

OMMON SENSE in the HOME EDITED by MARION FLARLAND

THE WIFE WITH A TALENT.

lano-but now it seems to bore him. I don't such and such results. md my success. I feel it would be a sin to poultice.

you advise me?

ofter marriage, reach the point where he ognizes that all glory given to her is in sense taken from him, and resents it. ere cannot be more than one head of the

wife's talent when it is introduced into do- having a celebrity which made you obscure L loses its novelty.

Man Needs a Poultice.

that he and his home and his comfort are general rule. the first business of the woman he has mar-

When he has been working all day and nes in tired at night, his impression is woman, eager to know what he has been doing and how he is feeling, ready to subate her individual concerns to his comfort and happiness, not absorbed in her

AM writing to you about a matter does not yearn to know how she has pro- perior intelligence," "special aptitude." giving me great trouble. Before I trait she is painting, or the bust she is heads? You see that leaves a pretty wide difference? ad of it-I compose music and play the ing or her singing for so many hours with the third definition, may be an aptitude for plies to all women with talents as well as to done.

seel I have a duty towards my God-given to admire the work of her hands and brain, are not what you are likely to mean when has really been bestowed upon you, it is woman has a gift for the organization of ing to write immortal prose; to be willing life as a cherished and well cared for wife takent and that this comes first. I don't like to listen to her story, to look at her paints of your "talent." Almost in- your bounden duty to make the best of it. church work, another has ability to run to leave your paints to dry while you slip later into the position of bread winwift and of the reputation it wins me, and ance of the latest piece of music she has get I can see he is not pleased when I spend learned or composed. He is worn out and several hours a day at my practicing, and worried about husiness, and the thing he often he is bored when I talk of my work needs in a wife is not a stimulant but a

give up my work and yet I don't know how This masculine attitude is naturally into bring peace into the family. Won't tensified if the wife's attention to the work-MUSICIAN." ings of her talent have interfered with her Thave seen many cases like yours. Once care for her husband's comfort. With all wa great while a husband is found who the sympathy that one woman can feel for erishes the same opinion of his wife's another, there is not a wife among us who calents that he did when he was only her will not admit that it is pretty hard on a lover; but he is a rare exception. As a gen- man to come home from work to an ill kept eral thing, I am afraid a husband drifts into house which has been neglected while the he mental position of a valet, and his wife writing, or painting, or "sculping," or uses to be a heroine to him. You may say playing, or singing. I think you will all this indicates that he has the soul of a agree with me in the statement that if she palet, and perhaps it does. All the same, couldn't look after her husband's well being bis unwontedly generous and phenomenal-because of her devotion to her art or craft walow of perception if he does not, soon she would have done better to remain single. 201 201

If Places Were Reversed.

I do not forget your statement that you samily, and if the wife has a conspicuous do not neglect your home, but you say also alent she is thrust into the position of im- that you feel your talent should come first portance and the husband is a secondary In that case do you blame your husband for sideration. Naturally, he does not feeling a lack of enthusiasm for the work that you put ahead of him? How would you Even without carrying matters so far as like it yourself if the positions were re this the husband is not prone to enjoy the versed? Perhaps you would not mind his coestic life. Interesting at first, it quickly in comparison, but that man is a marvel develops into a possibility of boredom when who enjoys being scheduled as his wife's consort and not possessing a reputation of his own. I have known one or two men whose generosity or devotion or sense of humor was sufficient to allow them to figure More than this, he has a conviction, found- cheerfully as "Mr. Mary Ann Jones." hu d on centuries of tradition and experience, they were phenomenal exceptions to the

What, then, are you or other women like you to do with a talent they are sure they possess? Are you to hide it in a napkin or bury it out of sight? What is your duty to that he should fird awaiting him a charming yourself and to your husband and children? No specific answer can be given which will cover all cases. Circumstances modify the individual decision.

