

Activities and Views of Progressive Women in Various Walks of Life

Marriage Considered a Lottery.
DISQUIETING and discouraging news is struck on the threshold of the year by two women—Edna Wheeler and Dorothy Dix. Each agrees on the proposition that the only reliable way of knowing a man to live with him. His peculiarities and habits are hidden from the sweetest. Hence, the latter in deciding upon the man, is more likely to draw a blank than a prize. "No woman," says Dorothy Dix, "who is not the seventh daughter of a seventh daughter, and born in a caul, and a secret who has got the shy like a block, can tell one from the other until she has got him. There isn't an earmark to go by."
 Edna Wheeler, who is less dogmatic in her deductions, but the note of distinctly uncertainty of matrimony runs through her remarks. She says:
 "Absolute familiarity with the character of a man cannot be obtained by a woman save through the association which marriage gives."
 Nor can a man truly say that he knows the character of a woman until she is his wife.
 A man may say every day to two women upon his friends and the calls may linger into visits, yet he will not display so much of his true inner nature or his fixed habits as in one month passed at the same table, sitting at the same table and subjected to the test of commonplace hourly conditions and hours.
 The late meals, the disquieting coffee, the look or mislead attention are the Waterloo of many a romantic ideal when two people dwell under one roof tree.
 Yet even then there are heights and depths of admirable and disagreeable, commendable and disagreeable qualities, which can only be revealed by the microscope of marriage.
 Every woman, whether she admits it or not, every man, whether he admits it or not, sees the husband or the wife in a more or in a less pleasing light, with the passing of each year.
 Putting aside the question of love, which often ignores the admirable and rises superior to the ignoble traits of its object, husbands and wives are continually passing through kaleidoscopic changes before the eyes of their respective partners. Every year, sometimes every season, reveals new surprises.
 The attitude of a man or a woman in meeting the daily trials, the petty annoyances, the inevitable disappointments of life, is a greater test of character than the position he or she may take face to face with some one large problem or trial.
 And it is only in the steady glare of the calcium light, shining unmercifully upon the domestic stage, that the more or less clearly observable in one another under these conditions, marriage often changes the disposition of men and women, just as the combining of two chemicals utterly changes the nature of the two ingredients.
 Therefore, it seems reasonable to conclude that no man or woman can really know the other before marriage.

The First Woman Jury.
 "The first woman jury that anybody out our way ever heard of, and the first, I believe, ever to be summoned anywhere, was chosen the other day in Denver to decide a case between a ladies' tailor and a society woman," said T. W. Carrick of Denver.
 "The tailor sued to recover \$5 which he claimed the defendant had persistently denied to pay. The defendant asserted that the suit she ordered was such an absolute failure that to force payment of the \$5 would be an outrage. After the man was called a heavy charge before the justice, and he asked if a jury composed entirely of women would be acceptable, a proposition which met the assent of both sides. Accordingly, twelve good women and true, six married, six spinners, were summoned. A fuller case was never tried.
 "First the lady told her side. According to her story everything on earth that could all a costume was the matter with the one for which she declined to pay. It was too long in front, declined to be pinned, too broad across the back, too narrow across the shoulders, swung three ways from the center, and, altogether, made her the laughing stock of her fashionable friends. After this volley of denunciation she was asked to retire to the jury on the garment, so her sisters on the jury could see its deficiencies for themselves. This she did, but the women in the box preserved impassive faces, and no one could tell by their looks whether they were for the dress or against it. Then the tailor was called to make his talk, and I am bound to say that in his broken English he made a splendid witness for himself.
 "He told of the forty-seven times he had, in his great desire to please madame, altered the suit, and how she simply would not accept it, although he made every change she asked in the tailor's detail. While it may have been the little man's evident sincerity, or else the dress was a fairly good fit, that won the jury to the tailor's side. They were not out over twenty minutes, and the verdict was that the \$5 was due and must be paid."

Woman Ambulance Surgeon.
 Brooklyn had its first glimpse of a woman ambulance surgeon on New Year's day, when Dr. Mary Merritt answered calls from the Washington hospital. It was not a very busy day for the ambulance, but several calls gave opportunity for pedestrians to see the trim figure of a progressing young woman of 23 in the ambulance as it sped on its missions of mercy. Dr. Merritt won the most of her ambulance surgeon after a competitive examination in which thirty-four men fresh from college entered. Miss Merritt is a resident of Nyack, N. Y., and a graduate of Cornell. During her college life she was known as an expert sawbones.
Help to Homeless and a Woman.
 In a transient art in the New York World, Isaac M. Rubnow, chief of the division of foreign statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, sets forth

