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Keep the Old Toys—Gail Hamilton's Good Advice—The Woman Courier—Naming the Baby—Careless Women—A Stitch in Time—Household Hints.

The woman who complains that she has no place in the world has only to open her eyes and in most instances she will readily see what is waiting for her. The fact that she does not like that particular field is no argument against its usefulness for her. Patience Strong, detained at home by an untoward accident when the long wished for European tour was about to become a reality, found opportunities by the score for useful service, if no home duties call, the sign is plain that in some broader field there is, in a happy sense of the word, a career to be sought. The cultivation of the talent may be destined to bring pleasure and profit. The student has a boundless field before him. To many a secluded one the Chautauqua reading courses have proved sources of untold, almost unending, delight. If the necessity of self support exists, there is a large place for the single woman. Good nurses, teachers, artists, musicians, writers, dress makers and workers in a dozen more lines of industry are always in demand. None but the inefficient or the unfaithful ordinarily need complain of lack of employment.

With some there is great unwillingness to accept the place for which they have special fitness. The adept in the womanly art of needlework who, despising her talent, aspires to the rewards of an artist's skill while lacking fitness for such a position, has reason to find herself without a position. Success is to be expected in the line of one's abilities, not always in the line of one's desires. Discontent because genius or great power has been denied is simply an impious fault finding with the Creator's plan. If all women were great musicians, where were the needleworkers? If all excelled in ministering to the sick, where should we seek our works of art and tasteful decorations? Willing to be placed where one can accomplish most always means happiness and contentment. The oft quoted aphorism, "There is always room at the top," is worthy of the author of Proverbs. "Place and name" is the watchword of the century. The single woman, better than her married sister—because ordinarily she has greater freedom—is in a position to reap the advantages of the hour. Let her exert in her heritage, and not allow a complaint to pass her lips in this closing decade of the Nineteenth century that there is no place for her.—Harper's Bazar.

Keep the Old Toys. On the whole let us be content with simplicity. The simplest is most beautiful. There are more golden rules than one, and one of the best is that we do what our hands find to do with all our hearts. I believe our very best plan is to keep up the spirit of childhood, to make fun of our work, to be childlike always. Don't get too serious over your duties. You are a toy lover after all. Nearly all you do is insignificant from one side view, but very grand from another view. My little girl is quite as much in earnest as I am, but she sings.

I think we may or will keep all the old toys and pieces of toys—that is if we can make room for them. I didn't use to think so, but made an annual or semiannual clear up. At last I noticed that an old broken baby's chair had served three boys, one after another, to push about and get no end of occupation with. Then old toys began to have a sacredness in my eyes. Dolls' heads with a hole in the top and lacking one eye are as acceptable when dressed over as the best perfect doll just out of the shop. A child has something more than a fancy for bright, new things. She has sympathies, and a battered doll as "poor Susie" calls out the child's tenderest emotions.

The very best part of the education of my John, Jr., has come from old wheels and springs and all sorts of rubbish—rubbish to me—but which he had the gift to put together with new purposes. Now from those scraps he has caused to exist a dozen valuable machines. Really what is a man good for but to put ideas into things that lie around purposeless?—Mary E. Spencer in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Gail Hamilton's Good Advice. Gail Hamilton, while one of the most trenchant critics of manners and perhaps a bit of a scold, is nevertheless a womanly woman, with a noble respect for true womanliness and a fine scorn of every thing little and low and mean. Wildness, she declares, is a thing which girls cannot afford. Delicacy is a thing which cannot be lost or found. No art can restore the grape its bloom. Familiarity without confidence, without regard, is destructive of all that makes woman exalting and ennobling.

It is the first duty of woman to be a lady. Good breeding is good sense. Bad manners in a woman are immorality. Awkwardness may be ineradicable. Bashfulness is constitutional. Ignorance of etiquette is the result of circumstances. All can be condoned and not banish men and woman from the amenities of their kind. But self possessed, unshrinking and aggressive coarseness of demeanor may be reckoned as a prison offense, and certainly merits that mild form of restraint called imprisonment for life. It is a shame for women to be lectured on their manners. It is a bitter shame that they need it. Do not be restrained.