The first point you must make sure to

making a general topic of it but dwelling ily, conscientiously, and profitably for years follows her talent I can say that she is of I have said that there are two reasons on which I sorely need advice. I gressed with the story she is writing, what Do you who befieve yourself possessed of a on the question as to whether it is a real of and whose families have not suffered by the those who will have trouble in the flesh. Why you should practice a real talent, if am a woman with a talent and it is difficulties she has met in finishing the por- talent think it comes under one of these an imagined talent. Does that make any practice of the housekeeper's mental For no talent can be fulfilled in the best you have one. The first I have given. The powers. It is hard labor and requires, way among countless interruptions and second does not fall behind it in importance, married my future husband was modeling, how she has practiced her play- field for opinion. Your talent, according to It surely does, and the cause for this ap- thought and tact and skill, but it can be calls upon the time and energies—and yet If your ability is something that will

some kind of domestic work-cookery, sew- the correspondent whose query started the Let me say as a parenthesis that all talent falent assume when you marry and raise lie idle. In these days of quickly made believe I neglect my home, but of course I Still less does he desire to be called upon to a family. You must resign yourself to have and quickly lost fortunes it is not uncompleted at home. One to listen to the baby when you are strived and married to admire the work of her hands and brain.

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these are what you with an unmistakable bring in money you cannot afford to let it ner for the family. Your husband may object to your cuitivating your talent now and be quite willing further on in life to accord you the privilege of supporting him by the exercise of that same talent. I can hardly advise you to point out this possibility to him when he laments or objurgates your gift; still less can I counsel you to remind him of it if the bard days should come. None the less, you do well to keep the contingency in mind, and if you have a talent which possesses commercial value, don't let it become rusty from disuse.

Details May Bore Him.

Even if your husband should not lose his money making capabilities I have never found that a little extra cash comes amiss when the boys and girls are growing up and wish small luxuries and diversions that the stated income of the head of the house may not suffice to supply. If you are skilled with your pen, or your brush, or as a musician, and can make a profit from your original productions in any of these lines or by giving lessons in them, be thankful for the faculty, and do not let your gratitude sweep away your reticence and lead you to chatter about your gift and its work-

For it is ten to one that your husband will not wish to be told of those details of your work which you find absorbing. They are likely to weary him and whatever else you do with your talent don't bore your husband with it. You may love to hear all he has to tell of his pursuits, but that does not mean that he will be thrilled by yours. Bear this in mind and spare him.

Bring to the work which falls to your lot a large portion of patience, a determination that your bushand, your home, and your children shall never suffer for lack mend it to others besides yourself.



A Wife's Talent Quickly Develops Into a Possibility of

literature, art, or music.

one of these? Are you sure?

Should Cultivate Real Talent. You may tell me I am straying from my with the workings of your talent.

personal pursuits to such an extent that she yourself is that you actually have a talent. subject, that I began to answer a married This is difficult, but not impossible. I must force them upon him when he wants One dictionary defines the word as woman who asked what she should do about have the honor of knowing women who Home Comes First. to be considered on his own account. He "mental power of a superior order," "su- her specific gift and that I am not only have followed their art or their craft stead-

variably you have in mind something which This does not mean that you are to neglect charitable and philanthropic institutions or hearken to the plaint of the small child and is largely or exclusively intellectual, like everything else to exercise it unless you are to do sociological research. Their task is bind up his cut finger, or soothe his lacer- of attention because God has honored you in conditions where this can be done with harder by far than that of the wife and ated feelings; to lose the inspiration for a with a gift which should be a joy to you Have you "mental power of a superior out any one suffering by it. Certainly, as mother who can cultivate her aptitude in musical composition because your college and a blessing to others. Your lot will be order" or "superior intelligence" in any a married woman, you have claims upon her own house, and often such talents as boy or girl telephones that a couple of less easy than if you had nothing to call you which cannot be ignored, and your duty these must be shunted to one side and left friends are coming to dinner and you have you from your duties as a wife, mother, and is to study how to meet home responsibilities in abeyance until domestic circumstances to scurry around and devise an extra course housekeeper, but the talent has its comsquarely and yet not to let them interfere are changed so as to free the would-be which will stretch a meal provided for pensations in a joy unknown to those who

worker from inevitable cares in her home: four into enough for six. Recollect, you lack it. Let this joy offset the annoyances possessor of a talent, that after all, if and inspire you to make of yourself someyou are a wife and mother, home comes thing worthy your gift and which will com-

