

Woman's Life and Love

By WINIFRED HARPER COOLEY

Being Babyish

NOW they tell us that we are more immature mentally than men, that our minds seldom go beyond the child stage!



For centuries men have wanted us infantile and womanly. The woman who has not a clear, logical mind, who is not so strong and unthinking, after all! So long as nature has made us so, we have been content to have a clear, logical mind, who is not so strong and unthinking, after all!

PERIODICALLY, some scandal, some breach-of-promise suit, suddenly brings into the public press a series of love letters written by a corporation magnate or a United States Senator, or a celebrity of some other sort, in the man's world, which abound in infantile terms that delight millions of readers and cause paroxysms of hilarity throughout the Nation.

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It does seem that if the majority of girls are taught that the end and aim of life is to have a provider, and they use the woman that is proved to be the most effective in achieving their end, they are not so strong and unthinking, after all!

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"Should a Woman Tell?"

By HAZEL DEYO BATCHELOR

Hashtorne Every decides to marry Dora Merrill without telling her that she has once been in love with another man. Later she discovers that Dora, Dora's little butterfly sister, is in love with the same man, and although she knows he is unscrupulous, she also knows Dora's nervousness where women are concerned, and she is afraid to tell the truth.

CHAPTER LIII Julie, the Woman

JULIE came out of her infatuation for Crawford Blake a woman. She knew what she wanted, and she got it. I watched her development side-by-side, for she often ran in and out of my front porch.

She did not do the gloomy Merrill apartment in bright chintzes. She brought her samples to us and talked over the color schemes with the painter, tilted sideways, and her dark eyes wide with interest.

Once when we were having tea together in one of the little tea rooms, she had had some one during the entire day of my marriage. I have, she mentioned once for the first time.

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WHAT SHE'D LIKE TO HAVE



Are you still wondering about what those packages on the tree ought to have in them? Some last-minute suggestions may help you.

The Woman's Exchange

Cleaning Enamel: To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Could you tell me how to keep white enameled bedroom furniture clean?

I am a girl fifteen years old, and my height is five feet one and a half inches. How much should I weigh? —JEAN.

Rub your furniture with a cloth which has been moistened with clear water. You should weigh 116 pounds.

A Delightful Pillow: To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—While in Canada, I gathered needles from the pine trees and brought them home. Could you advise me with regard to making up a pillow, and what I should do in order to have the odor of the pines retained?

If I should be married very early in February or March, which is your estimation, would it be best to wear a suit or a dress? I'm very undecided about this, and would appreciate your opinion.

What are the best flowers? Do you ever wear blue of the valley when not dressed in white? If you are anxious to have my most intimate girl chum be my maid of honor, how soon should I mention this to her?

AN EVENING READER.

The needles must be dry by this time and ready to put in the pillow, so break them in order to make them still more supple. Do not mix them with anything else, as they will keep their own fragrance.

A dress would be prettier to wear at your wedding than a suit. You could have a bouquet of violets, with some sprigs of lilies of the valley, if you are particularly fond of this flower. Roses, too, are lovely.

Simply ask your friend in an informal way if she will not be unkind of honor. Tell her how much you want her to.

Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

To "L. S."

Break away from wrong-doing at once! If you accept the young man's attentions, tell him the whole truth.

She Should Make Her Own Contribution: Dear Cynthia—If a fellow takes a girl to church, is it good form for him to offer her money for collection? If it is the right thing to do, please one girl is concerned, suppose there are three or four of them with him?

A girl should always make her own contribution at church. She should never accept money from a man for any purpose.

Will it be proper for me to buy a Christmas gift for him first or wait till I get one from him? —IN LOVE.

Do not go "steady" with any one unless you intend to marry him. And in that case let him do the asking.

You might give him a pocket pencil or a fountain pen for Christmas.

Offer to Change Them: Dear Cynthia—I have never written to you before, but I hope you will give me some advice on the following subject: I gave my girl friend a pair of gloves for Christmas. Before I gave her the gloves I asked her what size she wore. She told me 6 1/2. So I got her size 6 1/2. Now that she has the gloves, she tells me they are too tight on her.

Is it my place to take back the gloves and get her new ones? Do you think she should have told me the gloves were too small on her, when I had asked her the size of glove she wore, as they were bought there? She acts as if she wants me to buy her new ones. Hoping to have an answer before Christmas. —MAE L.

Offer to change them for her, but do not buy new ones. The stores will always change gloves for size unless they have been worn. If she has worn them and found them too tight after having given you the size, she should not have spoken of it.

