

### Mother Must Smile While Her Son Chooses

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

A mother who has an affectionate relationship with her son is doomed to suffer sooner or later.

The day when he falls in love is sure to mean misery for her, even though the son should remain as constant as possible to herself and the girl he loved were a seraph with glistening wings.

There's no escaping the wrench that this brings. It's more inevitable than the pangs of birth, or than those of death, even.

But what does remain within the control of mothers is their way of meeting this experience. And the mother who loves her son in the right way isn't going to let jealousy get the better of her at this critical point in their lives. She may believe that she's submitting to being displaced, but she's bent on doing it with grace and sportsmanship.

The hardest thing mothers have to realize, and the thing some mothers never realize at all, is that their son's relations with girls or young women don't properly concern them.

If they have conscientiously discharged every duty of motherhood up to the time when a youth can reasonably think of himself as a lover, there is absolutely nothing else they can do except withdraw from the stage and watch for the appearance of the starry young creature who is going to play leading role in that next act.

A mother may enjoy persuading herself that her son needs her advice and aid in choosing a girl to fall in love with. But she is making a very serious mistake if she acts on this idea.

#### Mother's Candidate.

She may attempt positive influence, which takes the form of inviting the colorless daughter of well-connected friends to visit at the house. And the son may set his teeth and make himself agreeable to the unmagical young lady for a week at a time. But he isn't likely to fall into the marriage trap so unobtrusively baited, and he is likely to feel some resentment toward his mother for her officiousness.

Other mothers, with a talent for intrigue, try negative influence; that is, they make a point of defeating every love project that they know their sons to entertain. After expert working in the dark to discover where the young man's interest tends, they unscrupulously devise schemes either to separate the man and the girl, or to cause a disagreement between them.

There are mothers who seem utterly without conscience, from the extent to which they meddle in their son's love affairs. Their defense would be that they love their sons too much to see them get entangled with the wrong girl, and that it's a great deal kinder and more benevolent to do one's meddling secretly than openly.

And so skillful are these maternal schemes, and so confiding are their sons that I say it with some regret—they almost never get found out.

#### Love Must Be Free.

If a son isn't able to choose his own beloved wisely, I can't see that his mother can help the situation any. He's grown up. He's the product of her training. Now let him act independently and freely. Artificially chosen beloveds aren't ever satisfactory. Love is, of all others, the department of life where one has to do one's own choosing.

Therefore, mothers, "Hands off!" Put there are mothers who do keep their hands off, highly well-behaved mothers who seem to be thoroughly regardful of their son's independence up to the time when the love affair crystallizes and the engagement is made known. But

## Frocks and Hats for Easter Day

By CORINNE LOWE



who can't seem to restrain themselves from emotionally flying to pieces then.

There seems to be some obscure natural law that leads a son, even a devotedly attached son, always to choose a beloved of a totally different type from his mother. This instinct seems a kind of affront to the stricken parent. If her son had really loved her, wouldn't he have wished to marry a girl as nearly as possible his mother's duplicate?

Then it's an extremely pleasant thing to be the person loved best in all the world by an adorable youth of 20. To be the person always considered first, consulted earliest, regarded most tenderly. A woman couldn't be human and at the same time be glad and willing to give up all these precious privileges, and forever, to a strange girl whom she probably suspects of being unworthy of them.

#### No Bride "Good Enough."

It goes without saying that no girl in the world is "good enough" to deserve to marry an idolized son. But this is a fact it won't ever do to comment on.

The important thing to remember is that the self-respecting way for a mother to act when the critical moment comes is also the only way that will prevent permanent alienation between mother and son.

At any possible cost to yourself, keep your jealousy out of sight. Keep your wounds, and your tears, and your hostility out of sight. And if your son finds that you are just

The glaze of fashion is evident in the popular taffetas. In the model to the left a gray taffeta is worn with a hat of gray satin stitched in raffia glaze. Next, a frock of tobacco brown and beige silk jersella embroidered in beige and gold is mated with a hat of brown cellophane almost obscured by giant wings of gold lace. Third, the fashionable basque and the even more fashionable tunic are combined in a frock of voile, velvet and satin worn with hat made of alternating rows of gray horsehair and silver and wreathed in metallic flowers.

For the young girl is the Eton suit dress of rose color tricolette and the leghorn hat with its quaint bandeau of old blue satin. And for her small sister is the rose linen dress complemented by bonnet of rose satin straw.

The last two figures wear respectively gray and black taffeta with hat of cerise cellophane adorned by straw wings and a gray taffeta glaze frock topped by coatee of royal blue satin and finished by hat of pearl gray leghorn incorporating diminutive veil of gray tulle.

Even the bride herself will meet a dangerous rival in the mother who can face her son's beloved without flinching. A son longs to be proud of his mother, and he will be, if she meets

this supremely difficult test.

It's not the easiest thing in the world to be a mother, at any stage, from the cradle to the foot ball field. But the hardest time of all comes when you must sit smiling, with hands tied, and watch your grown-up child make his choice between happiness and what you believe to be destruction.

But don't try to break loose and guide him. You will regret it all the rest of your life.

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