MARION HARLAND'S HELPING HAND.

regard to stepmothers and fathers by be glad to hear of it. F. A. G. The word "stepmother" holds terror for some grown people, as well as for children, and in this Hes the trouble with many good women who try to fill the place of mothers. Study a child's disposition and work on it, instilling the best ideas, conquering a bad temper, that the child will be unconscious of your motive, giving it no opportunity to be stuborn in yielding to your solicitations that

It should be good. A quick temper and impatience are two things to be watched in governing children. know a mother whose peculiarities of affection in dealing with this child drove the latter to unhappiness. So the disposition has much to do with the case, both in children and mothers, and the stepmother held as one reigning terror over children should be relegated to the past and called phantom of the dark ages. No such trained to this idea.

fulces, for jellies, etc. I have done some recipe may be sent directly to you. experimenting, too. I used cranberries and they were a howling success. Last spring when cranberries were cheap I put up a gallon with a view to their use in my fruit juice when making jelly, and the repults were fine. I have little or no luck been nearly a failure, but with a cup of and see. cranberry juice it proved to be a success. blackberry and Scuppernong wines got a dip of the juice and were splendid. " A. S. D."

the stepmother matter and I am also glad could belp us? We are sixteen miles from For the suggestion as to the cranberry the railroad, and a creek to cross twentyjuice in jellies. I only wish it had come seven times. A mule threw me and crippled earlier, for it would have been of practical me so I can't ride horseback and I have benefit to me personally. Moved to emula- to go to the station in an old farm wagon, tion by the letter of the correspondent who without even a spring seat, and the roads told how she made jelly from her peach are so rough that it is a flerce trip. parings with the addition of a few tart This appeal was sent to me in a letter apples, I washed my peaches carefully be- from a woman connected with a Presbyfore peeling them for preserving and terian church. She goes on to say: "The brandying, and put the parings over with following appeal has been sent to us and dust enough water to keep them from after talking the matter over we think scorching. I boiled them to a pulp with a your column the quickest way to aid this reasonable number of tart apples such as teacher. Perhaps the publication of her T had previously used for jelly, strained the juice, put the sugar with it and pro- factory road made that will not cross the greeded as in ordinary jelly making. The creek quite so many times. I am told that boiled it again and added lemon juice as school is under the care of the woman's Land done when making peach jelly from board of home missions of the Presbyterian the fruit, but with no success. Finally I church. canned the hot syrup and put it aside to use pudding sauce; it makes excellent ce for ice cream and for a number of puddings but I have no peach jelly.

Hany one else has had a similar experience in this mission work of their church to en-

WAS deeply impressed by a letter in with the use of peach parings in jelly I shall ağı

Name for Girls' Club.

"There are five of us girls who always go out together and we wish to make up a know what to name the club: as you cause. help so many we turn to you for advice. "ELRIE."

If you wish your name to convey the fact that there are just five of you why not call yourselves "The Quintet" or "The Pentagon." Of course, if you have some to believe she was the child's stepmother, tion it might be better to refer to that in Dut her (the mother's) impatience and lack your name, but otherwise I think sither special object of work or study or recreatitle I have mentioned ought to serve.

18 18 Wants Recipe for Salt Beads. "Will you please send me your recipe for

making those sait beads? You had it in the paper, but my copy got misplaced. " MRS. H. G. L.

edged, but good women trying to fill the a recipe. Something of the sort was turned travelers' ink. The last enables one to may send one which I can print for your dead mothers' places, and children should in by a correspondent, but I have no copy of it. If this meets the eye of one who In C's letter about jelly making she can supply the directions I will print them the ink is absorbed. Any one wishing to commends tomatoes for acidity in fruit here or give any one your address that the send to you for my address is welcome to no water except that which adheres to it I had a son by my first husband and since a tablespoon of vinegar until well blended Knead a small portion of this, just

Makes Palatable Change.

