

THE HOME'S FAIRQUEEN

SELFISHNESS A VIRTUE IN WOMEN

Caroline Says It Has Its Origin In Their Strength of Affection.

If a woman be selfish, her selfishness is of the intellect—deliberate. We desire happiness more passionately than men, yet, knowing our weakness amid the general forces, we shrink into a corner and weave plots. Men want the gratification of the moment; they rarely create as we do out of the golden mists of young dreaming an ideal of happiness to be sought for through a lifetime. When a man wants a seemingly unattainable thing he chafes and raves impatiently, Romeo-like, until duty or a new fancy compels him to turn his attention elsewhere. A woman in like circumstances lies awake at night to plan and contrive means which will bend fate to her will. It was Juliet who carried out the bold scheme that made a Montague and Capulet man and wife. Even right Justice has a tear of pity for the false view of life taken by eyes half-blinded by a great love; and it will be found that the selfishness of most women has its origin in their strength of affection.

How many are unselfish, to the point of self-immolation, towards their loved ones, and calmly indifferent to the existence of all other creatures? Yet even in this utter devotion there is selfishness. We will do everything that can be done—sacrifice everything—for our dear ones; but we must have the deed recognized and known for ours.

We may, however, comfort ourselves with the thought that—the proportion of selfishness between the sexes what it may—our special form of that vice is, for the most part, bred of the virtue that is in us, and fed by a flame not all impure. But, alas! truth compels us to look at the "exceptions that prove the rule." What of the hard old maids with cold hearts and narrow brains. Well, they are rapidly dying out, and let us hope, will leave no successors. One other type will be quoted against us—the middle-aged woman whose whole horizon is bounded by her own kitchen. If that temple be peaceful and flourishing, empires may go to ruin for all that she cares; and if any domestic contempts be impending, all the wrecked lives and broken hearts in the world weigh not as a grain of sand in the balance. Selfish she is, this worthy. Let us not prejudice our case by argument in her behalf, but set against her in the table of accounts the crusty old bachelor and the mere man of pleasure, who haunts his club and always monopolizes the warmest corner.

CAROLINE.

THE NEW SKIRTS.

They will be narrower, but Spreading Out at the Bottom.

As to skirts, they will be narrower as the season progresses. No more than five girths will be used. The front and side pieces will be narrow and fitting, while the back goes will be laid in tiny plaits at the belt.

Either overskirts will be worn or skirts trimmed to simulate them. A pretty style for young girls has a double skirt, the upper one drawn up and back slightly at the hips.

Although skirts are so narrow, it is still necessary to have them stand out at the bottom. To secure the proper effect, a band of half-inch to one and a half inches wide is used and a stiff underwire is always worn.

One of the prettiest of afternoon dresses is made of petunia cashmere, with a most wonderful satin finish. Around the foot it is trimmed with medallions of deep French green braid. Higher up a flounce of cashmere six inches wide encircles the skirt. It is high on the hip at the left side, but slopes toward the right side, falling from there in two jets to the foot. This flounce is also trimmed with medallions of the braid, though smaller than those at the foot of the skirt.

The bodice worn with this skirt is of the cashmere, bloused, with a flounce draped over the shoulders and low in front. Two ribbon bows, one on the right shoulder, the other rather low on the left side, are joined by a loose band, also of ribbon.

The sleeves are light and fall over the hand.

THE QUEEN'S FONDNESS FOR DOGS.

So fond of dogs is Queen Victoria that the Ladies' Kennel association has sent her an address, voicing the gratitude and appreciation of the association for the interest taken by her majesty in the welfare of the canine race. The address is engraved on white satin and signed on behalf of the association by its president, the Duchess of Teck. It was enclosed in a casket of solid silver, richly worked in repoussé design, showing the royal arms, the rose, shamrock and thistle, and the date, 1897.

TO SECURE PRETTY FEET.

