

Women and Their Interests

FIFTY THE GIVE-AWAY AGE

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Fifty is the give-away age with women. It is the psychological moment when life calls a woman's bluff, and when she has to put all of her cards down on the table, face up, so that all the world may see what she has and is.

All of her little pretenses suddenly fall to pieces: all her little subtleties suddenly become transparent. Everything that she has thought and done and been all her life rises up and claims her as its own.

Youth, of itself, is an impenetrable disguise that nobody can fathom. The greatest connoisseur of living pictures cannot tell whether a young girl is going to make a beautiful woman or not, for practically all young creatures are pretty. Every girl of eighteen has the dewy eyes, the fresh complexion, the lustrous hair, that make what the French call the beauty of the devil.

But when a woman is fifty these evanescent charms are all gone, and she is still beautiful she must have been modelled by nature as a classical and enduring lines as a Greek statue. Fifty is the give-away age for looks when the merely pretty woman's prettiness dissolves into thin air, and she turns into a rag and a bone and a hank of hair, or else into the living semblance of a perambulating feather bed.

Fifty is the give-away age about a woman's intelligence. The high spirits of youth and its childish curiosity often pass current for cleverness. We see a young girl with her face lit up with animation, chattering and laughing, and we judge her to be bright.

We see her vividly interested in going about and taking part in every new thing that comes along, and we jump to the conclusion that she is one of the women who grasp life at every point.

This may be true or it may not be true. She may have intelligence, or her sprightliness of a kitten that wears off when she reaches maturity. There's no way of telling whether the sparkle in a young girl's eyes in the light of intelligence or the freshness of just being eighteen, but when a woman is fifty she gives away her mental status to the last fraction of a hair.

She's got fifty years of living behind her, and it has either broadened her sympathies so that they take in the universe or else they have narrowed her down to what the neighbors wear and her grandchildren's teething. Oh, there's no hiding from the public whether you've got scrambled brains or good gray matter in your headpiece when you are fifty.

Fifty is the give-away age for women about character. You can't tell anything about a girl's disposition from her face, because there are no lines to go by, but by the time a woman is fifty her every emotion has etched its story on her face.

Look at the little fine lines around a woman's eyes. One glance will tell you whether they have been made there by fifty years of smiling

and good nature or by fifty years of fretting and worrying. Look at the curves around her mouth.

It's no trick or craft whether they are lines of tenderness and affection or the bitter lines of nagging and jealousy and ill nature. The very mouth that has kissed and comforted takes on a different turn from the one that has quarreled.

At fifty a woman can no longer hide who she is spiritually. It comes out in her face under the heaviest rouge. It proclaims itself in spite of the most carefully cultivated manner. It's her thoughts and her attitude toward life that make a woman beautiful at fifty, and if she's thought evil thoughts and her attitude toward the world is hard and selfish not all the masseurs and complexion specialists in the world can help her.

Above all, fifty is the give-away age for women as regards the affection of those about them. At fifty a woman's physical fascinations are gone. She can no longer attract men with her beauty nor charm acquaintances with the lure of her youth. If she holds her family and the public whether you've got scrambled brains or good gray matter in your headpiece when you are fifty.

We hear a lot about middle-aged women. You can't tell anything about a girl's disposition from her face, because there are no lines to go by, but by the time a woman is fifty her every emotion has etched its story on her face.

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TRACTION ENGINE RULES SET ASIDE

Commissioner Bigelow Will Let the Next Legislature Settle the Difficulties

By reason of misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the laws and regulations relating to traction engines, there has been engendered a feeling of discontent and dissatisfaction among some owners of such machines. This has caused much concern and they have been exercised by what is said to be an exaggerated idea of the stringency of these laws and regulations, according to a statement issued by the State Highway Department today.

To correct this condition, E. M. Bigelow, State Highway Commissioner, after having given careful consideration to information and facts furnished him regarding the use of traction engines in agricultural work and with a desire to aid and assist and not to interfere with or hinder such work, deems it advisable to suspend, for the time being, rule three governing the operation of these machines so that those owning traction engines of over 100 inches in width, used for agricultural purposes, may have them registered.

