

## Woman Up To Date

The Resourceful Girl and the Loud Voiced Lady. A Spinster's Experiences With Man's Conceit

Who is the wisest and best of her sex?

The resourceful girl.

There are plenty of women who can accomplish results if they are given a lot of the finest material to work with; there are fewer who can do wonders with scant material, but the smallest number of all comprises those who can make almost any kind of success with what they have at hand.

Take the apparently small matter of "making a home." It's easy enough if you have a man back of you to pay the rent and sign checks, but when you are alone and can only afford one room, which must be your studio and work-room, your reception room and bedroom, your kitchen and dining room as well—what then?

### The Way Out of Difficulties.

The ordinary girl would give up any idea of home and live in a hall bedroom in a boarding house where she could not receive her friends, but the resourceful girl manages both to live and to receive her friends in her little combination studio. What if the guest of honor is seated on the toilet having artistically draped as a piano stool? He does not know or care. And if the highly ornate screen conceals a few toys and paste and a gas stove no one will so rude as to pry. The box divan with its wealth of pillows is both wardrobe



IN THE STUDIO.

and bed, but who knows that? The artistic partner does not conceal the entrance to another room, but merely the closet which the resourceful girl has converted into an ideal dressing room. And thus she lives at one-half the cost and in twice the comfort of the unresourceful maiden.

### The Loud Voiced Creature.

I am wondering what process of regeneration the loud voiced woman will undergo in the next world, for surely the saints won't tolerate her in the midst of the eternal peace.

Whether you do or you don't wish it, you are simply forced to listen to her talk. Oftener than not it is about the most trivial domestic matters; sometimes, alas, it is about subjects which are of the utmost intimacy; hardly ever is it intellectual or even interesting. The street cars appear to be the ideal spots for such conversations, and all the passengers are the audience.

Sometimes, however, the fair speaker is not in ignorance of the carrying power of her voice, and you know it right away by the character of the conversation, such as:

"Tee-s, I really think they cook potatoes better at Delmonico's. I was there to lunch yesterday, and—"

"I saw a headress like that at Mrs. Greutriches' ball. Such nice people, the Greutriches!"

And her hearers are duly impressed!

### Masculine Conceit.

"I wonder if there are any limitations to masculine conceit," observed the sarcastic spinster. "I passed a man hobbling along on the ice, supporting himself in a painful manner with a crutch. Suddenly he made a misstep, and almost without thinking I stretched out my hand in pity, fearing he was going to fall. Just imagine how I felt when he recovered his balance and sauntily touched his hat, with a kingly expression. But this is not the limit. The other evening in the car a very fat and sporty looking old gentleman, with one eye quite closed and a stout beard, over age, cheerfully opted me out of his remaining orb all the way up town!"

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### RUSSIANS AND THE WAR

How Many Officers Are Said to Escape Service at Front.

### EXAMINING PHYSICIANS BRIEFD.

British War Correspondent Tells of What He Learned From the Wife of a Reservist Officer—Fortune Made by a Penitent Doctor in the Turkish War.

A war correspondent of the London Times tells as follows how Russian officers are said to escape serving with their regiments at the front:

At the beginning of the campaign two commissions were appointed to examine officers and soldiers after their cure and to report as to their fitness for further service. One of the commissions resided in Kharbin and the other in Chita. They were composed partly of military surgeons and partly of officers and had very hard work all the time. The number of reservists who were refused was about twice as large as that of the younger soldiers. But a thing which struck me very much when I came to know some of the results of the commission's proceedings was that the percentage of officers refused was nearly twice that of the soldiers. As I never lived long in Kharbin or in Chita I never had an explanation of this fact until one day I was back to Europe. I then met a lady who had accompanied her husband, a reservist officer going to the war, up to Irkutsk. We traveled in the same train, and I noted that she did not look particularly affected by the separation. "When do you hope to see your husband?" I asked her one day. "I hope to see him very soon." "How is that? You know that the war will not end for the present?" "Oh, yes, I know that, but my husband, will be

back very soon." As I pressed her to let me know how this would be managed she answered, "Well, after all, I'll tell you, for it is no secret. Every officer knows it, and it only depends upon his pecuniary means to avail himself of it or not."

