

Are You Sure of Your Motives?

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.
Are you always quite sure of your motives when you decide on certain courses of action in preference to certain other courses which lie open before you? Do you always acknowledge to yourself what is the impelling factor in your choice?

It is always fairly easy to form a judgment about other folks and to dismiss them as disinterested or selfishly motivated. But how can such a judgment be fair when it is so hard to know what is right when you are face to face with a problem of your own?

You may think you are acting squarely when you blackball a new candidate for membership in your club. You may believe—with the surface of your mind—that he or she wouldn't bring much to the organization. But, if you dug deep enough into your own consciousness, aren't you likely to discover some hidden rancor or annoyance against the very person you are now so righteously and "impersonally" condemning?

Not so very long ago two good friends were reported on the verge of a break. A third person was called on to save the day. He did everything in his power to clear up the existing misunderstanding. But her efforts were of no avail. The break came. Suddenly, to her great astonishment, she found that one of the two "combatants" attributed the breach to her. A few malicious folks seemed to find great joy in telling her just what she had done. Others commiserated with her on the tragedy of being "misunderstood."

To the astonishment of all concerned, the peacemaker who had failed smiled imperturbably and said: "I don't mind being misjudged, because I know I was disinterested in the whole matter and that I made an honest effort to straighten things out."

"Not only has the breach come, but you're an enemy, to boot," urged one consoling person.

"Evidently the breach had to come," said the woman who had tried to keep peace in the ranks of her friends. "And the girl who attributes it to me now is bound to find out sooner or later that I didn't cause it. When she sees how she misjudged me she may take stock of the situation and realize that she wasn't utterly fair to the other girl, either. So it's likely to work out splendidly. Anyway, as long as I'm sure I was honest and square, I don't see why I should let myself be unhappy about what had to happen."

And there she took her stand—on the truth and sincerity of her motives and in the certainty that she had done the best she knew how.

There any one can take her stand, provided she knows she was as honest and square and as intelligent as she could possibly be.

The trouble with most of us is that we are torn by conflicting motives, divided between our sense of what is right and our thought of what is advantageous. Expediency is a destructive leader. Selfishness is a destructive standard. Lack of vision is a poor excuse.

The thing to do is to investigate every problem earnestly and to be as honest with life as with ourselves. Given right motives, no one can fail in any but a temporal and fleeting sense. Given right motives, every one is bound to find truth prevailing in the end.

Respect for Nature Is Secret of Beauty.

Dyeing gray or white hair is one of the things that "isn't done" nowadays. At least the hair dressers, whose customers include the smartest women, say that the custom is not nearly so prevalent as it was 12 or 15 years ago. The idea seems to be that nature knows best and that if a woman's hair is graying it is because this sort of hair is more becoming to her than hair of bright hue. Nothing makes a wrinkled or faded face look more woe begone than hair of bright henna or chestnut hue and coal black hair was never meant for any but the woman with fresh young skin.

We are beginning to realize, too, that when she gives a woman hair that is straight and smooth it is because it is more becoming than hair that waves or curls. And there are quite as many new and beguiling ways to do the hair without a vestige of curl or wave as there are ways for waving tresses. French women are so much devoted to the perfectly smooth coiffure that some wavy-haired

Junior Musicians on Club Program



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West Sutphen, associate leader, will have charge of the program.

Miss Nightingale entered the contest for students sponsored by the Nebraska State Teachers' association, and won the gold medal awarded the winner in Class B. Miss Nightingale is president of the Junior Musical club and Miss Paffenrath is secretary.

This is the first time the music department has presented junior musicians on their programs. Mrs. Sutphen is interested in adding a junior group to the department that the club may give their support to these young musicians.

Economy for the Shopper

By Mrs. Harlan H. Allen.

Where Our Cotton Comes From. "Madame, this muslin is made from the best long-staple Sea Island cotton," explained the salesman convincingly.

"Yes, yes," murmurs the impressed shopper confusedly, "I'll take it." And take it she does, ashamed of her lack of poise and information before the decisive clerk, and yet not having the slightest idea of what his words meant. The selling specialist might as well have said "Egyptian cotton" or "Upland cotton"—and got away with it, too—for all of her.

The up-to-date shopper just must know something about the story of the growth of the fibers entering into the clothing she buys, and at least enough of the dyeing, manufacturing, and finishing of textiles to be able to judge their quality.

For instance, the value of a piece of cloth depends upon the kinds of fibers that went into the making of it in the first place. And the principal qualities that make a cotton fiber valuable are its length, strength, fineness and color. Of course other things are considered in the market, such as pliability, smoothness, and cleanliness, but those we just named are most important.

The appearance of the cloth is much better when the best cotton is used than when short, defective fibers are made into the yarn.

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to two and a half inches in length; its appearance is silky; and it has a fine color. This fiber, then, is the one chosen to make all the finest cotton dress goods, sewing thread, laces, and is frequently used in silk mixtures and silk imitations. Egyptian cotton comes next in

quality, and is selected for fine materials, spool cotton, silk imitations, and fancy knit goods, such as the better grades of underwear and hosiery. The fibers average from one and one-fourth to one and one-half inches in length, and its color ranges from white and glossy light to yellow.

Peruvian and Brazilian cottons are rough, resembling wool. Peruvian cotton has a harsh, wiry feel, and as it looks and feels more like wool than any other cotton, is the one very frequently used in the manufacture of wool mixtures, especially when an "all wool" appearance is desired. Brazilian cotton is very similar, though less harsh and woolly.

Our American "Upland cotton" comes next in the scale. It furnishes most of our medium-priced cotton goods, such as gingham, calicoes, sheeting, shirting and so on.

India produces several varieties of cotton, averaging considerably below the upland cottons, and so they are utilized in making still coarser cloth, such as denims, drilling, coarse sheeting and duck.

The elaborate and beautiful girdles so modish today serve other uses than just decoration. Many of the flowers are utilitarian and hide the powder puff, the rouge puff, sachet padding or even a tiny mirror that can be brought forth at will. We do not know that there is any such name as toilette girdle, but that is what some of the novelty girdles are.

Rubber toys are the best for infants. Then you are not worried if they put them in their mouths and they can be kept clean and sanitary by frequent washings.

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