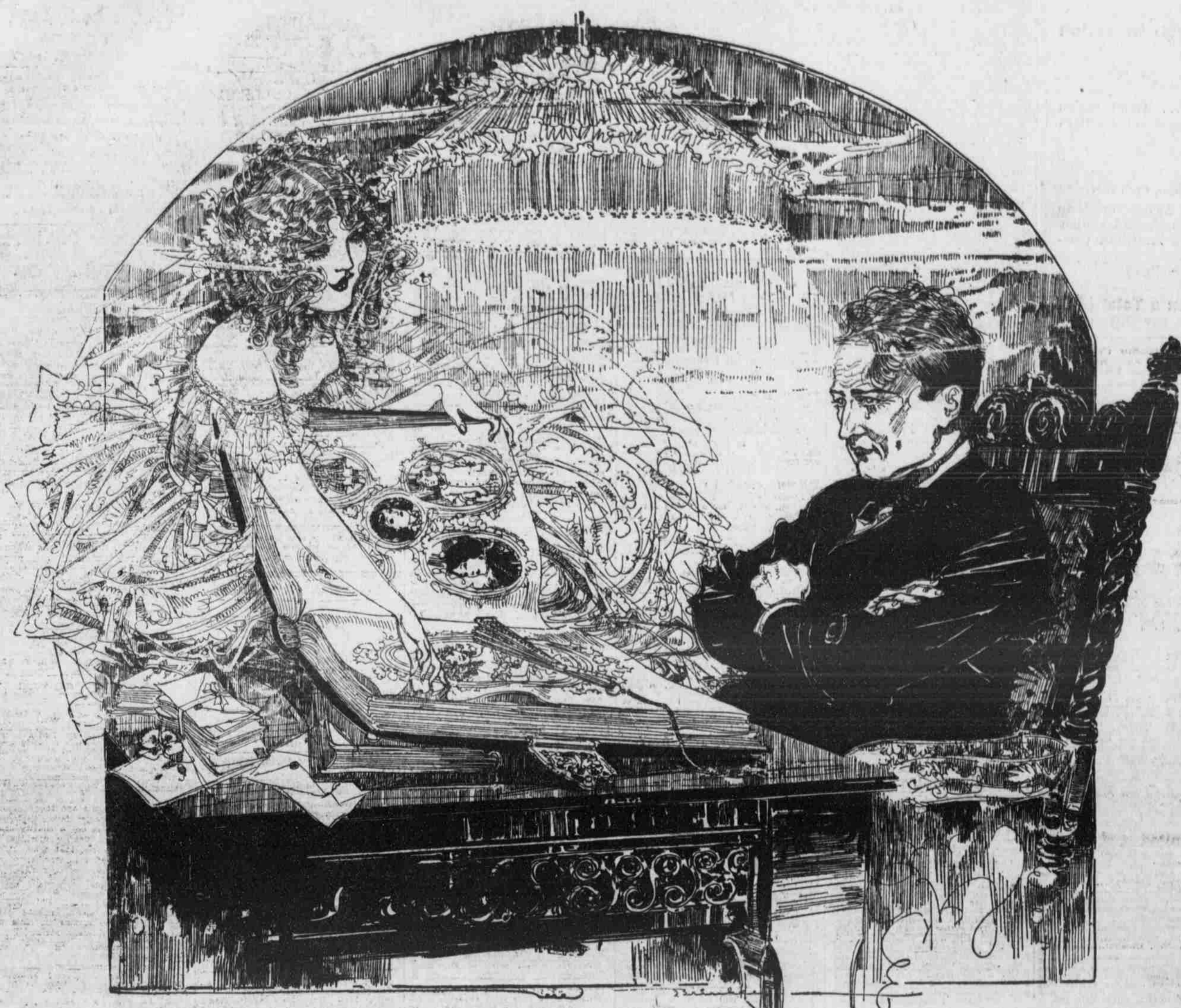


Woman's Work :- Fashions :- Health Hints :- Household Topics

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Advice to Lovelorn By Beatrice Fairfax



"But all lost things are in the angels' keeping, Love;"

No past is dead for us, but only sleeping, Love."

