

Women and Their Interests

VANISHING TYPES OF FEMININITY

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We'll Have to Excavate For Old Maids Soon

Yet, believe me, in another hundred years the anthropologists will be excavating in old graveyards for the remains of an Old Maid, or a genuine historic Lachrymose Lady in the crepe which she wore in life and expeditions will be sent out to hunt for the skeletons of Old Grandmothers, who had soft breasts and big lips and deep pockets. There are only a few scattered examples of women of these types extant now, living in remote villages. There is none in the cities. In a little while they will have all vanished and nothing remain of them but a tradition.

Take the old maid. There really used to be such a person—a thin, austere, ascetic female, with a sharp nose and a razor-edged tongue. Disappointment at not catching a husband had turned the blood in her veins to vinegar. Dissatisfaction with the barrenness of her life that had no pleasure in it, and no interests in it made her find whatever zest she had in existence in prying into other people's affairs.

She was a mischief maker, a scandal monger, a firebrand in the community in which she lived. She had no sympathy, because men had slighted her. She loathed every wife for having the

things she did not have. She was venomously jealous of every young girl whose youth and beauty reminded her of her own lost charms, and she took a bitter revenge on the world in tale-bearing and gossip that wrecked homes and blackened the names of innocent maidens. Everybody hated her, dreaded her, feared her. She was one of the pests of society.

Where is the old maid now? Extinct. Extinct as the Dodo. Plenty of unmarried women there are—more, perhaps, than ever before in the history of the world, but they are no more like the old maids of the past than a glass of generous wine is like a drop of vitriol.

Unmarried Woman Now Only Has Time For Business
Business killed the old maid. The unmarried woman of to-day has her business or profession or her independent income. She has her own home, her amusements, and she is the jolliest, most whole-souled and liberal-minded person you can meet in a day's journey. She's too busy with her own affairs to have time to bother with the affairs of other people, and she is so happy in her free and independent life that she simply smotheres ever with the milk of human kindness. She's so little like the old maid of the past that people don't even call her an old maid. The world is no monicker for her.

Then there's the Lachrymose Lady. Don't you remember when you were a child some woman who, always dressed in black, with a long, sweeping crepe veil hanging down her back, and slinky black skirts trailing around her, and black gloves on her hands, and funeral gloves—who used to come to see your mother and spend a whole long happy day telling her troubles and weeping of them?

Where is the Lady of the Funeral Veil?
No such woman comes to see you. There's just as much trouble in the world now as there ever was. God help us. Husbands are unfaithful, children are wayward, fortune get lost, but when these misfortunes befall us we no longer ascend to the walling place and call on the public to see us weep.

We don't parade our griefs in public. We hide them and put up a bluff at things being well with us whether they are or not.

Where are these lachrymose ladies now? Gone. The perpetual mourner has vanished. Melancholy is no longer a cult. There is too much sunshine in the world for us to have any patience with the morbidness that carefully cultivated melancholy instead of philosophy, and we should regard a woman who let a single unfortunate love episode blight her life as a subject for the home for the feeble-minded instead of an object to cherish. Hence the lachrymose lady has wrapped her three-yard-long crepe veil around her and stole away into the land of used-to-be. And the dear old grandmother, the grandmother who at 40 or 45 years of age was done with the world and ready for the chimney corner and caps, and who asked nothing else of life but the pleasure of taking care of her children's children and tucking them into their little beds and telling them Bible stories. Grandma just had one best dress, a good black silk, because she was too old for the frothy of clothes, and the said black silk had a cavernous pocket in which she carried a rattan for the baby to cut its teeth on and a little dolly for Sally, and a ball or permit drops that she doled out to the kiddies and soled herself with.

Where's Grandma? Dancing the tango, gadding about Europe, going to the theater, running clubs, doing all the things she didn't have time to do when she was bringing up a family, and believe me, there's no room in Grandma's split skirts for any sort of a pocket.

Grandma's now Doing The Clubs and Theaters
Grandmother is not raising her grandchildren now. She's raising their own mother attend to that and one modern grandmother recently refused to live with her daughter on the ground that the daughter lived too quietly to her.

