

# SOCIETY AND WOMAN'S WORLD



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## THE REASON.

Do you ever feel down in the dumps  
As cranky and cross as two sticks,  
When life seems a road full of  
bumps

And your spirits are all in a mix?  
Would you know why you're in  
such a fix?  
Why with inward forebodings you're  
gnawed?

The reason, five times out of six,  
Is called Gladys, or Phoebe, or  
Maude.

Did you ever feel light as an elf?  
As free and as blithe as the air?  
As pleased as old Punch with your-  
self.

Without e'er a trouble or care?  
Would you know why the world  
seems so fair.

And life's way so smooth and so  
broad;  
The reason (exceptions are rare)  
Is called Gladys, or Phoebe, or  
Maude.

In short, if you feel sad or blue,  
Or your spirits with joy overrun;  
When you feel that with life you'd  
be through.

And with the gray world you'd be  
done;  
When you're bubbling all over  
with fun.—

When from coldness your attitude's  
thawed,  
The reason, ten chances to one,  
Is called Gladys, or Phoebe, or  
Maude.

—Selected.

IF GIRLS want to impress their critical neighbors with the high moral standard it is necessary that the hair be worn in the neatest of fashions and that frocks be chosen that are beyond reproach. This is the advice of a dress expert, Miss Neale S. Knowles, of the Iowa State Agricultural college, who studies the scientific side of clothes. She announced the other day to teachers in convention in St. Louis that slovenly clothes mean slovenly mental habits.

Just how far the garments a woman wears may be considered an expression of an inward grace, or the opposite, is a subject which classes in home economics have not considered generally, but Miss Grace Hitchings, instructor in the fine arts department of Teachers' college, has gone over the matter seriously and said Miss Knowles is about right.

"If self-respect means morals, then clothes and a normal mind are related," she said. "Every woman who has given the matter a moment's thought understands the effect that her garments have on her mind. If she is badly and carelessly dressed she has not the same self-respect she has when daintily clothed. A pair of shoes with run down heels are enough to pervert one's moral viewpoint. Slovenly footwear usually expresses a slovenly mental condition, and a slovenly mental condition may lead to immorality. It would be more difficult to maintain a high standard of morality when thus clad than when arrayed in exquisite neatness from head to foot.

"Isn't there an old proverb somewhere that says something about being able to tell the character of a woman from the clothes she has worn during certain years of her life? I think it is from the age of eighteen to forty. The man who said that reached this conclusion by deduction. He knew the mental characteristics of the woman would necessarily find expression in her dress. He may have been cleverer than most at reading the characteristics, but he knew how to go about it.

"But," asked the interviewer, "how are we to reconcile the generally accepted statement that the morals of the French women are somewhat looser than those of other nationalities when they are said to be

the best dressed women in the world? They are famous for their exquisiteness and their daintiness of gowning."

"So they are," Miss Hitchings agreed; "but they are quite as clever at covering up their careless morals as they are in hiding physical imperfections. The French woman cannot be judged by the ordinary standard.

"In our own classes in dressmaking and designing we notice that the girls who have begun to pay more attention to the details of their clothes and to strive for artistic lines and effects, are beginning to change their point of view about other things. The influence of dress on the mind is really remarkable when you begin to study cause and effect. Good gowning and grooming make for self-respect, and the encouragement that we give these students to let their individuality find expression in dress, both in costumes and millinery, broadens their minds, I believe, raises their standard of morals not a little.

"It may be too severe to say that carelessness means immorality, but it certainly means unmorality."

Miss Hitchings was dressed in a dark-blue tailor costume, slightly hobbled; a black satin and velvet round hat and black furs. As if in explanation of her following a fashion eccentricity she said that she considered it right for women to take the best of every mode and to adapt it to her own style: "Eccentricities of fashion are never copied by the woman who is well balanced mentally. You might almost say that those who elect to wear the striking and unusual in dress are those whose mental processes are queer. They strive solely to attract attention, and that is a certain kind of immorality, is it not?"

Mrs. Ward M. Blake will entertain the Progress club, at her home Monday afternoon. The program will center about the three historical cities of America—Boston, Washington and New Orleans.

Miss Mary Minot, formerly of Coos Bay, who is now studying to become a trained nurse, writes that she has fully recovered from her recent operation for appendicitis and resumed her course in a New York hospital. She did not find it necessary to go to relatives in Maine to recuperate as it was expected that it would be necessary.

