

How To Be a Successful Wife

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.
Many women would say that the successful wife is the one who has mastered the art of keeping her husband's love. (There are other views of this matter, but I won't go into them now.)

At all events, it's beyond question that from the beginning of time women have wanted to be loved, and that they want it now no less than they did then. But nothing that I can think of has more radically changed than the means employed to achieve this universal desire.

There have been long ages of the world's history when women believed that love was largely dependent on magic, such times professional traffickers in love charms have flourished greatly, and hordes of fortune tellers and their kind have lived—as a smaller number still do—at the expense of the superstitious and the love-sick.

Wives and sweethearts thought then that a few drops of a liquid concoction, called "love philter," dropped in the loved one's drinking goblet, would keep him thoroughly enamored. If it didn't work, the only explanation was that the right magic hadn't been employed.

At other times women have believed that beauty was the only means of gaining or of holding a husband's love. If a woman is thoroughly converted to this belief she never lets her good looks alone, but spends so much time and labor in beautifying and hyper-beautifying herself that her husband is probably very much bored by the artificiality of the result and unconsciously begins to look about him for more interesting society.

Of late years wives eager to be loved have had more practical counsels. They have been urged to never to wear curl papers except in the strictest privacy. Never to wear a wrapper to the breakfast table. Always to begin to smile when they hear their husband's foot upon the stairs. And to devote all to study diligently the art of cooking, and to see that every meal represents a triumph of this art.

Love and a Good Dinner.
A good deal of excellent sense has been conveyed with such advice as this. Beauty certainly won't win love if it's defaced by curl papers, and the most devotedly attached husband won't feel like expressing his love for his wife if she allows him to go hungry or, worse than hungry, tantalized, tormented, perhaps even enraged, by the sight of food that proves not to be eatable.

In this department of life, above all others, all authorities agree that it's wiser to take no chances. See that a man is well fed before you dream of testing his love for you. But this isn't the whole story.

For my part, I believe that there's a modern way of making one's self beloved that's a good deal more effective than all the old ways rolled into one. And my belief is founded on a paradox. I have a notion that the woman is loved most who tries least to gain love.

A woman who does nothing all day but wait for her husband to come home and who painstakingly thinks up ways to make him admire her after he's there isn't very likely to hold his love for a lifetime. Women whose day's work consists in cold-creaming their faces, waving their hair and washing and ironing frantically to put on in the evening defeat their own object. They will never inspire or retain any love worth speaking of.

The truth is that the woman who holds her husband's love is not only his wife but his confidante. He feels safe with her, because he knows she isn't straining every nerve to bewitch him. So he is able to confide in her, as every man longs to confide in a woman—and you know how tightly bound one is to the person one has the habit of confiding in. He respects her in a sense in which men haven't always respected women. And he finds her a better companion for play or work than any man can be.

A Modern Type of Wife.
You know the kind of woman I mean. They are springing up everywhere in these days of votes for women, and jobs for women, and, above all, of common sense for women. The kind of girl that knows how to do something well and does it and gets paid for it. The kind that thoroughly likes men, but is a trusty friend to her own sex also. The kind that loves home and children, but loves outdoors, too, and is the best of fun either to keep house with or go on a vacation with.

This is the kind of wife that doesn't get left behind when her husband goes on any kind of a good time, because he knows he will have so much better time if she will consent to go with him. She is a dependable companion on a camping trip, because she isn't afraid of anything, even of hard work. And she's the best possible kind of friend to read a book or go to the theater with, or even to loaf with.

But she's not at all the kind to leave behind in the flat, at least when there are no babies there, expecting her to put in the time embroidering something or dusting something until you come back at night.

She is too full of energy and ambition to agree to anything of the sort. Her husband disposed of, and her domestic responsibilities efficient and compressed into the shortest time possible, she goes out to look up a job of her own. To put in day after day alone in a flat would seem to her the stupidest kind of self-imprisonment in a cage.

So she gayly works at her job while her husband works at his. Somebody will disapprovingly ask who, in that case, gets the dinner. According to the approved modern system, whichever partner gets home first starts the pot boiling. Then they finish the preparation together. Or it may be that the dinner has been in a fireless cooker all day and that it is only necessary to place it on the table.

An efficient wife who doesn't have to give too much thought to beauty and the arts of fascination betwixt

herself of a good many expedients for making home comfortable. Does she give no thought at all to the ancient problem of keeping her husband in love with her? It may be that in these days some of the love worry has been taken over by the husband, which would seem to be only fair. Or it may be that they understand each other so thoroughly that they can take each others love for granted. It's the happiest arrangement so far contrived in the world, to my way of thinking. And I believe that the women of this sort are the most successful wives who have ever lived.

