

Chat of the Boudoir.

No family purse is so small that a wife is not entitled to an unquestioned share of it.

If her discretion in the matter of outlay is questionable, the husband is justified, in case his finances demand it, in retaining further personal spending money to her.

It is becoming quite as necessary to give the home a summer dress as it is to provide oneself with a warm weather wardrobe.

The latest sleeve fashions are decidedly novel in their line, and one needs at least one pair to match each shirt wrist.

Porch chairs should have cushions of green and white or of scarlet denim.

An ironing board cover made to fit the board and button on one side like a child's dress is one of the most useful articles a housewife can have.

Boots for the street, slippers for the house, is the wise woman's rule, and the sooner she makes the change from the old habit of a pair of boots or half shoes donned in the morning and worn all day without change, the sooner will she have more healthy feet.

A Japanese plan by which cut flowers may be made to last an abnormally long time is to burn the ends of the stems with a piece of wood; not with a match, be it observed, for the sulphur would be injurious to the flowers.

The Japanese, who are great flower lovers, say that the charring process enables the water to penetrate the stem and thus sustain the flower.

During the early summer days plenty of fresh air is excellent for the skin. Sun-warmed air will not hurt the tenderest skin if protected by a tip tilted hat or sun shade.

The pretty old fashion of having quaintly shaped 'dishes' of rare china filled with a few choice pears, peaches, etc., is coming into favor once more, but now the china dishes are replaced by small baskets of silver or silver gilt and they are placed at the four corners of the table.

Stylish folding stocks of linen duck in crossbarred red and in green can be found at the men's haberdashers.

A white waist which is finished with points of embroidery down the front is pretty. Every other point turns back upon the side of the waist to which it is secured and the alternate points fly loose.

BILLS OF FASHION.

Since Parisians have adopted the tailor-made gown so generally, the milliners have found it necessary to create suitable headgear to wear with it.

Another popular shape is a sailor with a rolled up brim trimmed around with wild flowers, with a bow of black velvet ribbon on the left side falling over the hat.

There seem to be no falling off in the popularity of lace stitches which are used in every possible manner with dainty effects.

Pale gray lace in an old fashioned netted design is being employed again for trimming batistes, muslins and velvets.

Little handbags of gray suede are very popular as a convenient accessory of the race costume. They are long and narrow in shape and decorated with steel or of the bag is of white suede gold applique is the ornamentation.

THE IDEAL HUSBAND OF TODAY.

How Woman's Progress has Effected her Ideal Man.

Ideals are subject to the same conditions of change of change as affect the material world. In no department of life would the ideal of past generations be satisfactory to the men and women of today.

Since marriage is the most vital of the relations of life, it should demand the noblest ideals, but these are possible only to the most highly developed men and women.

It is idle for one who has no freedom of choice to make stipulations, and this was absolutely denied to the women of the past. Unless she had money, and this was seldom the case in the 'good old time,' she must marry or have a life of the most humiliating dependence on relatives and friends.

Under these circumstances it is not strange that the vast majority of women would rather take any chance than those of single blessedness. But in those days as now, the villages were denuded of young men who were obliged to seek a livelihood elsewhere, and even in the larger places the marriageable men went to sea or to war or out West to find a fortune.

With more prospective wives than prospective husbands, and with the strong necessity for marriage on the part of women, it was out of the question to wait for ideal husbands. And under such conditions what sort of an ideal was a woman capable of forming?

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little adapted to bear the share of its honor.

In all ages women have striven to embody the ideal of themselves which men have cherished, and the latter have been so situated that they could search for the ideal wife, defer marriage until she was found, or, failing in the quest, lead useful, honored, independent lives, in no wise affected by the fact of never having wedded.

Man's ideals in generations past were comprehensively expressed in Proverbs, xxv: 16: 'Be thou above all else, and then the perfect housekeeper, industrious, benevolent, God-fearing, at work before daylight in the morning and not letting her candle go out at night.

What sort of an ideal for a husband these women were formulating in their minds, through all these generations, never will be known, for the records were kept by men and the opinions of women were not considered worthy of a place therein.

Leaving the centuries out of consideration, let us go back only fifty years and examine the relative conditions of husbands and wives. At marriage the legal existence of the woman was blotted out forever, while the man added to his own all which she had lost.

She had spoken the vows which made it impossible for her ever to own a dollar's worth of anything while the husband lived. She had entered into a partnership in which she was to give the services of a lifetime in exchange for her board and clothes; while her partner at his death could will an outsider the all proceeds of the earnings of the two, except the use of one third the real estate for life, and a small portion of the personal property.

Almost invariably a large family of children followed marriage, but, although brought into the world at the peril of the mother's life, and reared in toil and anxiety their guardianship was vested entirely in the father, and, without her consent, he could bind out the little ones, or dispose of them by will, even the unborn, to the utter exclusion of the mother.

