

Reading for Women and all the Family

Life's Problems Are Discussed

By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow

Not long ago a clever woman pronounced this riddle: What is the golden age in man?

And she answered it in defiance of Dr. Osler who, it will be remembered, said, or was reported to have said, that the span of man's activities ended at forty, and that at sixty he would benefit the world by quietly chloroforming himself out of existence.

She answered it by putting the golden age of man at forty-seven, because he then still has his hair and teeth, and is reasonably well lined and a fair share of his illusions, but has lost the bumptious self-conceit of youth, gaining in its place a sense of achievement and a wider tolerance, a solidity of character that is sustaining and dependable.

As I was trying to decide whether I wholly agreed with her or not, I happened to read a story which fitted into my mind: When is a woman in her prime? At what age is she at her best? And I found it a far more interesting conundrum. Viewed from every angle, it seems to be a movable feast.

The development of man is logical and consistent. He grows up through his seven ages, just about the same now as he did in the days of Shakespeare. The insurance actuaries and the statisticians, however, may have added a few years to the traditional three score and ten, and have put off by so much his subsidence into "the lean and slipshod pantaloon." But from the moment the doctor announces, "It's a boy!" you can foretell with reasonable accuracy his horizons.

From one to seven he will be a chubby darling; from seven to fourteen an unkempt savage; from fourteen to twenty-one a cub; from twenty-one to thirty-five, so absorbed in himself and his career, on his wife and his baby, that except to himself and his business associates and his perfectors conundrum, he is an unmitigated bore. Then somewhere between thirty-five and three score and ten he hits his apogee, becomes a real, full-fledged human being, just as the polylog loses his tail and gains his croak and becomes a full-fledged frog and a somewhat between thirty-five and seventy, then, or eighty, or ninety, the male of the species is in his prime. I would not say definitely forty-seven, although that is a fair average; for I have known men still distinctly polylogish, and others at the same age who were gray-haired, had croaked and wrinkled as that of a rhinoceros.

Also I have known specimens who apparently never grew old, frolicsome urchins of eighty and grizzled gouches who were so from their cradles. Enigmions who remain eternally young, although I prize that never had any youth.

But these no more affect the general truth of the proposition than does the fact of a snowstorm in July or a torrid day in January affect the orderly procession of the zodiac. Man's successive stages of development follow each other as certainly and as regularly as harvest and seed-time, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

But woman, always original, daring and unconventional, permits of no such classification. She is just as apt as not to reverse the process, and be an unkempt savage from twenty to thirty, and a grizzled gouch from thirty to forty, and a polylog from forty to fifty, and a real human being from fifty to sixty, and a somewhat between sixty and seventy, and a cub from seventy to eighty, and a chubby darling from eighty to ninety.

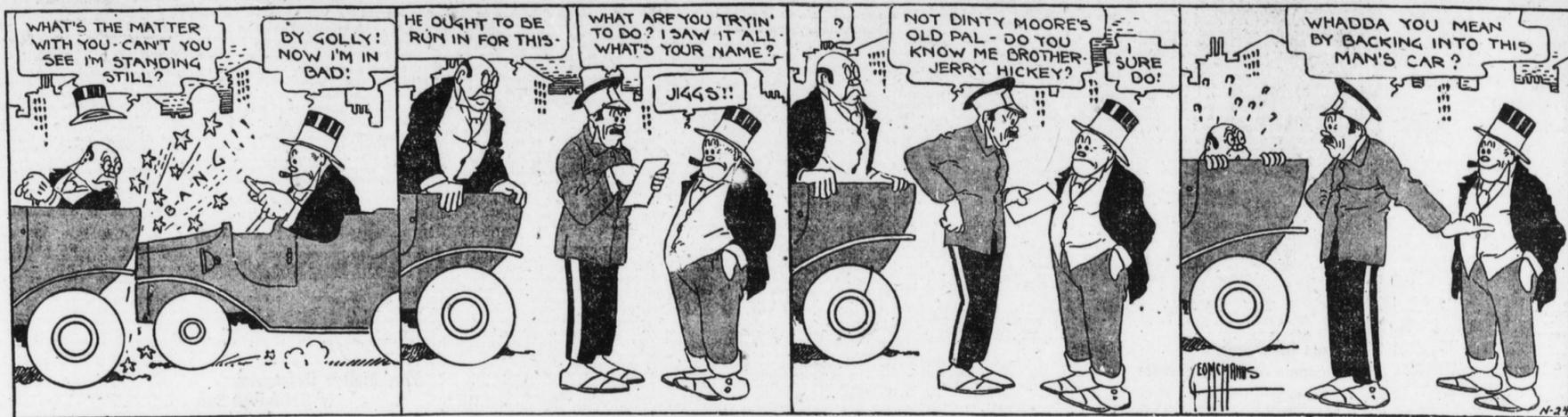
Mrs. Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, was at nearly fifty an invalid in a New England town. Her life had been passed in obscurity. She was no different apparently in her old age from the thousands of "poor relations" in similar positions, some of whom each of us count as acquaintances and to whom we refer with a deprecatory shake of the head as "Poor Annie," or "Poor Estelle," or poor some one else, with an emphasis on the "poor."