Although most Greek girls are naturally very pretty, they begin to paint and powder from a very early age—the cheeks bright red, the eyebrows and lashes deepest black, and the veins delicately blue. The result is that they are withered old women at 40, and thus nowhere are uglier females to be found than beneath the blue skies of this classic land.

Council Bluffs Society

Grote-Walker.

The wedding of Miss Isabelle Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walker, to Howard Grote, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Grote of this city, took place Tuesday at the home of the bride's uncle, Reno Walker of Carson, Nev. G. L. Bergeman officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Harte, Harry Olsen of Mincola served as best man. Miss Helen Grote, sister of the groom, carried the ring in a large basket of pink and white sweet peas. The bride wore a gown of white chiffon over pink silk. Her tulle veil was held in place by a band of pearls. A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony. After a wedding trip in the east the couple will be at home at Shenandoah.

Double Birthday.

Mrs. T. J. Henry entertained at

her home Wednesday at a miscellaneous birthday shower for Mrs. R. S. Lewis and Mrs. S. A. Sizer. Those present were members of the El Bean club and Mrs. Howard Martin, Mrs. Russell Conrad, Mrs. Ernest and Misses Saunders, Rigg, Evans, Irene Martin, Louise Bailey, Dora Noda, Alice Mouser, Dorothea and Louise Sizer. Birthday cakes and ice cream were served.

Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. George Van Brunt entertained at a dinner dance at the Country club Friday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hannan, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wicham, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dudley, Misses Geraldine and Gretchen Hess and Marion Turner and Messrs. Blaine Wilcox, Wallace Shepherd, Robert Wilk of Hanford, Ia., and M. C. Nider of Mason City, Ia.

Rotary Dinner.

The Rotarian dinner took place Thursday evening at the Council Bluffs Country club. There were 70 guests present.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. Edith Beardsley entertained informally at bridge Thursday afternoon at the Country club. There were four tables.

Presbyterian Picnic.

The ladies of the September group of the First Presbyterian church entertained their families at a picnic supper at the Country club Thursday. Forty-five were present.

Personal

Miss Mary Wallace will spend the next week at Camp Brewster. Miss Josephine Klein left Monday for a visit in Atchison, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo. Mr. A. Callahan of Los Angeles

is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John McAtte. Miss Dorothy Rogers of Chicago will arrive Monday to be the guest of Miss Geraldine Hess.

Miss Clair McLunerney has returned from a two weeks' visit to Dubuque, Waterloo and Cresco. Mrs. W. L. Leverett returned Monday from a six weeks' trip in Michigan, Indiana and adjoining states.

Mrs. W. L. Douglas and daughter, Elizabeth, leave early next week for Sioux City, where they will visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Oldham Brown left Thursday by motor for Colorado and Wyoming. They expect to be in Cheyenne for the Frontier celebration.

Miss Dorothy Hurd of Council Bluffs has gone to Washington, D. C., where she will be the guest of Miss Virginia Merritt. Miss Hurd will spend the summer in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kimball

and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hendricks left Thursday for Yellowstone park and other points in the Rockies. They expect to spend several days trout fishing.

Chester Bowers, Lee Huff of Omaha, C. L. Carpen of Lincoln and Paul Burcham of Mondamin motored to Pine Lodge, Wis., last week. Mr. Walter Homback will join them soon.

Dr. Van Orden will join his wife and daughter, Dorothy, at Cornover, Wis., Monday. The Misses Charlotte and Bertha Van Orden will leave the first of next week to visit in Appleton, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shugart and Mr. and Mrs. George Hanthorne and daughter, Marion, will spend the week-end in Lincoln, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett.

Mrs. Vera Landstrom and Miss Esther Hadlund returned Sunday morning from a three-week vacation trip to the east. They were delegates to the northern Baptist convention held in Buffalo and the B.

Y. P. U. of A. convention held in Toronto, Canada. They visited relatives of Miss Hadlund in Boston and spent some time sight-seeing in Albany, Niagara Falls, Detroit and Chicago; and several days cruising on Lakes Ontario and Erie.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riker and daughter, Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. Xenophon Heynett motored north to Elbow Park, Wis., this week. They expect to be gone three weeks and will return home by way of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Rose and son, Howard, will leave Saturday for Colorado. They expect to be in Denver most of the time, making short trips into the mountains. They will spend several days at Colorado Springs.

Mme. Schumann-Heink has changed her plans in regard to a European tour and will continue her recital engagements in this country, which have already booked rapidly for the coming season.

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