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The Hedge of Hate

By LILIAN LAUFERTY.

I went to my garden one sun-kissed day
To clip the paths and smooth the beds;
The leaflets of springtime were all away,
And tulips lifted their radiant heads.
To keep the grace of my garden plot
I set about it a high, green hedge.
For my neighbor's land was a dreary spot,
And it stretched in waste to my garden edge.

Rich fragrance scented the warm June air,
Where blossoms fell and my garden grew,
And the hedges held the border there,
And hid the ruin I would not view.
But I knew beyond the boxwood gate
There lay a tangle with weeds o'ergrown,
And I rooted up all my hedge of hate,
So my garden might be my neighbor's own!

Lo! In the morning at rise of sun
I found my neighbor tolling there;
"If our two gardens be as one—
Friend, it must all be green and fair!"

Modes of the Moment

By Olivette



Madame Isbell's Beauty Lesson

LESSON XI—PART I.

Physical Culture.

To keep young and attractive looking, is the desire of every woman as she approaches middle age. How to be beautiful is the query of every girl nearing womanhood. This passionate desire for physical charm seems inherent in women of all ages and yet, paradoxical as it sounds, comparatively few women are exercising the healthy self-denial, that means physical attractiveness.

While it is beauty of face that generally first attracts us, it is the physique that holds the eye. Every woman not born a cripple or deformed has a right to a good figure, correct carriage and easy, graceful movements. Unfortunately there are not always given by nature; in most cases work is necessary to acquire and retain them.

I believe everyone after childhood needs some form of physical culture. Children in their play exercise every muscle of their body, but after playing is passed only certain acts of muscles are used. This is the time when it is necessary to supplement with daily, systematic exercise.

Contrary to general opinion, hard work does not always make a strong, well-developed body. Manual labor may make certain muscles strong, but it doesn't encourage general strength, grace or poise. If it were so we would find in farming communities the highest type of physical perfection, for it is certainly the men and women workers in the country who accomplish the greatest amount of physical labor. But the truth is that farm work does not tend to grace or perfect development.

A man that mows or shovels rarely stands straight; every inch that the spade goes into the ground, pulls him the further over, and this is true of weeding, hoeing and most of the small tasks connected with farm work. Neither does such work make one quick and light in movement, one of the first requisites for a good physique. Prize fighters and actresses who must overcome heaviness find rope jumping excellent. They also practice dance steps, the fighter to make him light on his feet and the actress to preserve the lithe walk that we associate with youth.

Lesson XI to be continued.

Man and Woman

Tact, the Best Virtue a Woman Can Display

Parisians seem to think Economy Best, with Fidelity and Modesty the Next

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Copyright, 1914, by The Star Company. The Paris papers have been discussing the six essential virtues of woman. The result is somewhat amusing.

Economy is placed first, with 1,120 votes; fidelity and modesty each received 1,357; kindness received 1,182, and maternal love 639. Cleanliness and patience were last on the list.

Here we have the acknowledgments of the men of France, given by the newspaper votes, that the woman who saves a man expense stands higher in his estimation than one who is faithful to him.

A little infidelity they do not mind, if she is economical in her financial expenditures. Were I a man and knew women as I do (which would, of course, be impossible), I would wish a wife to possess the six virtues in the following ratio:

First of all, kindness. I would place kindness first—because the absolutely kind nature could not fail to be faithful to its highest obligations. Fidelity would come second, as the natural result of innate kindness. Cleanliness, too, would follow, as the kind, womanly woman could not offend or hurt her husband's feelings by being untidy in any way.

Patience, also, would be an outgrowth of a kind heart, and so would modesty; and, lastly, the ever kind wife would look to her husband's best interests and see that she was not extravagant. Kindness of thought would act as the one great quality needed in the world, in the church, in the market, in the family life today. Kindness is the child of love, and its pedigree goes back to God.

Economy is of questionable origin. It may be born of prudence and thrift, but it may be bred by avarice or born of greed and indolence.

