

Reading for Women and all the Family

Little Talks by Beatrice Fairfax

The following letter came to me the other day, and as it implies a slight misconception in regard to some of the things I have written about women continuing to work after marriage, I shall answer it at length:

"DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: You have written so much lately about women holding their jobs after marriage that I should like to ask you a few questions.

"Don't you think it is a better arrangement when a woman stays home and keeps house and cares for the children, when there are any, instead of going out and helping to earn the family living?"

"That's the way it used to be in my home, and I hope it's going to be like that with me some day, but I must say there are no such prospects at present. I am employed in a Government office, and I'm not 'crazy' about it. Certainly, I should like to continue there if I do marry. I am now 28, and there seems nothing ahead for me but work. Yours sincerely,

"ROSEMARY."

To begin, Rosemary, I do think it a better arrangement when the woman stays home and keeps house, the way your mother and father did, and the man goes out and earns the family living. But that happy state of affairs is getting to be more and more difficult for people of moderate incomes, owing to the high cost of living.

Not very long ago, with strict economy, a hundred dollars a month would suffice for a small family. That was about the average salary for a Government employe, and once on a time, it could be stretched and squeezed into the family budget, but now it leaves in its wake a trail of debts and anxieties, when devoted toward that end.

But of the two alternatives—a lonely and sterile old age, or a home life where husband and wife both work—the latter seems to me infinitely preferable. With youth, health and love any miracle is possible, and you must not leave out of the question the tremendous incentive to doing one's best that home and children bring. They are the great spur that has made the world take all the high hurdles.

Legislators all over the world are

Bringing Up Father



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awakening to these new economic conditions. Even the most reactionary of them, who are still medieval in regard to woman suffrage, will vote for "mother's pensions" and "maternity insurance" and similar remedial legislation designed to meet the new conditions that have become well nigh intolerable for people in modest circumstances.

If a woman must work in an office eight hours a day through youth and middle age, isn't it better for her to come home at night to a home and—the incalculable blessing of children, perhaps—than to a cheerless room and solitude?

The care of young children during the absence of the mother is not fraught with insuperable difficulties. It would require, of course, an intelligent system of adjustment such as has been successfully tried out by several professional women of my acquaintance.

Every one must settle this problem according to her means and situation. It would require, for instance, no great strain of the imagination to leave a group of such babies in charge of one or more trained nurses who would have specialized in regard to child welfare. Roof gardens on apartment houses are more apt to be expensive—they might easily be converted into baby gardens or Montessori schools.

has given employment. Instead of that settled expression of bored vacuity that peered from every other limousine, the idle rich have taken a brace, they begin to look human—almost intelligent, as they fush about, genuinely busy about something for the first time in their lives.

Horrors of a Solitary Dinner

Imagine a self-supporting woman coming home after a long day's work to a home with children and spending her evenings with them till bedtime, telling them their favorite stories, then tucking them in with a good-night kiss.

Or imagine the same woman coming home to nothing but her empty flat and solitude. She eats a lonely dinner, propping up her newspaper against the carafe, and reads about a world that seems to include every one but her. For dinner she has a choice of a book or perhaps going out, when solitude will again greet her on her return.

No, there is no comparison between these alternatives to the normal woman. Of course, Mrs. Grundy will rave over the iniquity of giving up her baby to someone else and going to a "job" like a man. But why, what has Mrs. Grundy been doing all these years but turning her baby over to a nurse and sometimes a very unworthy one at that, while she went to a bridge party or made calls or did something equally unprofitable?

To conclude, Rosemary, I should certainly advise you to marry if you have an opportunity, even if you marry a poor man and add your salary to his and together found a real home.

THE FOUR OF HEARTS

A SERIAL OF YOUTH AND ROMANCE
By VIRGINIA VAN DE WATER

CHAPTER XI
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The atmosphere in the Livingstone household was determinedly cheerful, yet a sensitive person would have perceived that it was strained. Cynthia, acting the part expected of her, was conscious that others besides herself were playing roles that were not natural to them. Dora looked pale, yet her tongue ran on faster than ever.

Cynthia suspected that this loquacity was forced, but was at a loss to understand why Dora should simulate vivacity if she did not feel it. Perhaps she was still a little hurt that Gerald and his betrothed had not confided in her sooner. Cynthia consoled herself with the comforting reflection that her cousin could not hold resentment long. Moreover, Dora was as affectionate as ever. But it was always congenial to her mind something which, in spite of her usual frankness, could not be uttered.

Mr. Livingstone was much absorbed in his business these days and when at home, talked little. Mrs. Livingstone went about with a stereotyped smile and patted Cynthia's shoulder approvingly whenever she passed her, calling her "a dear child."

Milton's congratulations were not what Cynthia had expected from him. The first time they met after the announcement of her engagement he shook hands with her and said formally: "I wish you happiness, Cynthia. I have already congratulated Stewart. He is a fortunate man."

He had not met her eyes with the direct gaze to which she had become accustomed. Under these circumstances it was not strange that her "Thank you" had a forced sound.

