

Woman's World

Little Princess Mary Her Father's Chum.



PRINCESS MARY.

England will now have three queens, the queen dowager, the new queen and Princess Mary. The latter is the only girl among the six children in the royal household and has long been a pet of the English nation. She celebrated her twelfth birthday on the 25th of last October and is said to be as pretty and lovable a little princess as ever lived outside a book of fairy tales.

Princess Mary was always a great favorite with King Edward, who kept her constantly in his company at Sandringham or Balmoral.

"Mary is as much a boy as the rest of them," her father said once. "She enters into the sports and recreations of her brothers with enthusiasm and can hold her own with them in most games."

Plays Cricket Like Boy.

She can play cricket and boasts of having once "clean bowled" Prince Arthur of Connaught with the first ball she pitched to him. She practically lives in the open air, fishing and boating continually throughout the summer.

Once last summer she and her brothers, Prince Edward and Prince Albert, were boating on the Thames when a skiff containing two Eton boys collided with their boat.

"Why didn't your mother teach you to steer before she let you come out on the river?" said one of the boys.

"Why didn't yours teach you manners?" replied the princess.

In common with her brothers she has been trained to be thrifty and to save the money allowed her. Each of the children receives a stated sum every week, never under any circumstances to be exceeded. In the case of Princess Mary, however, she need never ask for an exceptionally large allowance, for she has a savings account of no small proportions, accumulated by weekly visits to the post-office savings bank. She understands the system, does her own depositing and frequently verifies her account.

Plays Jokes Upon Brother.

While her brother, Prince Edward, now heir apparent, was at the naval college at Osborne she sent him a large, attractive looking parcel. As she had been delving into the mysteries of cooking and sending the products of her skill to her brother, he expected a feast and invited two friends to assist him in disposing of it. When the three of them opened the package, however, all they found was a wax faced doll dressed in the uniform of the Naval academy, bearing a tag in his sister's handwriting. "Isn't He Pretty?"

That the little princess is well educated may be gathered from the fact that her schooling began at the age of four years under a governess. At the age of eight Princess Mary was able to talk fluently with the French ambassador in his own language.

Lessons in the royal schoolroom begin at 7:30 a. m. in the summer and at 8 a. m. in the winter. There is an hour's instruction before breakfast, three hours before noon and two hours in the afternoon. Especial attention is paid to English history, in connection with which study frequent visits are made to the British museum for the inspection of original documents.

A Fashionable Cure.

If one could get well by going off to a fashionable sanitarium and making garden, why couldn't the same pursuit in one's own back yard prove as beneficial to the health and more so to the purse? Doubtless it would, but as with all remedies that cost little it is hard to convince some people of their value.

"Gardening as a curative pastime," says an exchange, "is the newest idea, introduced by the head of a fashionable sanitarium for nervous women, and each patient has her own particular plot to look after. She is even given the task of spading up the ground and is expected to spend a certain part of each day cultivating it regardless of the weather. On clear days, after the garden hour, the entire force of fair women is supposed to turn out and rake and burn leaves and fagots as another way of playing amateur farmers."

Baby's Irish Lace Cap.

Bonnets for tiny babies are made of baby Irish crochet and cut like Dutch caps.

They are mounted on an undercap of padded crepe de chine.

The Irish lace is threaded with tiny satin ribbons of blue or rose color, and a big cabbage-like rosette is fastened at each side where the cap strings run.

Of Interest to Women

Why Educated Women Don't Marry—One Celibate Cannot Understand Why She Has Not Been Wooed—Standard by Which Men Judge Women Wrong.

Unmarried women who would have liked to marry, but never had the chance, are not likely to confess the facts very frankly. The spinster who makes her plaint under the title "Why Do Not Educated Women Marry?" in a recent number of Independent, probably wouldn't have made it if she had been compelled to sign her name. But "An Unwilling Celibate" might be any one of millions of women. This celibate therefore, regarding her case as typical in many ways, announces that she cannot understand why she has not been wooed. She thinks the standard by which men judge women must be wrong.

"When I look around at the homes, the pitiful inadequate makeshifts that are called such, and when I read the record of the divorce courts and I then look at my unmarried friends I wonder if marriage is really a process of natural selection and invariably results in the making of the fittest."

She is a college graduate, this celibate, and has met with fair success in teaching and writing. But as a young girl her happiest dream was of having her own home, husband, children, and "the renunciation has not been easy." She is "no beauty," but she has had compliments on her good looks and is a skillful dresser. She comes of an honored family, was brought up to cook, keep house and sew, can play cards, loves to talk to men and is adept at outdoor sports. And yet she has had only one offer of marriage, and that an undesirable one, and she is "perilously near the danger line of thirty."

