

Reading for Thee and all the Family

Life's Problems Are Discussed

By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow.

Are you an ugly girl? Yes, then like a recent correspondent of mine you have probably exaggerated the fact, and your misery has been increased by all those pin-pricking quotations in current use, as "A man loves through his eyes." She is beautiful, and therefore to be wooed," "If to her lot some female errors fall, look on her face and you'll forget them all," etc., ad infinitum.

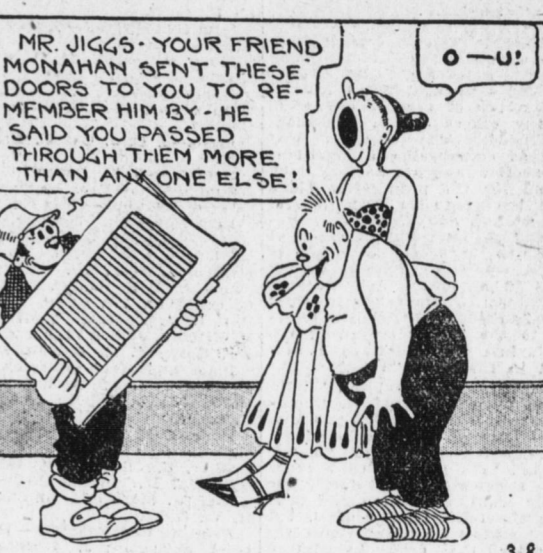
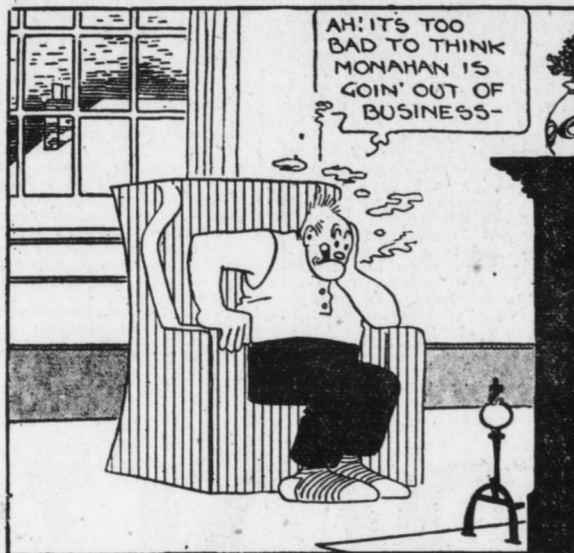
The girl who has written me complains the fact that she is the plainest girl in her set, and says that she has become so sensitive about her lack of beauty that she feels increasingly self-conscious and awkward and she wants to know what to do about it. She loves to go out among people, she is very fond of all social gatherings, but it makes her very unhappy to feel that she is always at a disadvantage.

I take it for granted that she doesn't want me to utter a lot of platitudes and tell her that beauty is only skin deep after all, and, paraphrasing Kingsley's famous line, urge her to be good, sweet maid, let those who can be pretty. She wants to know how to hold her own and be a social success among a whole group of girls undeniably more pleasing in appearance than herself.

In the first place, let us not undervalue the importance of a good appearance. Beauty is a power and a charm and a lure, and because it is all those things many women overestimate it. It is a corking asset on the journey of life, but if you've only got one asset you are traveling with pretty light luggage—too light by half.

You may not have read Addison's "Cato," neither do I advise you to bore yourself by doing so, but in one of the acts he utters this truth:

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By McManus

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But, ugly girl, I am wondering just how ugly you are. Not half so much so as you think yourself, I'll bet a farm. But, admitting the worst, I have a small opinion of your will and determination and ambition if you are content to remain an ugly girl. You know, the French have a saying that no woman is unattractive who has good eyes and teeth. I will take your word for it that you are plain, but you must have some attractions, a good figure, perhaps, or pretty hands and feet, or a delightful smile, or an intuitive knowledge of how to wear your clothes. You must have some special charm or grace that is all your own. Every one has. Then, whatever it is, emphasize it.

I do not believe that any girl who is exquisitely neat and dainty can be called ugly. Your hair can always be so well cared for, so shiniingly brushed that it will be a pleasure to look at. A good complexion is not entirely a gift of the gods—it can always be achieved; it's merely a matter of cleanliness and proper diet and

enough exercise—that is, unless you have some definite skin trouble. As for your clothes, the first thing of importance is to get a clear idea of your own style, you have an own style, you know. Being very young, everything you wear should be simple, otherwise it detracts from your youth; but your hats and frocks and coats should all bring out your best lines and should suit your coloring.

There you are! As far as outward appearance goes, you have done the best that is possible for yourself, but we will still err on the cautious side; we will take the dark view of the situation, and say that even so, as far as looks go, you do not come anywhere near the pretty girls with whom you associate.

