

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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IN THE LONG AGO.
The yielding clasp of your burning hands
I have felt in the long ago!
And the sway of the sun of those hazel strands
I have loved in the long ago!
But a veil shrouds dark the forbidden past,
As the mists well up in the swirling blast,
For in an abyss the planet is cast,
Where we dwelt in the long ago!

Those burning lips that shame the morn—
I have kissed in the long ago!
Through garden agleam in exotic bloom
We wandered and Mayed, not heeding the doom,
That wove around us relentless its loom—
Where we loved in the long ago!

What matters the past—the days that are dead—
Though they lived in the long ago!
But let us be living and loving instead
As we loved in the long ago!
So love shall be monarch and ruler of all,
And yield we our bodies and souls to his thrall,
Though crushing and crumbling the universe fall;
We were one, in the long ago!

—ANON.

"THE BEST GIRL EVER"—who was she? Everybody knows her. If you can't tell at the first guess, you never will guess. Who was she—Ruth, standing breast-high amid the summer corn? Esther, not daring to lift her drooping eyes to the unmoving scepter, holding her life and her people's safety? Helen of Troy, whose face 'launched a thousand ships' and turned crowned kings to merchants? Portia, Shakespeare's perfect woman, whose 'severed lips were parted with sugar breath,' whose hair played the spider with its golden mesh to entrap the hearts of men? Juliet, the child sweetheart in whose starry eyes there lay more peril than in twenty un-sheathed swords? Gentle Viola? Or—well, certainly not Annie Laurie, who permitted one man to immortalize her with his serenade, and married his rival.

"The Best Girl Ever"—the lovers of the ages—every poet is a lover—have sung of her in happy chorus— heaven in her soul—her soul within her eyes; her heart on her lips; grace in her steps; beautiful and sweet, and young as beautiful, and soft as young, and gay as soft, and innocent as gay. Angels are painted far to look like her. That's her. And I can prove it by every lover on Coos Bay. Queen of all seasons and all places—the girliest girl in all the rosebud garden of girls—the bride.

"Don't be manny. 'The Best Girl Ever' must, first of all, and all the time, be a girl. There's nothing else on earth equal to her nor like her. There isn't a man living whom you can imitate without losing somewhat of your girlishness, which is your patent, your monopoly, your copy-right. There is no harm in you doing lots of things the men do, but don't do them like men. Be as bright as you know how—you can't help it. Be witty and clever, brilliant and fascinating.

"Paint, hammer brass and carve in wood; vote, if the men permit you and you wish to; play tennis as long as the outdoors last; but don't copy the men's language. Read the newspapers; understand politics. If you can—very few men do. I admire you on horseback, bench fashion or a la clothespin. I love to see you independent, self-reliant, brave and self-helpful. But, do and be all these things like a girl. I can't tell you how; you know. What is there that a man can tell a woman how to do?"
"The manny girl always overdoes the manny things. In her frenzied

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rooms over to the wives, sweethearts and sisters of the members the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month and a pleasant series of informal gatherings is anticipated.

Invitations will probably be issued this week for the annual alumni ball of the Marshfield High School which will be given Friday evening, June 18.

The Biographic Club held its final meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. E. Mingus Thursday afternoon. The session was devoted to the club's business affairs. The club will resume its meetings the second Thursday in September.

Mrs. C. A. Sehlbrede of Marshfield, has been invited by Mrs. F. W. Benson of Salem, wife of Gov. Benson, to be one of the hostesses at the dedication of the Oregon building at the Seattle fair, June 18. Mrs. Benson was chosen by the Oregon exposition commission to select the corps of hostesses for the event.

The Ladies' Art Club was pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Nels Rasmussen Friday afternoon. Arrangements were made to hold the club's annual picnic Sunday.

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