Mrs. John Bear pleasantly entertained the A. N. W. club at her home on Pine street Thursday afternoon. No matters of importance came up at the business session. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Ora McCarty was the only visitor. The club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Olivia Edman.

Announcements were received this week of the marriage of Walter M. Christensen and Mrs. Mae B. McGinn which was solemnized at Portland, Tuesday, January 18, the Rev. Henry G. Nave of the Presbyterian church officiating. Both are well-known here, the bride having resided with relatives near the Coos River steamery where the groom has been employed. They will be at home to friends at their Coos River home after January 29.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell have issued invitations for a bridge party Monday evening at their home in South Marshfield in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Christensen.

F. E. Hagué and wife, who have been visiting friends and relatives in San Francisco and taking in the aviation meet will go to Los Angeles in a few days for a short stay before returning to the Bay. They write that Mrs. Wm. Ford, formerly Miss Stella O'Connell, is most pleasantly located there and has fully recovered from the effects of her illness a few months ago.

The announcement of the sudden death of Mrs. J. L. Bowman at Portland this week came as a great shock to the residents of Coos Bay and vicinity. Mrs. Bowman, who was formerly Miss Lydia Rogers, was the oldest daughter of Mr. and

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Mrs. Anson Rogers of Coos River and was raised on Coos Bay. Everywhere there are expressions of sympathy for the bereaved family.

Mascot Degree of Honor, held their annual banquet at their hall Tuesday evening and about seventy-five members and friends of members enjoyed the event. It was postponed from the annual installation date on account of the Christmas holidays interfering with the plans. Cards and music were the principal diversions. At cards, Mrs. Carrie Dungan and Mrs. A. O. Rogers Jr., tied for the first prize and Mrs. Dungan won on the cut. The ladies' consolation prize went to Mrs. Hayes. F. W. Bowker won the gentlemen's consolation prize. Following the amusements, a sumptuous banquet was served at which Tom Hall delivered the principal talk, eulogizing Mascot lodge.

Miss Mamie Mahoney is spending a few days as the guest of Mrs. Carl Smedburg of Catching Inlet.

Mrs. C. R. Peck entertained a few friends informally at a needle party at her home in West Marshfield yesterday afternoon. Among her guests were Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. J. V. Smeaton, Mrs. R. M. Jennings, Mrs. C. J. Mills, Miss Mable Clare Mills, Mrs. W. F. Miller, Mrs. J. T. Harrigan and Mrs. F. K. Gettins.

Mrs. Wm. Grimes, who has been quite sick, is reported considerably improved.

The Bridge club was entertained by Mrs. L. J. Simpson at her home in North Bend Wednesday afternoon and there was a large attendance of members despite the inclement weather. Luncheon was served prior to the afternoon's play which resulted in Mrs. Ward M. Blake and Mrs. Warren Painter winning the prizes. Owing to a number of members being unable to attend on account of absence from Coos Bay or illness, Mrs. Simpson had the following guests as substitute players: Mrs. E. G. Perham, Mrs. R. A. Wernich, Mrs. C. M. Byler, Mrs. Warren Painter and Mrs. T. W. Rennie. The date and place of the next meeting has not been announced.

L. J. Simpson and wife expect to leave shortly for California where they will visit friends and relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Crosthwaite will entertain the Tuesday Night Whist club at their home next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Kennedy was hostess at a delightful little gathering at her home in South Marshfield last Saturday afternoon. Cards were the principal diversion, Miss Jessie Chase winning the first prize. Among those present were Miss Phoebe Larson, Mrs. A. O. Rogers Jr., Mrs. M. C. Maloney, Mrs. R. K. Booth, Mrs. J. C. Kendall, Miss Laura Kruse, Miss Bertha Kruse, Miss Elizabeth Kaufman, Miss Jessie Chase, Miss Nellie Tower, Miss Ada McConnell and Miss Mamie Mahoney.

Mrs. A. L. Houseworth entertained the Ladies Art club at her home in South Marshfield yesterday afternoon. The afternoon was spent at sewing. There were no guests outside the club members. The next meeting will be held a week from next Friday with Mrs. H. G. Hoy.

Miss Mable Clare Mills will entertain a few friends at sewing at her home next Tuesday evening.

The Evergreen Bridge club enjoyed an unusually pleasant meeting with Mrs. Eugene O'Connell last

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