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**"ASTRA'S" TALKS WITH GIRLS.**

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I had no idea, girls, that our "Talks" were so widely read, especially by the sterner sex, until I asked for the author of the poem "Uphill," when no less than four answers from masculine readers reached me. And here let me take an opportunity of thanking most warmly the many correspondents who so kindly hunted up the lines, and responded to my query. "Lida Purdy Mc Mann," St. John, Miss A. E. Dimock, St. John, north, "Jessie," Picton, N. S., Rev. A. W. T., the rectory, Richmond, Carleton, "E. S. C."—I think—Fredericton, "Yours truly," Sussex, and

slightest suspicion that you were asking my advice about a misunderstanding which occurred three years ago, you may rest assured that I would have taken much less trouble about answering you. I have too much interest in questions of the day and hour not to feel the healthy indifference of the "live" journalist towards back numbers of every description. Like the "doctor" in the *Innocents Abroad*, I prefer a nice, fresh corpse to a mummy two thousand years old. I believe we women are credited with a weakness for digging up the past at every opportunity, favorable or unfavorable, but, I think I must be exempt from that failing, for I prefer to take Longfellow's advice and "Let the dead past bury its dead." The unhappy

until she has "come out" formally, which should not be until she is at least eighteen. If she goes to a party at all she should wear some simple white dress, such as muslin or lawn, and her hair should be in the regulation long braid, tied with bright ribbon. After she comes out, the hair should be piled or coiled upon the head, and the dress either low, or square, according to the taste of the wearer. Entirely sleeveless dresses are no longer considered good style, there must always be a semblance of a sleeve.

(2) A girl should never under any circumstances accept a present from a man without first asking her parents' permission to do so. Indeed the best rule to follow, is the one I have so often laid down, never



A CORAL NECKLACE.

"G. B. R." Windsor, N. S., will please accept my best thanks for the trouble they have taken. I have great pleasure in informing "Jubel," of Yarmouth, N. S., who asked for the author of the lines, that the weight of testimony goes to prove that they are by Christina G. Rossetti. "E. S. C." tells me that the poem will be found on page 261 of Bryant's *Library of Poetry and Song*. My edition is Harper's, so I suppose that is the reason I missed finding it. Both Miss Dimock and Miss McMann have taken the trouble to send me the whole poem—or rather hymn—and as it is so beautiful that I am sure all my girls will appreciate it, I reproduce it for their benefit.

**Up-Hill.**  
Does the road wind up hill all the way?  
Yes, to the very end.  
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?  
From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting place?  
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin?  
May not the darkness hide it from my face?  
You cannot miss that inn.  
Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?  
Those who have gone before.  
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?  
They will not keep you waiting at my door.  
Shall I find comfort, travel sore and weak?  
Of labor you shall find the sum.  
Will there be beds for me, and all who seek?  
Yes, beds for all who come.

CHRISTINA G. ROSSETTI.  
JESSIE, Picton, N. S.—Now, Jessie, I wonder if you are not a Scotch lassie? Somehow I think you are, and there is so large a proportion of Scotch blood in the extraordinarily mixed current that fills my veins, that my heart warmed to you as soon as I saw your signature, and I think it would have done so, even without the delightful stick of "taffy" you enclosed, and which, of course, I swallowed eagerly. You need no longer be a "would-be friend of Astra's," but a real one, if you like, for I have many valued friends whom I have never seen. Thank you, once more.

DIVIDED, St. John.—If I had had the

young man was doubtless so severely reproved and morally squashed by your letter that I am satisfied he has reposed ever since, a stranded wreck upon the shores of time, and I wonder you are not bowed down with remorse over the havoc you have wrought. Rest in peace! oh, shattered youth!