Traction engines are of various makes, some of which are of such size and weight and so equipped that they are capable in the hands of a careless and reckless operator, of doing great damage to all kinds of roads, culverts and bridges and it is to prevent this possible damage that the laws were enacted and the rules promulgated.

Threshers, balers or water tanks are not considered trailers and never have been. No registration fee is required to be paid for them.

The ordinary wear and tear of a traction engine used for agricultural purposes on a public road is not and cannot be considered as damaging a highway in such a way as to make the owner of the engine liable for the damages.

In order that no one may be put to a hardship, owners of traction engines, equipped with cleats other than those prescribed by law, will be permitted now to operate such engines during this year, with a view to having the next Legislature modify the law. In fact, it is the opinion of Commissioner Bigelow that the law should be so amended as to make a distinction between the farmers' traction engines and the big, heavy tractor used for hauling freight and heavy loads.

No one is required to swear or to make affidavit to anything except to the facts set forth in the application but all are required to agree to abide by the rules and regulations as established by the State Highway Commissioner.

The commissioner says that he will welcome any information on the subject and will be pleased to confer with any and all persons who may feel they are unfairly restricted and will be glad to consider any suggestions looking to any change in the regulations, wherever such change can be made without at the same time authorizing the unrestricted use of vehicles capable of destroying improved roads and bridges.



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Automobile Club Will Appeal to Public Service Commission

Columbia, Pa., May 14.—The Columbia Automobile Club, which comprises nearly all of the owners of automobiles in the borough, has a war on with the Susquehanna Turnpike Company which may be carried to the Public Service Commission. The club recently demanded that the turnpike between Lancaster and Columbia be repaired and made more passable for motoring, and their protests were met with an unsatisfactory answer. A second notice has been sent and in case the turnpike company fails to improve the pike within a reasonable time the matter will be taken before the commission for adjustment. It is understood that the Conestoga Traction Company has a lease on the pike and the turnpike officers think any repairs needed should be made by that corporation.

WEDDING AT KINDERHOOK

Columbia, Pa., May 14.—A pretty wedding was celebrated at noon Tuesday in the United Evangelical Church at Kinderhook, when Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Zeamer, was united in marriage with Irvin Haertter, of Ironville. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Yeager, pastor of the Ironville Lutheran Church. The couple was attended by John Gabie, of Ironville, and Miss Elizabeth Von Stetten, of Columbia.

WILL OPERATE BAKERY

Columbia, Pa., May 14.—Walters & Baum, of New York, have closed a deal with the trustees for the bondholders of the M. S. Rupp Baking Company, in this place, and will operate the plant as one of the chain of bakery plants which they now operate in various places.

PRAYER MEETING IN LYKENS COAL MINE

Workers in Nicholson-Hemminger Evangelistic Party Conduct Services Far Underground

Lykens, Pa., May 14.—There were no services in the Nicholson-Hemminger tabernacle on Monday with the exception of the personal workers' committee and a recital of the great choir. After the recital the choir went to the homes of some sick people in Lykens, where a song service was held and prayer offered. Tuesday afternoon Professor Hemminger met the booster choir, more commonly known as the "Sunshine Choir," and rehearsed some new hymns and there was a special service in the tabernacle, at which time the subject for discussion was "The Work of the Holy Spirit." It was a morning a number of miners from Gratzy company with others from Lykens and Wiconisco, held a prayer meeting in one of the lowest levels of the coal mine here, and one of the workers will be held during the week. A prayer meeting was held in Mossup's knitting mill at Wiconisco, while the workers in Lykens held a similar service in the Baptist Church of Lykens. Tuesday night the "Sunshine Choir" and a terrific thunder storm came up and notwithstanding the rain, which came down in torrents, about 1,200 people faced the speaker, the Rev. Mr. Nicholson. It would have been impossible to hear the minister under the circumstances, so Professor Hemminger conducted a song service. The offering was then taken and a report showed that the offerings for the week past were over \$600, or almost half of the expense budget. After the expenses of building and lumber, etc., have been met there will be no more offerings taken until the close of the campaign.