Carry yourself so lofty that men will look up to you for reward, not at you in rebuke. The natural sentiment of man toward woman is reverence. He loses a large measure of grace when he is obliged to account her a being to be trained in propriety. A man's ideal is not wounded when a woman falls in worldly wisdom; but if in grace, in tact, in sentiment, in delicacy, in kindness she should be found wanting, he receives an inward hurt.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Woman Courier. In the numerous schemes for providing "our girls" with employment, one outlet which might be greatly developed has been overlooked. The lady courier is not yet to the front. But she is likely to be so. I traveled a short time ago with one. She informed me that she spends as much time in the cameras and railways as a queen's messenger or the indefatigable mother of the prince of Bulgaria. As her life is a wearing one, she stipulates for handsome fees. They are often given ungrudgingly to her, and she is boarded and lodged as though she were a duchess when traveling with rich and delicate ladies. The lady courier is expected to be as well posted as the man courier. The one I had the pleasure of talking with

is sometimes employed to escort ladies from one end of Europe to the other, and is sufficiently well born and educated to go with them, if need be, into society. She made a number of sea voyages as an assistant stewardess, with which she is no longer troubled. One of her troubles is being expected, when she travels with dull persons of her own sex, to amuse them. As they only care for gossip, and like to be ill natured, she backbites to their hearts' content. But to guard against the danger of mischief making she invents her characters. They do quite as well as if they were real. When she deals in eulogium she no longer draws on her imagination. A son-in-law of this useful person is a colonel.—London Truth.

Naming the Baby. There is less care taken in selecting a name for the baby than in bestowing a suitable cognomen on the pet dog of a family, tradition supplying the dog with a set of names from which to choose, while poor baby is left to the imaginative selection of its friends. A name that will sound well on a grown man or woman is seldom chosen. It must be the "itsey tootsey" kind of a handle that fits the pink bit of humanity just prospecting for a claim in the world. Consequently it is customary to meet tall, majestic women who are addressed as Minnie and Daisy, when Mary and Margaret are the names by which they should be designated.

"What's in a name?" is a very pertinent question, since character is often found to answer to the name of the person who bears it. We would know that "Fair Rose Beauty Spot Temptation Touch Me Not" was a descendant of Ethiopian kings as surely as that "Increase Success Gospel Shadrach" was of Puritan descent. Names should be chosen because of their fitness and not from associations, also with reference to the future adaptation. In view of the unfortunates saddled with incompatible names, why not rig the new baby out with a diminutive and let it choose its own name when it comes to years of understanding? Then such incongruities as a little dumpy, rollypoly woman called Grace or a six-footer of a man with the cognomen of Willie might be avoided.—Detroit Free Press.

Careless Women. The utter selfishness and disregard for others' comfort shown by some women in their manner of carrying their umbrellas and sunshades is frequently deplorable. On Fifth avenue the other day I saw a stout, fat woman deliberately knock off a passing young woman's hat and tear her delicate lace veil into shreds with her umbrella. She was walking with another elderly woman, and both had large open sunshades. The avenue was quite crowded, but they were oblivious to everything save their own comfort, and rather than raise their arms sufficiently to hold their umbrellas at a safe height they seemed to expect every one to step out of their way or suffer. Not the slightest apology was made.

I saw a young woman trip and fall heavily over an umbrella thrust into the center of the aisle by another woman passenger on an elevated train. This convinces me there should be a new exercise introduced into the schools and gymnasiums for women, which I would name "How a woman should manage an umbrella, furled and unfurled, without endangering life, limb and wearing apparel."

The impossible angles into which a woman can get her umbrella is a wonder, and each new one seems more aggressively than the last, and if the danger increases at its past rate a visored helmet will become a necessity.—New York Herald.

