collar of white satin that may be removed easily to be cleaned. The loosely adjusted girdle is of heavy silk cord.

And the touch is of lacquered lisere trimmed with crushed roses. Now this is just the sort of get-up that is so characteristic of the New York woman. To be sure, for street wear she selects a suit, but when, for instance, she has committee work to do and wants to wear something that will be comfortable and suitable perhaps for luncheon or tea at a friend's house, she dons a frock and hat of this type, a cape or cloak of generous proportions and motors to her destination, removing the outer wrap, as she would never dream of removing the coat to a suit when she gets to her destination.

(Inquiries are solicited and may be addressed care of this newspaper.)

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Things to Know

In each cup of cocoa drop a marshmallow before serving.

Nothing is more handy in a home than a button box.

Facts

A harmless light-green coloring for candies is obtained by mascerating lettuce leaves.

Six of the largest women's organizations in the State of New York have formed a joint legislative conference to put through the Legislature at Albany a program comprising six bills for the benefit of women in industry.

A monolith, in the shape of a pyramid, cut from a 100-ton block of granite, one of the largest ever quarried in New England, is soon to be erected as a memorial to Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, on the farm near Bow, N. H., where she was born in 1821

Linen Hints

Fold tablecloths differently from time to time and you will prevent the forming of worn lines in the creases.

Linen in everyday use should not be kept on the table until it becomes noticeably soiled, for the simple reason that it takes harder rubbing to cleanse it.

Never put away cotton or linen clothes with starch in them; they will not last nearly as long.

The Woman's Exchange

TODAY'S INQUIRIES

1. Who was Mrs. Bixby, and how did President Lincoln recognize her "bib" in the civil war?
2. In what city were women dismissed as street car conductors as a result of a threat to strike on the part of the men?
3. At a wedding is it the custom for the best man to pay special attention to the maid of honor?
4. What is soap bark?
5. What will correct excessive dryness of the hair?
6. What will help to correct excessive greasiness?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

1. A good game for the St. Valentine's party is "Cupid's Words." In this each guest is given a slip of paper and pencil and asked, in a certain length of time, to write as many words applying to St. Valentine's Day as possible. The one who has written the greatest number when a bell ring gets a prize.
2. At the "heart auction," which causes merriment at the St. Valentine's party the men bid for girl partners whose descriptions are read by the auctioneer. They do not know to whom the descriptions refer. The "money" paid for the partners consists of pebbles or little paper disks.
3. It is not necessary to acknowledge an invitation to a reception to an "at home" if one is to attend. Otherwise send a visiting card to arrive on the day of the affair.
4. Orange and lemon skins can be saved to be grated or chopped for delicious flavoring. Remove the heavy white pulp by pulling it out, rinse the skins and dry.
5. A kitchen table that has outlived its home in the kitchen makes an excellent play table for the youngsters. Cover it with oilcloth and place in a sunny room.
6. Old ink stains can be removed with Javelle water. Then rinse carefully with a little weak ammonia water or peroxide.

They Want to Go Home

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Could you tell me when they will start to demobilize the motor transport of Philadelphia? All my friends are home. By doing so you will help the men to rid themselves of that longing feeling to be home again. IN CAMP.

I wish I could help you out, but no one really knows when the various units are to be demobilized but the War Department. The promise has been made that just as soon as possible all the men except those needed to police the camps will be demobilized.

To a Daily Reader

Ask the druggist for oil of fishberries and alcohol and use this preparation faithfully with a fine-tooth comb. Vinegar applied persistently with a towel around the head will destroy the last traces.

Grease on Suede Shoes

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Will you kindly tell me what to use to remove a grease (vaseline) stain from gray buck shoes?

If you cannot recommend anything to remove the stain entirely, can you recommend a preparation to make it lighter?

(Miss) S. G. B.

French chalk left on sufficiently long is very apt to take the grease stain from your shoe. Powder it well. Recently in the "Adventures With a Purse" there was mentioned a preparation that is said to help remove grease spots from suede shoes. If you will send me a self-addressed envelope I shall be glad to let you have its name.

What to Charge Ex-Soldiers

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Please help me once more. Two discharged soldiers from other cities have come to Philadelphia to work and incidentally make their home with me. What in the world would be a fair charge? No other boarders.

They sleep in a large front bedroom, with bay window, comfortably but not necessarily expensively furnished, curtains at windows, etc., steam heat, washing and ironing attended to and breakfast and the evening meal. Use of the parlor and talking machine is also allowed.

We live well, serving no substitutes—real butter and fresh eggs.

I wish to do my part, as one is without parents, and want him to know real home with small charge and still fair to myself.