All of which goes to prove that the old order changeth, and that certain types of the women of the past have actually become extinct.

FROCK FOR MISSES AND SMALL WOMEN

The Design Can Be Changed in Several Quite Different Styles



8229 Semi-Princesse Dress for Misses and Small Women, 16 and 18 years.

WITH STRAIGHT SKIRT WITH OR WITHOUT FRILLS, WITH OR WITHOUT COLLAR WITH OR WITHOUT FINEST WITH CIRCULAR CUFFS, FRILLS OR OVER FACINGS.

The collar that stands out away from the neck is one of the very latest, most fashionable fancies. Here is a dress that can be finished in that way or with a little frill at the neck edge. It is exceptionally smart whichever is chosen. In the picture, it is made of taffeta, an 'taffeta' not alone in the height of style but also is one of the best materials for frills and ruffles; but, nevertheless, the frock can be made from almost any fashionable material and treated in two or three such different ways as to give distinctly different results. In one view, lace flouncing and lace all-over are used without the frills and it requires some consideration to realize that fundamentally the dress is the same as the one shown on the figure.

If the frills were made of double net over a foundation of meshine or crepe de chine and, in place of the girdle, a sash of the net were used, a still different result would be obtained and, if the entire gown were made of white net over a slip of color, it would be of little relation to the taffeta design, although cut after the same model.

For the 16 year size, the dress will require 6 1/2 yds. of material 27, 4 1/2 yds. 36, 3 1/2 yds. 44 in. wide; or 1 1/2 yds. of flouncing 37 in. wide with 1 yd. of all-over 44 to make as shown in the small view. The width of the skirt at the lower edge is 1 yd. and 16 in.

The pattern 8229 is cut in sizes for 16 and 18 years. It will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt of ten cents.

Bowman's sell May Manton Patterns.

RETURNED FROM CALIFORNIA

Special to The Telegraph

Waynesboro, Pa., April 2.—L. C. Ingels, a resident of this place for many years and for the past eighteen months of Los Angeles, Cal., has returned to Waynesboro. Three of Mr. Ingels' children accompanied him. Mrs. Ingels and the other six children will return to Waynesboro May 1.

MRS. FOX SERIOUSLY ILL

Special to The Telegraph

Hershey, Pa., April 2.—Mrs. 'Harriet Fox, the oldest resident of this place, is seriously ill at her home. Mrs. Fox is a native of Mannheim, but has resided in this community since 1834. She is 92 years of age and resides with her granddaughter, Miss Carrie Letterman.

PRIZE WINNING HENS

Special to The Telegraph

Waynesboro, Pa., April 2.—George S. Barak, South Potomac avenue, has twenty-four White Leghorns which he believes are prize winners when it comes to laying. They lay from 18 to 22 eggs per day. During February they laid 360 eggs, while during the month of March they laid 489 eggs.

CAUGHT IN MACHINERY

Special to The Telegraph

Waynesboro, Pa., April 2.—John M. Cline, Chambersburg, while operating a planer in the Chambersburg Engineering Company's plant, got caught in the machine and had both his legs broken, his hands and body badly lacerated.

A Hint for Coming Maternity

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In a little book designed for expectant mothers more complete instruction is given in the use of "Mother's Friend." This is an external embrocation applied to the abdominal muscles for the purpose of reducing the strain on ligaments, cords and tendons.

In this bringing relief and avoiding great pain, it is a great help. It serves to ease the mind, indirectly has a most beneficial effect upon the nervous system and thousands of women have delightedly told how they were free of nausea, had no morning sickness and went through the ordeal with most remarkable success. "Mother's Friend" has been growing in popular favor for more than forty years. In almost every community are grandmothers who used it themselves, their daughters have used it and they certainly must know what a blessing it is when they recommend it so warmly. Strictly an external application it has no other effect than to ease the muscles, cords, tendons and ligaments involved hence perfectly safe to use by all women. It is used very successfully to prevent caking of breasts.

"Mother's Friend" is prepared in the laboratory of Bradfield Regulator Co., 404 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

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