

OF INTEREST TO THE WOMEN

Taking a Mental Inventory

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Now that the summer season is ended and you are at home again, suppose you make a mental inventory of the past three months and see what you have accomplished with yourself and life.

Then resolve that you will use what fact and skill you possess to changing the tenor of such conversation when you find yourself in a company of people intent upon gossip. It is not a difficult matter to lead idle minds away from individual themes to one of universal interest.

What did you do with your summer vacation? Did you add to your store of knowledge in any way? Did you lay a foundation for better health, better work, greater usefulness and greater happiness?

A host in a private home who had grown tired of the rather aimless talk of his family and guests at table, suggested that each member bring an item of scientific or historical interest to embellish the dinner hour. This suggestion was carried out and proved to be a feature of great pleasure and profit to all concerned.

Did you read anything of value and did you think any worth while thoughts? Did you leave the people with whom you associated happier, more hopeful and more ambitious to emulate your example, and did you add, in any way, to their respect for human nature by the examples you set them?

Each member of the household did a little careful reading through the day in the library and was enabled to introduce a topic of general interest during the repast. Their minds were enriched, memories strengthened and knowledge increased.

There are people who feel that they are taking a vacation when they eat and drink to excess and pass all their leisure moments in gossip and criticism. Nothing could be more depressing to one who has the interests of humanity at heart than to listen to the conversation of bevy of smartly dressed men and women on hotel verandas in the summer season. Idle gossip, malicious criticism, trivial chatter prevail, as a rule, in such places.

One's happiness is gained mainly from a discussion of the weaknesses of human nature this tendency can be indulged by reading history and scoring the derelictions of people who have passed from earth. It is much safer and less liable to provoke unpleasant results than giving this proclivity reign with one's personal acquaintances as the subjects under discussion.

Many a young woman's character has been torn to pieces and many an ugly, untruthful scandal has been set afoot by men and women at summer resorts who believe themselves to be good Christians, and who return home to be faithful attendants at some established church of Christ. There are so many interesting subjects of conversation to occupy our minds outside of the faults, failings and foibles of our fellow-creatures.

To build up one's health by breathing fresh air and eating pure food is not the only object to be sought in a summer vacation. To avoid bad company, cheap habits of conduct, unwholesome and unworthy topics of conversation is quite as important as to avoid bad air in city offices. There are scores of women who have returned home from summer hotels declaring they have had a most glorious season, yet who have left behind them a trail of idle gossip and meaningless chatter; women who have done nothing to increase the respect for woman-kind, nothing which has cheered, encouraged or strengthened in any human being who came within their radius. Are you one of these?

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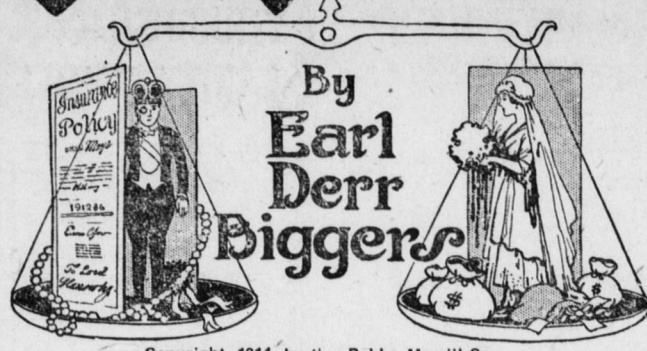
Marcel Knecht, a professor in the University of Nancy, France, will give an address to-morrow afternoon at Bishop Darlington's residence. Prof. Knecht will tender the thanks of the allies to all those who have in any way contributed to the allies and their cause.

Oliver Perry Hazard, Sr., of York, charged with nonsupport of his two sons, was in Harrisburg to-day enroute to Sunbury for a hearing. His former wife, Sofia Hazard, of Washington, D. C., with the sons, Alfred Henry aged 12, and Oliver Perry, Jr., 4 years was also here a short time.

After the case had been dismissed by Magistrate Martin, of Carlisle, with an admonition to divide the meat of the animal, W. D. Markley, of this city, made another complaint against a party of campers, composed mainly of railway clerks, charging them with the larceny of a deer, said to have been shot by his sons. The case will be taken into court.

Adam Rider, 69 years old, 1629 Park street, underwent an operation yesterday afternoon at the Harrisburg Hospital in which his left eye was removed. His eye became infected when struck by a piece of ice several months ago.

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Continued. "But, my dear sir, that chap is a rank impostor. There wasn't a word of truth in what he said. Cynthia, you understand."

"Why, yes, I suppose so," the girl replied. "You are Allan Harrowby, aren't you?"

"My dear girl, of course I am." "Nevertheless," said Spencer Meyrick, with decision, "I'm going to call the wedding off again. Some of your actions haven't made much of a hit with me. I'm going to call it off until you come to me and prove that you're Allan Harrowby, a lord in good and regular standing, with all dues paid."

