

The grim, old, gray Atlantic, with his now-maned sea-horses riding high and face beyond the sand and rocks of fast, his gray hair glittering with ice, is visioning his inamorata, the South the wind cries and cuts; the great Pacific sea; where she lies blue and flakes float out of a battleship-gray sky: try ponds and the girls, all Russian, in each far wave alive with the fire of dreaming up into the sky, shimmering there are no leaves in the woods-the furs and barbaric colors, are milling phosphorts, like the gleam of a metal in the sun, around the land of southern branches rattle in their casing of ice round and round the rinks; the real shield, and the girls in thin frocks are California! The gray god, hard gripped like mournful bones; the sea is great winter-girl in the hills of the Atlantic dancing out onto the sca-side walks from terrible; horses struggle in sweat states, up to the eyes in "comforts," mit- the ballroom and in again! A-h-h! No a soft heart while he glowers for the and anxiety with the glassy streets; the tened and booted, is plowing about on wonder the Sea of California is the Sea

peaches into a sauce-pap, add one-third under the sun and warm -NELL BRINKLEY. cream.-Mothers' Magazina.

## The Girl Cynic: A Little Advice to Lovelorn Story of the Present By Beatrice Fairfax

## By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

There was once a girl who trusted verybody. She had builded the structure of her life on the basis of an old quotation-a proverb from the German: "As one shouts into the forest, so echo returns to you."

She met the world on a basis of trusting good fellowship and the world seldom failed her.

Clerks in shops rewarded amiability with interest; walters in hotels showed

an intelligent desire to please. Men who found that she was always on time for engagements seldom kept her waiting to be called for; old people to whom she save kindly courtesy spoke well of her: hostesses who discovered that she was punctilious about keeping engagements invited her to all their most interesting parties. Lucile gave the world the square deal of trust and honesty and the world swarded her prizes in most of its games. Then she met a man of whose weak good looks any psychologist might have told her a few very unpleasant truths. she, however, was not a psychologist, so she followed numerous of her sisters hefore her and fell very much in love with George. George plumed himself on conquest, introduced Lucile to friends as haracterless as himself and threw her over without compunction at the end of a month.

st.ucile was startled, but her faith in human nature came up undamaged when Cyril-one of George's friends, proceeded to console her by kindly devotion that issted two months. Cyril's defection came in due time, and then William offered his services as physician to wounded pride.

Three months later Lucile found herself in possession of what she deemed a broken heart. As a matter of fact she had a badly sprained attitude toward human nature. Having suffered because of her faith in three weaklings, she functed that she at last knew life for the cruci and relentless producer of misery It was:

And Lucile became a cynic. At 2; she had mastered such watchwords as: "You might as well do the other fellow and do him first," "No man is ever on the level with a woman;" "The world is a cruel and relentions place and it doesn't ppreciate honesty."

Now, Lucile was short to servants, peremptory to clerks, indifferent to old folks and careless about her engagements. And as she should into the forest, so the echo camo back to her. And just then, when she knew with exactly what cynicism to laugh at protestations of love, a real man came into fir life. When he told her he loved her, Lucile replied: "Of course you do-to-And when he assured her that day.' he had never cared so much for any oman as of her, Lucile was ready with a flippant "That's what they all say." She didn't mean to let any man make her auffer again! She was too wise for that. And the real man wooed a merry young cynic for three months and for

| gave broken engagements and overlooked forgotten appointments and tried

to keep his ideal of the girl he loved alive in spite of her best efforts to destroy it. And the girl neither believed the man nor gave him any reason to believe in her.

So, one day Lucile discovered that she had been deserted again and she smiled cynically and assured herself that the world was indeed a poor place.

Moral-When you yearn a clever aphorism like "As you shout into the woods

emper and can be always sweet and friend's lack of control of his temper

Why Not Help Him? You Are Too Exacting. Dear Miss Fairfax: I have known a poung man for the last three years. Oc-casionally be gets up in a temper and says things which he afterward regrets, but which make me feel badly. He saya he loves me and wants to marry me. Now, do you think we would be happy if his bad temper still continues? JANE M.

Dear Miss Fairfax: A brother of mine died some weeks ago, which naturally prevented me from going out. While I was with several friends they suggested going to a dance. They did not even ex-press regret for my inability to come, but left me. Now do you really think they did right? I think they are selfish. A. B. C. There is enough mourning and unhap-ploces in the world without anyona's If you yourself have control over your

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you sure you have those?

pinces in the world without anyone's desiring to add to it. It was very selfamiable in spite of any hurts which your lish of you to feel that your friends should escrifice their pleasure because you causes you you will probably be able to could not join in it. Are you sure you

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does not make him impossible as a hus-

band and lover. But it will take tact and patience on your part to help him. Are

cure him of this fault. He will be much would have been as ideally considerate echo returns to you." It is a good idea happier if he succeeds in conquering his as you feel they should hav to test it out thoroughly. but the fact that he has one the positions been reversed? as you feel they should have been had to test it out thoroughly.

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