Very well, then. Since they have eclipsed you in the matter of looks, it remains for you to eclipse them in the matter of charm and interest. Oh, yes, don't sigh and turn away. I mean it. Be charming—just like that. You must have heard of the ugly duckling. Well, the ugly duckling, you will remember, carried all the prizes. It is not you, my dear, who are at a disadvantage; it is the pretty girl

who has not yet awakened to the fact that the merely decorative persons ultimately are left where they belong—against the walls.

"Petty but inane," is a damning phrase and hard to live down. No matter how great a beauty-worshipper a man may be, he very soon gets fed up on vain and vacuous pulchritude. To sit and look at a beautiful object is one of the delights of life, but it is not the only thing our souls crave by any means. Do you know what our souls really greatly crave—yours, mine, everyone's? Just two things, sympathy and understanding.

Every one in the world has different gifts, different ideas and different ambitions. That is what makes the world such a diverse and interesting place. Did you ever pause to consider what the great majority of the people you see do for a living? They do things that interest them. They do things that interest you, or if they make the attempt to do so, their interest is merely passing, perfunctory and polite.

He is perfectly familiar with his own opinions and that suffices him; he sees no particular reason to brandish them in the face of everyone he meets; but to make the other person shine, that is an achievement which is worth while. It is like pouring water on a plant and then watching it grow, its drooping leaves spring up and expand.

We have all met that person who comes up to us with the carefully burnished smile and says: "I hear that you are so much interested in such and such a subject. I should so much like to know." And you are immediately and definitely aware that they don't care a straw about it; they are just trying to get the conversation going, and you are consequently you feel yourself shutting up like a sensitive plant, and you say lightly, "Some other time, perhaps, but not now." It is the time that you would rather die than put forth your enthusiasm in that shriveling atmosphere.

No, ugly girl, if you would exercise the white magic of charm and wit, you can make the other person shine, that is an achievement which is worth while. It is like pouring water on a plant and then watching it grow, its drooping leaves spring up and expand.

If you can achieve this gift and grace, no matter if you are as ugly as a gargoyle, the world will make a path to your doorstep.

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A SERIAL OF YOUTH AND ROMANCE

By VIRGINIA VAN DE WATER

CHAPTER XXVI (Copyright, 1918, Star Co.)

Dora peeped into Cynthia's room on her way downstairs.

"I will send Marie up with a tray of dinner for you," she informed her cousin, when she saw that she was awake.

"No, dear, please don't!" Cynthia began. "I am not hungry."

"But you must eat something," Dora insisted. "If you won't eat a regular dinner, I will bring you some soup later on. I will be glad to have an excuse for coming back here, for I fancy mother is a bit displeased with me, and it will not be hilarious down there alone with her and father. She took me at my word, for I heard the front door close a while ago, and there has been silence between them since. Which proves that Milton and Gerald have gone away."

"Mr. Van Saun expected them back to dinner, you know," Cynthia reminded her. "That is probably the reason they left."

"I hope so, and that mother did not deliver my peevish decision verbatim to Milton."

"She would not be vexed with you if she did," Cynthia consoled her. "He would not misunderstand you."

"Perhaps not," Dora agreed dubiously. "Anyway, if he was vexed he can get over it—that's all. I should worry!"

With which bit of slang she ran on downstairs, leaving Cynthia alone again to her thoughts.

Cynthia had spoken truly when she expressed the belief that her aunt would say nothing to vex Milton. The girl knew that Mrs. Livingstone approved too thoroughly of her daughter's engagement to introduce a note that might be discordant. In fact, Cynthia had been sure that the match had been aided and abetted by both families.

If this were so, was Edward Van Saun beginning to doubt it, after all, Dora was as much in love with his son as the father had supposed her to be? Cynthia might be fanciful, but surely he had looked a bit disappointed at Dora's light mention of her coming marriage.

How could she talk so flippantly of marrying Milton Van Saun? Yet Milton himself—in spite of his tender, sympathetic nature—when he referred to the match had been no different to each other.

Rather homesick, Cynthia recalled unwillingly her aunt's teasing remark about Gerald Stewart. Did Mrs. Livingstone imagine she could bring about a marriage between her niece and that man? Dora was certainly not in accord with the idea. Indeed, Dora seemed to resent her mother's scheme.

Cynthia lay, her eyes closed and her lips compressed, as a great wave of homesickness swept over her. How different was all this kind of thing from the simple yet comfortable life she had led with her father! In her girlhood's home the things that were of the spirit mattered more than the things of the world. There had always been peace, comfort, plenty, but no striving after effects or worldly advancement.

TO KEEP JAIL EMPTY

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If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

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"One objection to women in stores and offices is that they are not able to stand as much hard work or keep on their feet as long as men. If they wore proper shoes a great deal of this inferiority would be eliminated."

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London.—Some of the hardships experienced by the British forces in Palestine are described in a letter received from a priest. The letter, written shortly before the fall of Palestine, tells of a day early in November when a camel convoy from Beersheba was unable to reach the men then fighting for the delivery of the Holy City from the Turk.

"There was a hot wind blowing," wrote the priest. "A tumbler full of water was left in my bottle, which I divided between four officers whose lips were split and covered with a green slime. That afternoon I had a burial service, and literally, I could

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