

True wit is nature to advantage dress'd.
What oft was thought, but ne'er so well express'd,
Something whose truth, convinc'd at sight, we find,
That gives us back the image of our mind.—Pope.

WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

O fairest of creation! last and best
Of all God's works! Creature in whom excell'd
Whatever can to sight or thought be form'd
Holy, divine, good, amiable, or sweet.—Milton.

One Mother Keeps Secret Scandal About Her Daughter Until After She Marries

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

The other day several women were having lunch together in a restaurant and, as usual, the conversation turned on men and the type of women men admire.

The consensus of opinion was in favor of the clinging vine, either genuine or camouflaged. Some of the opinions were as follows:

"Mary graduates the first of June, and how I am going to keep that scandal about her dark is what is puzzling me."

We looked at Mary's mother in blank amazement. She was the picture of cheerfulness, and here she was glibly mentioning scandal in connection with her daughter.

"Well, what is the scandal?" some one asked, who suspected a joker in the statement.

"The scandal about my lovely daughter that I hope to conceal until she is safely married is—she is clever. She actually enjoys good books, good plays, and she has opinions about things."

"But I thought they liked them clever nowadays," someone said. But Mary's mother, who has sons as well as daughters, shook her head: "They pretend to, but their ideal is still the doll-baby type, clad in fluffy ruffles and afraid of a mouse."

A Premium on Deficiencies. And the highly successful matron continued: "That is why woman is still in the crawling stage of her development, and why so few acquire any degree of self-expression, even though they are gifted with exceptional talents. Man puts a premium on her deficiencies, and to please him a woman must cramp her gifts as Chinese women used to cramp their feet."

We stood up for the men for a decent interval and said they admired brains, efficiency and executive gifts, but eventually everyone wound up by agreeing with Mary's mother that, in spite of all that women have accomplished during the war, to prove their brains and ability, the favorite 1919 model of femininity is the weaker vessel.

"By their wives ye shall know them," and a second woman warning to the weaker vessel theme as if it had been an actual brickbat aimed at her head, began to check

off the wives of the world's most eminent men.

I wish it were possible to call the roll of this "brainless wives of eminent men" series, if only to show how really clever women can be when they are genuinely roused. But the "brainless wives" series had been compiled from ladies too high in station to point morals and adorn tales. Suffice to say that another woman present had the grace to remark:

"These brainless wives showed sufficient intelligence to pick winners, didn't they?"

"Did they pick, or were they picked?"

Mary's mother smiled "we invariably do the picking, but curiously enough the men never found it out till along came that tattling Irishman Bernard Shaw and gave away our pretty little scheme."

Clever as You Please, Only—

"The trick as I understand it," said the very happy wife of a successful man, "is to be as clever as you please, only do not let your sin be discovered."

Someone sighed and said: "Everyone realizes that a good education is a matrimonial handicap to a girl even in 1919. But if we send our daughters to a 'Miss Pinkerton's'—and believe me these schools flourish today even as they did in Thackeray's time—she may not marry after all, and of what benefit is her expensively cultivated ignorance then, poor thing?"

This point was duly considered by five women, all of whom had marriageable daughters. And while they conceded that education was a handicap to marriage, the tremendous over-balance of the sexes due to war, made the fashionable illiteracy a bit risky.

If a girl does not marry she will require some genuine education with which to get through life, particularly if she would take up a profession. And if she has been sent to a "Miss Pinkerton," and carefully and expensively trained in the paths of ignorance, she would have no foundation on which to build.

A spinster suggested that the difficulty could be obviated by a camouflage college education administered by an alleged "Miss Pinker-

Bride of Past Week



Mrs. H. R. Robst

ton's" seminary. Everyone—pupils, parents, faculty—could be sworn to secrecy, no degrees would be given, and everything could be conducted apparently as things were in girls' schools two thousands years ago—say, when Delilah went to a ladies' seminary and took a course in gentlemen's hair clipping.

This met with universal approval, and there were many regrets on the part of the lunchers that they had missed so enlightened an educational scheme.

"When my daughter married," said one of the matrons, "I gave her only one piece of advice and that was to consult Henry, about something or other, at least three times a week. Of course Mabel always does exactly as she pleases, but she makes a great point of consulting Henry."

"And they have been so happy!" "Such an ideal marriage!"

"And he is so lavish with her!" the others chorused in unison.

"Exactly, the consultations established Henry's position as the head of the house, but of course she never asks him about anything important. She says: 'Henry, do you think the grass ought to be cut?' and of course, she makes a strong point of agreeing with him whatever he decided about the grass. And she lets him take little Arthur to the barber and have the poor child's hair clipped, till he looks like a peeled onion, for my son-in-law has strong convictions on this point."

Consultation Denotes Sympathy.

Consultation denotes sympathy, it was conceded in the talk that followed, and no woman gifted with genuine sympathy will fail to realize she is turning her husband's life into cinders and ashes if she takes from him his rightful position as head of the house. It was agreed this is why the average man abhors a clever woman about his premises—he wants to wear his own trousers and sit at the head of his own table.

He does not at all object to an invisible power house that runs everything—himself included—from some unobtrusive angle of the domestic plant, but he wants the power house concealed by clinging vines.

Men may admire women—at long range—for their intellects, but they love them for their weaknesses, for in contemplating weakness one feels endowed with strength.