"I have just one little suggestion to give for you to print if you think it worth while. It is that a few chopped raisins stirred into boiled frosting before spreading it on the with my strawberry jelly, in fact it has cake makes a palatable change. Try it

Suggestions of this sort are pretty sure

雅 章 Conveyance for a Teacher.

"We need a hack and a harness so f am glad to have a good word said about badly. Do you know of any one that

ples will bring it to the notice of some who oled liquid absolutely refused to "jell." this special teacher has 100 pupils, and her

This plea should have unusual weight, both because its fulfillment would relieve the serious physical discomfort suffered by a partially crippled teacher, and also because of the character of the work she If I muster up courage to try again with is doing. The communion to which she bethe peelings next year I shall reinforce the longs is rich and influential and it does not uid from them with a modicum of cran- seem too much to hope that some members rry juice and hope for better results. of it may not only be sufficiently interested

deavor to make the teacher more com- be happy to nav postage on any magazines. Sweeten to taste add a cup of brandy to fortable in the pursuit of her duty, but If some one wishes to dispose of them. should also exert their powers to improve the conditions of the roads over which she No doubt these formulas will be of value must travel to and from her work. I hold to some of our readers and I trust that the the address of the teacher and of the work- books the correspondent wants may be er who indorses her appeal, and I hope to forthcoming. Surely there is no reason little club of our own and meet at one receive requests for them from those who why there should not be magazines aplenty I put some up and it was as good all year and respect to us both. another's home every week. We do not can render substantial sid in a worthy supplied to any one who is willing to pay

Formulas for Making Ink.

"The following formulas may be of use to some one. The preparations are easy to make and are good. I am sorry I have not more to give: The first is for invisible ink. The writing can be read only when heated. For luminous ink. Use phosphorus, half dram; oil of cinnamon, half ounce, put in a vial, cork tightly, and heat slowly until I have the formulas for sliver, yellow, gold, a recipe for either. You are mistaken in thinking I had such and indelible inks, also for ink powder and for rhubarb vinegar, but I hope some one at once by putting in water a benefit. The other recipe is as follows: of the blotting paper in which

" E, M. H.

postage. I hold the address of E. M. li. and will give it on application.

An appeal of this sort always touches the heart of a child lover and I am sure the plea will meet a response. I hope there

How to Make Rhubarb Wine.

mixed. This can be read only in the dark, heard of them, but have not been able to find pumpkin will ferment. B. K." green, blue, purple, violet, brown, scarlet. I am sorry to say I have no good recipe

Boil the rhubarb in a double boiler, adding

each gallon of the liquid, bottle, and seal. * *

Directions for Canning Pumpkin.

put it in an enameled preserving kettle. d ways made it without oil. put in a little salt—about a tablespoonful "Thank you for the directions for can-

speaks of the two 'simply contemptible ter what his age. taught to mind. The stepfather has a right second mayonnaise:

"Some one asks for a recipe for can-stepmother myself, but as long as my son some one who can grant my wish. ning pumpkin. I wish to say that last year is under age he has got to show obedience

" MRS. E. A. P."

to a gaffon and a half of pumpkin—and ning pumpkin and keeping it after it is are some of the Cornerites who can look added just enough water to cover it. I canned as well as for your utterances on up the little toy hungry youngsters and cooked it until tender, had the jars, tops, the stepmother and father subject. I think tions for tree cake king. By this I think try to put a little amusement in their way, and rubbers ready in hot water, and filled you are right in expecting obedience and she means cakes to be put on the Christmas the jars full. I screwed on the tops at once respect from your children either to their tree, and so I inclose the recipe in the hope and hard. The pumpkin will not be good if own or their step-parents as long as they any air gets into the jars. They should be are under your roof, but my own experi-"Will you please print recipes for rhu- kept in as cool a place as possible with- ence goes to prove that this demand does I have had. I have been using it for ten barb wine and rhubarb vinegar? I have out freezing; if kept in a warm place the not have to be made or enforced with the years and my boys say it's the best cake "I would like to say to F. A. G., who obedience as a matter of course, no mat- makes them. Here is the recipe for Christ-

