

Women and Their Interests

The Married Woman and Her Romance

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get a great many letters from married women who assert that they are virgins and discreet wives and mothers, yet who complain that they are annoyed by the attentions of men who have fallen desperately in love with them.

Many Women Have an Insatiable Appetite for Romance

Sometimes a very attractive matron writes that it is the family doctor or even her minister, who cherishes an uncontrollable passion for her; sometimes it is the family friend, and not infrequently it is a brother, or relative of the husband, who pesters the lady with his lovelmaking, and so the writer asking me what shall she do to get rid of it.

Perhaps such cases exist, but I am sure they are far more rare than my correspondents think. Not every woman who thinks herself a fascinating woman has an insatiable appetite for romance that can make her turn a man's head.

In all good truth, the woman who is really honest at heart and desires to run straight has little to fear from men. Practically every man tests every woman that he meets as to her moral principles. If he ascertains that she is one of those who is standing by him, he will be satisfied with her qualities for the job, but if he recognizes that she is one of the pure in heart, he respects her innocence. It is curious, but true, that a man is equally willing to lead a woman up or down.

As a matter of fact, men have such a respect for goodness in a woman that only the basest and most despicable among them would turn a woman from the right path if they could.

Women Often Play With Fire Until Too Late to Save Selves

Even the most evil men, knowing too much, even women, have this desire to play with fire. The wife, and any wife and mother has in her wifehood and motherhood a shield that will protect her from any Lethario if she cares to use it.

Not many men are so abandoned as to thrust unwelcome attentions upon an honorable wife and mother, and the married woman who finds herself in possession of a lover has, at least, been guilty of contributory negligence. Like

Barkis, she has shown that she was "willing."

Of course, the situation often goes beyond the limits the woman expected it to. That's the trouble in playing with fire. The married woman intended to be a pure and honest woman and children. She merely desired to nibble once more at the very outer edge of the cake of romance when she began making eyes at her preacher, or doctor, or the family friend, and she's disconcerted enough when she finds out that the man wants to play the game out to the end.

When a married woman begins dalliance with the prince of the party, generally something pitiful about it as well as sordid, because back of her straying is the feminine never-ending craving for sentiment and love, for something more than the dry husks of matrimony.

She may have a good husband, a good home, all the comforts of life, but her husband never shows her any respect for goodness in a woman who looks, never caresses her. He apparently regards her as a dog in the domestic machinery, and the heart of the woman, starving for some real manifestation of a living affection, takes forbidden fruit.

It is men's indifference to the wives that makes so many flirtatious wives. This is the real sin, no excuse for the woman, but it surely should be a warning to the men.

No man who keeps his own love, marking up to the mark has anything to fear from other men, and by the same token no woman is pestered with love talk who doesn't lend a listening ear to it. For, after all, the love game is not solitaire. It's a two-handed game, and it takes two to play it.

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