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Novel Reading

By MRS. FRANK LEARNED.

Indiscriminate novel reading is a positive injury and danger to girls. When we advance this idea we are met sometimes with astonishment or indifference on the part of our friends whose girls are growing up. A few reasons may be given for this manner of meeting our remark. It may not have dawned on these friends that their girls are reading much that comes within reach, and that girls have the right to be protected from harmful or trashy books and to have good literature provided for them. It may be that we are told that a girl does not understand the evil in a certain novel; or it may be that the excuse is put forth that girls read everything in these days and it cannot be helped. That excuse seems the most futile that can be offered.

We must stop to consider that a young girl has the right to be helped in her choice of books. It has been wisely said that "the rights of no class of beings are defended until it has its wrongs." There is no doubt that a girl's rights in regard to what she should read are not fully understood or appreciated. It is a positive wrong to let her spend her time on evanescent literature and to be unfamiliar with that which is lasting and worth while. Between the ages of 16 and 18 her tastes are being formed. Those who know the world and life should guard her from injurious novels as they would from harmful friends. Novels which give false impressions of life will never help her to learn the true dignity, grace and charm of a pure, strong womanhood. It would not be wise to thwart her in her reading or to veto some of the novels of the present day. Some of these may give an insight into motives, characters and vital subjects which may be of value. A novel may help which shows temptation, sin, folly and their consequences in such a way that a girl will hate wickedness, baseness and folly and will be attracted to all that is noble and good. But the point is how to choose a work of that sort.

There are quantities of senseless sensational novels, not necessarily of a vicious nature, but they destroy the taste for good literature. Novels which encourage false emotions, false sentiments, are sure to blunt the imagination. Problem novels, dealing with all sorts of deplorable conditions of life, are most undesirable. An intelligent girl, who is wishing to cultivate the best things in life, will not care for trash. A girl with fine instincts and a wholesome mind will not be interested in the morbid books. But she needs to find the way out from confusion.

Parents themselves may not have a taste for reading, nor any discrimination. They may have good principles, average intellect and ordinary education, but a limited acquaintance with good literature. They read the new novels with no other reason than because they may be the "best sellers," or just to be able to say they have read them.

Often they leave novels about which had best not come into the house, and then they are surprised to find their young daughters reading them. Then they say, helplessly, that girls read all sorts of things now, and it is useless to try to direct their reading. When we are met by this attitude of irresponsibility it is indeed a desperate task to reply: but the responsibility rests with parents when they let girls drift along aimlessly in novel reading. With a little care, or the advice of someone known to have experience, cultivation and judgment, a girl can be started in the right way.

Household Hints

The importance of a thorough airing of clothes after ironing cannot be over-emphasized—not only on the score of health, but on those of appearance and economy. Clothes put away damp do not look smooth and well-finished when taken out for use, and there is a danger of their becoming damaged by mildew.

When scissors get blunt, sharpen them by opening and moving backwards and forwards on a piece of glass.

Vertigo and stoma may easily be removed from brass and copper of rubbed with vinegar and salt.

If new potatoes are put in water with a little common soda two hours before they are wanted they will then scrape quite easily.

If tar should be spilled on any article, place in a saucer the part of the article that is spilled and pour pure olive oil over it. Let it soak all night, then wash in the usual way and the tar will have disappeared.

To cool water without using ice, get a slender glass test tube from any chemist. Half fill it with nitrate of ammonia salts, fill up with water, cork tightly. Shake till the salt is dissolved. Be careful to wipe the outside of the tube dry in order that all trace of the nitrate may be removed. Place this tube in a glass of water and stir as you would with a spoon. The water is rapidly chilled. The nitrate of ammonia salts can be bought of any chemist.

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Making Things Worth While

Eleanor Painter Says That Exercise of the Mind Adds to Facial Beauty



ELEANOR PAINTER, THE STAR IN "THE LILAC DOMINO."

By JANE McLEAN.

"What do I like to do best in the world?" said Miss Eleanor Painter, who is singing her way to fame in the "Lilac Domino" at the Forty-fourth Street theater. "If you want a truthful answer, I like to think.

"Whenever I am not busy I think long and deep about things, things I want to know about and have never been able to learn. Things that no one has ever de-

termined, anything worth while, is an absorbing topic to me, and I think it should be to every woman, for two reasons:

"For one thing it helps not to hurt others—to appreciate their thoughts—for unless we have thoughts of our own, how can we realize that the intensity of other people's thoughts? It just simply cannot be done.

"Thinking brings so much satisfaction in its wake. Personally and from an en-

irely selfish motive, isn't that reason enough for thinking? But after all, that isn't my second reason for thinking. This is it. One should think because of the outward beauty it brings to the face. It is as though the entire countenance were lighted from within. The expression that thoughts leave can never be attained in any other way, because it is a lasting, worth while way of seeking beauty.

"There is no elaborate problem about it. We simply acquire simplicity, and that begins to show in outward things, too. We arrange our garments and our persons the way our mind dictates, and if the mind dictates simplicity how wonderfully fortunate we are.

"To my mind, when I see a girl whose eyes are never quite fathomable, I recognize her immediately as a kindred spirit. I know she thinks. I feel that she is pondering on the mysteries of things and they are reflected from within all over her countenance. She is just a little more remote than are other people, but ever so much more interesting.

