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Handicap in Education Can Be Overcome

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Perhaps there is no more pathetic situation in life than that of the man or woman of adult years who, through sudden rise of fortune, or through marriage, finds a neglected education a barrier to happiness.

An attractive exterior and a kind heart often blind a man to a woman's deficiencies in education until she is placed in daily contrast to his more cultured relatives and associates. Then his pride and the sensitive feelings of the wife are constantly wounded.

A man of wealth (both of purse and heart) recently asked me how he could overcome his lack of education, improve his language and enlarge his fund of information without the humiliation of placing himself under teachers.

He had acquired fortune and influence in the business world, and had become the husband of a cultivated young woman. He was conscious of being at a disadvantage when in the presence of her relatives and friends.

To this man and to every man and woman similarly situated I would offer this advice:

Procure the works of Washington Irving, Ralph Emerson, Thackeray and Nathaniel Hawthorne. Begin perhaps with Emerson.

Obtain a blank book and make a rule of writing a page, or a chapter, from Emerson's essays each day. No matter how unprepared your mind may be for this work, keep at it until interest is awakened. Copy the words with precision and exactness. Consult a dictionary when any word which is not familiar is encountered. Try to master the meaning of every phrase; but even if it escapes you copy the words and pass on to things you do understand.

However dull this task may seem, you are surely and certainly forming the habit of correct phrasing. Added to this you are familiarizing yourself with good literature and with the thoughts of great minds.

Do not try to do too much at first. Work slowly and patiently. But work every day a little.

Never copy more than one essay in a day and be satisfied if you only copy one printed page. You will be surprised to find how much you will accomplish in a few months by this persistent practice.

When you begin upon the novels do not attempt to write down the entire book. Read all the chapters carefully, but copy only those pages which seem most attractive to you, or such thoughts as appeal to you.

After you have advanced enough to feel your improvement, take up Shakespeare, Milton and Goethe, and follow the same method.

After one year of persistent work for even an hour daily along these lines your efforts will satisfy you that you are on the right road to mental culture.

Your mind will be as transformed as a garret which careful hands have changed into a boudoir, by removing rubbish and replacing it with wisely selected furniture.

To read the leading magazines keeps one in touch with current events and with the new discoveries and inventions of the day. Select perhaps two monthly magazines and make a rule to read them through each month. Avoid slipshod habits of reading. Never undertake to speak of an article you have read unless you are able to give a clear idea of it. Learn the great gift of being silent until you are sure of having something of interest to say.

Practice the art of drawing other people out and leading them to talk. Listen well and musing upon what you hear. If you are listening to the educated and cultured you will be able to learn something of the matter of expression, even if you obtain no real information.

Educated and cultured people do not always impart information. Not infrequently they are mere parrots, repeating what they have heard or read instead of what they have thought and learned by experience.

Do not imagine education means infallibility of judgment or keen sense of justice. But it usually does mean correct expression.

Notice the errors made by others in speech and in manners only to avoid them. Notice their accomplishments to emulate them.

Try to learn something new every day. Carry a little notebook, and if you hear a word which is not familiar keep it in your mind until you can jot it down.

Remember the name and, before you sleep, think of its meaning. The next morning think it over until it is added to your vocabulary.

If you have leisure and means, look up some school of correspondence and take a course of study. Almost every city has a school of this kind and they are excellent substitutes for colleges. Arithmetic, mathematics, literature, are all things which can be taught by correspondence.

There is not the slightest necessity for any human being today remaining ignorant. Indolence, lack of ambition and lack of application are the causes of ignorance, not circumstances.

Whoever will, may acquire education and culture.

Effective and Charming Designs in Pin Money Frocks

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White worsted fringe and embroidery effectively trim an afternoon dress of black and white pussy willow taffeta. A cut jet buckle is used as a finish to the collar.

An afternoon frock of Pierrette consolation taffeta with a gray background has an underskirt in the new barrel shape.

Do You Know That

The blow of a hammer is repeated by the echo at the Menal Strait twenty-eight times in five seconds.

"Tin" boxes are really made of sheet iron, which is coated with tin to preserve it from rusting.

Vultures are unable to carry off their prey by reason of the comparative weakness of their talons.

A man five feet ten inches in height is about half an inch taller in the morning than in the evening.