Sage persons, she says, tell her that a woman "must never let a man guess she has any brains or knows how to talk anything but nonsense." She is unable to follow this plan—doesn't think it is a "square deal" to a man. Yet men seem to like to talk to her, and they tell her it is "such a comfort to find a woman who doesn't want to talk nonsense all the time."

They come to see her and invite her to go to dances, theatres and upon moonlight walks, and they confide in her their love for Polly Jones or Sally Smith. "I am proud of their trust and confidence, yet I cry out against the essential impersonality of it all, as if I were a sort of embodiment of the earth mother."

DRAIN PIPE CLEANER.

Hose Connects Direct with Faucet and Outlet of Sink.

One of the most useful of all recent inventions for the house is the drain-pipe cleaner designed by a Michigan man. This not only enables a woman to keep her kitchen sink clean by having the pipe free, but it saves the expense which is sometimes incurred of having the pipe cleaned by a plumber.



A long rubber hose has its upper end adapted to be fitted to the faucet. The lower end terminates in a bell mouth which is made thick at the top to prevent its collapsing and thin at the extremity to form a flexible lip. This lip is fitted over the drain and held there by suction and the water turned on. In this way the full pressure of water is forced through the drain-pipe, flushing it very effectually and washing out all the extraneous matter that is bound to accumulate no matter how careful a woman or her servants may be—and the latter are often not careful at all. There is also a lateral air inlet near the top of the hose.

New Use for Old Bachelors.

The "man chaperon" is a novelty in London and he promises to become permanent. Taking out a girl relative or child of an invalid friend is one of the hardest duties of the married woman. It was a happy thought to turn the dull bachelors, long past their youth, to some use. The men, too, have been flattered by this easy responsibility, and they take honest delight in guiding the young misses through the London drawing rooms, theatres and all the rest. The plan might be tried here, if the comfort-loving old bachelors could be tempted long enough from their clubs.

Was Ready.

Here is a charming bit of obituary sentiment from an eastern newspaper: "He had been married 40 years and was prepared to die."

HOME TO STAY! HIP, HIP, HOO RAY!

Home to stay! Hip, hip, hooray! No longer will that waiter let slip "Mistah, you forgot dat tip!" No more will that Jersey shooter tip And jere me out of 1 cent at that! No more to walk "New York's" White Way.

Where I saw sweet Salome pay. No more, O darling summer girl, With thou bewitch with yaller cur! Home, sweet home—no more to jorra Where no bluefish splash in the haan Nor hands automatically reach for cash. Nor fat bathers my corns mash. Nor rough breakers my ribs smash. Oh, it's so delightfully cool! Wasn't I a consarned fool! Thinkin' I wouldn't sweat down there In that awful board walk glare?

Glad I'm home! Hooray, I'm free! See? No dude clothes all day on me. Collars here, shoes over there. Cuffs and neckties under chair. Trilbys cocked high in the air. No style here. Don't need to care. No city dudes around to stare. Ain't this bully? Just suits me! Too much stuck up at the sea.

But, say—hooray!—maybe some day When I get more pay And Jessamine names the day We'll honeymoon at the shore Where those moony breakers roar. Will you know us when we dip down there Or do the walk on a roller chair? Well, I guess! You'll just swear We are the swellest swells there. C. M. BARNITZ.

THE COCKFIGHTER'S OUTFIT.

Our picture represents a famous cocker's collection of cockfighting paraphernalia and the only manufactory of cocker's supplies in the world, located in Indiana.

These artificial spurs or gaffs are booted to the Game cock's legs, are from one and a half to six inches long, and a fighter is "short" or "long beeled" according to length of spur used. They are dignified by snob names as "soul searchers," "jugglers"



SPURS AND COCKFIT TOOLS.

and "meat ax slashers." The saw is used in shaping the natural spur for the reception of the artificial one, the dubbing shears for cutting off cocks' combs and wattles, and the round objects, or gloves, are strapped to the cock's legs so they may practice and not knock out each other's eyes.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Pennsylvania farmers, according to report, were paid the best for their agricultural products the past year. They take a back perch in poultry products, however, as the whole state only produced \$15,000,000 worth.

One hundred dollars apiece was offered for three black swan's eggs at Central park, New York, and refused. Old birds are worth from \$300 to \$500 each. The park authorities set the eggs. As black swans are sports—the exception—those in charge will likely get left and say, "Waal, I'll swan!"