I have not read the book you mention, but I consider Ouida the most perfect mistress of pathos the age has produced—mind, I don't say "master." Her short story, "A Dog of Flanders," stands alone. I think, in nineteenth century fiction, I cannot say that I ever revelled in description. I prefer to strip them and come to the point. Even William Black's incomparable pictures of Scotch mist and rain-swept moors failed to arouse any sentiment of enthusiasm in my mind, and only succeeded in sending such a succession of chills galloping down my spinal column that I can't think of anything but getting warm as soon as possible. Yes, I recognized the quotation; one who has read "Divided" even once is not apt to forget it soon, or confuse it with any other poem. I don't think you asked any questions of a professional and Astralike nature. This is merely a "talk."

FAIR ONE, Fredericton.—What conceited girls you must be, to be sure! You are always calling yourselves "Pansies," or "Society Belles," or "Fair Ones," or something pretty. Never mind! you will only be young once, so enjoy it while you can. Of course you may write to me, my dear. As I have already said, that is what I am here for, and if the girls were to stop writing to me, my column would soon die of inanition, and then—awful thought!—there would be no more Astra.

(1) You do not say how old are you, but a girl should never wear low neck, or short sleeves at any party, no matter how large

to accept presents from young men at all, except they be very old friends, and then only some trifle.

(3) I don't think I understand you, I never heard of a case such as you mention. The *gentleman* does not exist, who would "call a girl ugly names." I should not treat the person you instance, in any way at all; forget his existence, and if you meet take no more notice of him than if you had never seen him before.

(4) The best way to save yourself trouble in future, would be by not receiving any visitor, without your mother's knowledge. You certainly cannot enjoy a call when you are in momentary terror of being caught. If I were you, I should tell my friend frankly that my mother objected to having my visitors remain after a certain hour, and he will understand, and regulate his visits accordingly. Believe me, a man never likes a girl any the less, for being frank. But let me tell you one thing. I do not at all approve of young girls receiving visits from young men, all by themselves, and apparently without their parent's knowledge. It is a foolish practice, and men do not respect girls who do it. Wait till you are 20 or 25 before you entertain masculine visitors alone.

(5) Certainly you may write to me as often as you like. I am afraid you will not be pleased when I tell you that your writing is very childish, and unformed as yet.

CLEOPATRA and BERYL, St. John.—You have chosen beautiful names, and if you are as charming as Cleopatra and her maidens were, you surely have no need to ask me any such questions as you propound now. I am very glad you derive so much pleasure from my column, but I am afraid it is out of my power to give you much advice on the subject you name, but this I can tell you: The surest way to win a man's heart is not to seem too anxious about it. A man likes to think he is doing the courting, and he is not willing to give up his pre-

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rogative. I chanced to hear a very clever and sensible young man give his views on that very subject not long ago. "I don't want any assistance when I go a-wooing," he said. "I want to do all the love-making myself, that will be my part of the work; all I want to feel sure of, is that I won't be repulsed." And let me tell you girls, that if the above mentioned youth should ever go a-wooing—well, I don't think he need fear a repulse—that's all, he is so very nice.

I cannot give you any love potion to try upon the lovers you are not sure of, but the best recipe I know of is to treat them with the bright friendliness you would show to any of your girl friends, and never let them imagine you are trying to attract their attention; never be forward or rude to them, but always courteous and lady-like, and, I think, they cannot fail to be "won." Girls of eighteen and nineteen are quite old enough to have admirers, but rather young, I think, to marry: they lose so much of their girlhood by taking the cares of matrimony upon them so early. I know it is often very hard for girls to be obliged to live with elderly relatives, they are so apt to forget that they were ever young themselves, and expect old heads to grow upon young shoulders. But all the same I think you should not go out driving alone with young men unless they are old friends. It is something I never did myself, and I am as fond of enjoyment as anyone, but still there is nothing at all improper about it. You should not accept the ring on any account, or any other present, if you wish him to respect you.

JUNIOR L. C. CLUB, St. John.—I am sorry to say that I cannot give you the requisite information. You see, it is a little out of my line. But if you will apply to Secretary J. T. Hartt, of St. John, he will probably give you all particulars.

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