A. S. and other inquirers: In order to obtain victory buttons, discharged soldiers in Nebraska and Iowa should make application to local Red Cross organizations or to the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Army building, Omaha, for blank forms. There are two form blanks, one for the discharge record, the other being formal request for the victory button. These forms when filled out should be mailed to the recruiting station above mentioned. At present they have on hand buttons for wounded men only, but expect the full supply at an early date. Any Red Cross organization not having the necessary blanks should secure them from the Omaha recruiting station. Pass this word along.

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Movie Actress Takes All Night Walks In Woods; Communes With Elves.

Louise Fazenda has just finished one of her wild-woman walking trips. Louise insists that in another incarnation, she was a big gray timber wolf. Every once in a while, when the moon is full, or isn't full—anyhow, once in a while, Louise harkens to the call of the wild and goes out for an all night walk through the mountain canyons near Los Angeles. She says the brooks are full of elves who sing to her, and that all the little wild people of the woods—the coyotes and the red foxes and the night owls—prowl around, too. One night she took two of the lovely girls who appear in the Paramount-Sennett comedies with her to hear the night noises of the wilderness.

They came back carrying the never-again sign. They said they heard rats and rushed for a vacant ranger's cabin for moral support and spent the night sitting on the departed ranger's kitchen table with their skirts tucked up around them.

If some early Americans could come back to life they would be as much startled by the prohibition amendment as by the airplane and wireless telegraphy. In Morris-town, N. J., in 1825, a group of reformers bound themselves not to exceed a daily allowance of one pint of applejack.

A feature of the building movement in many American cities is the proposal to erect apartment houses for the exclusive use of business women.

Mille. Alma Tadema, daughter of the famous painter, is painting the Paris peace conference.



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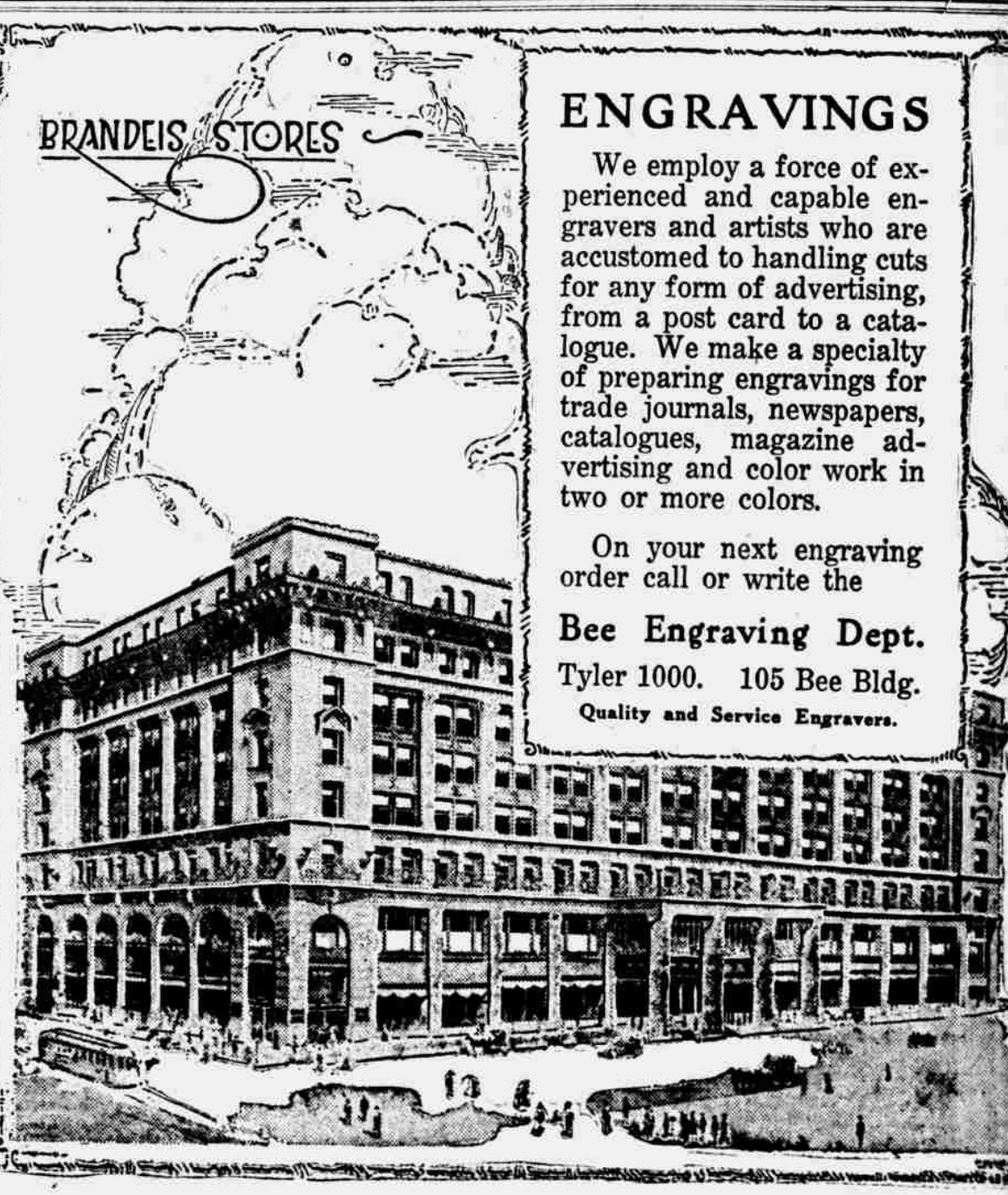
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