doubt they had been spoiled and never with oil, the first grench dressing, the

to correct them and the mother has a right For the French dressing mix a half tea- carbonate of ammonia, dissolved in a little and should insist upon their minding hin. spoon of salt, a saltspoon of pepper, and milk, enough flour to make a stiff dough. any or all of these recipes. I have been after you have washed it and cut it into bits. I married again I have had two children, and then stir into the mixture three or four enough to make the cake keep shape ill for some years and I am going to ask When the rhubarb has cooked tender press I love them all alike and my husband tablespoons of good olive oil. It should while baking; roll out to about a quar-If any one has some books of poetry to pass out all the juice and measure it, putting says my own son is as dear to him as his be thick and smooth before using and the ter inch thick, but no thicker, cut out on. I will be glad to get any. I will also to it as much water as you have juice. ow . But from the beginning I insisted process is hastened if the ingredients and with forms for the purpose. To the trimgood cream is about right.

> should be on the ice for an hour or so before to a stiff froth with a teaspoonful of vamaking the dressing. Put the yolk of the nilla. Add enough powdered sugar to make egg into your bowl or plate with a half a stiff icing; spread on the cakes; sprinkle teaspoonful of salt and a saltspoonful of them with colored sugar (red especially), pepper, a small pinch of dry mustard and and they will have a pretty appearance the juice of half a lemon, and as - as on the tree. Grease pans and then sprinthese have been mixed with a few strokes of kie with flour; this makes it easy to rethe fork begin adding your oil, a drop at move the cake from the pans. a time, and stirring in each drop before you put in another. By the time you have I have no doubt that many of our reaused a tablespoon of oil the dressing will ers will be glad to get this recipe and the have begun to thicken and when this stage suggestion for the Christmas tree. The is reached you can add the oil more rap- holidays may seem a good while ahead, but idly, until you get to putting in a teaspoon- they will be upon us before we know it. ful or mere at once. Should it become too Let me make one heartfelt plea, that those thick to stir readily, thin with a little vin- who wish to use this recipe at Christmas egar, adding this cautiously, and then but will cut it out and put it in a safe place in more oil until you have the quantity that they may not have to write agonized you wish. One egg yolk will take a pint of appeals for it when it is too late to print oil. Put it aside on the ice until it is need it in time to be of service to them! It should be like heavy double cream.

If you wish to increase the quantity whip the white of the egg to a stiff froth just before serving the mayonnaise and beat it lightly into the yolk mixture. Should the dressing curdle when half done, set it aside, begin again with another egg, and when the dressing is again thick stir in the curdled portion carefully, as you would the oil. This dressing is easily made and is not a tedious performance after you have had a little practice with it.

非 非 Requests Loan of Machine.

"I am expecting to give birth to my third stances will not permit me to buy one, I cation.

that he should obey his stepfather as long write to ask if any Cornerite has one she as the latter boarded, clothed, and schooled no longer uses and which she would be him. There are some mean stepmothers willing to give to me in exchange for pl in and fathers and really I sometimes believe sewing. I would only ask the use of the good ones are hard to find. I had a mean machine for a month and I hope there is

" MRS. G." This seems a moderate request and I have as freshly stewed pumpkin. I pared the "Will you kindly give a good recipe for little question that there will be some one of pumpkin and sliced it thin, mashed it, and salad dressing with olive oil? I have al- our Cornerites who will be giad to let Mrs. G. have the use of a sewing machine for a month in exchange for plain sewing.

Cakes for Christmas Tree.

