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Mistakes Made by Women

Boast of Success in Winning Hearts and Getting Proposals One of Gravest Errors Possible - Girls Who Appear Blase Lower Themselves

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No greater mistake can be made with men than for a woman to boast of her success in winning hearts and proposals. It seems impossible that a woman possessed of one ray of common sense or a particle of breeding could do such a thing; yet it is not unusual to hear a young lady relating her conquests to a group of admirers, and laughing over the susceptibility of mankind. Though they may laugh with her, they are sure to laugh about her among themselves when her back is turned.

It is always a mistake for a woman to be led into lowering her ideal because some man she loves and admires urges her to step down. He invariably curses her if she does, while if she turns and passes above him she hears his benediction, and eight times out of ten he follows her.

It is a mistake for a young lady to fall to a man as if she were blase and widely experienced in all human emotions, frailties and faults. Many innocent and inexperienced girls adopt this manner, thinking it will render them fascinating in the eyes of men.

Men are not analytic or deep-minded enough in regard to our sex to realize that a girl who has drunk too deeply of the waters of knowledge does not talk of it. Men take us for what we seem, not for what we are. The most hardened mondaine who wears a mask of frank indifference fares better with them than the good, sweet-hearted girl who puts on blase airs, and pretends to be a little wicked. Men judge by appearances far more than women do. Except in cases where women are rivals, they are less liable to condemn one another for a slight lapse of speech or conduct than men are to condemn us.

Another mistake which women sometimes make is to ask any favor of a man which will put him to the least expense. No matter how pressing are the circumstances, she should never take the liberty unless he is a near relative. In the various circles of American society, where it is the custom of young men to escort young ladies to theaters and other places of entertainment, it is a mistake for a young lady to voluntarily expatiate upon her fondness for the theater or the concert in his presence.

It is a mistake for a young woman to correct or scold her parents in the presence of men, imagining they will admire her culture or courage or imagining that they will not notice it. A wealthy and accomplished girl at one of our noted seaside resorts was severely criticized and condemned by a group of men because one of them had heard her speak unkindly to her mother.

It is a mistake for a woman (wife, mother, sister or sweetheart) to make plans for the disposal of all a man's spare hours, and then expect him to enjoy himself.

It is a mistake for a woman to try to prove to men her great knowledge and superior intellect. They enjoy an intellectual woman when they discover her brightness themselves, but they do not like to have her force her brains and learning upon them.

But it is just as great a mistake to assume an air of insipidity and expect a man to think it charming. Men are exacting in their demands. Too much or too little brain in a woman is equally offensive to them.

It is the mistake of a lifetime to accord a man any liberty and expect him to keep the matter a secret. While the exceptional man may maintain silence on the actions of a young girl whom he believes unsophisticated, the average man (in the highest sense as in the lowest walks of life) boasts of his successes with foolish women, and the rendezvous, the letter, the embrace or the souvenir which she has given him, thinking it will never be known to others, is shortly the matter of gossip among a dozen people.

Women hide their secrets far better than men do. They fear the censure of the world too much to share their mistakes with confidantes. But men are invariably vain and proud of their conquests, and relate their achievements with the fair sex to one or two admiring friends. They seldom use names, but let the incidents once be told it is an easy matter to discover the personages if one is at all curious to do so.

It is the worst mistake of all for a woman to think she can make no mistakes. The moment such a conviction enters her head she is on the highway to some grand blunder whereby she will wound, disgust, or antagonize the man she most cares for. Eternal watchfulness, never flagging caution, perpetual tact and equal quantities of pride and humility are necessary ingredients in the behavior a woman needs to use with men. This should be furnished with good sense, flavor'd with coquetry, and served with good nature. And even then they will be liable to make some false steps.

Do You Know That

When a young woman of the Philippines marries, her husband's name is added to her maiden name. If she becomes a widow the husband's name is discarded.

For six years—from 1844 to 1850—Boulogne was an English possession, and the English element in the town was large and influential before the cross-channel pleasure steamers made it the best known spot in France to the majority of English pleasure seekers.

The Poetry of the Dance as Exemplified by Mrs. Vernon Castle

In "Watch Your Step" Mrs. Castle Wears Gowns of Surpassing Originality, Designed Exclusively for Her By Lady Duff-Gordon (Lucile) Personally



This brocaded gown is of heavy silver gray and blue silk, trimmed with blue and gray fox. The muff is of blue fox, lined with green, and the hat is of the same color, gray, as the gown, trimmed with mauve. The sleeves are very shapeless tubes of gray blue chiffon, trimmed with fur. To the right is another view of the same gown, showing it laced up front and side with gold green shot messaline.