It is as often a virtue as a vice, and as often a vice as a virtue. While wastefulness is always a sin, economy is not always a virtue. The progress of the world comes, not through saving, but through using. Then would I add tact as one of the essential virtues in woman. The tactful woman keeps her house in peace and harmony. She knows how to turn away wrath by a soft answer. The tactful woman does not indulge upon the quiet hour her husband has reserved for his newspaper and his cigar with conversation which can be reserved for a more agreeable time. The tactful woman does not allow her great virtue of orderliness to become a nagging vice and drive comfort before it from the home. The tactful woman does not antagonize relatives or business friends whose good will is of value to the husband.

In a thousand ways, the tactful wife, even with a tendency to over-generosity, is a better helpmeet for a man than the tactless paragon of economy. Yes, let us include tact among the great virtues in woman.

The day of the white serge suit is almost here, and it behooves the well-dressed woman to provide herself with one of these smart and useful suits as soon as may be.

The model we show you today, on the left, has two particularly smart features that bring out the good effect of its well-cut ensemble. These two noteworthy features are the short tunic and the waistcoat girdle that is part of the chic little jacket.

The little blouse coat is laid into the girdle with four plaits on each side and a broad box plait effect in the back. Two buttons are set on the waistcoat girdle as well as wee crosswise pockets. Wide pointed revers flare back from the front of the coat, and the semi-fitted sleeves are cuffed in black velvet to match the incroyable collar.

On the blouse we see a returning old friend that has been out of favor for some years—it is the full-pleated jabot.

The skirt is tightly lapped at the center front and drapes a bit at each side. Over this is set a tunic that extends to midway between hips and knees, with its greatest length at the back. This tunic fastens at the left side with two pearl buttons like those used on the girdle.

Slipping collar, abbreviated sleeves and the black and pink of Chinese embroidery carry out the suggestion of a kimono in this afternoon frock of black charmeuse, on the right. The blouse bodice finishes its crossed revers under three huge roses of dark blue and green. The lace that veils the sleeves is of white chantilly. A high oriental girdle encircles the waist, the hips and hides the top of a long overskirt of white chantilly crossed and bordered at the bottom by two alternate strips of black tulle. Here again a touch of Chinese pink is introduced in the pipings that separate white tulle from black. The underskirt of black charmeuse is plain and round. OLIVETTE.

Little Bobbie's Pa

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

I am thinking of riteing & sending two dollars for this course of training, sed Ma to Pa last nite. This professor claims that in thirty days he can cure plumpness by mail & I need to reduce about thirty pounds. You ought to reduce, too, she sed to Pa. & I was thinking that we could both get the instructions for the same price.

You mite as well save your two dollars, Pa sed. If you want to reduce, I can tell you jest as much as anybody that calls himself a professor. All that have to do is exercise, Pa sed. That is the way I am going to talk off my fat this Spring. I am going out every day & do roadwork with Dave Sullivan. In one month, Pa sed, you will hardly know me. I will be so thin.

Walking is awfully tire-som, sed Ma. That is the trubbel about reducing. Everything that you like you can't eat, & all the work they tell you to do is too hard. You can make it a pleashur if you will do as I say, sed Pa. Look at all this butiful country around us. Start out early in the morning & roam thru the fields, Pa sed. Talk along two sticks, sed Pa, one of them a large club & the other small.

Why the two sticks? sed Ma. Talk the large stick along for bulle, sed Pa. That is what I always did when I went roaming thru the fields. I always had a large stick with wich to battle a bull if one calm my way, & I always took a small stick along to proteck myself from bees. If a bee flew at me, I would slam him one with the small stick, & if a bull saw my red necktie & got gay, I would let him have one over the head with the big club.

Nature is so beautiful, too, sed Pa. Why do you quarrel with your husband on these days? Have you ceased to love him? "No; but the cook enjoys it. She lingers with us hoping to see a fight."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why Nebular Hypothesis is Discarded

By EDGAR LUCIEN LARKIN.

Question—Exactly what is the nebular hypothesis and does it still hold?

