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The Keynote to Dress Is Youth

Attractive Leonore Ulrich Gives Some Hints on Real Girlish Simplicity



Leonore Ulrich in Characteristic Poses.

By LEONORE ULRICH.

(The beautiful star in "The Bird of Paradise," now to be shown in moving pictures.)

The keynote to true girlishness in dress is simplicity. There should be nothing of the bizarre, nothing extreme on a young girl, but all her clothes should breathe sweetness. Youth is like a flower, whether it be a faint pink rose or a bright poppy, and color is, therefore, as much a part of youth as anything one might suggest.

Therefore, let a girl be attired in any color she may desire, but let there be no trimming or very little ornamentation of any kind about her. For real youth, perhaps, there is nothing so attractive as pure, white, made very simply without simulating the future. Color is, of course, bright and youthful, but white is so innocent there is something about it that speaks of the fragility of femininity, and, of course, a real girl wants to be feminine in her mind and thoughts as well as in her clothes.

In her street attire a girl would do well to favor a one-toned color scheme, but let there be nothing flashy about her costume. The lines should be well fashion-

line for a young girl is a wide, soft collar lying back on the waist and revealing the soft throat and the neck where the hair comes down low.

Wired-up collars, while fashionable, are not as becoming as the low ones, and if the waist of a dress is cut low in the V-shape in front there is nothing more girlish in the world. Fur as a trimming about the neck is becoming in a high collar. The collars of coats are made to fit snugly around the throat on some of the suits this year and are becoming that way. Fur is attractive anyway, and rich tones of color in it make it irresistible when seen next to a very young face flushed with color.

Sometimes a girl knows instinctively

ioned in the prevailing mode, without anything extreme. The suit should be made for a young girl and therefore should be essentially youthful in its entirety and as a general thing very simple.

The short skirts are fashionable again and short skirts are particularly becoming to youth. The neck line of a costume is a very important asset, too, and should be carefully studied out.

Don't wear high collars, girls. Besides almost ruining the neck for low-cut gowns, there is nothing very fetching about a collar. The most becoming neck-

just what is becoming to her and just what she needs in the way of clothes. But the deplorable part of it is that there are just as many who do not, and these girls need help in the way of selection.

To learn how to dress is a wonderful accomplishment; it saves so much money, because one wears one's clothes so much longer. Try to study your own individual ideas, make your keynote simplicity and then broaden out as much as you like in the way of personal touches. It means so much in the end.

Continuance of Life After Death

Creeds Have Nothing Whatever to Do With Real Religion—The Religion Based on Knowledge of Other Realms Beyond This Earthplane and the Existence of Beings in Those Realms Who Have Cast Off This Earth-Body.

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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A man who is a worker for the good of his fellow beings in all material ways, and who tries to do his duty by helping to make this world a more agreeable spot, sent to the writer of this article a book which he had published. Before posting the book he sent the following letter, saying that the volume would follow by the next mail.

The contents of the book would be the illustration and amplification of the contents of his letter, which is given below:

"I am not a Christian and do not believe in a conscious continuance of the ego. As a result of study and experience as a physicist I consider the relation of mind to matter as the dissolution of the organ. Oblivion follows, as it preceded our ego.

"As long as we have a religion, so-called, we will have war, disease and crime. We do not hesitate to die because death is supposed necessary to life again. When we emerge from all superstition this life will seem so precious, being the only one, that everybody would see to it that all others enjoy the same privileges here as we do ourselves in order that no one might shorten our life because of envy or jealousy."

"Some think that the thought of consciousness ending with life would bring despair. Personally, I find peace and a greater love for humanity. The Christian is good because he is a human being above all else.

"Eternity has passed without pain or regret for unconsciousness, and so we will cease and be unconscious of our material relation throughout eternity."

To this letter the following answer was returned, together with the book:

"I thank you for having written me an outline of the contents of your book. I am an extremely busy woman. Hundreds of rare volumes of great literature await my reading. Important and beautiful duties await me every hour. Life grows more and more interesting and time more and more valuable. What you have written me regarding your book convinces me that I do not want to read it.

"My own studies and my own personal experiences and the testimonials of hundreds of brilliant men and women of my acquaintance prove to me beyond question the existence of life after death. I know we all have invisible helpers dwelling on higher planes than earth, ready to help us and to give us light if we seek their assistance. The name of one guide who looks after me, I know, I lived more than 1000 years ago, but I am one of the fortunate beings whose destiny life helps direct. I know that I have lived many times on earth and have yet many more lives to live here and in other realms before I finish my cycle.

