

Women AND Their Interests

The Dangers of Flirtation

By Beatrice Fairfax

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX—I am deeply interested in a girl I see every day on the car as I go to work. She smiles at me every morning as we ride in the car, but I scarcely dare to speak, as I have never been introduced. I do not know any of her friends. I would like to meet her, but I don't like to get acquainted by flirting with her. Would you kindly advise me if I should speak to her? writes "Steady Reader."

Letters of this sort keep pouring in on me, and nothing that I can say seems to impress my readers with the fact that there is not a special case or that in their particular instance it would not be safe and sane to scrape acquaintance with some one of whom they know nothing.

Once and for all time I reply to those many correspondents—"DON'T FLIRT."

Every day each one of us sees, in passing, some face that arrests and attracts. The "stream of life" carries by its people for whom we feel either a momentary attraction or a conscious affinity. They pass, and we cannot know them; we dare not even try. That is one of the rules society has laid down for its own protection.

I am not saying that this rule does not force us to miss enjoyable friendships—but it also saves us from disastrous acquaintances.

Unfortunately, part of the stock in trade of villains and adventuresses often is to simulate innocence and charm so perfectly that no eye can detect the sham. And some of us are so constituted that when beauty attracts our vision our cool, sane judgment cannot light its way into our consciousness and sway us at all.

At best we are likely to meet all sorts of rogues and mountebanks. But sometimes we are protected from them by the respect they feel for our position, or, at the other extreme, the pity it engenders.

An introduction is a guarantee of

good faith. When John Smith says, "Miss Brown, I want you to know my friend, Mr. Jones," he is standing sponsor for Miss Brown and Mr. Jones; and they both know it and act toward one another with a certain regard for their mutual relations to Smith.

But when Mr. Jones, after smiling at Miss Brown during a week of meetings in the subway, comes up to her and says, "Es— you going my way?" and she smiles and says "Yes," two things happen in Mr. Jones's mind.

He readjusts his admiration for her blue eyes in terms of "I wonder if any other fellow ever 'picked her up?'" and "Well—that was easy." Guess he looked as good to her as she did to me.

And the acquaintance that starts with a little fear of what he'll think on Miss Brown's part is likely to end with abrupt unpleasantness when she finds just how badly he does think that she let a stranger speak to her.

Flirting is a risk—too great a risk to take. It has definite big dangers; through it we are likely to make very undesirable acquaintances and to come to be considered as a possible, undesirable acquaintance.

The chances are a hundred against one that a worth-while individual will be met in this way. The chances are one against a hundred that worth-while people will ever care to know you after you have shown yourself to be one of those "gamblers with life" who "commit yourself to follow any fancy" of the moment and to accept acquaintances without any demand for credentials of character in the shape of proper introduction.

You wouldn't lend any stranger your pass-key to the street you passed casually on the street your last five dollars because you liked his face, would you? Why entrust to his keeping what is infinitely more precious, your reputation, your standard of personal dignity, your character itself?

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RETIRED AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

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CAPTAIN CHARLES P. MECK

the Second Governor's Troop in 1898 and also having served with the rank of first lieutenant for more than fifteen years, as required by the retirement clause of the State Military Code.

Captain Meck was in the Eighth Regiment when it was commanded by Colonel J. P. S. Gobin and in the Governor's Troop under Captain Harman A. Perkins and Captain Frederick M. Ott. He also served as squadron adjutant under Major Ott until that well-known officer's retirement last year, and since then under the new squadron commander, Major Joseph V. Cunningham, of New Castle, Pa.

Captain Meck is the son of a soldier of two wars, his father, the late Ephraim G. H. Meck, serving as first sergeant of Co. A, Eleventh Infantry in the Mexican war in 1847-8, and being commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Civil war in 1862.

Record of Military Service

Captain Charles P. Meck enlisted in Co. D, Eighth Regiment, N. G. P., (City Grays) May 25, 1875, under Captain Thomas F. Maloney, and served five years, the full term of enlistment at that time, receiving a discharge May 25, 1880. When a movement was started for the organization of a cavalry troop for the Third Brigade in the early part of 1888, he placed his name on the list and was mustered in with the Governor's Troop on February 13, 1888. Six days later, February 24, he was appointed first sergeant by Captain Harman A. Perkins and served in that position until July 21, 1890, when he was elected second lieutenant.

