

# Women AND THEIR INTERESTS

## Keeping the Wells of Thought Pure

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When women of secretly questionable lives, who yet retain public respect, meet in friendly converse they are exceedingly careful to steer away from any discussion of vice. They prefer to talk of the new minister, and their private charities, and the opera, and the latest fashion.

Herein they are more wise than their moral and pure-hearted sisters sometimes are.  
To the really innocent possessed of any temperament or imagination there is a certain fascination in learning a little about the doings of vice. It is the same sort of quality of mind which makes the timid child want to hear about Jack the Giant Killer, Little Red Riding Hood, and Bluebeard. The child is all affection and tenderness, yet he is stirred with a creepy sensation of delight and horror intermingled when he hears these tales of slaughter (stories, by the way, which no child should ever be permitted to hear during his nursery days).

It is quite in the same way that good girls and pure-hearted women read through their curiosity to listen to stories of human depravity and vice, and to repeat to one another the tales of wickedness which they have read or heard.

Had they taken part in any of these phases of life they would not want to talk about them unless they had become utterly depraved and indifferent to public opinion; yet even with the excuse of the curiosity which often accompanies virtue and inexperience, it is a step in the wrong direction when a good woman with noble and worthy aims allows herself to talk about unwholesome subjects.

It is impossible for a woman of intelligence to live in the world a score of years and not know that vice and depravity exist. It is necessary that she should know it if she intends to be a factor for good, and not a mere

minded woman need to assume an lay figure. Innocence does not need to be ignorant, nor does the moral-offended or insulted air if immorality is mentioned in her presence.

We can increase and intensify anything we think about persistently. If we permit our minds to dwell upon the evil in the world, even to regret and bemoan it, we increase the power of evil, besides coming closer in touch with it ourselves. Let evil alone—do not think of it or talk of it, and it will die of neglect. If no one thought or talked of sin, it would soon cease to exist.

As our country grows older we hear much of the "abnormal" and the "degenerate." Almost every day one may hear those words used carelessly by sweet women.

Stop talking about them; stop thinking or wondering about them. If you chance to know such types, steer clear of them, giving them thoughts of healing and illumination as you pass, commanding them to be clean and then go upon your way and forget them.

Do not defile your mind or that of another by conversation about them. If a subject of this kind is introduced in your presence you do not need to appear shocked or assume an I-am-hollower-than-thou air, for, remember, it is not the worst people who speak of such things to one another! But you can get away from the unpleasant topic as quickly as possible, and to public opinion; yet even with the excuse of the curiosity which often accompanies virtue and inexperience, it is a step in the wrong direction when a good woman with noble and worthy aims allows herself to talk about unwholesome subjects.

Don't be a prude; don't affect false modesty; don't claim an ignorance of evil, but rise up and over it to pure realms of thought, and help yourself and humanity by thinking and talking of the good things which exist all about us—beautiful loves, pure friendship, noble charities, lovely unselfishness, sincere motives.

Look for them, and you will find them.

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## MOVIES WILL BE HELD TO STANDARD

State Boards New Rules Indicate the Extent to Which the Officials Will Act

Stringent rules "to keep motion pictures returned to public opinion" have been laid down by the State Board of Motion Picture Censors in the new book of rules and regulations just issued from the offices of the board. All the experience of the last year or so in controlling pictures and the observation and thought of the censors seems to have been concentrated in the new code. It is far more comprehensive than the original rules and the statements made as to policy are very plainly worded. The board consists of J. L. Brettinger, Ellis Paxson Oberholzer and Mrs. E. C. Niver.

The first rule states that the board will "aim to eliminate everything which shall tend to debase morals or inflame the mind to improper adventures or to establish false standards of conduct. Sacrilege, death and depressing scenes "unduly emphasized" and gawdy subjects are put under objection and barroom and "passionate love" scenes must be used with discretion and not so as to lose significance.

"Frank exposure of the person may be less objectionable than partial exposure, is one of the hints and disrobing and intimate home scenes are to be avoided as much as possible. The board gives notice that it will lean to the conservative side in dealing with comedy costuming. Plays showing infidelity are not considered a legitimate subject and the board says it will "insist that problems of sex shall be treated with seriousness and reserve."

Slap stick stunts must be wholesome, no plays holding up to ridicule any sect or which tend to show loose morals are to be attempted. Pictures showing women drinking and smoking will be carefully judged. In regard to underworld, opium den and similar scenes are to be truthful when they have to be used, but are to be employed with restraint and will be subject to rigid consideration. It is frankly stated that they may be condemned, while pictures showing habit-forming use of drugs are not considered in the movie field at all.

## A SMART AUTUMN COSTUME

A Street Dress in New and Interesting Style.

By MAY MANTON



8751 Coat Dress, 34 to 44 bust.

Street dresses unquestionably make a feature of the autumn fashions. This one is exceedingly smart and so cut and planned that it will be becoming to almost every figure. There are long unbroken lines at the front to give an effect of height, yet the severity is mitigated by the curved seams at the back and sides. The closing may be made at the center front with the edges meeting or slightly to the left of the front with the edges lapped, but, in either case, it is finished with a high collar. In the picture, one of the new crepe suitings is trimmed with satin and the effect is a very good one, but this is a dress that will be much liked for serge, for gabardine, for broad-cloth and for all materials of a similar weight. Later, it will be handsome for velvet. There is an inverted plait at each seam which extends to a little above knee depth and which provides graceful freedom and flare, while the body portion and the upper part of the skirt are plain.

For the medium size will be needed 8 yds. of material 27 in. wide, 6 yds. 36, 5 1/2 yds. 44, with 12 yds. of braid. The skirt is 4 yds. wide at the lower edge.

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