"It is enough to pay 200 or 400 rubles to the head doctor of the medical commission in Kharbin in order to be rejected. You are then allowed to remain at home one year, after which another commission in Russia examines you, and there you have to pay another sum as large as the former, and then you are free, quite free." I expressed some doubts as to the correctness of these statements, as it seemed to me impossible that officers could resort to these means in order to avoid military service, but the lady was positive and cited several names. "Of our acquaintances," she said, "there are three who have thus succeeded in being sent home, and one of them advised my husband to do the same, and he named the doctor and the sum to pay." "Well," I answered, "you must do me one favor. When your husband comes home will you please let me know?" The lady promised to do so, and a fortnight later I received the following note: "My husband has just returned; he has been rejected on account of disease." That gentleman had been exactly two months in Manchuria, just in time to get the disease, pass through the commission and return speedily home, proudly thinking that he had done his duty to his country. I afterward learned in Russia that this practice is not a new one, for during the Turkish war of 1877 a doctor who was penniless when he started for the war was worth at the end of it about 40,000 sterling. From the number of his officers rejected and from what I have heard I think that the doctor now in Manchuria to whom the lady alluded promises to beat the record of his confrere.

### Spartan Plan to Cure Consumption.

Michael Larkish swam across the mill pond in the Niagara river, near the center of Stamford, Conn., the other afternoon before a crowd of about a hundred, says the New York Times. Larkish says that he is on his way home to a Massachusetts town and that he takes a swim in a river every afternoon when it is possible and also steers out of doors, hoping by this treatment to cure himself of consumption.

Congressman Clark of Missouri to his colleague, Judge Shackelford, after the latter had completed an impassioned oration, says the Chicago Inter Ocean's Washington correspondent, "I'll make you a fair bargain for the new year."

"What is it?" asked Shackelford. "I'll quit cussin' people if you'll quit talkin' in riddles when you make a speech."

Count Cassini, who is now serving the czar as ambassador to the United States, has been in the diplomatic service half a century. Russia's leading generals and admirals and the czar's chief counselors and ministers are men of advanced age. Some day, and that before long, young Russia will come into power, and the empire may then get in step with modern progress.

By the czar's decree one month's service at Port Arthur is regarded as a full year in the army. Most men would rather spend a lifetime under arms in Russia than to have been with the garrison of Port Arthur in the last five days of the siege.

Many are the names which the gallant defense of Port Arthur will add to the roll of fame, but that roll will have to be none than a column wide if the names of some of Russia's heroes are spelled in full thereon.

### INTERIOR DECORATION.

The Day of the Executive House Furnishings is Close at Hand.

Nowadays furniture may be both cheap and thoroughly artistic.

The small dining room in the picture is furnished with pine table, chairs and dresser all stained a soft shade of green. The dishes are of green and



DINING ROOM IN SMALL HOUSE.

white ware. The leather of the seats is a reddish yellow, and the walls are tinted in a pale tone of the same.

The large picture is a scene of the old days, which adds much to the appearance of the room.

R. DE LA HAUME.

### INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER

How One Diplomatic Wife Gave Her Husband Hint.

"When most people marry they take each other too seriously," remarked the thoughtful woman. "They are duly impressed with the fact that marriage is divine, so much so that they forget its human side. After two people have bumped along the rocky road for awhile and prayed and wept and fumed in private over its tribulations they often finally give up in despair and pronounce marriage a failure."

"Half the time the trouble is with their dispositions. They can't get the right key to each other. Can you blame them when they have only known each other for a few months? And yet the unreasonable part of it is that the man expects the woman to understand him as if she had lived with him all her days, and she retires into her shell with her pride crumpled to earth if he fails to mind-read her every thought. When he asks, 'What is the matter?' her answer is, 'Nothing,' which helps along his mental denseness a good deal. She simply won't tell him."

### One Woman's Plan.

A young married woman I know had a rather difficult disposition, but also—thank heaven!—a sense of justice and of humor. She was perfectly willing to let her husband see as many of the cards in her hand as it was necessary in order that he might put up a good game. After awhile she lived in hopes that he might be clever enough



THEE WOULD LEAVE A LETTER HANGING FROM THE GAS FIT.

and play a straight, winning game without a peep at her cards, but meantime she was being slain to death. So when they had a falling out on a frosty evening or morning she would leave a letter hanging from the gas jet, and on his return from business he would find it there. The letter stated in terms succinct and often humorous just what had started her side of the quarrel. Then after he had digested the contents and made mental notes thereon she would foot in, serene and beaming, and he would profit by the knowledge gained in this diplomatic way.

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