

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

SOME MODEL LETTERS.

Modes of Expressing Sympathy in the Face of Joy or Sorrow. In the face of joy or grief the average person with a pen in hand finds expression of sympathy difficult.

The trouble is that people prepare themselves for such letters. The best rule is to write when the feeling of sympathy first comes, and not to wait.

Upon the announcement of an engagement the friends of the engaged pair should write letters of congratulation if they are not able to call on the young woman and her family.

A form for a note of congratulation to a recently engaged girl is as follows: "My Dear Girl—The announcement cards of your engagement to Mr. Broughton have just reached me, and I want to tell you at once how glad I am for you."

"Please remember me affectionately to your mother, and believe me, as ever, your friend JULIA."

"September 3." Perhaps no letter of congratulation is ever more welcome than that written to a convalescent, especially if he or she be in a hospital. When a person is ill and confined to one bed in one room, the smallest occurrence is a real event, and a letter may bring with it an infinite amount of consolation.

"My Dear Mrs. Burton—They tell me that you are very much better, so much better, indeed, that you are soon to be allowed to all visitors. I am so glad. I have thought of you many times during your illness and wished that I might be of some tangible service to you. Let me know when I can come to read to you some afternoon."

"I am sending you some roses and a book which I think you will enjoy. Keep it if you like it."

cheer and relieve you of the pang which you are now suffering, but I realize how hopeless are all words or expressions at such times. Yet I remember the kind words of sympathy which you extended to me the first time we met after the death of my dear son and I hope I can give you as much consolation now as you gave me then.

This letter is possible to a man or woman who has suffered loss and who finds no difficulty in self-expression. But there are many people to whom demonstration of any kind is almost impossible.

think the more. Secretiveness sometimes hides a turbulent mental activity, and a shy exterior can conceal strange broodings. But sincere sympathy, which is very common, should not be left without some subtle, unobtrusive guidance.

"My Dear Mrs. Edgerton—I have heard only this morning of the death of your little boy. I am so sorry for you. I cannot bear to think that I shall ever again see the dear little fellow with his winning ways and his sweet smile. I can say nothing to comfort you, but I must tell you of my deep sympathy. God help you. Yours in sincere friendship."

"LAURA ROGERS." The technicalities of notes of congratulation and of sympathy are not many. As in all notes, the date and sheet and number should be at the end unless the address is stamped on the paper. It is poor taste to use fancy note paper at any time, but particularly so when writing to a person recently in mourning.

IN THE DINING ROOM. Kind of Chairs Now to Be Seen Around the Festive Board. Dining-room chairs need not differ in essential particular from any other chairs, says the Philadelphia Times.

The mahogany dining chairs belonging to the Louis XIV period are particularly fine examples of what such chairs ought to be, but the cost of them is almost prohibitive except to the few.

The mahogany chairs of mahogany belonging to the eighteenth century are, on the other hand, well adapted for this purpose. They are simple, but with a certain amount of strength being combined with lightness and elegance.

The heavily carved oak chair looks very handsome in a large, lofty room, and when upholstered in fine tapestry is a worthy possession. There are many well-designed cane-seated chairs, but the cane is liable to wear and tear.

My Dear George—My heart goes out to you in your sad bereavement in the death of your son. I know that I can feel and sympathize with you in this great loss of your loved one, since my wife and I have passed through the same sad and trying ordeal.

BOOK-LOVING CHILDREN. Taste for Literature Should Be Encouraged. To the child who opens his mind to the deep truths of poetry, says a writer in Woman's Home Companion, life looks simple and easy, and he learns to attach himself to duty before duty assumes that hard, complicated aspect which it usually presents later on.

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more concert, the able young girl went over to England. There she met and enjoyed the great honor of playing with the famous London Philharmonic orchestra, but she went by special invitation to Windsor and so charmed Queen Victoria that she showed the sincerest compliments on the girl and as a memento of the visit presented Miss Jackson with a lovely cross of diamonds.

A little before her interview with the queen Leonora Jackson had reached what to a true musical artist signifies the top notch of glory, that is an invitation to play at the world-famous Gewandhaus of Leipzig with Nipper's orchestra. She executed before the most critical audience in the world that most difficult and dangerous piece of music, Brahms's concerto, and did it so well that Joachim wrote on her orchestral partition, "At last, Leonora, thou canst play it!" and the critics of Germany agreed that only Joachim himself could have played it any better.

From Germany to France the violinist traveled and in Paris played at the most brilliant concert of the spring given in honor of the king of Norway and Sweden. Finally, at the last Colonne concert of the Parisian season, she again played the Brahms's concerto, and though five recalls in the midst of tremendous enthusiasm, all these laurels she comes to lay before the people of America, who can proudly hail her, as have the German and English public, as one of the most gifted violinists of today.

TALK ABOUT WOMEN.

Miss Floretta Vining of Hull, Mass., owns nine newspapers. They came to her by her father's will and she overlooks the running of them herself.

Miss Alice De Hirschchild, who was recently naturalized in England, was sincerely devoted to her brother, the late Baron Nathaniel and inherited a large fortune in his immense fortune. The lady is very clever and a social success.

Mrs. Emma Lewis Hitchcock, wife of Professor Hitchcock of Washington, is organizing an expedition which will lead to the Amazon. She has secured a large fund of \$50,000,000 (treasure supposed to be buried there) and she is already a wealthy woman.

Miss Jane Gattman, who made a long distance bicycle record, and Mrs. Jane Lindsey, who crashed the record, have publicly "kissed and made up." If this means they are going to let the record stay where it is, the general public will forgive this display of emotion.

Miss Albert Whitney, a practicing lawyer in the state of Missouri, has been presented to the appellate division of the New York supreme court for admission to the New York bar, Roger A. Pryor making the motion. The members of the bar present at the time cordially welcomed her.

The widow of Charles S. Cross, the famous horse breeder, turned over the whole of her husband's estate to satisfy the creditors at Kansas City last week, though much of the property had been made out of her name.

Some women are wearing around their necks a bit of white illustration high up, just inside the stock, so that it is not seen when they are sitting or standing. With the heavy boots and gloves that women are wearing come the wooden gloves for country wear that are as stylish and expensive as the other kinds, but soft and comfortable.

For autumn and winter wear handsome tailored suits are revived. The beautiful satin-lined surfaces of many of the new twills are very fine, while heavier grades of broad cloth are also being worn.

Costumes of heavy black satin, made with fitted basque bodice and circular skirt, have very short, high, shawl-like capelets, the capes and extreme edge of the skirt trimmed with black moire fur.

Sequins are to be seen on many things this winter, particularly on the goods with lace effects. Whole gowns of net are covered with them, but they must be sewed on carefully, and home sewing is usually better than that of the shops.

There is a great demand at present for broadcloth fabrics, handsome matelasse silks and satins, for princess gowns, redingotes, skirts, dress trimmings, combinations, linings for capes, cloaks, etc., and for evening wraps enitre.

The prettiest separate blouses are those made of one material opening over a contrasting shade in a vest of some soft silk, the body of the blouse being cut low around the neck to show a little of the silk below the collar.

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