If you value the good appearance of your feet, do not wear very high heels on your boots or shoes. The result of the habitual wearing of high-heeled boots is to cause the feet to become very wide. All the pressure comes from the fore part of the foot, thus broadening it, and if the boot across the toes is too narrow, bunions and corns almost invariably follow. The best and most comfortable shoes are generally those made to measure; they do not so easily get out of shape as ready-made shoes, and, as a rule, they have a better appearance. If the feet are bathed regularly every day, the tendency to excoriation of the nature of corns or bunions will be greatly minimized. Enlarged toe joints due to

wearing narrow boots are the best treated by wearing a surgical bandage made specially for restoring the balance of the foot.

THE CARE OF FOOD.

Wastefulness the Direct Enemy to Health and Cleanliness.

Unquestionably this aspect of wasted food is serious one. Valuable fats which, if properly treated, can be used in cooking are thrown down sinks, clop, cling to utensils and afford a fine medium for the cultivation of the ubiquitous microbe, pathogenic and otherwise. Cleanliness is the fundamental of sanitation. From this standpoint much of the food waste is a direct obstruction. Filth in kitchens is largely composed of grease and food not properly handled.

Aside from this part of it, our food economy is sadly wanting in system. The value of scraps, though the cook book tells us they are valuable and may afford delightful dishes if treated so and so, is unfortunately unrealized by our average servants. They do not know and are not taught to not a lot of good material need ever be wasted; that there is no need of grease-begrimed sinks, tables or utensils, that every crumb of bread should be saved, every speck of butter removed from dishes, every drop of milk drained from the bottle or the can, every pot scraped clean of its contents before being washed. Oh, the wicked waste seen in oatmeal and hominy boilers, cake-bowls and gravy-dishes in the kitchens of untrained, indifferent cooks! What money is there cast before waste!

If only one line of reform was brought to bear upon these irresponsible women and they were obliged to scrape and drain clean, there would be such a deficit in the yearly food bill that the economy would not need further proof.

COMFORT FOR LITTLE ONES.

Warmth Figures Largely in Keeping Them Healthy and Happy.

A great many mothers warm all the little garments as they put them on, and are haggard by such attention. If you have nothing more convenient, the lamp comes into play again, as you can easily warm the clothing by holding it, piece by piece, around the chimney. Be careful if the



Some New and Modish Styles in Autumn Wraps Which Will Be Worn in Astoria This Fall.

material is flannel, as it will stick to the hot glass; the chill can be taken off by holding it around the chimney without touching it. If your baby has a grandmother near enough to attend to its well-being, this advice is quite superfluous. Grandmothers always warm the tiny shoes before the wee pink toes are housed within them; but the young mothers do not always know the homely but sensible methods which go further toward keeping the child healthy and consequently sweet-tempered than all the modern fads and theories.

A warm flannel around the abdomen, warm stockings on the feet, and a soft wool saque to supplement the flannel skirt are better than as many bottles of drugs for the baby, and the simple application will as a general thing set the flesh to glowing rosy. But if the circulation is poor and the extremities remain cold, fill rubber legs or fruit jars with hot water and surround the child with them until the proper temperature is restored.

POLISH FOR THE FURNITURE.

A little turpentine and oil applied to furniture with a cloth, the furniture then thoroughly rubbed, will give it a bright, clean appearance. If your rosewood refuses to polish have your furniture man polish it for you. He will rub it down with sand paper and varnish it so it will last for years.

HORS D'OEUVRES.

The Taste for These French Appetizers Growing in This Country.

The taste for hors d'oeuvre, which has grown up in this country in the last few years, has introduced flavoring butter, but we are still far from utilizing this medium to anything like the extent it might be. Ahead flavoring butters are in great demand for kitchen use, a morsel of one or the other of them, according to the nature of the preparation, being almost invariably added just at the last to sauces to give them the requisite fresh butter flavor deemed essential to a well-made sauce, while at the same time enhancing the appropriate and distinctive aroma of the condiment. But there is still a further use for these butters which should especially commend them to the notice of the housewife, and this is in the preparation of sandwiches.