(Mrs.) T.

I have consulted the Philadelphia Bureau of Boarding Houses for Girls, an organization expert on these matters, and am told 19 a week would be a fair and at the same time very reasonable amount to charge each of the ex-soldiers. You could not charge less and be fair to yourself. Your little military family sounds like a very jolly one.

Complexion Troubles

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Here are my troubles! I use a little powder and facial cream. Why? Because my nose and forehead and even my face and cheeks are shiny. I am told, as shiny as a new tin pan. Isn't that dreadful to be told? What will I do? My skin is scaly and so oily. Oh, it is dreadful! And really powder won't stay on. I have also some complexion troubles. I use a soap and I was told to use cold water. I did it, but it did no good.

I am popular enough, but my skin! Won't you print my letter and see if you can't help me, please? H. I. R.

It is not dreadful to have shiny skin, and it is surely not dreadful to use a little powder and a bit of cream to take off the shine. When the skin is scaly and oily as well it is a little hard to treat, for the remedy for the oiliness is apt to make it scaly. The best thing is to decide to keep yourself in top-notch health and your complexion will soon improve. Be careful of your diet, eating plenty of greens and little sweets and pastries. Drink lots of water and take plenty of exercise. The soap you mention is good, but you should use warm water with it, as the cold does not help to penetrate the pores and thus cleanse them. In using the soap follow the directions on the wrapper. Be faithful to this treatment. Applying cucumber jelly to your face will help to heal the scaliness. Apply every night after you have washed it. Rub a little bit of greaseless cream on before you apply powder to make it stick. Be careful not to make your face look pasty though.

Popularity does not depend on a lovely complexion, dear.

Adventures With a Purse

ARE you going to give a valentine party, or have a club meeting at your home some time around St. Valentine's Day? If so, of course, you'll want red hearts to be your table decorations. And against the snowy whiteness of the tablecloth they look uncommonly nice. You can purchase them in various sizes—forty in a box for five cents. And if you wanted to, you could string them together with red ribbon.

I saw them today and passed them by. "What good could extra stocking feet do a body?" I sniffed disdainfully. Then I began to figure the matter out. If a child were very hard on its stocking feet, but left the uppers intact; if a man's favorite "wearing place" were the heels of his socks; or, if some one else suffered from feet that are extremely sensitive to cold, what could be better than an extra pair of stocking feet for protection of one sort or another? They are black, come in all sizes and cost but ten cents a pair.

Soap is one of my extravagances. I love good soap, if I do say it myself, as shouldn't. And the soap I found today is a brand-new kind to me. It is sold by a famous importer of Chinese and Japanese ware, and its scent combines the mystery of the Orient with the sweet fragrance of the violet. I know you'll like it, even if you only buy one cake—which costs twenty-five cents—and save it for Sundays!

FATHERS WHO ARE TOO BUSY TO ANSWER BOYS' QUESTIONS

A Little True Story About One Who Refused to Be Interested in His Son's Specimens of Copper Sulphates—Measuring Up to Parenthood

THE little boy's father held a responsible position with a large copper concern and so the little boy, you see, became interested in his dad's business. He didn't say a word about it, but he zealously collected a number of specimens of copper sulphates and then with all the enthusiasm of fine boyhood he went to his father to have him please tell him all about them so he could catalogue the different kinds.

"Your dad's too busy to bother about that, son," was the way the little boy and his precious collection were received.

NOW isn't it bad enough for thousands upon thousands of children in the world to be fatherless without having fathers inflict a state of orphanship upon their children? Too, too many parents hurriedly imagine duty to their offspring is done when they furnish food and a roof to shelter them from the elements.

But all the grandeur of stately mansions and meals designed for a king cannot make up to a child for lack of genuine interest on the part of his father and mother. I feel very sorry for the youngster of whom I speak. Perhaps he is a budding scientist, then again perhaps he is not. At least he is a boy who put all his heart into something and then had the anguishing experience of not having the father he so much looked up to care one way or the other.

Being busy is not an excuse for a parent to put children off when they ask this type of question. What does anything avail a parent if he fails in that first and important matter—that of bringing up his son? It is not always possible, of course, to stop at a moment's notice and give a child your complete attention. But it is possible to let the light of fine enthusiasm and pride flash into your eyes and to say, "Well, if that isn't great, son. Let's make a date right here and now for you and dad to get together and work this thing out. How about tonight after dinner?"

THERE is no place for the genius of the country to be hidden but in the youth that works and plays so inconspicuously in our land. There is no place for the future welfare of a nation to be stored, too, but in that same childhood. And there is nothing more worth encouraging in a child than healthy curiosity. For it is only in the grand democracy of childhood that we are given the blessed gift of unselfish curiosity about all the wonder world around us. The more children who can be led to manhood and womanhood with this gift intact, the better the nation.