While high weeds afford a certain shade for chickens, at the same time they are a hiding and breeding place for snakes and furry foes. If extensive, fowls often go through them to the clear space beyond, become bewildered and get lost. They are not ornamental nor useful. Plant trees and berries for profit and shade.

The number of canaries in the United States is estimated at 5,000,000. Each bird consumes twenty-five pounds of seed a year, and thus \$7,500,000 is spent on these caged birds. Costs less to keep hens and pays far better.

Fanciers from twenty states have already engaged space for Baltimore's next winter show. New York, Boston and Baltimore are the largest shows in the United States.

One of the common adulterations of wheat bran is ground corncobs, and wheat middlings are often fixed with ground rice hulls and peanut shells. Pennsylvania has passed stringent laws against such fraud. A sample of feed and a dollar as fee sent to the state department will secure an analysis of a suspected article.

When a hen cackles the rest generally follow suit. When one poultryman toots his horn the others begin to toot. Thus when a fancier valued his hen at \$10,000 others began the same bluff. Now, if hens were separately assessed these lies would quickly be repressed.

An Indiana poultryman was killed by the pistol he set for a chicken thief. What an awful pity people can't see the danger of a gun set to kill. You can now take out a burglar polley on your flock, which is far better than taking human life.

L. M. Barnitz.

WHEN A FISHHOOK SNAGS.

Two Simple but Ingenious Methods of Releasing It.

In Ireland when an angler's hook catches in a root under water he cuts a willow sprout, bends it into a hoop, passes it over rod and line and lets it float beyond the obstruction, when a sharp pull on the line generally frees the hook.

In England, says a writer in Forest and Stream, an angler has improved on this method. In his kit he carries several of the wire paper clips used in filing letters. If his hook becomes snagged he attaches the clip to a bit of brush, then springs the clip over his line, and when the branch has floated beyond the snagged hook the clip acts as a pulley in freeing it. He says it is an effective and cheap clearing ring, and it is not heavy.

A Peculiar Name.

There is a post hamlet in Cass County, Missouri, with nothing peculiar about it except its name, and that is Peculiar. Its origin, according to local traditions was as follows:

When the settlement had become sufficiently populous to need a postoffice, one of the prominent citizens sent a petition to Washington to have one established. In due course the petition was granted and he was asked to suggest a name that would please the people. He replied, "The people are not particular so long as the name is peculiar."

Thereupon the postoffice was christened Peculiar, and the name has never been changed.

Dangerous Insects.

Recent investigations have shown that the notorious tsetse of Africa is not the only insect capable of transmitting the dreadful trypanosomiasis, or sleeping-sickness. In the neighborhood of Brazzaville exists an insect, of the genus Chrysopa, which propagates the same infection, and Doctor Martin now announces that trypanosomes are evolved in the body of a mosquito of the genus Stegomyia, another species of which is known as the propagator of yellow fever in America. The more the subject is studied, the more dangerous insects appear as spreaders of disease.

Shorthand Without Hands.

A youth of fifteen named Possneck, who two years ago lost both his hands in a machinery accident at Arnstadt, has accomplished the remarkable feat of gaining a speed certificate for shorthand. After his mishap, by which his hands were cut off at the wrists, he was received into a cripples' home. The Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, one of the patrons, took an active interest in the lad and paid for two artificial hands. The cripple soon became so expert in their use that he is an excellent penman and can write shorthand at the rate of 115 words per minute.—London Tit-Bits.

New Coffee Plant.

The African explorer, Carpentier, has found in Sassandra a new species of coffee-plant, which is very abundant in some places, although it is a dwarf form, varying in height from three feet to less than a foot. In their wild state the berries are not suitable for coffee-making, but it is hoped that by cultivation this plant may be improved, as other species in the Congo State have already been. At present the new plant is only a botanical curiosity.

Long Distance Piano Record.

The world's record for continuous piano-playing has been broken by C. W. Healy, who commenced playing a piano at Prince's Court, Melbourne, one evening at eight o'clock. Healy played continuously until 10.30 at night on the following Saturday evening—a period of fifty and a half hours—and he has thus constituted a new record, the longest time before this having been forty-eight and a half hours. During the performance Healy sustained himself on beef tea and chocolate.

Antiquity of Bows and Arrows.

One curious result of the recent study of the mural paintings and engravings on the walls of caverns in the Pyrenees anciently occupied as dwellings by men, is the evidence which it has afforded that bows and arrows were already in use at that very early period. In a grotto at Niaux, bisons, horses, deer and wild goats are represented, and arrows are shown striking into many of the animals. Some of the arrow-heads thus placed are colored red.

