

WOMAN'S NEWS-FEATURES

Bored and Lonely at Twenty-One, Says She Can't 'Kid 'Em Along'

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Read your advice to others daily in The Bee and usually agree with you. I have been pondering over a problem which will no doubt seem trifling to you and for that reason I have hesitated in writing, but I cannot solve it myself and have no one to confide in.

I am 21 and could be very popular. Have a lot of girl friends, also boy friends, but in spite of the fact, I spend many lonesome hours. Because I just can not force myself to go steady with any one man. Although I have many chances, I tire of them and seldom go the second time. Am I too dissatisfied and should I go often when I know I can never consider them more than mere friends? Do you think girls are doing the proper thing when they feel as I do, but go only for the good time? Most men of today seem to expect that, but I cannot bring myself to it. Am I too old-fashioned in my ideas or what is wrong? The boys are all decent and respectable, but my conscience wont let me "kid 'em along" as the other girls do, in spite of my lonesomeness.

A year ago I kept company (not long though) with a young man two years my senior. While at college he wrote to me but I purposely neglected to answer. Have not heard directly from him since, but would like to. I do not love him, nor does he love me, but I know he did enjoy my company, more than I his. What I want is to renew our friendship, but do not want him for a "steady" as I know I would tire of him again, then revolt only to regret as before. Not knowing whether or not he is now going with another, would you advise me to write and ask him to call?

Many thanks for your motherly consideration, and hope you will understand my sentiments, but will not consider me too big a "bother" as I am very.

ANXIOUS.

If you have no interest in this man, why do you want to renew the friendship, especially when you feel sure that you will tire of him again. Why not let well enough alone and look for some congenial girl who may perhaps be able to hold your interest. What a bored young person you must be, my dear, if all the young men fail to interest you after the first meeting. It isn't necessary to fall in love with every young man you meet in order to have a good time. Neither do you have to "kid 'em along." Life is yours, you make it and there is plenty of happiness in it for you if you look for it. Next time one of your boy friends invites you out, instead of thinking how bored you are going to be, try to imagine what a pleasant evening is in store for you. If you take this attitude you are sure to enjoy yourself. Try it and see.

Where Is the Rest of the

Twenty-Two Per

Dear Miss Fairfax: I read in the Omaha Bee what "A Constant Reader" had to say about "Housewives' Wives" and I am happy to claim her husband's salary is \$22.00 per week, this would amount to \$1,144 per year; her grocery bills are \$15 per month, or \$180 per year; rent is \$10 per month, or \$120 per year; furniture payments, \$20 per month, or \$240 per year; clothing, \$5 per week, this makes \$590 a year. If she has saved \$1,400 in five years, that would make a saving of \$280 per year; putting this with the \$590 a year spent, makes \$870 a year accounted for, as he makes \$1,140 per year, or \$274 per year unaccounted for, as it doesn't seem possible that this amount could be spent for doctor bills, we would like an explanation as some husbands will say if they can do it their wives should be able to do it.

They claim to be spending \$49.16 2-3 per month and in fact they are spending \$72 per month.

According to her statement \$20 per month on furniture for five years would make \$1,200 worth of furniture, this doesn't seem possible for people who are claiming to live on \$9 cents per day.

I would like to see this in print for the benefit of other women whose husbands might expect them to reach the same mark and never stop to figure. Respectfully, MILDRED.

Constant reader didn't give an itemized statement of her expenditures as you seem to think. However if you are interested perhaps she will tell you what she did with the money unaccounted for.

Mrs. M. W.: Wash carefully in warm suds, using a white soap. If they are white curtains, put a little bluing in the rinse water. They should be dried on curtain stretchers.

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Military Affairs.

Captain and Mrs. Raymond Moss, who leave soon for Lexington, Mo., where Captain Moss will be instructor at the Wentworth Military Academy, will be honored with a dance at Fort Crook Tuesday night given by the Service club. Captain and Mrs. F. U. Greer entertained for them at bridge last night.

At Lieutenant Collette's quarters on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Collette will be hostess at bridge for her sisters, Mrs. George Thelson of Chicago and Miss Georgia Keir, student at the University of Wisconsin, and for Mrs. Moss. Four tables will be set for the game.

Lieutenant Schrider of Fort Omaha will be host at dinner at the Field club Wednesday night for Captain and Mrs. Moss, who leave Thursday morning for their new home.

Comings and Goings of People You Know.

Mrs. E. W. Nash has gone to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jeffers have returned from Lake Okoboji.

Henry Abts of Columbus, Neb., spent the week-end in Omaha.

Mrs. Robert Reasoner is expected home Tuesday from Anandale, Minn.

Miss Luella Schall has gone to spend two weeks in St. Joseph, Mo., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Delaplane have returned from a three weeks' motor trip to Estes Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peterson and their son, of Omaha, arrived Saturday at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Mrs. Paul Gallagher and small daughter, Jean Dudley, will return from Michigan on Thursday.

Miss Harriet Whitman of Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitman, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. M. McLellan, at Theodore Terrace.

Mrs. Julian Shackelford and her children, Roger and Virginia, of St. Joseph, Mo., are in the city.

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Joseph, Mo., were unexpectedly called home Sunday after a short visit here with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Oakford.

Sister M. St. Martin and Sister M. Francis Borga of Loretto academy, Chicago, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Muxen for a few days. Sister M. St. Martin is a niece of Mr. Muxen.