No provision was made for the education of girls, and, with the household demands on women beginning before daylight and lasting into the night, there was no opportunity for reading, study and development of the mind.

Since she was denied all participation in the church, except a timid recital of prayer meeting of an 'experience' which she would never have dared to give in full; and since her religious nature was constantly appealed to in order to keep her submissive under her wrongs, she certainly would not create an ideal man who should be still more devoted to the religion of his fathers.

Our foremothers kept no record of their ideal man, not even on the faded pages of those little worn diaries. Wherever their brief, practical entries go beyond the details of the household expenses and the family illnesses, into the realm of aspiration, it is always in regard to the heavenly life.

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with the experiment, they have made practically no retrogressive steps, although there never has been a time when they did not have it in their power to withdraw all the privileges which had been granted.

With this new womanhood which has developed, the man's ideals of a wife has broadened to include many attributes which never would have occurred to his forefathers. Virtue is still first on the list but, before even the domestic qualities, the man of brains places an education.

Woman is now, for the first time in all history, so situated that she can create an ideal husband and not be compelled to accept a substitute, and she has set the standard far beyond any that the woman of the past could have dreamed of.

He is not like his ancestors who placed their honor in the sacred keeping of the wife, but were very careful that she did not get a chance at the pocketbook. Her request that a portion of the family income be set apart for her sole use and that she need not be asked to give an account of the same does not seem unreasonable to him.

A man of large means was desirous of marrying a schoolteacher. He paid the most assiduous court; he used every possible argument and finally one day, when he had melted into tears and declared that his life would be a waste without her, she told him frankly that she did not like to give up her financial independence for the dependent condition of all her married friends, but if he would secure to her the same income which she was now receiving she would marry him.

The merit of today does not find his equality very loudly disturbed when his blushing bride declines to promise at the altar 'to obey.' He has rather more respect for her not doing it. The old attitude of sovereignty on one hand and obedience on the other has largely disappeared.

An ideal husband will not cometh he of presence of wife and children exhalting the odor of liquor and tobacco. In olden times it is doubtful if women would have dared form such an ideal as this, but already it is partly reached.

The woman of today has a moral ideal. She dreams of a time when there shall be but one standard of virtue for the two sexes. Its fulfillment is no more impossible than what we're ready have seen. The attitude of society toward the immoral man is gradually changing. Like the drunkard he is beginning to cover his tracks. His lapses are no longer a matter of pride.

The new self respect of woman is protesting against man's defiance of the moral code and he is commencing to feel the effects of a social ostracism, which will increase as women grow stronger in self reliance.

There has never been a time when man did not desire to find favor in the eyes of woman, to fulfill her ideal, if it did not require too great a personal sacrifice. But until woman herself had reached a higher plane she could not make a lotter one for him.

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King's Evil

That is Scrofula. No disease is older. No disease is really responsible for a larger mortality.

Consumption is commonly its outgrowth. There is no excuse for neglecting it, it makes its presence known by so many signs, such as glandular tumors, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, rickets, catarrh, wasting and general debility.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which has effected the most wonderful, radical and permanent cures of scrofula in old and young.

Until now man has seemed infinitely ahead of her, and her thought has been to attain his ideal of her, rather than create one for him. But as she realizes more and more the possibilities which lie within herself out of this very knowledge comes the conception of a nobler manhood.

The ideal husband will stand first of all for the freedom of the wife. He will provide that marriage shall place upon her no more restrictions than it imposes upon him. He will treat her always as his equal in every respect, as his beloved companion, his nearest and best friend.

Never until recent generations could woman wait for this ideal, for it was only through the assistance of man that she could secure the necessities of life, and a dependent cannot make terms, but it is no longer obligatory for any woman to sacrifice herself in marriage. She has, now for the first time, the power to choose, and always we have a finer type of manhood than the world ever before has known.

Judge—And your wife aimed at and struck your head with a cap? Witness—Yes sir.

Judge—Well, all I have to say is that you ought to be proud of her.

Bad Pace Making: Mrs DeKanter—Full again, eh? I might excuse that if you'd only get in before daylight.

More Than Possible: Tom—Why don't I get married? Hub! It isn't possible to live on love.

Lady of the House—If you are such a skillful typewriter as you say you are how is it that you cannot find employment?

Citizen—Madame, why do you persist in punching me with your umbrella? Madame—I want to make you look round so I can thank you for giving me your seat. Now, sir, don't you go off and say that women haven't any manners.

Mrs Gushington—I suppose now that you have been abroad, you have your own views of foreign life.

Hub—Well, if you get there, John, I imagine most of us will wear surprised looks.

Love may be able to see something laughable in the locksmith, but it is blind to the interests of the gas company.

A celebrated English physician asserts that the increased height of English and Americans in the last half century are chiefly due to the increased consumption of sugar. He cites in confirmation of this opinion the fine health of the date-eating Arabs and the sugar cane eating negroes did he forget little Jack Horner, who, after devouring a plum, made a remark respecting his own magnitude?

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