Will Help College.
 Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, who is widely known as the founder of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has written a little book on "Memories of Virginia" for the purpose of establishing a fund for the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg. The income from the fund will each year be used to purchase a medal to be given for the best essay on the life of Governor Matthew of Virginia. The Adams chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Quincy, Mass., the birthplace of John Adams, voted to help the college by purchasing the book.
New Working Girls' Hotel.
 The Elmstone York-Tyndall, a working girls' hotel which aims to furnish lodging

and board at cost, was opened in New York last week. The hotel is a six-story structure containing fifty-six rooms, at 21 East One Hundred and Second street, in the spicuous Jewish colony, and right next door to it is the People's Tabernacle, an interdenominational church, whose pastor, the Rev. H. M. Tyndall, literally built the hotel with his own hands.
 There are other hotels, like the Martha Washington, the Marie Louise and the Tremont Inn, which are doing the same thing as the York-Tyndall aims to do, but none of them was founded by a church. The York-Tyndall is the only experiment in ecclesiastical sociology in New York.
 The building was constructed from plans drawn by the minister himself, the materials that entered into it were such as every one else had found unavailable, and practically all the skilled labor that went into it—steamfitters, joiners, most of the carpentry and all the plumbing—was done by Mr. Tyndall and his brother. The building was made of concrete, for which the sand was obtained for nothing from contractors who were excavating in the neighborhood.
 The front of the hotel is in brick and granite to correspond with the tabernacle building next door. The walls are six inches thick on the first story and a foot thick at the top. The tiling for the floor was obtained from the Mosaic Tile company. They were originally made to sell for 10 cents each, but were brought in by the minister and his brother for 4 and 6 cents each on account of their unavailability elsewhere and patterns.
 The building was put up as funds for its erection came in, and construction ceased when contributions ceased. On this account and owing to the fact that only two skilled laborers—the minister and his brother—were on the job the

hotel was two years and a half in building.
 The hotel, which has been named the Elmstone York-Tyndall, after the Rev. Mr. Tyndall's mother, aims to supply both board and room to its guests for from \$1.50 to \$2.75 a week. The restaurant will be run for the general public. No woman will be admitted as a lodger who is more than 21 years old, and no one earning more than \$11 a week, unless under exceptional circumstances.
Making City Less Noisy.
 Mrs. Isaac L. Hill of New York City started out a year ago to make the city a more pleasant place to live by eliminating some of the noise. She has succeeded in a most remarkable degree. The tug and steamer up and down the river and the factory whistles which were disturbing the residents who live along the shore; the sick and wounded in the hospitals suffer less from the noise, drivers being required to drive more slowly, and the trolley lines to suppress the clang of gongs, except in cases of danger. Mrs. Hill is a wealthy woman, the wife of a millionaire, and she lives in the comparative quiet of Elvira drive, but she is willing to sacrifice her time and energy to help lessen the unnecessary noise of a big city.

Woman's Needs and Tastes.
 Ellen Heaven for food. They make wise people's opportunities. Prudence is the great matchmaker—and the first aid to divorce.
 A woman never gets too old to refresh flattery—even her false teeth are sweet ones.
 There are women who get up a personal diary as they do an automobile, and brag of the proprietorship of the one as familiarly as they do of the other.
 Women never get over being surprised at the explosion that follows when they apply fire to gunpowder.
 The greatest discourager of the domestic virtues is the fact that the selfish wife and mother gets ten times the affection and consideration that the self-shegoted saint receives.
 Most first wives toll and economize in order that their husbands' second wives may keep three servants and wear imported gowns.
 When you speak before a woman's club it is better to wear red lace and diamonds than to have the eloquence of Demosthenes and the wisdom of Solomon.
 Parents nearly always forgive their prodigal children and may the sacred call for them upon their return; but there is no record of any real ever being killed by children to celebrate the homecoming of their prodigal parents.
 There is no judgment so cruel as that of the young who have not known life, and the good who have never experienced temptation.
 The real reason that women wish to be men is because it's no reflection on a man's character to get fat and bald.
 If women would devote as much time to learning how to sew and gracefully as they do to trying to keep young unsexually, the world would be fuller of beauty and peace.—Dorothy Dix.

