

COMMENT & DISCOMMENT

It has come as a great shock to some of us, whose tender susceptibilities have been touched by the sad tales of soldiers for the near east relief, to learn that the Armenians—women—or many of them, at least—are loth to leave the Turkish harems whither they were taken as spoils of war. Aurora Mardiganian and others have told fearful stories of the cruelties of the barbarous Turks, but evidently they escaped too soon from their captors to get acclimated to the harem atmosphere. The Turks are kind to them, comes the word from Armenian women in the seraglio, and they prefer to finish their lives with their children rather than rejoin their people and attempt to pick up the broken threads.

All of which must be something of a jolt to the relief workers who have been moving heaven and earth to restore these women to their families. The trouble is, of course, that the relief workers cannot accept a point of view so foreign to their own. They have judged all Armenian women by the few enlightened examples they have seen. You may recall that, for a time, the Englishwomen who went into India were appalled by meeting with resistance, especially from the victims, when they desired to put an end to the custom of burning widows upon the funeral pyres of their husbands. The civilized women could not understand why women should prefer to die in that cruel way, rather than live on alone.

Incidentally, there's a lesson in this for those who hunt for morals. And that is that it is better for Americans, before answering the call of humanity from the other side of the world, should first take care of the destitute at their own doorstep. The situation in the near east is appalling, of course, but there are starving women and children reared home who need attention first. Why is it that a speaker can stir up emotion and generosity when he is pleading for the suffering in lands across the seas, but a contribution box for the relief of home sufferers usually comes back loaded with lead quarters and overcoat buttons?

Christmas is the one holiday of the

year which is still celebrated much as it was hundreds of years ago. During the last century a greater emphasis has been put upon the exchange of gifts, but other customs concerning the observance of the day are similar to those in vogue in the days before here was a United States of America.

The diary of Samuel Pepys, perhaps the best record now extant of life in England in the sixteenth century, contains a description of the way in which this English gentleman spent the holiday. Thus, for Christmas day in 1662 we find the following entry:

"December 27th (Christmas day) Had a pleasant walk to White Hall, where I intended to have received the Communion with the family, but I came a little too late. So I walked up into the house, and spent my time in looking over pictures, particularly the ships in King Henry the VIIIth's voyage to Bullaen (Boulogne), marking the great difference between those built then and now. By and by down to the chapel again, where Bishop Morley preached upon the song of the angels, 'Glory to God on high, on earth peace, and good will towards men.'

"Methought he made but a poor sermon, but long, and, reprehending the common jollity of the Court for the true joy that shall and ought to be on these days, he particularized concerning their excess in plays and gaming, saying that he whose office it is to keep the gamesters in order and within bounds, serves but for a second rather in a duell, meaning the groom-porter. Upon which it was worth observing how far they are come from taking the reprehensions of a bishop seriously, that they all laugh in the chapel when he reflected on their ill actions and courses.

"He did much press us to joy in these public days of joy, and to hospitality; but one that stood by whispered in my ear that the bishop do not spend one groate to the poor himself. The sermon done, a good anthem followed, and the King came down to receive the sacrament. But I staid not, but calling my boy from my Lord's lodgings, and giving Sarah some good advice by my Lord's order to be sober, and look after the house, I walked home again with great pleas-

ure, and there dined by my wife's bedside with great content, having a mess of brave plum-porridge and a roasted pullet for dinner, and I sent for a mince-pie abroad, my wife not being well, to make any herself."

Some day, every man is going to realize that the best way to argue a woman out of anything is to lay low and patiently wait until she changes her mind. This is always the safer method, and it is usually several months quicker. For months mere man has pleaded, cajoled and argued with the fair sex in an effort to do away with the ear puffs. Ridicule has had no effect. Argument has not been heard. Woman has gone right along, for months and months, wearing those frightful puffs over the ears, and just as men were beginning to get used to the appearance, the fashion hints bring news that they are to go.