In the polar regions conversation can be carried on with ease at a distance of more than a mile.

A camel's hind legs will reach anywhere—over its head, round its chest or on to its hump.

A cat can turn completely over and land on its paws in a fall of fifteen inches.

Charles II kept birds in cages ranged along the road which extends to Buckingham palace, and which is still known by the quaint name of Birdcage Walk.

A silk dress is absolutely indispensable when the first warm days of spring come, and the quest for suitable material is of as much importance as the selection of a design. Particularly charming are the silk afternoon frocks in the March issue of Harper's Bazar.

Especially suited to the tall, thin woman, is the black and white striped and dotted pussy willow taffeta shown on this page. Worsteds fringe edges each flounce. The cape of black-pussy willow is embroidered in white worsted and edged with fringe; if preferred silk fringe and embroidery could be used, but worsted on silk is ever so smart and good looking.

Those who like the most excess styles will find the model of gray Pierrette consolation taffeta suited to their requirements. The barrel-shaped underskirt is very new, as are the puffed sleeves and the delta neck opening.

Just now the shops are filled with most charming summer materials, but often one hesitates to buy because it is so difficult to know how to get a smart looking costume with "the something different air" made at home by the

seamstress. The cotton frocks have been planned, therefore, with great care, so that although unusual in design, they can be easily made.

Linen is always good-looking for separate skirts, but mercerized Ottoman cords will be very smart. This material comes in several different weights of cordings and, by the way, the ribs run cross-wise of the material.

Colored Ottoman stripes will be much used for sports skirts, as the rage for color is more in evidence this spring than it has been for years. Whipcord, gabardine and checked skirting are popular in colors, but the basket weaves for Oxford, as the English call them, are used for white skirts. Palm Beach cloth in natural color is excellent for many tailored costumes.

Organdie is the favored material for blouses, not only in white, but in all colors. Frequently a pale-blue collar is added to a mauve blouse or a soft yellow is used to trim a blouse of grey, but for general wear all white is most satisfactory, and handkerchief linen, batiste, organdie and lawn are the most practical materials.

In-Shoots

It is difficult to throw mud and keep your own hands clean.

Fine clothes have never been known to conceal the hog nature in man.

A woman can fool a man with pads, but she can never fool another woman in shape-making.

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The young widow can not only blush as nicely as a single girl, but she knows just the time that it will be most effective.

Every man has his strain of usefulness. Some fellows make first-class pal-bearers.

The chap who roasts the ball club would have difficulty in stopping a hot grounder. And it is so with critics of every brand.

Household Hints

When a wax candle is too large for the holder, the end should be held in hot water until it is soft. It can then be pressed into shape to fit the hole and there will be no waste of wax as in the case of shaving slices off the end of a candle.

When cleaning a carpet peel a pound of potatoes, scrape them, stir the pulp in a pail of water, and strain. Wring out a 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.

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Advice to Lovelorn

By Beatrice Fairfax

A Man's Friend.

Dear Miss Fairfax: For eighteen months I have been keeping company with a young man who is two years senior. I love him dearly and I am sure my love was always reciprocated until recently, when he started to associate with a young man whom I very much dislike. My friend knows that I have very good reasons for my actions, but says I should not interfere.

I am sure it would break my heart to leave him, and yet we can never be friends if he continues to associate with this young man. I have written to you of this before, but did not receive any answer.

Would you permit this young man to dictate to you as to your feminine friends? His friends, though obnoxious to you, may mean a great deal to him, and I think you are altogether too exacting. In any event, it very seldom pays for a woman to try to dictate to a man as to his masculine associates. Unless the "bone of contention" is a really undesirable citizen you had better dismiss argument about him from your mind.



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- 1/2 cupful flour
- 1/2 cupful salt

Beat the egg-yolks till creamy, add the sugar, and blend thoroughly. Measure the orange juice and add water, if necessary, to make a half-cupful of liquid. Mix the baking powder with the flour, and add alternately to first mixture with the orange juice. Fold in the egg-whites beaten stiff. Bake in layers about five minutes in a hot oven; reduce the heat and cook more slowly till the cake is done—about fifteen minutes in all. Put together and ice with orange frosting, or use a jelly or whipped-cream filling, and sprinkle powdered sugar over the top. This cake will keep for several days.