Transcendentalism.

Transcendentalism is the philosophy which finds all reality, not in the observation of external and objective fact, but in the mind and its processes. The word was first applied to the teachings of Kant, but more specifically and accurately afterward to those of Schelling and his followers, and in America to the school of Emerson.

Bits of Information.

When very thirsty and only a small amount of water is at hand drink with a spoon or through a small hole in the cork of a canteen. It will do as much good as when taken in large mouthfuls. Boil putrid water in charcoal before drinking. Indians purify all waters by plunging hot irons and rocks into them.

Knew of One.

"Suggestion? H'mph! Did you ever hear of a real cure effected by 'suggestion'?" "I personally know of one. I once suggested to a young fellow that if he didn't want to have a big dog chasing him off the premises he'd better quit coming to my house, and it cured him of the habit."

Cause of Twilight.

Twilight is a phenomenon caused by atmospheric refraction. When the sun gets below the horizon we are not immediately plunged into the darkness of night. Although the sun is below our horizon, rays of solar light are bent or refracted by the terrestrial atmosphere and continue to furnish some slight illumination. The process continues with diminishing intensity until the sun is so far below the horizon that the refracting power of the atmosphere is no longer able to bend the rays enough to produce a visible effect. The time after sunset that the sun reaches such a position varies with the latitude of the place. There is less twilight at the tropic zone than at the temperate or frigid zone. This is due to less time taken by the sun's rays to pass through the atmosphere, at the tropic zone the sun's rays being perpendicular and at the temperate and frigid zones oblique.—New York American.

Gold from the Sea.

This has no reference to the wild plans that have from time to time been exploited for extracting gold from sea-water, but it relates to the attempts made in Queensland and New South Wales to recover gold and other precious metals from the sands on the seashore. The treatment of these sands has been undertaken, it would appear, with some promise of success. Not only gold but platinum and uranium have been found. It is thought that the metals find their way to the strand from submerged rocks which are broken and triturated by the violent waves assailing the coast.

Bleeding Fish to Keep Them.

The Norway fisher cuts and bleeds fish the moment they are caught. He cuts the throat or bleeds them from the tail. Fish so finished keep far better. Fish are best just before spawning time, thereafter they become poor, then watery and unfit. Some folk are grieved by herring and mackerel, and will get sick every time they eat 'em. No matter how fresh the fish the people vomit, purge and break out in bold hives. It is not uncommon to find dead oysters mixed up in the heap. These dead ones are liable to poison the live ones.

Neon and the Aurora.

By means of sounding-balloons, Teisserenc de Bort has collected specimens of the air up to an altitude of more than eight and a half miles. Analysis shows the presence of helium only in the layers lower than above six miles. Neon, on the contrary, is found at all levels, and this fact is regarded as confirming the identification of several spectroscopic lines of neon in the spectrum of the aurora borealis.

The Milky Way.

The milky way in the heavens is composed of myriads of fixed stars, but it is not true that they have any influence that anybody knows of on the direction of the wind or other element of the weather of the earth. Their apparent changes of position are due only to the changes of position by the earth in its daily and annual revolutions. The stars in the milky way are so far from the earth that it takes thousands of years for the light from them to reach us.

Anything to Oblige.

They were a very young and obviously bride and bridegroomish looking couple. On entering the little tea-shop in the upper avenue the maid tactfully led them to a private room which chanced to be vacant. Tea was ordered and served. As the waitress was leaving the room the young man discovered an important fault in the service.

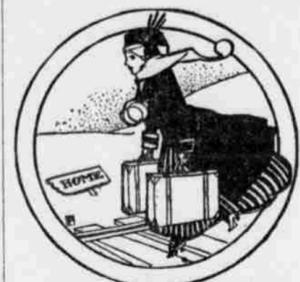
"Oh, waitress," he said, "may we have a spoon?"

"Sure," said the girl; "I won't come back for ten minutes, and you can have the room all to yourselves."—Tit-Bits.

HILDA THE HELPER

II.—"There's No Place Like Home"

Hilda the Helper used to say, when she was rather younger, "I think I'll pack and go away; I've got the city hunger."



One day did Hilda up and pack, she hid her to the city. Three months from THEN SHE MOSIED BACK and sang another ditty:

"The city wasn't half so fine as I had judged from rumor, so it's THE OLD HOME TOWN FOR MINE, and I shall be its boomer."

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