His manner disappointed her, and she had been such good friends that she had always felt she could count upon him. Yet he might be making matters easier for her by treating her as a mere acquaintance.

While she realized that she did not love Gerald Stewart, her appreciation increased each time that she saw him. He could certainly not be called an ardent lover, for which she was grateful. He must care for her, else why had he confided his affection for her to her aunt, and why had he asked her to marry him?

Dora is Whimsical

He did not bother her with his sentimentalities, but called when she found it convenient to see him. He always asked permission before coming, a fact at which Dora smiled whimsically.

"Gerald is certainly an accommodating person," she remarked one day. "He lets you tell him when you may come and when he must stay away. As for you, Cynthia, don't think you are any more romantically inclined than I am."

Mrs. Livingstone, who chanced to be present, voiced her approbation. "I have heard Dora with regard to you, that I am glad that you and Milton are not a pair of silly lovers. I can say the same thing now of Gerald and Dora. They have chosen each other out of all the world, but that does not mean that they are sentimental idiots."

must confess even to Cynthia's face that I admire their manner. Each respects the respect of the other by such a demeanor, and they make things pleasanter for all observers."

"Is that the way you and Father behaved when you were engaged?" Dora questioned.

"I hope it is—indeed, I am sure it is," her mother replied. "We were assuredly not a love-sick couple. We were more than ordinarily good friends, whose affection for each other increased steadily after marriage. That is as it should be. I have no faith in the hot love that cools soon. The same, calm kind is the kind that endures even after youth has flown."

"It is not what I used to believe in, nevertheless," Dora muttered.

Her mother looked at her inquiringly. She had not caught the sentence, yet thought it wiser not to ask to have it repeated.

"By the way," Mrs. Livingstone continued, with the manner of elaborate indifference that betokened the introduction of a carefully planned business transaction, "Gerald had a long talk last night. He asked me to tell you girls the result of that conversation when I had you two alone with me."

A Double Wedding

Dora looked up quickly. "Spring it," she exclaimed.

Her mother frowned. "Dora! That is vulgar slang. I hate it. It is most unbecoming."

"Excuse me, Mother—but please tell me what you have been planning."

Cynthia was looking at her aunt questioningly. Something—it may have been intuition—warned her that a well-matured plan was about to be unfolded.

Mrs. Livingstone, meeting her niece's eyes, flushed slightly and said: "Your uncle, Cynthia, wanted me to ask you, and, of course, you also, Dora—what you girls would think of having a double wedding."

Cynthia did not move. She was thinking fast. Dora spoke impetuously.

"Why, it is simply not to be thought of, Mother," she declared. "Unless we postpone my wedding. But, as if a happy idea had occurred to her, "we could do that easily, couldn't we?"

"We certainly cannot and will not," her mother contradicted promptly. "You are to be married in May. We could have the double wedding on the date set for your marriage. Why not?"

"Because Cynthia has not made a slight preparation," Dora argued. "She is only just engaged. All her clothes would have to be fitted and made."

"She is just your size, so the order for all of your things could be duplicated for her," Mrs. Livingstone announced. "She can begin at once to give orders for her trousseau."

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Civil Service Attacked by Mayor Said to Be Based on Rules of Other Cities

Owing to the fact that some forms had been mislaid and that he did not know there was any particular hurry, said Secretary to the Mayor Backenstoss yesterday, the reports of fines and forfeitures collected by the Mayor's office were returned to the office of Superintendent of Accounts and Finance Burtlett so slowly that that official had to make a request that they be speeded up. In some cases it was shown that the reports were not turned in until six weeks after the end of the month. The law requires that they be filed each month.

City Clerk Ross Seaman, chairman of the Police Civil Service Board, declared in answer to recent remarks from the Mayor's office regarding the inefficiency of the civil service examinations that, while the law passed by the Legislature is not adequate, the questions compiled by his board were compiled only after careful consideration with the examination lists of similar boards in other cities.



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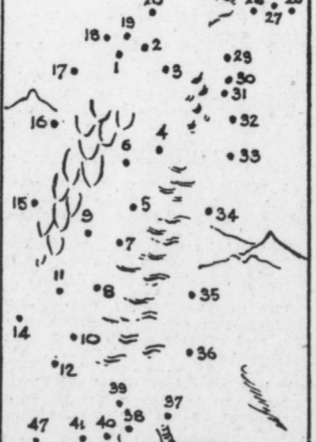
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Dr. Francis C. Patterson, chief of the Division of Industrial Hygiene and Engineering of the state, practically promised that the state would take over these reconstruction hospitals after the war and make them permanent state institutions.

Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, offered the suggestions that this Board be made a separate and distinct department of the administration instead of a part of the Department of Labor and Industry, and that the State Legislature enact a health insurance law.

Mr. Mackey urged that the provisions of the law be extended to cover railroad employes and farmers. The first speaker declared, must be accomplished through congressional action, while state legislative action would bring about the second.

SAYS HE BORROWED UMBRELLA

E. N. Scott, who claims he lives on Allison Hill, gets a hearing in police court this afternoon for taking an umbrella from the stand in front of a store. He claimed he borrowed it.

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