If instead of a layer of plain butter, the sliced bread were delicately spread with some appropriate butter, it would double its attraction without giving any additional work to the maker. For instance,

the ordinary ham sandwiches would be perfectly different if made either with mustard or chutney butter, while a dash of anchovy or maitre d'hotel butter would similarly improve cold beef.

THE VANISHING SPIDER.

One of the Many Curiosities of Animal Life in Florida.

A Florida paper describes a strange creature known as the "vanishing spider." On the borders of the Everglades you often see a large yellow spider. He spins a strong web from two plant twigs on each side of a path or clear space of ground and waits for his prey. The web is in the shape of a hammock and tapers at each end to a fine point, though quite broad in the middle.

The bright color of the owner seems to mark him for destruction—he is clearly defined against the white sand or dead leaves, and you wonder what he would do for defense in case of attack. Approach quietly and he watches you intently. Now raise your hand suddenly and he will disappear.

While you are wondering what became of him, you see first a blur where he had been, then several spiders, then you catch sight again of the yellow ball that you noticed at first. Repeat the performance, and the strange effect is renewed. The disappearance is absolute—the creature has no doubt about it, and the little magician trusts to it entirely for protection.

SOLILQUY OF A BACHELOR.

To wed or not to wed? That is the question. Whether it is nobler in man to suffer the slings and sorrows of that blind young archer, Or fly to arms against a host of troubles. The heartache and a thousand hopes and fears. The single sufferer—a consumption devoutly to be wished. To woo, to wed—To wed—perchance repent—ay, there's the rub!

For in that wedded state what woes may come. When we have launched upon that untried sea.

Must give us pause. There's the respect That makes delicacy of so long life. For who would bear the quips and jeers of a friendly, or the scorn of a scornful husband's pity or the coldness of the vacant hearth, the solitary cell. The unshared sorrow or the void within.



When he himself might his redemption gain. With a fair damsel? Who would beauty gain. To toil and plod over a barren heath. But that the dread of something yet beyond—

The undiscovered country—from whose bourne No bachelor returns—puzzles the will. And makes us rather bear the ills we have

Than fly to others that we know not of? Thus forethought doth make cowards of us all. And thus the native hue of resolution Is scolded o'er with the pale cast of thought. And numerous fixations, long pursued, away.

With this regard, their currents turn And lose the name of marriage. —New York World.

"For several months, I was troubled with a persistent humor on my head which gave me considerable annoyance until it occurred to me to use Ayer's Hair Vigor. Before using one bottle, the humor was healed."—T. T. Adams, general merchant, Turberville, Va.

BEAUTY IN DEATH.

The rose is sweetest still in death. Yielding its last delicious breath; Most richly decked the woods appear At the sad limit of the year; There is no splendor in the sky Like that when some fair day doth die; And when some stormy harmony Hath roused our sense of ecstasy, The clearest, loveliest notes of all Are those that last and lingering fall. So when some noble soul doth part, Quitting earth's joys without a moan, To face with brave and steadfast heart The shadows of the great unknown, Then, though with grief our eyes may fill, Our hearts must beat, our bosoms thrill, That of all honors life could lend, There's naught became like the end. —Zoe Dana Underhill.

To heal the broken and diseased tissues, to soothe the irritated surfaces, to instantly relieve and to permanently cure is the mission of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Charles Rogers.

Size counts for nothing; in the mind we thrive; Virgil was six feet high; Horace was five; Poets are still to love and beauty true, If small as Pope or large as Shakespeare grew. —James Bartlett Wiggin.

AN ASTORIA FEATURE.

An Eastern Magazine Devotes an Interesting Article to the Columbia River.

It is pleasing to note an interest from the east in matters pertaining to Astoria and vicinity, and consequently the readers of the Astorian will be absorbed in the contents of Leslie's Monthly for October, which contains a graphic description of the river's leading industry, entitled, "Salmon Fishing on the Columbia," with illustrations to embellish and enliven the article.

