

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

"His Great Love" :: By Nell Brinkley

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FOR HER - THE MUSE OF VERSE AWAKE! ... FOR HER - HE WASHED HIS NECK AND STAYED AWAKE IN CHURCH ... FOR HER - BECAUSE SHE SAID HE WAS BRAVE!

The Charm of the Toilet Table

By "B." Gradually, with the revival of old-world modes and tastes, the toilet table— the vanity of our great-grandmothers and generations of their ancestors—is returning to favor with all its incomparable charm and picturesqueness.

A friend of mine, just returned from Paris, where she has been engaged upon important war work for the last eleven months, tells me that the toilet table in the Frenchwoman's home is now a thing of extraordinary elegance as well as of great importance.

"The charm of the dainty toilet table," she continued, "seemed to act upon me like a tonic. Only a woman could ever understand the sheer delight of sitting before that pretty creation of satin-wood, with its quaintly shaped mirror, supported upon either side by the tiniest cherubs in the world, with its fittings of silver gilt, its trinket boxes, and its little shining vases of violets and roses."

However busy a woman's life may be, however broad and virile her interests, there is always a secret fondness in her heart for the vanities of femininity—the "poetry of dress" that has charmed the world from time immemorial. And just as the small girl finds delights in "dressing up," her mother keeps young and pleasing by the "mental tonic" of her toilet, as it has been aptly termed.

In art, the toilet table has ever been a thing of distinction and importance. Hogarth, in one of his pictures of the "Marriage à la Mode" series, has made immortal a beautiful creation, with gold-framed mirror, gold cords and tassels, and luxurious crimson velvet. And Boucher, in the "Marchande de Modes," has introduced a toilet table of equal charm but entirely different style, showing the filmy muslin and magnificent cosmetic jars that delighted the feminine

sex of the late eighteenth century. In Poetry, too, the toilet table has its significance. The veiled creation, predominant in a certain era, has been immortalized in verse: And now unveiled, the toilet stand displayed Each silver vase in mystic order tall! As all the various styles of the good old days are being revived in the toilet tables, so soon to charm us into impatience with the modern unimpregnated variety, it may be expected that the "veiled" toilet table will again put in its appearance. In fact, my friend from Paris tells me that there is already in vogue a roll top toilet table, which may be locked when not in use, and opened when desired, to show a dazzling collection of toilet accessories and ornaments.

Advice to Lovelorn By Beatrice Fairfax

A Good Idea. Dear Miss Fairfax: A new club (the first of its kind) has been formed in our city for literary, debating and public speaking, in which both boys and girls may participate. Members 15 years or over may join. In a measure, it is a social as well as an educational society. A number of girls of 16 in the senior year at the high school, desire to know whether you consider it proper for them to join this club, which will hold its meetings one night a week. They something wrong in becoming members, but wish to feel that they are doing the right thing.

It will be very pleasant as well as sensible for the boys and girls of your city to meet in this way. Certainly such a club will bring boys and girls together in a sane and sensible way, and will enable them to meet each other for the exchange of real ideas rather than just with the idea of silly flirtation. Difference in Ages. Dear Miss Fairfax: Should the fact that a young man is a year younger than a girl prevent a marriage? Lots of people say you never can be happy if the man is younger than the girl.

It is absurd to suppose that a year's difference in age one way or the other is going to wreck the happiness of a marriage. Generally, it is advisable that the husband be more mature than the wife, but in love affairs one can only generalize, besides which, it is possible that a man a year younger than his wife may be much more mature in his viewpoint and experience than she is.

Seen in the Shop Windows

The spring turbans are mostly draped. Sweaters will be as important the coming summer as they were last. A great many of the new dresses have their skirts held out with a cord. The separate skirt of silk is again in vogue. Serge will be good for the spring suit; also soft checked velours. The soft green shades will be popular among colors for spring. The smart woman has motor and country coat of leather. No hat, no matter what the shape, dare to have much trimming. The motor coat can be brightened by adding plaid ribbons on the edges. If you have a hat edged with fur it

can be lightened delightfully by putting maline frills on it in place of the fur. New hats are very high in the back. Hair bands are now made to match one's evening frock. Pretty shoulder knots are of black velvet flowers with white centers. Damask red velvet roses are pretty on skunk fur collars and muffs. A white faille blouse is worn with a myrtle-green cloth skirt. High-crowned hats will be a feature of spring millinery. Silk suits are coming into favor for spring. There is a suede waistcoat, soft and easy-fitting, to wear under the motor coat.

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