And So They Were Married

By HAZEL DEYO BATCHELOR

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POLLY DAYTON was not really wicked, but she was essentially selfish. She looked like Isabel Carter would have if Isabel had been dark and thirty-five, which meant that she was slender, extraordinarily well groomed and good-looking in a hard polished way. She had as an excuse for mingling in the gay Bohemian crowd she liked the fact that she dabbled in different things. No one knew just what they were and as for actually selling any of her material it was out of the question.

She tolerated her husband and yet she was rather fond of him. Deep in her heart of hearts she liked him perhaps better than she pretended to on the surface. It simply did not fit in with her hard, scintillating self to care very much for any one. Nick, however, she adored. She liked him mainly because he was not as easy to understand as her husband. No one ever understood Nick, but most people liked him nevertheless, and Scott's disapproval of him was due entirely to the fact that it had once been said that Nick could do anything he liked with women.

If Nick could, he never talked about it. To tell the truth he was sincere after a fashion. He never took advantage of young girls, but he was in search of a thrill of some kind, therefore he liked to experiment. He never blamed himself because women lost their heads.

One morning not long after Scott and Ruth had gone to the Dayton studio Polly Dayton lay on the chaise longue in her room reading her morning mail and sipping her coffee. She looked up with a laugh as Nick came in, and threw her letters into her lap, moving aside so that Nick could sit down beside her.

"Now what?" she laughed.

"Did you like Ruth Raymond?" His question was abrupt. He had not spoken of Ruth to Polly since the affair.

"Yes, very much, but she isn't dangerously fascinating like Mrs. Portland nor is she wide-eyed innocence like little Mrs. Hartley. Isn't she a departure?" she smiled up at her brother in a fashion that made her words simply admiring.

Nick laughed too, and lazily lit a cigarette. "Scott's a nice chap, but he doesn't like me, he doesn't approve of me either, but that is neither here nor there. Do you know that fool couple have ideas about a fifty-fifty existence, making experiments with friendships and so forth. As if it would work with a woman like Ruth Raymond."

"And why not with Ruth Raymond? I believe in it."

"You're not Ruth Raymond."

"And pray, what is there about Ruth Raymond that is so different from me?"

"Everything." Nick did not say it as though it admitted of any refutation, he merely announced it.

"All right, of course, you know her better than I do."

"I heard yesterday at the office that Scott is ill."

"Yes?" Polly's tone was only mildly interested.

"Yes, and I think this is a good time to know Ruth better. Why don't you ask her downtown to lunch with you some day soon?"

"She wouldn't leave her husband."

"She can't be with him constantly, and he's getting better."

"Heavens, Nick, I'm sure I don't see why I should do this. I wasn't particularly taken with the girl."

"But I'll be there, you see, and you needn't stay after lunch."

Polly threw up her hands in despair. "Oh, all right, but I don't see why you don't manage things yourself."

"I can't just yet, but I probably shall be able to after a little. She's too much in love with her husband to even see me at present in spite of that fifty-fifty arrangement of theirs."

"You know entirely too much about women," said Polly.

"You'll do it, then?"

"Yes, I'll do it. You'd better get along to the office, it's late."

"All right, good luck to you. Let me know the results, will you?"

Polly nodded. She was once more deep in her mail.

As Nick walked to the subway he was deep in thought. Polly had not asked him how he knew all this about Ruth, but Ruth herself had told him laughingly about it. Ruth presented a new type to Nick and Nick was always in search of new types of women. As yet he did not entirely understand her. He did not know whether he had her classed correctly or not, but she was in his thoughts a great deal. She was that lovely and unfinished thing, the cross between the new woman and the old. He had had a strange stirring of the pulses on Sunday when he had held her in his arms and it had piqued his curiosity. When had he been stirred by a woman before? Not since he could remember. The others had bored him when they began to care. The possibility of not knowing what would happen, the knowledge that this woman had the power to make him feel, was an entirely new experience for Nick Carson.

(Tomorrow, Polly Dayton Fulfills Her Promise.)

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Here in my heavy hand a moment pressed,
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Pulsing with fear; your Argosy deferred,
Your song, in its accustomed place, unheard,
And all the places that you loved the best,
The open sky, the winds of night, your nest,
Know you no more, oh captive, Ladybird!

I have no cage to keep you in my heart.
Your wings were meant for flying and your song
For other ears than mine; the moon looks in
My open window; when you will, depart.
The stars are calling; though the night be long,
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