"Knowing all these things and being helped and uplifted by this knowledge, why should I waste my time on a book such as you say you have written?"

"And why should I leave a book in my home for others to read who, lacking my knowledge, or possessing a weaker mind, might be made despondent and despairing by its contents? Personally I would not care to live a single day longer on earth if I believed as you do."

"I have every earthly blessing, but I only value them because they are an expression of infinite realms which lie beyond me. I remember my past incarnation, and the chief ambition of my life is to make good karma here and now, and come back with new power for usefulness in the next.

"If you are returning your book, which you will see has not been opened."

Although this present and most terrible war of the world's history is purely a commercial war, it is true that the greater number of wars which has devastated the earth have been religious wars.

Men have tortured and killed their fellows to prove how they loved God. They have committed every possible atrocity to punish others for having a faith different from their own, believing God loved such bloody zeal. But all these facts carry no weight as an argument against the continuance of life after death.

Creeds have nothing whatever to do with real religion—the religion based on knowledge of other realms beyond this earthplane, and the existence of beings in those realms who have cast off this earth-body.

True religion calls for consciousness of the supremacy of the All-Creative Power and the Oneness of all created things with that Power; consciousness of the existence of invisible helpers ever ready to give strength and light to those who call, and consciousness of the Realm beyond the grave where the immortal part of all beings continues to progress.

In this brief life, so filled with separations from those we love, there can be no more ignoble or unworthy task assumed by a human being than that of trying to destroy faith in life after death.

The best good, the best happiness and the best achievements can never come to one who does this needless dark deed.

As well as about the earth knocking down the supports of beautiful structures, saying all buildings should rest upon the earth alone.

Life does not end with the grave. The earth is only one of many rooms in the mansions of the Father. Angels and archangels do exist and are as real as men and women and possess larger powers of usefulness. Prayer and meditation bring us in contact with these invisible helpers.

Mediate, pray, believe, seek and ye shall find.

Love's Small Ironies

Beatrice Fairfax Tells Why They Add Zest to Life

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Why is the human world of things in the old Jingle sadly true—"For I loved Tom and Tom loved Beo and Beo loved Arthur and Arthur loved me."

Why is it one of life's net ironies that when a perfectly worth-while and lovable man loves a girl she must pour out her affections at the trampling feet of some scoundrel?

And why, oh why, does the splendid, fine, manly man pass by the charming woman who would make him an ideal mate, and lavish his great gift of love upon a peach-blossom person with a butterfly soul?

When it seems not ironical and bitter, but cruel tragedy, that you should love some one to whom you feel sure you could bring supreme blessing with your love, the while they love some worthless person, just make up your mind to these things:

Our of the sorrow of hopeless love, strength, serenity, sympathy and splendid loveliness may be brought by the woman who is fine enough to rise above sorrow instead of letting it drag her down.

In the consummation of what seems perfect love the utter disappointment of life might linger.

In loving the person you think you might love, though you have nothing but your own fancy on which to build—you are getting splendid training to enable you to give the fullness of love to the right man when he comes.

It is a pretty wretched proceeding to go on cultivating a love that is not wanted and closing your eyes to the things that might satisfy you if you gave them a chance.

But when you get all through philosophizing there remains the supreme "why?" Why—if I am given the power of loving, cannot I attract love? Ask one lonely heart. Why—if I know I could love a man unselfishly and strongly must

not waste his affection on someone else who does not care for him any more than he does for me? pleads another.

Humanity has not quite worked out the answer.

It would be much more efficient to turn your love where it is desired. It may be wiser to live when you are sure of receiving in return. It might be pleasanter if "the power of loving" possessed the power of attracting love.

But as long as human nature remains human nature, a rose will be lovelier because it does not live forever and because its fragrance is elusive and not to be reproduced. The beauty of a sunset is enhanced by the fact that it must soon fade. Sunshine is more glorious because the storm clouds are capable of blotting it out in a short time.

The elusive, the unattainable, the inaccessible, charms our hearts. We all look for distant moons and cool stars when at grate fires and electric lights are near at hand.

And in life's little ironies lie the flavor of existence. So by the trickiness of love lies much of love's hold upon our imaginations.

Had we never loved so blindly—we had never loved so kindly, to rearrange an old quotation.

It is love's elusiveness and mysteries that makes life eternally charming.

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The Man Who Makes a Mistake in Marriage

By DOROTHY DIX.