You are a tiny, gray mouse that may slip through the crack of light that lies like a yellow sword on the threshold under the door. The queer man who bachelors there year in and year out in a kind of cheerful loneliness sits at his big, shining table under the warm circle of his lamp. The people who know him and smile at his crabbed smile know that he adds his bills there and reads old Ben Jonson and the war news and certain books of limericks that sing of the "Coast of Coromandel, Where the Early Pumpkins Blow," there; and wraps up his Christmas packages with Santa Clauses stuck on the corners there; that he reads and pens his business letters there. But who but the gray mouse knows that he brings out sometimes a faded old plush album and, unfolding its yellowing

leaves with gentle fingers, opens his heart wide there on the dark old table top? Who knows that the ghosts come there? Lovely ghosts from the springtime of the wintry old man's life? But you, the gray mouse with tiny, black, bright eyes, know that the winter stream dreams under the ice! Out of the pages of the old book as he turns look quaint faces about odd clothes of a long-gone time. A dark, frightened baby girl in a plaid basque—tiny pantalettes and candy stockings with the stripes running round. A sedate boy with a sweet mouth and an old man's tie and his dark hair brushed away from his face like a girl's. A pale, pretty woman with shiny hair and buttons and a haunting something speak-

ing in her face in the language of kinship to the live old one bending above hers. And—then a face! A mocking, lovely, girl face, all ringlets and flowers and drooping shoulders, with the page that holds her worn with fingering. Her shining tintype looks out and up around the broken fan that was hers. The old man finds the silken cord that holds its ring. A packet of brownish letters, with careful, shaded writing growing dim across the face of them, reflects their faded blue binding-ribbons in the pool of the table. And you, little gray mouse, in a warm corner, ponder on the silent and smiling white memory that turns the pages for him thereafter; also you ponder on the glitter that lies on the meager cheek of the warmly smiling old man.

Let Him Alone. Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young woman fast approaching middle age. I have set my affections upon a splendid gentleman of my acquaintance. We are both cultured people engaged in literary work. For a time he showered me with attentions and seemed to be as much infatuated as I. Now, however, he has turned to others younger than I, and I fear that I will lose him. What shall I do to regain his regard? MISS M. C.

Do not try to win him back. Just be dignified and gentle, and if he loves you he will come back. If he has not yet reached the point where he knows his own mind, let him go till he does. If he is to be lured away now by a younger face, be sure that marriage would not cure him.

The Boy Is Father to the Man

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Importance of Care of Skin to General Health

By WOODS HUTCHINSON, M. D. Part I. The delicate and sensitive surface of our bodies was originally a free, wild thing rejoicing in its liberty, but we have reduced it to a cramped and at times galling captivity. The skin was born for the open air, or, primarily, to be more correct, for open water, and to choke and strap and gag and mummify it as we do by our conventional clothing is a good deal of a strain on it. However, it is wonderfully good-natured and accommodating and adjusts itself to its daily prison remarkably well. But its patience has limits, and it simply cannot resist the temptation, when its bandages are thrown off, its straitjacket loosened, its pores open to the air and even a moderate amount of light allowed to reach it by the throwing off of our daily harness at night, to kick up its heels and rejoice as a work horse does when he is turned out to graze.

Household Suggestions

To wash brushes and combs put a teaspoonful of ammonia in a basin of hot water and dip the brush up and down in it, letting the comb remain in the water for a few minutes. In this way all the grease will disappear, and after rinsing in cold water both brushes and combs will be perfectly clean. When cleaning a carpet peel a pound of potatoes, scrape them, stir the pulp in a pail of water, and strain. Wring out the cloth in the water and rub the carpet, rinsing the cloth as soon as it is soiled. Do not tread on the carpet until it is quite dry. To clean gold lace, crumble a piece of bread without crust and mix with enough jeweler's rouge to color it. Rub this on the lace with a piece of flannel and finally with a piece of velvet. When a tag comes off a boot or shoe lace press a little melted black sealing wax around the end of the lace and shape it to form a tag. It will answer almost as well as the original. Mildew on leather may be removed with a little pure vasoline. Rub this into the leather till quite absorbed, and then carefully polish with a clean chamois leather.

Busybodies of Life--- Difference Between Types

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX. The consciousness of power over others brings the most exquisite joy to any human being. To be able to regulate other people's lives seems a very desirable position to most of us. Of course, all life is managed on this basis from the institution of an emperor down to that of a political boss. But most of us do not recognize the tyranny in our own natures for just what it is. We call ourselves philanthropists and neglect to consider just how welcome our philanthropy is. I know a girl who took her stand against her own family and assisted her younger brother in making a marriage which to his youthful fancy seemed desirable. The girl had a wonderful feeling that she was "playing Providence" most graciously for brother and his sweet-

helplessness that makes them parasites, whether they are conscious of unconscious of it. Being helpful is another matter. It means giving aid where aid is honestly needed. It means answering a cry for assistance and letting some one who feels the necessity of getting some one else's opinion or of having their doubtfulness bolstered up a bit recognize the fact that the world is not a totally cold and indifferent place. Between "playing Providence" and being helplessly indifferent to the needs of others there is a tremendous field of sympathy and helpful kindness. "Playing Providence" is the sort of thing that patronizingly takes a square peg out of a square hole where it is comfortably ensconced, and insists on whittling it down to fit a round hole a notch or two higher up in the world. It means manufacturing discontent for the subject of your experiment if you happen to fail, and making a weakling who needs to be directed out of that object if you succeed with him. On the other hand, being helpful means

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