This gown of yellow chiffon is banded with pale blue and bright green ruching and garlanded with flowers of all colors. The strap on the shoulder is of diamonds and pearls. The little bodice is of pale blue satin. Flesh-colored silk stockings and satin slippers are worn with both gowns.

The under dress of gray blue chiffon worn under the costume to the left. It has a green satin sash and a bunch of lavender flowers. The skirt is made enormously full, being thirty yards around the bottom.

Broad Horizons

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

When your eyes are very tired from close application to reading or writing or sewing, have you ever tried resting them by looking out of the window far away to the horizon? There is nothing more soothing to tired vision than this readjustment of focus in the lenses of the eyes.

A narrow horizon with a small radius of interests to measure the circle of life is one of the failings of which women are more often guilty than men. It causes, and is in turn caused by, pettiness.

Any interest that takes a woman "out of herself" is a wholesome one for her. Actually, to go out into the park and feed the squirrels might be a sufficiently unusual benevolent proceeding for a selfish and self-centered person to mark the beginning of real charitable enterprise.

Feeding the squirrels at least makes your circle a tiny bit broader than merely clothing your self "like the lilies of the field," and though it is not to be compared with looking after a poor family for the winter, at least it points in that direction.

Every step you take along the radius of a new circle that broadens out toward "doing for others" gives you at the circumference of that circle a constantly widening horizon.

Advice to Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Don't Deceive Her.

Dear Miss Fairfax, I am 21 and I have been away from my parents and relatives for the last two years. I never receive any news from any of them except a check I receive every two months from my father, provided I stay away.

The first step you should take is to seek a reconciliation with the family you once shunned. Think how proud they will be that the "black sheep" has been reclaimed, has made good and is working seriously toward a fine future. The reconciliation will complete your success, when you have taken one other step, when you have taken one other step, Don't start your married life with a lie between you and your sweetheart—tell her of your estrangement from your family, but try to add to that the happy things that you have won their forgiveness.

An Engagement Reception.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Kindly let me know correct or most appropriate style of dress for fiancée and fiancée who will receive in a hall on a Sunday afternoon, 2 to 5 o'clock; also proper style of dress for brides and brides of the engaged couple on that occasion.

A Boy's Love.

Dear Miss Fairfax: About three years ago I met a young girl who is two years my junior. I am 29 years old. A year ago my business made me leave town. During the summer I came home for my vacation.

Little Bobbie's Pa

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

There is no use talking, sed Ma. The wimmen is getting moar & moar independent every day. I have just been reading about a brave woman who left her husband & went out into the world to earn her own living as a saleswoman, leaving her wealthy husband to think it over.

You can call it spunk if you want to, sed Pa, but I call it bunk. As soon as she finds out that the whole world isn't crazy to talk her part & give her a swell posalun summare she will be back at the old homestead, red-dy & willing to go along with the hair wick Nater put on her head, & satisfied to wear gowns moar like the kind her mother wore befoar her.

It is most dishonorable for a man to try to make love to a girl who is engaged. Since she knew you first and had not given you her love at the time the man for whom she cares came into her life, it was either because you had failed to try to win her then, or because you had tried and failed. It would be perfectly inexcusable for you to attempt to win her now. Probably you would succeed in estranging both of your friends if you made the attempt.

It is Not Honorable.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Is it honorable for a man to try to make love to an engaged girl? The girl is a wonderful person, about 21. I am an average man, 21. My rival is in the same social and financial position as I am. All three of us work in the same office. She cared for me before she met him, but he is a fine fellow and won her love quickly. I love her more than anybody in this world. Now that she is engaged, would it be honorable for me to attempt to win her love? We meet dozens of times daily. How ought I act?

Courtesy Between Man and Woman.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a girl of 20 and have been out with a young man, but when he leaves me he does not make another appointment. Although sometimes we meet accidentally and he then asks me to the theater. Would it be proper for me to ask him when I will see him again?

Ask your friend to call upon you at your own home. It is probably for this little courtesy that he is waiting.

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It is a time coming when the wimmen shall help the men rule the world, and they shall vote like the men, hold office like the men, & be as well able to govern as the men. You don't doubt that, do you, sed Ma.

No, sed Pa, that time is cumming. I guess, but ven it does cum, the wimmen will not be wearing Paris gowns & cultured wig. They will not be style crazy and tango crazy. They will be moar like the wimmen now old & gone, sed Pa, moar like our mothers & grandmothers. After they have passed thru three present loney stages, & cam back to erth, Pa sed, any time they want to vote all they have to do is to skip the men a line. That is all I have to say, sed Pa, except that if that man talks that wife of his back the way she wants him to, her is a sucker.

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