Chafing Dish Apron is Dainty and Decorative

THE apron in its coquettish form is not the essential thing it once was in a woman's outfit. If one really works one does a work apron, ample, all encompassing, perhaps a grown-up pinafore entirely hiding a gown and the frock beneath. And if one does not actually work why wear an apron?
 The domestic pose is out of fashion and the modern woman fails to appreciate the charm of any adornment that suggests menial employment rather than artistic endeavor.
 But the chafing dish had arrived in the nick of time to prevent the dainty and decorative type of apron from going the way of the dodo; and while the first frenzy of that fad had passed, the chafing dish has achieved a permanent popularity and every young woman recognizes its social value.
 One need not know how to broil a steak or make a cup of coffee. The cook will attend to that. If one can't get a cook one goes to an apartment hotel. The thing is perfectly simple.
 No young person, however, may be considered successfully launched unless she shouldered a chafing dish gracefully, can concoct a Welsh rabbit, a lobster à la Newburg, a Scotch woodcock worthy of being classed among edibles fit for a king or a queen or a peer.

standing is not rated below par. All of which we discovered in a negative way by pursuing the wrong course. In the end we did discover among the chafing dish aprons shown us certain stray work aprons with spacious pockets for sewing or fancy work, but the saleswoman had so crumpled them by that time that we did not triumph easily.
 Perhaps after all the thing was a chafing dish apron. The pockets may have been provided for the oyster shells or the Scotch woodcock's feathers.
 By whatever name one chooses to call

them some of these fancy aprons are delectable, and if the chafing dish has saved the apron from extinction in our first circles we owe it one more debt of gratitude.
 The prices of some of the dainty trifles are so appalling that the woman of modest income for the cause of hand embroidery has penetrated here as everywhere, and some of the little aprons of finest muslin are exquisitely hand embroidered. Sometimes an elaborate floral garland and bow knot design borders the whole apron and runs up over the bib and breast. If bib and breast there are and the apron is of perhaps the apron has newly effective embroidery designs in the lower corners and on the bib, or is a little bibless, rounded affair with a great spray of fine embroidery thrown carelessly across its center, or is embellished all over at intervals in tiny spots.
 Inset lace, usually valenciennes, though baby Irish and daisy both are pressed into service by the apron makers, is combined with the hand embroidery in many ways and the aprons are almost invariably lace edged. A rather deep frill of valenciennes is the favored finish, but occasionally one sees a frill of the material, edged with narrow valenciennes.
 The shapes are varied, but some of the most delightful little models are rounded rather than square corners and have no bib at all. Two pretty aprons of this type are pictured among the sketches, and although one of the two demands a somewhat bothersome amount of work because of the inset lines of valenciennes running inward from the edge of the apron, neither model is particularly expensive, since there is no hand embroidery used.
 The shape of the two is much the same, save that one curves in more sharply toward the top than the other, and the making of the simpler apron would be comparatively easy, though of course the work should all be done by hand. Machine work at such a delicate task is not to be recommended. The apron is made of one of these aprons, whose extreme delicateness and fineness must be their chief claim to consideration.
 The model in question is made in fine dotted Swiss, a material much fancied for such purposes and more effective than a

plain material if the apron is not to be lavishly trimmed. A line of valenciennes insertion runs around the edge of the apron, and a deep frill of valenciennes edged is set on the outside of it.
 The waistband fits snugly down from the waistline to the middle of the model, and on each side of this is an odd square inch of baby Irish lace, suggesting a bib fallen down over the waistband. The description is inadequate, but the arrangement is very effective, as will be seen from an examination of the sketch. Hand embroidery might be introduced for the lace of the little rick o' shaw arrangement.
 Of embroidered Swiss, too, but in a tiny trefal design instead of a dot, is a clerical design apron with a pointed bib and the usual border of valenciennes insertion and lace frill. The fashion in which the bordering insertion of the bib continues down into the body of the apron, dividing the body into three sections, is original and effective.
 Another pointed bib model, built up in very simple lines, but exceedingly dainty, has inset lines of valenciennes running the length of the apron at intervals which widen toward the bottom. The design is in bretelle or shoulder strap models, one finds some rather elaborate designs, though these aprons, while pretty and practical, have hardly the piquancy of the bib aprons. A band of handsome embroidery or lace often forms the bretelle, the apron being introduced in the center of the apron, and again the design may be formed of several rows of insertion set together with beading or veining and bordered by frills of lace.
 These aprons are slightly longer than the bib models in order that the proportions may be pleasing to the eye.
 Handkerchief aprons made from handkerchiefs with colored borders are often quaint and charming and are constructed in various ways, the model illustrated here showing one of the most successful designs. These were handkerchief cuts and were made of the best quality of material, similar cut sets are made for the apron, and all the white aprons. The cuffs are admirable for the protection of long sleeves but the prevalence of short sleeves has for some time past made them rather unnecessary.

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NEW DESIGNS FOR APRONS OF EMBROIDERED SWISS, LACE AND LACE AND DOTTED COTTON HANDKERCHIEFS.

