Faults of Women

The Girl Who Is Always Late-Familiarity In Families

Of all the nuisances the girl who is always late is the worst. She certainly has no pride and no sensitiveness,

The woman who has self respect is never late twice. Once is a sufficient lesson. She is conscious that she has kept every one waiting for dinner, for instance. The soup is cold, her hostess is put out, and all the others who were tired and hungry look at her reproachfully. She feels she would like to climb a post or crawl into a hole, and in future she allows plenty of time for possible delay and accident in keeping her engagement.

But the ever tardy woman is an entirely different proposition. She is as cool as a cucumber about it, and her skin is so thick that no amount of innuendo will pierce her armor of selfish-

She always reaches the scene of action from twenty to thirty minutes behind time, wearing a sweet smile and gurgling an "Oh, I'm so sorry!" that atones for everything in her eyes.

She swears it is the last time she ever will be late, and she commits the same offense the very next time!

Now and then the friends of the tardy woman rebel and play a trick on her. This is what happened to an acquaintance of mine: She was invited to the theater and was asked to meet the rest of the party in the lobby.

They waited, and they waited, and they waited. Finally mademoiselle turned up when the first act was almost over. Nothing was said, and the enraged victims filed in to hear what was left of the play. To the culprit's surprise, she was invited again by the same people the following week. This time she was only five minutes late; but, lo and behold, they had all gone in, leaving no ticket for her, and with the sound of applause and the distant erchestra in her ears she had nothing to do but turn about and go home.

"Familiarity In Families."

I heard a very original lecture the other day. It was given by a woman, and the title was "Familiarity In Fam-

The speaker went on to say that the good old proverb "Familiarity breeds



contempt" could be applied to families just as much as it could to strangers. If the respect that was due strangers were paid members of the same famfly, she concluded, there would be fewer quarrels, fewer misunderstandings, and the atmosphere of such a home would be much more pleasant both to its members and to the visitor. Then in the case of a woman who married into the family the lecturer spoke feelingly of the way her "in-laws" took advantage of her and began running in at all hours to borrow things or make use of her in any way they could. A little less familiarity would certainly give the newcomer a much better opinion of her husband's people and an opportunity of liking them for their own sakes instead of tolerating

sertation. 'I know of one bride whose husband's sister tried to borrow money from her before she had worn her wedding ring six months. And how many families are there where a knock on a closed door is considered superfluous and where consequently there is no more privacy than in the public square?

"The woman whose conversation is always melancholy is bad enough, but the who writes depressing letters is the human limit," said a friend of mine. "We have one such female Schopenhauer in our family. When we receive a cheerful note we mark a red cross on the calendar and rejoice, but the calendar is not marked very often. First we get her presentiment that something is going to happen; then it almost happens; then there

is a third stage sometimes-when it does happen. So we get the benefit of them all anyway. MAUD ROBINSON.

HELPING THE SICK POOR.

It Is One of the Greatest Charities

Ever Undertaken in a Large City. The reason so many poor people dic is without doubt owing to the wretched quality of the nourishment they receive. The doctor may prescribe light and screngthening diet, but what the patient gets in nine cases out of ten is a bit of stale meat from the delicatessen store or a meager supply of sour or impure milk.

To combat this evil is the work of the diet kitchen. It does its greatest good at this time of the year, and so I want to tell you about it in order that you may form a branch in your own town if you are charitably inclined.

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"Pure milk" money boxes were placed in all the drug stores in one town by the members of a diet kitchen, and the pennies collected went toward buying many a quart during the summer. The farm people all around were asked to contribute, and many people who could not afford to give money were of much aid in providing the raw material. In addition to the yearly fees of the members, two fairs were given in this same enterprising town, and much money was raised in this way.

Five kitchens in a large city assisted in one season 311.542 persons, mainly old people and children. They dispensed 308,090 pints of milk alone and 293,089 portions of rice.

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LIBRARY DECORATIONS.

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Perhaps more attention is now given to the library than to any other room in the modern house. Far from being the gloomy place it was formerly, it is now filled with cheerful tints and sunshine. The popularity of the French window doubtiess has much to do with

The illustration shows a remarkably effective scene setting from a recent play. The walls of this library are



though the new tapestry paper would do almost as well and cost far less. A large French window draped with silk curtains leads to the lawn or garden.

There is a Venetian fireplace with a

In the evening the room is lighted by lamps with red shades, which cast a soft rosy glow over everything. R. DE LA BAUME.

Alast

"HE suit I got but yesteryear And have so little worn To rummage sale is deemed, I Of dignity all shorn.

The coat too tight, the vest too low, The trousers here too wide And here too narrow—long ago 'Twas labeled "countrified!"

My auto-ah, my auto fine, But lasely bought and tamed! When I regard its gauche design I swear I'm quite ashamed With exclamation points galore The catalogues countye To show how model nineteen-four Is ranked by nineteen-five!

My camera was scarce in hand And settled was the bill Before I noted that the brand Was changed and bettered still! And work on which a painful while One dentist bored and grooved Ensuing dentist called "old style" And said should be removed!

And, oh, my wife, who once I thought Perfection's apex crowned! She whom through all the world I sought

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