On June 5, 1891, he was elected first lieutenant and re-elected June 5, 1896. April 28, 1898, he went with the Governor's Troop to Camp Hastings, Md., and volunteered for the Spanish war, but on May 12 he was rejected on account of eyesight and returned to Harrisburg. He was then given permission by the State authorities to recruit a new troop of cavalry, which was mustered into the service as the Second Governor's Troop, N. G. P., and attached to the Third Brigade, under Brigadier General Frank J. Maguire.

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He was elected captain of the new troop on July 21, 1898, and remained in command of it until the reorganization of the old Governor's Troop January 31, 1899, when he was again elected first lieutenant. He was re-elected February 11, 1904, and March 2, 1909. On the organization of a cavalry squadron consisting of the Governor's Troop, Sheridan Troop and Troop F, known as Squadron B, (now Second Squadron of First Regiment of Cavalry) in 1910, he was appointed by Major Frederick M. Ott as first lieutenant and squadron adjutant with date of May 16, 1910, and served in that staff position nearly five years, retiring March 9, 1915.

Popular Officer

In all of the elections to the various commissions held by Captain Meck he never had opposition, the vote having been unanimous in every instance. Captain Meck served five years in the infantry branch and twenty-seven in the cavalry. Twenty-five of the years in the mounted service were as a commissioned officer. His rank as a first lieutenant dates back to June 5, 1891, the commission as captain in the Spanish war period not breaking the continuous service.

Captain Meck has commissions signed by six commanders-in-chief, as follows: Governor Beaver, as second lieutenant, 1899; Governor Pattison, first lieutenant, 1891; Governor Hast-

ings, first lieutenant, 1896, and captain, 1898; Governor Stone, first lieutenant, 1899; Governor Pennypacker, first lieutenant, 1904; Governor Stuart, first lieutenant, 1909, and first lieutenant and squadron adjutant, 1910.

PRESIDENT PARDONS DYING PRISONER IN PENITENTIARY

Washington, March 24.—Touched by news that George Savage, a prisoner in the Minnesota penitentiary, was dying, President Wilson last night signed a pardon and orders were telegraphed to the warden to release the man.

Savage was serving a sentence of five years, imposed by the Federal Court at St. Paul, for violation of the Mann "white slave" law. His sentence began in April, 1914.

BRAVE BOY MAY BE REWARDED

Sunbury, Pa., March 24.—Clarence Teats, of Northumberland, aged 15, at the risk of his life last December made a perilous trip over broken ice and saved from drowning 6-year-old Charles Rine, who fell into the Susquehanna river. He thought no more of the act until within the last two weeks, when he received two letters from the Andrew Carnegie Hero Fund Commission asking him for information concerning the act and various details. He is modest and has asked those who witnessed the act to furnish the information.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Special to The Telegraph

Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 24.—This evening and to-morrow a missionary convention in Union Chapel will be held by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The speakers will include the Rev. J. S. Moore, of Lancaster; the Rev. W. H. Chandler, of Wheaton, Ill.; Mrs. O. Lapp, of India, and Miss A. E. Galbraith, of China. The Rev. Mr. Chandler will be the speaker to-night. In charge of the services will be the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Worrall, and Miss Cora Smith, of Harrisburg, who will assist in the music.

CHORAL CLUB CONCERT

Anville, Pa., March 24.—The largest audience that has attended an entertainment at Lebanon Valley College the past year witnessed the first annual concert of the Eurydice Choral Club last night in the Engle Conservatory of Music. Two delightful readings were given by Miss Josephine Ulrich. The club is under the direction of Miss Catherine Schmidt, head of the department of voice at the college.

Civil Service Exams.

Are Open to All

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations to be held in Harrisburg. Persons who meet the requirements and desire any of the examinations should at once apply to the secretary, third civil service district, Philadelphia, Pa., or local secretary, Harrisburg.

Scientific assistant, \$1,440 per annum, April 14-15; blacksmith, male, \$70 per month, April 20; junior bacteriologist, male, \$1,020-\$1,200, April 28; information editor, male, \$2,000, April 28; Hull draftsman, male, \$1,800, April 28-29.

The following examinations are also scheduled to be held on April 6: Clerk, departmental; electrotypist, molder; elevator conductor, guard, press feeder, pressman, stenographer, stenographer and typewriter, stenographic clerk, stereotyper, subclerk, typewriter.

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