Mrs. H. B. Goldsborough of Glendale, Cal., who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. D. Allen, leaves Tuesday night for her home. She was honored at a breakfast Monday morning given by her sister and will be a luncheon guest of Mrs. G. M. Welch on Tuesday.

Adele Garrison "My Husband's Love"

The Cry Wrung From Katherine That Madge Overheard.

When we had gone upstairs after our midnight lunch Katherine and I paused in my room before going to Mother Graham's, where we had just waged and won a hard battle with the croup, Junior's tiny body being the battleground.

We found that the electric heater had warmed the air thoroughly, although to our way of thinking the atmosphere was decidedly stuffy. But I knew that my mother-in-law, with the chilliness of old age, would need only the warmth, and with an assenting nod to Katherine's queried, "Warm enough?" I followed her down the hall to my mother-in-law's room.

We found her sitting by the fire, with an empty tray and cup on the table. Evidently she had thoroughly enjoyed Katie's bountiful serving, and was much refreshed.

"I can just as well stay up the rest of the night," she said in a low tone, as we noiselessly entered.

"Positively, nothing doing, absolutely," I parodied, emboldened by Mother Graham's softened attitude.

"You have been wonderful, but we can't afford to have you ill also, especially with your daughter and son-in-law coming. I'd love to tell Harriet that you sat up all night watching Junior while I peacefully slept."

"It wouldn't be any of her business if I did," she said, with a trace of her old acidity. "But," sighing heavily, "I suppose you are right. I might be ill. I tell you, Margaret, it's pretty tough to realize that you can't stand things any more as you used to. Why! I've seen the time—"

"You're a Good Daughter."

"I know," I said tenderly. "But if when I'm your age, I can accomplish half what you can now, I shall be very thankful."

Basal, indeed, was the comment, as I very well realized, but it pleased my mother-in-law inordinately.

"You're a flatterer, Margaret, but a good daughter," she answered, smiling faintly as she made her way to the door, and then with her hand on the knob, she made her grand capitulation.

"Of course I shall be on hand in the morning, and then you both are to go to sleep. I'm not going to bother any more about the housecleaning. Harriet and Edwin can take it or leave it as it is. I'm not going to leave that blessed child a minute until he's entirely well."

She closed the door softly behind her, and Katherine swiftly antonimed her approbation and amazement.

"The eighth wonder of the world," she intoned softly, and then she stripped down the covers of Mother Graham's bed, and patted the pillows into shape.

"Take off that bathrobe and get in here," she ordered. "No, you needn't look at me so suspiciously. Cross my heart and hope to die, I'll call you in three hours by my nickel watch and leather strap"—she flaunted her wrist watch mockingly.

"I ought to make you go into another room, but that's too much to ask of a mother."

A Sleepless Vigil.

After that little speech there was nothing for me to do but to obey her directions implicitly.

But while my body obeyed her, and I lay down as she commanded, I could not compel my brain to slumber. Beneath half-closed eyelids I watched her as she noiselessly flitted around the room, mending the fire, opening a window with infinite care, that no hint of draft should strike the curtain, and at last seating herself in a comfortable low chair close to the crib where she could see Junior's slightest movement.

Then, evidently believing that I had gone to sleep, she slumped down in the chair, her first relaxing of muscles I had seen, laid her head against the chair back and closed her eyes as if utterly spent.

It was but two or three minutes that she remained in the relaxed attitude. Then she opened her eyes, stretched her arms above her head, and settled herself in a position where she could watch Junior with the least possible expenditure of energy, a thing necessary for a nurse to know if she expects to conserve her strength.

For minutes that seemed hours, she did not move, and I craved sleep, but unable to compel it, I pondered the expression of weary hopelessness that rested upon her face. Then Junior stirred, and I held my breath as she bent over him, fearing another spasm of the dreadful croup. But that there was no reason for alarm I saw at once, but Katherine lingered above his crib for a minute, her face twitching convulsively. And then a tortured whisper, so low that I almost lost it, floated into the silent room.

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Mrs. Pratt says that in 1921, when Mrs. Egerly first came to the school, there were four pupils and three teachers in the senior department. Mrs. Egerly kindly offered to teach any subject in any department. She cheerfully graded the A, B, C classes until February, 1922, at which time 61 pupils were enrolled in the school, with Mrs. Egerly as principal.

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Charles E. Gaddie.



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Rev. Francis Betten, of the Creighton summer school faculty, read a paper before the historical association on St. Boniface.

Three Papers by Rigge Are Read at Convention

Fourteen men from the Creighton faculty were in attendance at the annual convention of the Jesuit Educational association, which was held at Campion college, Prairie du Chien, Wis., August 16 to 18. The association comprises five societies, a classical, an English, a historical, a scientific, and a sociological. These claimed the attention of Creighton men as follows: Classical association, Revs. Peter O'Brien and Joseph Wells and Cyril Donohue; English association, Rev. F. X. Reilly and Thurber Smith; historical association, Rev. Alfred Kaufmann, Francis Betten and A. C. Wand; scientific association, Revs. David Hickey, Martin Phee and George Pickel, and Messrs. Edward Preusch and Patrick Regan; sociological association, Rev. Thomas Egan.

Rev. William F. Rigge, director of the Creighton astronomical observatory, was unable to attend, though he was vice president of the physics section of the scientific association. He sent three papers to be read before the society.

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