Yet in those years when, according to tradition, a woman should resign herself to the rocking chair by the fireside, she built up a world-wide religious organization, directing with consummate generalship all its

Bringing Up Father

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multifarious activities; she established in connection with it a modest and successful publishing house, issuing monthly, weekly and daily periodicals in addition to a vast array of books and pamphlets devoted to her propaganda; and at the same time managed and controlled a private fortune of over \$2,000,000, all amassed by her own efforts, and did so efficiently that it is said her estate contained no security or investment that was not gilt-edged in quality.

At the time of her death she showed no diminution of her mental powers, but rather a firmer grasp upon the wide range of her interests and a clearer, more extended vision for the future. At almost ninety she was, so to speak, fairly in her prime.

On the other hand, the Bronte sisters exhibited a full maturity of genius when scarcely out of their teens. Their early death makes it hard, of course, to say what they might have accomplished with a wider experience, but it is doubtful if they would ever have transcended their first efforts.

When was the prime of Ninon de Lenclos, the famous beauty who at sixty looked twenty and who at ninety still counted her admirers by the score?

Madame de Maintenon, born in prison, bred in poverty, emerged from obscurity as a plain, middle-aged widow to rule the frivolous court of Louis XIV. and direct the destinies of a nation.

The great singer sees her career ended between forty and fifty; and it is the time when many women are just beginning to live.

Gertrude Atherton contends that a woman should never engage in any remunerative calling or enter into economic competition with men under thirty-five, arguing that she is too emotional in her twenties, too obsessed with thoughts of love and marriage to give the concentrated effort which is to-day required in all branches of well-paid work.

We are really only living within Mrs. Atherton's limitations. I believe in any woman taking up any work she wants to at any age she chooses, and if she never really lives, we realize our heart's desire, no matter what our years may be.

A woman's prime is when her dream, the great ambition of her soul—comes true, whether that dream is love, or motherhood, or fame, or business success, or power, or service.

All's Well That Ends Well

BY JANE McLEAN

Mrs. Fairfax was perhaps the most efficient person in the work, and she employed only efficient help. She rivaled her husband's business methods, in applying the efficiency method so rigidly to her own household that only the most highly competent of servants stayed very long.

The two Fairfax children were managed according to a careful schedule. Their own particular nurse maid never died when they were taken out in the park for an airing each day. She was efficiency itself. No one ever heard of Billy, the Fairfax chauffeur, taking liberties with either of the two cars when they were not in use by some member of the family. All the servants, in fact, knew very well that, although they were extraordinarily well paid, well housed, and well treated, there would be no excuse whatever in the case of a lapse of good judgment.

When Mrs. Fairfax engaged Mrs. Stook for a seamstress, she had thought to try her for a few days, and, if she did not suit, and come up to the general high standard of efficiency, to let her go. Mrs. Stook was unlike the rest of the help in the Fairfax household, but in a certain way Mrs. Fairfax was sorry for her. At any rate, the work was simple and unimportant and it did not particularly matter if the things she made were not perfect, as long as they were not turned out in record time.

Mrs. Stook, a gentle person unused to such a thing as efficiency, was frightened by the wheeled notion of the Fairfax regime. She wondered if she would do, and felt vaguely clumsy and awkward. That was why at the end of the first day she had not half completed the amount of work that Mrs. Fairfax had thought her sewing woman should accomplish without any difficulty whatsoever. Mrs. Stook felt embarrassed when she confronted Mrs. Fairfax and met that lady's bright, inquiring glance.

"I never seemed to work so slowly before," Mrs. Stook managed to stammer out.

"I had thought I expected only a fair amount of work," Mrs. Fairfax maintained. Of course she had no idea that poor Mrs. Stook knew nothing at all about efficiency and was wasting time. All she really knew was that the seamstress was a disappointment. As she said to her husband that night:

"I'm afraid the new woman won't do at all."

Mrs. Fairfax had come into the pleasant room quite frequently during the day and had talked to Mrs. Stook, and discovered several things that were interesting. Mrs. Stook was not a fashionable dressmaker.

Soldiers on Furlough Visit Their Homes at Wiconisco

Wiconisco, Pa., Nov. 23.—The following boys spent Sunday with their parents: John H. Dutrich, Joseph Harman and George Yanscock, of Camp Meade, Md.; Elmer Umholtz, naval base, Lewis, Del., and Homer Coleman, First Depot Battalion, Signal Corps, New York.—Charles Wignall and family and Mrs. Clarence Breslin and son, of Harrisburg, visited at the home of William Paul.—The Rev. John J. Hunt spent several days at Philadelphia.—Mrs. Curtis Hensel and daughter, Agnes, have returned from a visit at Philadelphia.—Harper West, of Harrisburg, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Schreffer on Sunday.—Horatio Lewis and Olwyn Phillips, of Philadelphia, visited at the home of D. D. Phillips recently.—Ross J. Higgins visited his father, Charles Higgins, in the hospital at Lewistown.—Albert Watkins left Tuesday for League Island Navy Yard, from which place he will go to Pensacola, Florida.—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Machamer are visiting relatives at Harrisburg.—Mrs. Ida W. Snyder and daughter, Vida, are home from a visit to Harrisburg.—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mossop spent the weekend with Mrs. Matilda Elliott at Orwicksburg.—Clyde Mark, of Evansville, Ohio, and Mrs. Charles Grier and daughter of Harrisburg, are visiting at the home of J. H. Mark.—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morgan, of Philadelphia, spent several days with Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Ketter.—Ray Spendrove visited Homer Pontius and family at West Fairview.—Mrs. David Wheelers and daughters left Wednesday for Akron, Ohio, after visiting at the Byerly homestead.—Mrs. Ed. Har-