Choice Selections from the Story Teller's Pack

Where Prices Run High.
 HE late Henry O. Havemeyer, said a sugar jobber of New Orleans, "possessed in a marked degree the kindly virtue of charity."
 "On my last visit to New Orleans," he said, "I was struck by the fact that the Havemeyers had been accused of double dealing in a banking transaction."
 "Did Mr. Havemeyer, let us not condemn this man unheard. Remember that his guilt has not yet been proved, nor has he yet told his own side of the story."
 "Then Mr. Havemeyer," he said, "said that in the most unworldly conditions accused men were often able to clear themselves. He told of a young girl who a week or so after Christmas complained bitterly to her mother:
 "'Mamma, I doubt if I shall be happy with George. I fear he is of a deceptive nature.'
 "'Why, darling, what do you mean?' the mother asked.
 "'Well, mamma,' said the young girl earnestly, 'you know that collar pin he gave me for Christmas? He swore to me that he paid \$5 for it, but today I saw its exact counterpart priced at \$1 at a jeweler's.'
 "'Ah, but, my child,' said the mother, 'you must remember how very religious George is. Undoubtedly he bought the pin at a church fair.'"
Reasons for Objections.
 A reporter interviewing Thomas A. Edison about his remarkable \$1,000 cement house—a house that will be molded and ready for occupancy in a few days—pointed out certain objections to the structure. These objections caused Mr. Edison to smile.
 "You have not yet had my house," he said, "and you find fault with it. Isn't that rather precious? You, my young friend, are more precious than a girl my assistants have been telling me about."
 "The first day of it, he said, 'I saw 194-New Year's day—a man proposed to this girl and she accepted.'
 "But," she said, "I must insist that our engagement be kept secret a twelvemonth."
 "Why?" said the man. In dismay, he had looked forward to a speedy marriage.
 "Because, dear," she answered, "it is long year now, and people might think I had done the proposing."
Why He Did Two Good Turns.
 Sir Thomas Lipton has done many generous acts during his life about which he has been asked to talk. The route is packed for these cable lines just as rail road engineers run lines of levels before they finally locate railroad routes.
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Method of Building Cable Lines Across the Ocean
 HE island of Culebra, nearly half of which is still unexplored, is known, has been connected by cable with the neighboring island of Burano and also with the American island of Guam, far to the north. It has thus been brought into close touch with the rest of the world, for it is joined to all parts of the Eastern Hemisphere through Burano and the Western Hemisphere through Guam and San Francisco.
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Pie and Etiquette.
 Captain Røed, an explorer, told the story of a national guard detachment last summer: "A new volunteer, who had not quite learned his business, was on sentry duty one night, when a friend brought a pie from the captain's.
 "As he was on the grassy plain the major snatched up an uncooked pie. The sentry, not recognizing him, did not salute, and the major stopped and said: "What's that you have there?"
A New Dog's Tale.
 Mark Twain blossomed out with a new dog's tale at the weekly banquet of the Field Club at the Lafayette-Brocourt. The theme of the banquet was "How It Pays to Be Honest—When It Doesn't Hurt You." He said he was starting with a dog named Dave in Washington in the latter '90s, and Dave told Twain to go out rummage for a dog for South Wales, while he'd stay home and pray.
 Twain said he walked into a hotel and came on the prettiest dog he had ever seen to the lobby.
 General Nelson A. Miles came in with

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Keep Down Your Weight
 Fatty Accumulations are Unsightly, Uncomfortable and Tend to Produce Disease.
 The greatest danger that fat people encounter is with their heart. A fatty heart may cause death at any moment. Fatty liver is a very serious disorder and not any less dangerous are fatty kidneys. In fact, fat wherever it is found, and ought not to be, is a menace to life and good health. The inconvenience and annoyance of deposits of fat and useless flesh are moreover an indication that the blood is unhealthy and that the stomach is not properly assimilating the food, so that the simple prescription to curbing and removing fat should safeguard themselves against this advancing disease for which we have commonly the name, obesity.
 Instead of tireless exercises and dieting a good way to reduce your weight is to take the simple prescription which has been so successfully employed everywhere in making fat people comfortably slender. As long as you take the Marmola Prescription, which consists of three ingredients that can be had at any good drug store for a trifling sum, you will lose the superfluous and excessive fat and as soon as you find that you have gotten down to the weight and size that you wish—you stop—and your weight and size will neither increase nor decrease. Marmola Prescription is as follows: 5 grains Marmola, 5 grains Fluid Extract Cascara, 5 grains Marmola and 5 grains Syrup Simplex, and the dose is one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime. Can be had at any drug store for a trifling sum. Write for a free Marmola Prescription in the original unadorned package.

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