A Stitch in Time. It pays better to spend an hour every now and then going over one's gowns, freshening them up and giving the little touches here and there that keep their prettiness alive, than to wait until they are all going to pieces, and then have to take a day and devote yourself to mending them. You often can do much for them at such a late hour, for the tiny hole or rip will have frayed all out of shape, or the dangling tape will have pulled the plait away from all semblance of proper hanging. Don't throw them over the backs of chairs when you come in; they will wrinkle and muss up horribly, waists especially, for they are a bit warm when you take them off, and so more susceptible to new and ugly creases.

Give frocks a good shake and hang them up, dust off hats and bonnets before putting them in their box, and have a bit of place for ribbons and chiffons where the won't get all mixed up with button holes and hairbrushes. Alcohol and water are better than anything else for taking dirt out of clothes. Grease, sugar, paint, everything that is not their natural magic power and there is left no unpleasantly suggestive odor behind.—American Dairyman.

Two Bean Bag Games. Bean bags have been introduced in England, where they are played as a species of pool on an inclined plank, with a round hole and a square hole bored near the base and upper corner. There is another way of playing bean bags at Richfield Springs that is very popular. Two lines are formed, and the men alternate as far as they can be made to go, then face each other. At one end is a starter, at the other an umpire. The starter has two bean bags. She places one in the hand of each of the ends, men or women, and the word "Go!" the bean bags are started. They must pass through each person's hand. The bag that first reaches the end of the line indicates the winner. Skipping is a player, which in the excitement is easier than might be thought, is a foul. The game is popular dull afternoon, and promotes acquaintance as nothing else will do.—New York Evening Sun.

Woman's Greatest Enemy. "It is a note of warning," says a physiologist, "when fatigue comes without commensurate effort. It is common to hear a woman say, 'I feel well enough, except that I tire out very easily.' Something is wrong, then, for it is not natural in health, to exhaust one's reserve so quickly. Rest and tonics should begin, and, if possible, cessation of worry. That is the bane of the average American woman. The fact that 99-100ths of her worries are imaginary does not make them less harmful. It ought to reduce them, however. In getting a breath of man in many of his achievements, I wish women would cultivate an indifference to trifles and learn never to worry without reason. They would remove from themselves a tremendous handicap in the race of life."—Her Point of View in New York Times.

A Tempting Turkish Dish. The Turkish dish known as Musakka (Iman Balidi), the receipt for which seems to suggest something good, is according to the London caterer made thus: Cut up an

eggplant (aubergine) into slices, salt them, strain them for a few minutes, dry them well in a cloth, then fry them in butter till they are of a rich brown color. Now chop up some beef very fine, and mince it carefully with some parsley, a suggestion of onions, pepper and salt, butter and a few fresh tomatoes, thinly sliced, and stew these things together until the meat is browned. Next arrange in a pie dish or mold, layers of eggplant and layers of the stew. Pour a little broth or gravy into the pie dish. If there is any difficulty in procuring the eggplants or aubergines, the ordinary vegetable marrow is an excellent substitute.

Our Daughters. The household blessed with noble daughters ought to be a happy one; most parents forget, however, to imbue them with love of nature which is so invigorating and healthful. Give them not only noble teachings, but noble teachers, and give them the help which alone has sometimes done more than all other influences—the help of wild and fair nature. You cannot baptize them rightly in such deep church founts unless you baptize them in the sweet waters which the great Lawgiver strikes forth from the rock of your native land. You cannot lead them faithfully to those narrow, ax hewn church altars while the azure altars in heaven remain for you without inscription—altars built, not to, but by an unknown God.—Ruskin.

What a Womanly Woman May Do. The womanly woman with her noble ambitions, her pure views of life and her sunny nature can spur a man on to higher and better work and let him see in her eyes the first glimpse of heaven. Such a one makes a true wife and model mother, and the life of a man blessed in this way is enriched by a treasure absolutely priceless. With more noble, upright and true women in this world there would be fewer dissolute, unprincipled men. A good woman can almost always make a good man, unless indeed he is beyond redemption when she takes him in hand.—Philadelphia Times.

Truths About Women. Love from gratitude is love by purchase. He who has a good wife has a second mother.