The average man, with an ounce of brains, is willing to wait until the fashion spreads, which won't be very long. But not so with a certain Chicago gentleman, who comes out with a statement to the effect that the "cootie garages" are responsible for the increase in accidents. He says, and there may be some truth in it, that women with their ears all bunched up, cannot hear the honk of passing autocars, or the shriek of surface cars, and that many of them walk heedlessly to the death. Even if this were true, the commissioner would have gotten better results to have come out with a strong plea to women to retain the puffs and to tell fashion to go to blazes. However, it is too late now. Chicago will probably wear those puffs for an extra month just to spite him.

'IT MEANT HEALTH TO ME' SHE SAYS

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"My nerves finally broke down and I became so easily upset that I could get no sleep at all hardly. From morning till night I felt dreary and draggy and my housework had simply become a burden. I was discouraged, for it looked like nothing would reach my case.

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MAN WHO SOLD LOTS LETS OUT LOUD WAIL

Among the interesting letters that have arrived in Alliance during the Christmas season is the following specimen from a former landowner who disposed of certain lots on a so much down basis, and now thinks that the purchaser is doing him wrong. Here's the wail he let out to his real estate agent:

Johnstown pa Dic 10-1920.

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AIDS TO GRACE and BEAUTY

(By Priscilla Dean)

"BEAUTIFUL HANDS"

One of the surest signs of a woman's breeding is determined by the appearance of her hands and her feet. The queen of Sheba herself would probably have failed to make a hit with Solomon if she had worn shabby sandals and her hands had been rough, with uncare for nails.

And indeed the ancients paid as much if not more attention to their hands than we do. The Romans were most fastidious in the care of their finger tips. Both men and women spent hours having their slaves burnish and tint the nails of their feet and hands.

The Roman poet Horace in describing a man of high social finish called him "politus and unguem" polished to the finger nails.

Certain oriental nations even took to dyeing the nails, not tinting them, but inserting color at the upper end of the nail where the cuticle ends. Not only pink, but black, purple, green and red were used and gold and silver points.

It is a far cry from those ages to the much simpler methods in vogue in our manicure parlors. But certainly when beauties of the olden times too, such pains to make their hands attractive we should at least realize what a crime it is to have rough skin, broken nails, and overgrown cuticle and how silly it is to believe one is dressed up, when the hands have not received their share of attention.

There are so many excellent outfits for the care of the nails, that any young woman with ordinary deftness and good sense may keep them in first class condition.

The first thing to bear in mind is that the use of the scissors is unnecessary in shortening the nails as it tends to thicken them and render them less beautiful. If they are filed a little every two or three days, they will remain the proper length without resorting to such brutal methods.

Before using the file, the hands should be immersed for a few minutes in a bowl of warm water to soften them. Do not file the nail too short. It should extend a trifle beyond the finger tip.

The hands should then be placed in hot water a second time and after this second soaking an orange wood stick with its tip swathed in absorbent cotton dipped in bleach should be gently passed under the nail to remove what dirt and foreign matter may have lodged under it. In doing this, great care should be taken not to injure the cuticle.

The emery board is then used the same way as the file, but to remove

the rough edges of the skin, like hang nails, etc.

To push back the cuticle take the flat end of an orange wood stick. If the skin does not come away readily, you may use the cuticle scissors but great care should be taken not to injure the nail as this is likely to leave ridges and scars which will take weeks to grow out, and which may even leave permanent disfigurement.

A second application of bleach all over the nail is often a good thing before the final polishing. After this place both hands in the water once more, freeing them from bleach and other matter.

Having dried the hands thoroughly they may then be polished and if desired they may be treated first with a touch of pink paste or liquid.

The hands may be kept in better condition if anything is avoided which will hurt them, for instance washing the hands in coarse soap which is full

of alkali and which roughens the skin. Also going out without gloves immediately after washing the hands and when they are not thoroughly dried, will chafe them and make them wrinkled before their time.

If the nails are dry and brittle, they will snap off which gives ugly looking fingers. This may be remedied by applying a little cold cream under the nails every night on retiring. If the entire surface of the hand is too dry rub it with olive oil and wear gloves overnight. This is even better than cold cream.

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