Agricultural Meeting at Lingelstown Next Friday

Lingelstown, Pa., Nov. 24.—An agricultural meeting will be held Friday, November 30, in the Union Chapel here. The meeting will be held from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock in the afternoon and evening. An oyster supper will be given on Thanksgiving evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Hurley. The meeting will be given under the auspices of the Red Cross Auxiliary to defray expenses on the Christmas boxes for the boys from Lower Paxton and Westmanor townships who are located in the different camps.—Miss Lucy Cassel and Miss Mary Cassel spent Wednesday with friends at Harrisburg.—Miss Katherine Holland, of Royalton, on Tuesday was the guest of Miss Marion Smith.—Mrs. David Shirk, of Harrisburg, spent a few days of this week with her sister, Mrs. Moses Reigle.—Mrs. C. C. Cumber, of Highspire, on Wednesday was the guest of Mrs. Ann M. Smith.—Mr. and Mrs. B. Leese, son, Walter; Mrs. Annie Buck and daughter, Miss Eliza, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hepford at Dunbar.—Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Grubb announce the birth of a son.—Mrs. Anna Bletz, of Middletown, was the week-end guest of the Misses Ellen and Sallie Zimmerman.—William Seigfried and Miss Mary Greek, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Alice Rabuck.—Miss Eliza Shirk and Miss Mary Shirk, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hocker.—Church services will be held to-morrow morning at the United Brethren Church, at York, in the morning and at the Church of God in the evening.—Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger, Miss Minnie Hicks, Miss Gould and Harry Hicks, of Lebanon, on Sunday were the guests of Mrs. Rebecca Baker.—Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Good and daughter, Kathryn, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Good, of Penbrook, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Good on Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. George Merkle, of Mechanicsburg, spent Sunday with Miss Jessie Lenker.—Miss Grace Harper, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Deckman, of Lemoyne, were guests

BERRYBURG'S Y. M. C. A. FUND

Berryburg, Pa., Nov. 24.—The amount to be raised for the Y. M. C. A. here was placed at \$100, but the chairman have succeeded in getting some in excess of that sum.—Helen Daniel spent the weekend at York.—Laurence Hartman, of Chicago, is visiting his parents and also made a call on his brother, Harry, who is at Camp Meade, Md.—Aaron Minich and daughter, Sarah, are home after spending a week with relatives at Millville.—Thelma Evans visited friends at Reinertown.—Mrs. Edward Shline, of Highspire, spent a day with her sister, Mrs. Charles Umholtz.

ATHLETES GET COMMISSIONS

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 24.—John L. (Jack) Hurley, manager and pilot of the Hagerstown baseball team of the Blue Ridge League of last season, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in infantry at Fort Myer, Va. Hurley has been at the training camp for officers there since last fall. Leland G. Worthington, also of this city, and a well known athlete, also has been given a first lieutenant's commission at Fort Myer. Aubrey S. Kaylor, of this city, was commissioned a second lieutenant.

FARMER HURT IN FALL

Waynesboro, Pa., Nov. 24.—Samuel Martin, of Antim township, a tenant on the Rahnauer farm, near Greencastle, while threshing wheat, fell from the loft of the barn to the bottom floor below, and was so severely injured by the fall that he was paralyzed. His condition is serious.

FATHER PERFORMS CEREMONY FOR THE REV. P. R. KOONTZ

Lemoyne, Pa., Nov. 24.—The Rev. Paul R. Koontz, pastor of the Calvary United Brethren Church, and Miss Elizabeth Lau, of York, were married at York on Wednesday afternoon. Announcement to this effect was made here yesterday. The Rev. John P. Koontz, father of the bridegroom and pastor of the Second United Brethren Church at York, performed the ceremony. Both are graduates of Lebanon Valley College. The Rev. Mr. Koontz has been pastor of the local church for the past two years. They will live in the newly-furnished parsonage near the church in Market street, North Lemoyne.

VANDALS INVADE CEMETERY

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 24.—Vandals invaded the Reformed Church Cemetery at Shepherdstown a few nights ago, according to reports from that place, and desecrated the burial ground by breaking down and damaging several large monuments on the lots of D. S. Rentch and the Cookus family. The large monument on the Rentch lot was broken in the middle. The trustees of the cemetery have offered a reward for the arrest of the vandals. Some years ago a like depredation was committed in the cemetery.

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