

AT WHAT AGE IS A **WOMAN** MOST INTERESTING?

WHAT is the most interesting age for women is a question which is worth considering. The other day it was put to five persons—including a psychologist, a painter, a writer, and a student of esthetics. The psychologist says: "There is nothing more attractive than a child, especially when budding into girlhood. Her countenance is wreathed with a smile as sweet and fresh as a day in spring. She is just conscious enough to live in a world of her own. Though small it is large enough for herself and her first beaux."

The painter feels that a woman is most lovely between the ages of 18 and 20. Her face is usually radiantly happy, and her entire being is alive with enthusiasm and expectancy. She possesses the charm seen in the spring when the flowers put on their buds and the trees begin to unfold their leaves. It is the promise that gives delight. The crowning glory to her charm is reached when her lover confesses, "She is fairer than the evening air, clad in the beauty of a thousand stars."

But the poet feels it is the experiences of life that develop character and make a woman interesting. A diamond is only attractive after it is cut and polished. Likewise it is the development that comes with motherhood that makes a woman most comely and fair. The student of esthetics gives the palm to old age, believing it has decided charms of its own. These advancing years may deprive a woman of some of her beauty, but they give character to the countenance and repose to the bearing.

These opinions, though diverse, tally. Beautiful girls often develop into unattractive women, again plain looking girls often blossom into lovely womanhood. Some fair women wither soon; others grow slowly and steadily. Still, it is the joy and love reflected in a countenance that makes it most attractive.



Childhood



Girlhood



Motherhood



Grandmotherhood