The Hawaiian Islands which are receiving so much attention by diplomats at the present time, also come in for a descriptive article, and the beauties of that tropical paradise are faithfully portrayed by word and pencil.

The Stanford University, the memorial to the son of the late senator from California, is represented in an historical pictorial way, among the views being those of the celebrated quadrangle, the Arizona Garden, men's and women's dormitories, and the manitelli, glee and football clubs. In the glee club can be recognized the visage of Astoria's representative, Mr. Bay Logan, and the other Oregon stars, Dillon and Riley.

Taken as a whole the number may be considered a Pacific Coast souvenir, and is instructive and interesting throughout.

NO MAN OR WOMAN CAN ENJOY LIFE OR AMPLIFY HIS IN THIS WORLD WHILE SUFFERING FROM A TORPID LIVER. DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the pills that cleanse the liver, quickly. Charles Rogers.

THE CANADIAN GAME OF HOCKEY ORIGINATED, GOODNESS HOW, MANY CENTURIES AGO, AMONG THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

When you come to look into it, it is quite astonishing how many games were invented and are adopted, practiced by the savages. Wallace tells us how in Homer's own day, he thought to amuse his Dyak boys by showing them cat-cradle. But he found that they not only knew it, but knew more intricate figures than he did. The Maoris of New Zealand actually have a sort of pictorial history in cat-cradle figures. The Sandwich Islanders play a kind of draughts; the South Sea peoples nearly all are adepts at kite-flying. Polo comes from Persia and is played significantly by wild hill tribes from northern India. Backgammon and parchesi are both Eastern games, but tamaraudi needs being used as "kots" in the latter—Harper's Round Table.

A pain in the chest is nature's warning that pneumonia is threatened. Dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bind over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, and prompt relief will follow. Sold by Estes-Corn Drug Co.

One of the most attractive, appropriate and original window displays ever by the writer, was at Astoria, Oregon, a small rustic town at the mouth of the Columbia river. The firm of Foard & Stokes had exhibited in their large show window an assortment of stuffed birds and animals native to the locality where they were exhibited. The window was very large, and permitted a very nice display of a forest scene, with trees, roots, stumps, moss, grass, flowers, etc. A kingfisher sitting on a dead branch of a tree, with a fish in his mouth; the squirrel running down a tree, and even a small field mouse was there, just as if alive. Rabbits, weasels, gophers, coons, cougars, deer and elk were displayed as if moving. Among the birds were even a little peewee and wild canary bird, field sparrows, sparrow hawks, blue jays, cranes and plovers, snipe, duck of all kinds, chicken hawks, woodpeckers, vellow hammers and eagle. The magnitude of the show can be imagined—about 100 specimens and about 20 different animals.

The show was made in connection with the opening of the game season, with an appropriate sign as to ammunition for sale there. We believe this is one of the most original and artistic window we have seen—Greer and Country Merchant.

Small precautions often prevent green mischiefs. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are very small in size, but are most effective in preventing the most serious forms of stomach and liver trouble. They cure constipation and headaches and regulate the bowels. Charles Rogers.

DON'T CROWD.

Don't crowd! this world is large enough For you as well as me; The doors of art are open wide; The realm of thought is free; Of all earth's places, you are right To choose the best you can. Provided that you do not try To crowd some other man.

What matter though you scarce can count Your piles of golden ore. While he can hardly strive to keep Great fannies from his door? Of willing hands and honest hearts Alone should men be proud! Then give him all the room he needs, And never try to crowd.

Don't crowd, proud miss, your dainty silk Will glisten none the less Because it comes in contact with A beggar's tattered dress; This lovely world was never made For you and me alone; A pauper has a right to tread The pathway to the throne.