Answer—The original nebular hypothesis of La Place was that the space now occupied by the entire solar system and far beyond was filled with "firemist," a hot gas. This cooled, contracted, began to rotate so fast that matter bulged out over its equator. Contraction kept on, and the equatorial mass was abandoned, and left as a revolving ring. In the fullness of time this ring became a planet, the first being Neptune, 2,780,000,000, and so on to the last, Mercury, 35,000,000 miles from the sun. The sun now rotates in twenty-five days, but this is not fast enough to give an equatorial bulge like that thirteen and one-half miles deep around the earth's equator. The sun is exactly round. But this theory of La Place has no followers now, and what that great mathematician now alive he would be the first to discard it. So, many new discoveries of nature's laws have been made since his death that it is untenable.

First, rare gas in frigid space cannot be hot. The great law of conservation of energy, discovered since La Place, overthrows the idea of primordial cosmic heat. And rings could not have been abandoned, nor have consolidated into one planet each if they could have parted from the shrinking sphere of gas. The far more reasonable hypothesis is the meteoric, first advanced by T. Norman Lockyer and of late advocated by Prof. Chamberlain as the planetesimal theory. That is, all suns and worlds whatever were made by meteors falling in. And the process is in a state of activity now, but in a far less degree, for

meteors still fall on earth. And when a huge sun had formed, it attracted worlds out of space like the earth, Mars, Saturn, etc., and balanced them upon regular orbits between centripetal force and opposite centrifugal tendency.

Question—Is there any proof that such a continent as Atlantis ever existed? Answer—None save the account of Plato and other classical authors in the eastern hemisphere, and of the inscriptions and traditions, together with ancient sculptures. In the western—in Yucatan and other Central American states. But automatic writing is now occurring almost daily in several parts of the world where a person's hand will suddenly begin to write of Atlantis with extreme rapidity. I have seen many of these most remarkable writings. Many people call this proof; others do not believe the writings to be proof.

Question—What is the astronomical explanation of the showers of stars occurring at different times in the world's history? Answer—Prof. H. A. Newton of Yale college, computed the orbits of a vanished comet, and that of a meteor streak around the sun, when behold! the track of the ellipse in space of the stream, was the same, once traversed by the comet. The nucleus of the comet had disintegrated into separate particles. I have seen many hundreds of meteors, the smallest was just visible in a microscope, and the largest in the World's fair in Portland, weighed twenty-two tons. Meteors are particles usually made of stone, iron, and some are nickel and other metals. But if a star should fall the entire earth would be destroyed in one second of time.

Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Recently I became engaged to a young lady 15 years of age. I was 31 years of age. Last week I broke this engagement and have decided we became engaged that I would be unable to marry her for at least three years. She assented and said she would wait. But after looking at this matter from every possible angle I concluded that it was unwise to do so. I know the laws and that I love her, but I don't see how I can live with her. I am a very poor man and she is a very rich one. I am a very poor man and she is a very rich one. I am a very poor man and she is a very rich one.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am 19 years of age and met a young man of 23 years of age. I like this young man very much and I am sure he likes me. I think this young man would like to keep steady company with me, but he is a little bit bashful. He has just come out of college and is waiting for a position. Do you think I would be improper for me to ask him to call on me? There is absolutely no reason why you should not pay a man friend of good character the compliment of asking him to call at your home. I am sure that this college lad who is waiting for a position will appreciate your inviting him to call.

Dear Miss Fairfax: About eight months ago I met a young man at a party and have been going out with him ever since. He holds a good position, but lately lost it, and is out of work. He knows that I love him, but tells me to go out with others. He tells me not to depend upon him, and lose other chances, since he doesn't know how soon he'll be in a position to marry. He made a proposition to see me once in two or three weeks, but I objected. Was I wrong in telling him that I wanted to see him more often? I have no other boy friends with whom I would care to go out. VIVIAN. Now that the man you love has business worries to lose the time to prove your love and loyalty. If he really cares for your faithfulness at a time when he is without work will be an incentive to work harder than ever. And even if his love is not as great as yours, such devotion ought to win him.