"But—confound it, sir—a gentleman's word!" "Mr. Meyrick," put in Minot, "may I be allowed to say that I consider your action hasty?"

"And may I be allowed to ask what affair this is of yours?" demanded Mr. Meyrick hotly. "Father," cried Miss Meyrick, "please do not be harsh with Mr. Minot. His heart is absolutely set on my marriage with Lord Harrowby. Naturally he feels very badly over all this."

Minot winced. "Come, Cynthia," said Meyrick, moving toward the door. "I've had enough of this play acting. Remember, sir, the wedding is off—absolutely off—until you are able to establish your identity beyond question."

And he and his daughter went out. Minot sat for a long time staring at Lord Harrowby. Finally he spoke. "Say, Harrowby," he inquired, "who the devil are you?"

His lordship sadly shook his head. "You, too, Brutus," he sighed. "Haven't I one friend left? I'm Allen Harrowby. Ask Jephson. If I weren't that policy that's causing you so much trouble wouldn't be worth the paper it's written on."

"That's right too. Well, admitting you're Harrowby, how are you going to prove it?" "I've an idea," Harrowby replied. "Everything comes to him who waits. What is it?"

"A very good friend of mine—an old Oxford friend—is attached to our embassy at Washington. He was planning to come down for the wedding. I'll telegraph him to board the next train."

"Remember, sir, the wedding is off—absolutely off."

"Where to?" "Say to the fort—the longest way." She glanced back toward the hotel. "I'm not sure that I ought"—

"But that will only make it the more exciting. Please! And I've news—real news."

The gray fort loomed in the moonlight like a historical novel's dream. Its huge ironbound doors were locked for the night; its custodian home in the bosom of his family. Only its lower ramparts were left for the feet of romantic youth to tread.

Along these ramparts, close to the shimmering sea, Miss Meyrick and Minot walked. Truth to tell, it was not so very difficult to keep one's footing—but once the girl was forced to hold out an appealing hand.

"French heels are treacherous," she explained. Minot took her hand, and for the first time knew the thrill that, encountered often on the printed page, he had mentally classed as "rubbish!"

Widely she interrupted it: "You said you had news?" He had, but it was not so easy to impart as he had expected.

"Tell me," he said, "if it should turn out that what poor old George said this morning was a fact—that Allan Harrowby was an impostor—would you feel so very badly?" She withdrew her hand.

"You have no right to ask that," she replied. "Forgive me. Indeed I haven't. But I was moved to ask it for the reason that—that George said was evidently true. Allan Harrowby left suddenly for the north an hour ago."

The girl stood still, looking with wide eyes out over the sea. "Left—for the north," she repeated. There was a long silence. At length she turned to Minot, a queer light in her eyes. "Of course you'll go after him and bring him back," she asked.

"No," Minot bowed his head. "I know I must have looked rather silly of late. But if you think I did the things I've done because I chose to—you're wrong. If you think I did them because I didn't love you—you're wrong too. Oh, I!"

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The House committee on post offices to-day voted to include as a legislative rider on that bill an amendment applying the zone system, as now applied to the parcel post, to all second-class matter.

Citizen's Fire Company Nominate Officers For Year

Nominations for officers of the Citizen Fire Company were made at the regular monthly meeting last evening to be voted for at the meeting on the second Monday in January. Those named for office are: President, Charles P. Meck; vice-president, Howard O. Holstein; treasurer, Dr. William E. Vallerchamp; chaplain, the Rev. Dr. William N. Yates; recording secretary, Harry M. Brooks; financial secretary, Luther I. Shoop; engineer, Frank Fagan; assistant engineers, George E. Meck, Harry Ellis, L. I. Shoop, Edward Wert; firemen, Robert Wilson, William Demmy, David Hodge; foreman, Harry Miller, Louis Housell; assistant foreman, George Shatto, H. Rodenhauer; trustees, Clarence Sulzberger, Dr. J. T. Ensminger, James Brady, David Hodge, George Lawrence, Robert Wilson; hose committee, Dr. W. E. Vallerchamp, Edward West, Clarence Sulzberger; finance committee, Frank Fagan, John Keffer, William Demmy; investigating committee, Frank Fagan, Dr. J. T. Ensminger, L. I. Shoop; directors, Herbert Weston, Paul Shaeffer, Charles Demmy, John Costello; representative to Firemen's Relief Association, Harry Ellis; representative to Firemen's Union, Howard O. Holstein, Edward Wert, Dr. W. E. Vallerchamp; delegate to State Firemen's convention, Dr. J. T. Ensminger, William Demmy; fire police, Dr. W. E. Vallerchamp, John Keffer, David Hodge, Harry M. Brooks, S. P. Dunbar, William Demmy.

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