Shall He Ask for It?: Dear Cynthia—You have helped so many others in your wonderful column that I am writing to you for advice. I was engaged to a girl five months and a few days ago she broke off the engagement and gave me back my ring. She said that, anyway, as I was not working and could not find a steady position, she said it was best to break off. I tried to change her mind, but she would not listen to me. Now, Christmas is just past, and I am wondering if I should ask her to return my ring to me? She did not give me any present nor did she say anything about giving me one. When she returned my ring she wanted to give this present back, but I did not want to take it. As I thought it was my place to let her keep it. But I have since changed my mind and want to know if I should ask her for this present. It is worth about \$20. —DISGUSTED SUITOR.

Since the girl offered to return your present and you refused to accept it, you cannot well change your mind and ask for it. Better let her keep it and know that you believed in a gentlemanly way.

Her Husband Took the Housekeeping, But Did Not Cater to His Wife's Likes

He Wanted to Play Her Game, but He Was Not Willing to Adopt Her Rules—and a Real Housekeeper Submerges Her Own Tastes

THERE was a disagreement in a certain court not long ago about a very interesting question. A young wife, it seems, complained that her husband reserved the right of taking care of the house, providing the food and so on.

No; now wait a minute, it wasn't so nice as that sounds! She couldn't eat the food that he bought!

The lawyer for the defense argued that the husband had the right to take over the housekeeping, but the magistrate didn't agree with him.

And both of them overlooked a very important matter. That is, that while exercising his right, if it is his right, the young husband, if he was young, failed to do it justly.

He didn't do the housekeeping, he just did his housekeeping. Like so many men, he didn't realize that self must be pushed into the background in housekeeping, as well as in every other phase of life.

LET'S funny," one young married woman remarked one time to a young bride, "the way you give up things to your husband. Why, I wouldn't think of having stewed tomatoes on my table, because Tom never eats them. But I love them."

"I know," replied the bride, delighted to find that it was not just a misfortune of her own married life. "I have an evening with the boys," Jack and I hate the stuff. It's all I can do to eat one small piece!"

And this goes on in every household, even where the wife herself is a selfish woman. It is part of housekeeping to cater to the likes and dislikes of the man of the house.

A woman always has things that her husband likes. As soon as they are married, even while they are engaged, she begins trying him out.

If he comes to her house for dinner she notices, especially, which dish he favors and which he slight.

THE slightest one is never seen on her mother's table when her fiancé is to be there after that, and it is only when he goes away on a business trip or has "an evening with the boys" after they are married, that she can indulge in her favorite corned beef and cabbage.

During the first year of their marriage she experiments when there are guests for dinner. "How did you like that macaroni?" she asks, when all is over and they are putting away the best silver.

A fine strain of sentiment runs through the plot of The Fortune Hunter. If you like a love story, turn to page twenty-nine today and begin this absorbing serial by Ruby M. Ayres

"Gee, that was good. I meant to say something about it!" he sometimes answers. "Have it again some time, won't you?"

And she does. Yes, you can understand why this young wife brought complaint about her husband.

He insisted upon playing her game, but he wouldn't use her rules.

THERE are so many little rules and mechanisms like this that husbands know nothing of.

As long as things go serenely before their eyes, they don't stop to think that it may have cost something of an effort to bring about that smoothness, when they were out of the way.

How they fuss when such a thing as housecleaning, which cannot always be kept out of sight, mars that soothing effect of the household!

I wonder whether they could keep so much of its discomfort concealed if they took that over?

Or would they fail to follow the rule like the man-housekeeper who catered to himself alone?

A Little Boax

By HELEN DECIE

What use can it be put to that is a good thing to know about? Why, if you are in the habit of doing up your fine white underthings, place some of this in the water, and it will give them just the delightful bit of stiffness that they need. It's so much easier than starch, and the nice thing about it is that it accomplishes the same purpose.

WHAT'S WHAT By HELEN DECIE



A Christmas tree party appeals especially to the juniors. It may be held at any time between Christmas and Old Christmas (January 6) if the tree is allowed to remain for more than a week. Invitations may be sent out by the mother, or the little daughter or son may write tiny notes to young friends, asking them to come to the Christmas tree frolic.

Little gifts wrapped in green or red paper should be tied to the tree and each child chooses one, not knowing what it contains. This starts the fun, which may be continued by playing games such as Hoodlum Blind, Jerusalem, Button-Button, Postoffice, Trades, Lights, etc., ending all by a right-angle dance to lively music around the tree, after which refreshments are served. Children's parties are usually held from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, or from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening.

Paul and Virginia

By HELENA HOYT GRANT

Noblesse Oblige

VIRGINIA passed a large square envelope, one made of thick and expensive stationery, from which a long and not particularly pleasant scent escaped across the table.

Paul glanced at it curiously. "What is it, hon?" he asked. "It's a letter," said Virginia. "Heard the contents."