I have received a letter from a man who writes as follows:

"I have read with hearty concurrence a recent article giving your opinion of the inadvisability of a man keeping a promise of marriage which his heart no longer in-dorses, and I would be most deeply interested in your views in the still more difficult position of the man who discovers such a mistake only after the church and the law have ratified the promise."

You say, "Thousands of men have honestly thought themselves in love when they became engaged to marry women, but found themselves disillusioned long before their wedding day. Thousands of men are so disappointed with their prospective wives that they would rather face the hangman than the preacher on their wedding morn."

"What of the man who discovers after only a few months of marriage that what he mistook for love was but a poor imitation of what love of the right sort might mean, and that the woman to whom he is tied is infinitely inferior, not only to himself, but to all that he had imagined her to be, and all the hope of marriage had inspired her to be—that in reality she is shiftless, ambitious and utterly incapable of being a true mate to a real man?"

"Do morality and decency demand that he shall pay with a lifetime of martyrdom for one well meant mistake? Is the morality really advanced by such a association with an inferior woman, simply because they are legally bound? Would not civilization and the real advancement of character be more truly helped by his breaking the tie, getting away from a degenerating influence, and by avoiding adding to the world's burden children who are handicapped by being

born of unloving, antagonistic and entirely mismatched parents? Should such a woman be entitled to be a burden upon the man for all of his life, clogging his every ambition, dulling his every aspiration and preventing his fulfilling the real meaning of existence?"

The question this man asks is the right of the man, only now we are trying to find some rational and helpful answer to it, instead of sitting down before it in meek and helpless submission as our forefathers have done.

Those who are opposed to divorce answer this man's question in the negative. They say that marriage is an indissoluble contract, and that no matter how miserable a couple are in it, no matter how much they drag each other down; no matter what a crime it is to bring children into the world under such conditions, nor how disastrous it is for children to be reared in a home of strife, the marriage bond must not be broken.

Personally I cannot accept this view of the situation. I fully agree with those who say, "Whom God hath joined let no man put asunder." As a matter of fact, those whom God hath joined no man can put asunder. That is a holy marriage that should endure and does endure until the end.

But what of the marriage with which God had nothing to do? Marriages that are the result of accident, or of honest mistakes, or of the betrothment of a man or woman who is tricked into a union with an utterly unworthy mate? What is holy about them? What good can come of forcing two people who hate each other, and who bring out all that is worst in each other, to live together?

If it were a question of happiness alone perhaps the stern moralists might be justified in saying to the man or woman who has made a terrible matrimonial mistake, "Stick to your bargain. Endure without whining the misery that you have innocently brought upon yourself." The effects, however, of a man or woman being yoked with an unequal mate go far beyond a question of individual bliss or woe.

So often a disastrous marriage means the wreck of all that a man or woman was meant to do in the world. How often have we seen a drunken and brutal man pull a high-souled woman down into the gutter with him! How often have we seen a gay and joyous woman have

her spirit broken by the petty tyrannies of the man she married!

How often have we seen the fire of genius put out in a man's soul by the nagging of his wife! How often have we seen a man who had it in him to do great work that would have been a benefit to humanity, forced by an extravagant wife into becoming nothing but a drudge to supply her with money! How often do we see men mated with clouds lose hope and ambition, and become clouds themselves!

What should a man do who finds out that he has made a terrible mistake in matrimony, who realizes that he has not only brought misery upon himself, but that his wife's influence is degrading to him, and that she will prevent him from doing the worthy work in the world to which he had set his hand?

What would he do if he had made any other such blunder in life? He would stop short and try to rectify his mistake. He would pay his score and take a fresh start. This is harder to do in matrimony than anywhere else, but it seems to me to be the only just and honorable thing to do.

It is a pity that such cases cannot be settled decently out of court without the public washing of dirty linen, but the time will come when we will manage such matters better than we do now, and we will prevent such tragedies by reversing the order that now obtains for marriage and divorce.

For in a more intelligent age we will make it as hard and as expensive, and require as much probation and investigation of character and conduct in order to get a marriage license as we do now to get a divorce decree, and in that way we will stop divorce by preventing hasty and unsuitable marriages.

Saved Friend from Honor.

Fred Juniper of Parsons, Pa., was saved from the clutches of a wounded black bear on the Pocono mountains when Lewis Edwards, his companion, brought him to earth when he was only a yard away from Juniper.

Duga had chased the bear out of a swamp and Juniper fired. Shot struck the bear in the head. The animal a once turned on Juniper, Edwards, who carried a rifle, carefully took aim for a vital spot, and its accuracy saved Juniper from a terrible death.—Philadelphia Inquirer.