Don't crowd the good from out your heart By fostering all that's bad, But give to every virtue room— The best that may be had; Be each day's record such a one That you may well be proud; Give such his right, give each his room, And never try to crowd. —Alice Cary.

Moments are useless if trifled away; and they are dangerously wasted if consumed by delay in cases where One Minute Cough Cure would bring immediate relief. Charles Rogers.

NEW MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

A Positive Cure for Dyspepsia.

This may read as though we were putting it a little strong because it is generally thought by the majority of people that dyspepsia in its chronic form is incurable, or practically so. But we have long since shown that dyspepsia is curable, nor is it such a difficult matter as it first appears.

The trouble with dyspeptics is that they are continually dieting, starting themselves or going to opposite extremes or else indulging the already overburdened stomach with "dietary" after dinner pills, etc., which invariably increase the difficulty even if in some cases they do give a slight temporary relief. Such treatment of the stomach simply makes matters worse. What the stomach wants is a rest. Now how can the stomach become rested, reoperated and at the same time the body nourished and sustained.

This is the great secret and this is the secret of the uniform success of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. This is a comparatively new remedy, but its success and popularity leaves no doubt as to its merits.

The tablets will digest the food anyway, regardless of condition of stomach. The sufferers from dyspepsia according to directions is to eat an abundance of good, wholesome food and use the tablets before and after each meal and the result will be that the food will be digested, not matter how bad your dyspepsia may be, because as before stated, the tablets will digest the food even if the stomach is wholly inactive. To illustrate our meaning plainly, if you take 300 grains of oat, egg or ordinary food and place it in a temperature of 85 degrees, and put with it one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, it will digest the meat or eggs almost as perfectly as if the meat was enclosed within the stomach.

The stomach may be ever so weak yet these tablets will perform the work of digestion and the body and brain will be properly nourished and at the same time a radical, lasting cure of dyspepsia will be made, because the much-abused stomach will be given, to some extent, a much-needed rest. Your druggist will tell you that of the many remedies advertised to cure dyspepsia none of them has given so complete and general satisfaction as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and not least in importance in these hard times is the fact that they are also the cheapest and give the most good for the least money.

A little book on cause and cure of stomach troubles sent free by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

There are about 1,800,000 negro Baptists in the Southern States, and the American Baptist Home Missionary Society is endeavoring to develop a plan to bring the colored brethren in closer affiliation with the main body of the church.

Confusion as to the choice of a Mood, further is unnecessary. There is but one best sarsaparilla, and that is Ayer's. This important fact was recognized at the World's fair, Chicago, 1893, being the only blood-purifier admitted to be placed on exhibition.

Shall I find comfort, travel-wise and not weak? Of labor you shall find the sum. Will there be beds for me and all who seek? Yes, beds for all who come. Christina G. Roswell.

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THE CHURCH.

Rev. R. Ross has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Aberdeen, Wash.

Rev. Dr. Locke has assumed the pastorate of the Central church in San Francisco, having preached his first sermon October 3.

Before leaving for the east Bishop McCabe purchased a fine, large tent that will seat about 50 persons, to be used for public worship in Alaska.

A friend who was present when Rev. Dr. A. J. Hansen of Oregon was introduced to the California M. E. conference, and his transfer to that body announced, states that he was received with a round of applause that afforded a very pleasing welcome home. He was assigned to the Bishop Bowman church of San Jose, and will place his daughter in the University of the Pacific.

An exchange of fields has been amicably arranged between Rev. A. D. Olds, of Weston, Ore., and Rev. C. F. Whittey, county missionary of Walla Walla county, Wash., and the people of their respective fields. Mr. Whittey goes to Weston, October 1, and Mr. Olds takes up the work among the Congregationalists in Walla Walla county at the same date.

UP-HILL.

Was the road wind up-hill all the way? Yes, to the very end. Will the day's journey take the whole long day? From morn till night my friend.

But is there for the night a resting place? A roof when the slow dark hours begin. May not the darkness hide it from my face? You cannot miss that inn.

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