"Her mind is a study, revealing in outward things traits of character. Her clothes are an evidence of the simplicity

A TAILOR SUIT may seem a far cry from the Watteau shepherdess gown, but modern fashion has suggested that picturesque costume in this smart biscuit colored suit.



In certain of the fashions of the moment one notes a combination of the styles about to depart and those just coming in. Strange as it may seem, there is not wanting an attractiveness about such models that will, undoubtedly, tide them over the trying in-between season when women are tired of the fashions that are offered in purely a tentative way.

Such a model is the costume shown in the sketch. It is made of biscuit colored cloth in the popular covert weave. The skirt is short and wide. Skirts, by the way, are getting wider by the day—one could almost say by the hour. The circular cut is favored, but a sort of compromise model has the front and back in panel arrangement and the sides with the modish circular flare.

The long, pointed basque, such as the shepherdess of Watteau, always wear is introduced as the salient feature of the model. It is slashed on either side to

Advice to Lovelorn: By Beatrice Fairfax

Look for Other Work.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young man of 22. I have kept company with three different girls. Now I have a girl whom I think the world of, but she will not go with me unless I give up my position, as she does not like it. I have no other visible means of support and also love the girl.

In these times when positions and money are scarce, it would be rash to give up one place until you have another. But why not look about and see what other work you can fit yourself for? If the girl you love is ambitious for you, so much the better for both of you. Try to find work that will satisfy her and the best in you.

Wait a Few Years.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a girl of 22 and deeply in love with a young man of 21. My people make fun of me because I am older than he is. He wants me to marry him, but I am afraid to say yes to every man who says that. I love every other dearly, but I am too young to marry? Or should I wait a couple of years? Do you think the difference in our ages will make any difference in our love?

RUTH ROGERS.

A man of 21 is rather young for marriage, so perhaps it would be well to wait a year or two. The difference in your ages is not worth considering, so don't be affected by the silly laughter of

Little Bobbie's Pa

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

The ladies of our new club, the Social Sisters, has got a kind of a treat for our dear husbands, and Ma to Pa last night. I bet you could never guess what it is.

I don't know, said Pa, unless you are going to fibend.

No, there are to be no cards, said Ma. This is the idea. This is how the dinner is to be served: We are going to start the dinner here. I shall serve the soup. Then we are all going to walk over to Missus Thornton's, across town, & she is going to serve the fish. Then we will walk back about a mile to the Jones house, Missus Jones is going to serve the roast. From there we go up town to Missus Dodge's & there we will be served with the sherbet & salad. The coffee & dessert will be served over on the West side at Missus Blake's, & that is to be the end of a jolly evening.

I have here a lot of nutty things, said Pa, but I think that is about the fondest way for a lot of grown up people to have a dinner that was ever planned. Nobody but a bunch of club wimmen ever have thought of such a ridiculous idea. Why, there is about six miles of walking sandwiched in with that dinner. How in the world wud poor old Thornton stand it, said Pa. He wud cover three hundred pounds, & wen he walks a block his wind is all gone & he can hardly take another step.

Missus Thornton said that she wud affraid her husband wud object to it, said Ma.

Wudnt you oblect to it if you wud cover three hundred pounds? said Pa. You mite have told Missus Thornton that your husband all oblected to any such silly stunt. I know a lot of ways that I cud enjoy a fine five dollar plate dinner better than to chace all over the city & grab it up in dabs, said Pa. I shall not go.

Then what is the use of us girls trying to do anything with you, said Ma. We figured that as long as you had all been so deer & put up so much munny for us, we ought to repay you by giving you this little dinner. It seems like a perfectly logical idee to me.

It is about as near logical as the deer ladies ever get anything, said Pa. Take it from me, wife, the idee you have that hop, stop & jump dinner I shall give old Thornton & him & me will dine alone down town, were we can have everything from soup to nuts rite in the salm room.

I don't think you shud feel that way about it, said Ma. Sum of the husbands thought it was a perfectly splendid idee.

Then let them go & walk thers, feel liebs off, said Pa, but as for me, wen I dine, I dine at one table, & any road work I do I intend to do between meals. That's the kind of a progress diner I am, ded Pa.

TOOK PRINCE FOR BOOK AGENT

When it was announced that James J. Hill had donated \$5,000 for the sufferers in Belgium his personal friends remembered the close friendship which he had with the king of Belgium.

Before his accession, he had thrown the young prince visited this country, and while touring the northwest was the guest of Mr. Hill, traveling over the Northern Pacific railroad in the magnate's own private car, and accompanied by Hill himself or his son Sam.

As the train was approaching Anacosta, Mont., the Hills were compelled to make a side excursion, and told Prince Albert that he would be well taken care of if he would look up Editor J. H. Duxton of the Anacosta Standard. Mr. Duxton, who had been at his desk until 4 a. m., was awakened at 8 a. m. by a continuous ringing of his doorbell.

Throwing on a dressing gown, he went, growing, to the door, and when he saw a slight, modest looking young man, a book agent idea flashed through his head.

"Well, what is it?" he grumbled.

Stammering slightly and much embarrassed, the young man, now king of Belgium, produced his card.

For the next few minutes the editor was by far the more embarrassed of the two, but the meeting resulted in a most enjoyable day spent in the Standard office and the mines and clubs of the Montana city.—New York World.

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