"I read that some one asks for direcshe may have as good results with it as well trained child. He takes respect and of all cakes, as they believe Santa Claus mas tree cakes: Two cups sugar creamed children, that I don't blame them. No Here are two recipes for salad dressing with three-quarters of a cup of butter, seven well beaten eggs, one teaspoon vanilla, two heaping teaspoons of pulverized mensils are cold or if a piece of ice is stirred mings add dough; this will prevent some with the dressing. The consistency of cakes being too hard when baked. Bake to a light brown. When ready for icing For the mayonnaise have the bowl or string on threads for hanging them up and soup plate in which it is to be mixed, the ice the cakes on the under side. For the fork, the oil, vinegar, and egg cold. They icing use the whites of four eggs beaten

" MRS. A. H."

Boy Wants a Wheel.

"I am a boy 12 years old and would like to have a bicycle, but my parents cannot afford to buy me one. If somebody has one he is not using or does not want I would be pleased to have it and would gladly pay express charges.

Just about once in so often a small boy puts in an appearance with a plea for a bicycle, and I always print it in the hope that the supply of wheels is renewed and wearled of often enough to fulfill the lad's wishes. I trust there may be some one with "one he is not using or does not want' child before long and would much like to which he is willing to turn over to R. A. I have a sewing machine. As our circum- have his address and will give it on appli-

FAMILY MEALS FOR A WEEK. DINNER.

SUNDAY. BREAKFAST.

Grapefruit. Bacon, griddle cakes, Tonst, coffee, LUNCHEON.

Fried scrapple, baked sweet potatoes. Sally Lunn, chocolate custard. Tea. DINNER.

Clear soup. Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding. Browned potatoes, fried eggplant. Squash ple, coffee

MONDAY. BREAKFAST. Apple sauce. Dropped eggs.

Scalloped systems, baked potatoes. Bliced tomatoes Toasted Sally Lunn [a leftover]. Crackers, cheese, tea. DINNER.

LUNCHEON.

Tomato soup. Cold beef sliced. Cold slaw, scalloped egsplant [a leftover]. Potat es hashed and browned [a leftover]. Sago custard, coffee,

> TUESDAY. BREAKFAST. Oranges. Cereal, brolled kidneys. Rolls, coffee.

LUNCHEON. Spanish omelet. Sweet potatoes, graham gems. Jam, cookies, tea. DINNER. Vegetable soup.

Beef and kidney ple [two laftovers]. String beans, riced potatoes Apple and raisin pie. Coffee. 非非

> WEDNESDAY. BREAKFAST. Baked apples. Cereal and cream. Bacon and boiled eggs.

LUNCHEON. Mince of beef and kidneys [a leftover]. Potato cakes [a leftover]. Griddle cakes and honey.

Toast coffee.

DINNER. Beef soup. Baked and larded liver. Stuffed potatoes, creamed carrots Plain rice pudding. Coffee.

THURSDAY.

BREAKFAST. Bananas and puffed rice. Bacon, posched eggs. Rolls, coffee. LUNCHEON. Sliced liver is leftoverl. Saratoga potatoes, muffins.

Baked apples and cream.

Cream of carrot soup [a leftover]. Veal cuttets. Stuffed tomatoes, boiled potatoes. White custards, cake. Coffee, b

FRIDAY.

BREAKFAST. Oranges. Oatmeal and cream Fried butterfish. Johnnycake, coffee LUNCHEON. Minced year and tomatoes [a leftover]. Potatoes hashed and browned. Popovers. Orange marmalade, tea. DINNER Potato soup.

Indian pudding, coffee, SATURDAY. BREAKFAST. Grapes. Cereal and cream. Bacon, scrambled eggs

Hallbut steak. French fried potatoes, peas.

Tonat coffee. LUNCHEON. Green peppers stuffed with fish [a leftever]. Baked potatoes, baked cream toast. Hot gingerbread, cocoa. DINNER

Cream of pea soup [a leftover]. Broiled Hamburg steak. Creamed parantps, baked spaghetti. Floating Island.