The Rev. Mr. Nicholson made a powerful plea to the unsaved and was rewarded by fifty converts. On Sunday night fifty-nine came forward, thus making a total of 109 in two nights.

On Saturday afternoon there was an anti-booze parade and anti-booze services in the evening. The parade will be headed by two bands, the United Brethren of Lykens and the Wiconisco Cornet Band.

Dr. Forncrook Speaks at Social of Men's Bible Class

Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 14.—About eighty men attended the social given by the men of the Church of God Tuesday evening. A. G. Eberly presided over the meeting and the speaker of the evening was the Rev. Dr. J. C. Forncrook, of Harrisburg. A class talk was given by the Rev. Charles F. Raach, and music was furnished by Weber's orchestra, and a vocal quartet composed of R. C. Swartz, Bruce Mowery, Frank Hollinger and Ed. Cromleigh.

The remainder of the evening was spent socially and refreshments consisting of ice cream, strawberries, cake and coffee were served.

The class is taught by the Rev. Mr. Raach, pastor of the church, and John S. Weaver is president. On the social committee in charge of the evening's entertainment were C. N. Williams, Park Rider and Everett Eckels.

Superintendent of Epworth League Entertains Members

Lewisberry, Pa., May 14.—On Tuesday evening the Rev. David L. Dixon, superintendent of the Junior Epworth League, entertained its members at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage. Owing to the heavy rains only half of the members were present. A very enjoyable time was had in various games and refreshments were served. These persons were present: Marjorie Ensminger, Romayne Byers, Evelyn Harlacher, Hannah Lease, Mary Petrow, Pauletta Dugan, Margaret Hutton, Esther Schubaner, Georgetta Hutton, Anna Sutton, Beulah Walker, Elvina C. Williams, Byers, Paul Walker, Robert Sutton, Vance Updegraff, Robert Wolfe, Ray Rhinesmith, Stuart Wise, Willard Updegraff, Bobbie Bell and Josephine Croll, of York. Those who assisted the Rev. Mr. Dixon in entertaining were Miss Edith Clinch, Mrs. Eliza A. Pennington, Miss Mary Frankberger and Mrs. John Harlacher.

FINAL SESSION OF SOCIETIES

Annville, Pa., May 14.—The Philokopian and Clonian Literary Societies held their final joint session of the year. After the following literary program was given, refreshments were served: Piano solo, Miss Steinhauer; parody, K. K. Curry; reading, Miss Weaver; one act playlet, Messrs Baker, Euse, Taylor, Page, Meyer, Heintzleman and Loser, Messrs Shenberger, Snavely, Lutz, ering, Risser and Snyder; quartet, Misses Engle, Myers, Clark and Strickler; essay, C. Ulrich; Olive Branch and Living Thoughts, editors.

WOMAN FALLS DOWN STAIRS

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PALACE THEATER

At the Palace, to-morrow, "The Hero's Highway" will be featured. This two-reel domestic comes from the Paris Eclair Company and it will undoubtedly be received with open arms. It is self-sufficient that we get a drama from France and when they do come they are looked upon as rather a refreshing treat—something quite apart from the general run of the American plays.

The play is admirably cast. There is love and devotion are the actuating forces. Photography is beautiful and the settings are noticeably perfect in offering the play, the Universal feel it highly pleasing.

Also Gaumont three-reel mystifying, thrilling detective drama, "The Staircase of Death," fully assured that it is going to make one of the most sensational, resounding hits of any detective drama of like order ever produced in the history of motion pictures. The play is a masterpiece of concentrated action; lucid, but there is something in it ever second. Frontier comedy, "The Cuckoo's Nest," will conclude the program. This is heralded as a just-falling from beginning to end, with amusing situations and funny incidents that will bring forth peal after peal of continuous laughter.—Advertisement.

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