"If it means dressing up and a taxi and everything, what?" Virginia shook her head slowly. "Paul, I don't think we'll accept. Of course any dinner given by the Smythes is very swell, and all that. But there must be some reason why they invite us. We don't know them very well, and besides, they consider themselves very much in the main, and I don't know how it is, but sometimes I think all this society stuff is such a nuisance. I'm glad we don't have to go into it. It has such complications."

"Then we don't go and eat at the Smythes' green tables and pate de foie," she said.

"I think it would be best not to," said Virginia. "It was beyond the understanding of mere man, of course, and Paul shrugged as he dipped a tentative spoon into the tumbler containing before him.

"Well, dear, don't think it funny. My evening clothes are getting a little tight around the old waist-band, and that, and I'm just as well pleased to pass up any invitations that seem to demand dressing up."

"Social debts are too hard to pay," said Virginia. "They're worse than business debts. You know you can't pay off the Smythes with any silly little

ten—the kind I give. No, they'd expect a return of a dinner with produce, as many courses and as much bubble and fuss as they give in the first place. And if you don't pay them back—well, you're just out that, all, so what's the use of starting?"

"None at all," agreed Paul hastily, for in this sort of conversation he was far beyond his depth.

"It's awfully complicated. It's hard to keep up with them," she said.

"Must be, hon," said Virginia. "And their criticism so about one's size and linen and, besides all that, we're hopelessly out of it, you know, for we haven't a maid."

"Terrible," said Paul. "Next time I want a maid," she added quickly.

"Wait a while, hon—we'll have maids and butlers and footmen and chauffeurs and gardeners, and—and everything all over the place. Just you wait."

She peered herself faintly upon the arm of his chair and rumbled his hair.

"Paul, I hate society," his eyes twinkled.

"Well, if you ask me, hon, the society we have right here at home seems pretty good to me. We couldn't match it anywhere else that I know of."

"And so exclusive," she laughed. "I'll say it's exclusive," he said as he held her closer.

"Ah, that first year! That first year!"

Tomorrow—Success Minus Love

Waist Lengthens Into a Dignified Train



By CORINNE LOWE

We may not all be crystal ball gazers, but we are bound to be crystal gazers. One can't escape this doom in a year when crystals, beads and jingles are found on so many evening gowns.

These ornaments are particularly stunning on the fashionable white gown. In the beautiful model shown today these crystals, beads, form the partial side panels longer than the skirt and a train which is a continuation of the beaded back. An under-ledge of Bead, with the final thought on the subject.

The Question Corner

Today's Inquiries: 1. For the Christmas party, large or small, in what bright manner can a small tree for the table be decorated? 2. How can a simple method may be used to make a dress look better without pressing it? 3. Describe a unique little powder-dish which would look well on the dressing table. 4. How may a particular set of black promise hours of happiness be secured in order to make them still more to a child who receives them on Christmas Day? 5. What are the best ornaments for a modish pair of silver slippers? 6. In what quaint way does ribbon trim a dress?

Yesterday's Answers

1. Take little paper, music, dishes, all them with nuts or candy, and fasten a gay strip of holly to each one by means of a thin bow of red ribbon, and you will have some delightful little favors for the Christmas table. 2. A spray of stretch hanging across an oblong pillow of altered hosiery satin gives it grace and distinction. 3. To lead to the future a "keenly-guessing quality," a wonderfully attractive and picture frame of wood with a dull gold finish has been ornamented with old-painted flowers that may be closed upon it. 4. For a likable Christmas gift to give a child, a toy made of tin with some delightful little favors for the Christmas table. 5. A striking looking pair of short stockings are fashioned of tan and brown striped wool, which can be turned into many amusing positions. 6. In a highly effective way a dress of black Canton crepe is ornamented with a rather odd band of jet beads around the neck, and a grade of the jet.

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

Christmas Shopping With Dorothy: December 18, 1921

1. Do you want some really luscious mince pies? If you know where they make some of the best in town, and if I were you I would order the number you want at once, although these wonderful bakers do take orders at the last moment if there is the slightest possibility of their being able to fill them. A very large, deep tin costs \$1.50, while a small yet quite generous pie (I imagine the latter would serve five persons) is priced at seventy-five cents.

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November 7, 1921: 1. There's some cake I can tell you of that is just like the delicious "cup" variety which real mothers used to bake when you and I were little. At least it's the nearest to it that I've tasted since that time. It's a little cake which is always in the pantry from when I came from school and home-made cake and so is this that I'm telling you about, and it looks like home-made cake—and it tastes like home-made cake—and it's made just the same, and a big fat round one costs but seventy cents, and it's bully! Honest! In/In

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