You can best deceive a woman by telling her the truth. To please some women a man must know them thoroughly—and then he frequently doesn't care to please them at all. A woman is always charmed with the man who is keen enough to see through her little stratagems and bold enough to tell her so.—Manly H. Pike in Kate Field's Washington.

Two Fundamental Rules. Among the general rules to be observed by those who aspire to stylish elegance of appearance, the first and most important is that all effort must tend to widening the shoulders by means of large full sleeves, and lace drapings over the shoulders and across the breast; and the second is that equally strenuous effort must be brought to do away with all protuberances about the hips by means of most carefully fitted princess gowns worn over equally well shaped corsets and undergarments.—New York Sun.

Mme. Daudet. Mme. Alphonse Daudet is a writer of talent and has frequently assisted her husband in his work. When Daudet fell dangerously ill as he was writing "Les Rois en Exil," he commissioned his wife in case of his death to finish the book. Her style is refined, artistic, and characterized by most delicate precision and charm, and her books are faithful interpreters of Parisian home life, with most charming chapters on childhood.—Paris Letter.

How Rubber Rings May Be Softened. The elasticity of rubber rings that have become hard and useless may be restored by their being placed for half an hour in a mixture of water and ammonia, containing about twice as much of the latter as of the former. Plunging them into water heated to 70 degs. is also said to be efficacious. All objects made of rubber should be kept in a cool, damp place, at a constant temperature, and sheltered from light, heat and frost.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Fresh Air and Exercise. What the American girl needs to perfect and maintain her charms is the cold morning tub, less violet powder, more fresh air and out of door exercise, and the utter extermination of the horrid furnace, which, placed in every cellar, sends forth atrocious blasts of air into every chamber in the house, and so converts the modern American home, in point of temperature, into a conservatory for forcing plants.—Exchange.

Relief for a Tight Shoe. When, as sometimes happens, one is forced to wear an uncomfortably tight shoe, it may be of value to know that folded cloth wet in hot water laid over the pinching point will often speedily afford relief. Change the cloth several times to keep up the heat, which shortly stretches the shoe and shapes it to the foot.—New York Times.

Six women have been included among the members of the Philosophical Society of America—Mme. Lelieur, noted for researches in vocal physiology; Princess Catherine d'Aschkow, Mrs. Somerville, Maria Mitchell, Mrs. Agassiz and Helen Abbott.

Mothers should make a point of seeing that their daughters acquire businesslike habits. Every girl should be taught and required to carry into practice in her own expenditure a certain amount of book-keeping.

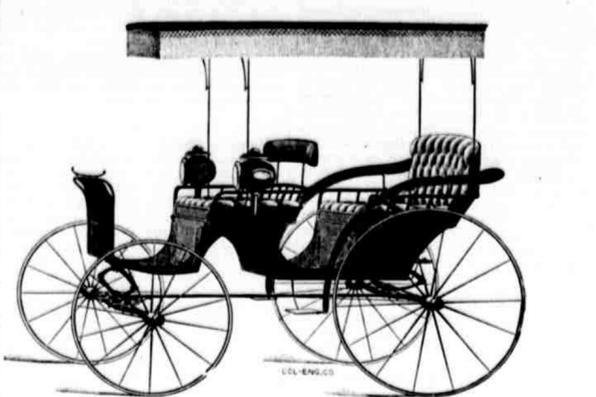
A celebrated realistic writer who is in the habit of weaving phrases spoke of some young person as "a fifteen minute girl," going on to explain, "one of the sort that tell you all they know in fifteen minutes."

It is unnecessary to say that brushing the teeth is an excellent mode of rendering the mouth antiseptic, and that as decaying teeth furnish excellent lurking places for germs they should be promptly attended to.

A rather thin piece of unbleached cotton flannel makes the best of dishwipers. Its first wetting should be a thorough one in boiling water, and all flinty qualities will be "laid."

Any delicate colors may be "set" by soaking the article to be washed in a basin of tepid water in which a teaspoonful of turpentine has been stirred.

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