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"You bet! It's nice to have a man in the house. I get sick and tired all day listening to the women around here."

"Harriet, your father's tired," remonstrated Mrs. Thomas. "Let him sit down. Had a hard day, Harry?"

"I am tired, Chief," he said, putting Harriet down and kissing his wife's cheek. He flopped into a worn, comfortable old Morris chair. "This grind is getting me down—" He stopped, grinned and pulled Mrs. Thomas down on his knees. "Chief, I had a pretty easy day—and a pretty good day. I guess husbands just get in the habit of coming home tired."

"Harriet," said her mother, "run up and brush your hair."

"I know. You're going to talk about Mary getting ma-r-r—"

"Go up and brush your hair!"

"Why do people try to fool people that can't be fooled? Oh all right. I'm going."

"Remember, if you get yourself dirty I'll put you under the shower—dress and all!" Harriet left reluctantly, and Mrs. Thomas said: "There's another privilege of being a husband and a father—having your pipe and newspaper up in the bedroom this evening."

"Suffering cats! You know this chair is the only comfortable—"

"Tonight is a very special night. Mary is thinking of getting married—and tonight this room belongs to her."

Marry The Lone Ranger?

"Mary? Getting married? Who's she going to marry?"

"Well, with Ted Foster and Jim Reynolds doing everything but sleeping here for six months, I don't think Mary is planning to marry the Lone Ranger!"

"Chief, there's something maybe I should have told you before this. Wasn't Ted Foster pretty seriously involved with that little Atherton flibberty-gibbet?"

"But Anastasia Atherton is in New York."

"I got a letter from her last week. She said not to rent her house. She's coming back to live in it."

"Back here to stay?" Mrs. Thomas's voice expressed concern. "I thought she was working as a model."

"Personally I'd pay somebody ten dollars cash to go to Miss Atherton and tell her what's happened to Mary and Ted since she left—I mean, in case it is Ted. Do you think he would be weak enough—I mean fool enough—"

Some sound, slight yet suspicious, had caught his ear. At a nod from his wife he reached out his foot and closed the grill of the hot air furnace. A sudden sneeze from upstairs confirmed his suspicion of having been overheard, and he continued: "A boy Ted's age—marriage the first couple of months is no picnic — a streamlined redhead handy — I wonder."

"Our first couple of years was no picnic and we got through it."

"But I didn't have a redhead handy!" he kidded her. Evelyn announced that dinner was just about ready.

Harriet, her ear glued to the hot air register, had listened to her parents' conversation, but when Mr. Thomas closed the vent downstairs a vague cloud of coal dust flew out of the grating into her face, over her dress, and she could not suppress the sneeze that gave her away.

He Owes Her Ice Cream

Without waiting to clean up, Harriet betook herself to the upstairs telephone, spoke low into the mouthpiece: "Hellman Auto Agency? I'd like to speak to Ted Foster, please." After an interval Ted answered.

"Oh, it's you. Hello, Harriet."

"I called up to make a business proposition," said Harriet in a cautious voice. "If I told you that my sister Mary spent an hour in front of her mirror just in case a certain young man happened to drop in—that certain young man would owe me some ice cream, and he might just as well bring it with him, and might just as well be pistachio!"

"Thanks, Harriet! At eight o'clock tonight you'll have a gallon of pistachio ice cream!" Ted, grinning broadly asked permission to take out a Cornet demonstrator car that evening. Mr. Hellman granted it, but Ted had no more than left the office until the 'phone rang again and the same youthful voice asked to speak to Jim Reynolds. Ted's rival in selling Cornet autos as well as for Mary's hand.

To him Harriet made the same "business proposition" that she had just made to Ted, and it was as eager snapped up. And then Jim Reynolds requested Mr. Hellman's permission to take out a demonstrator car that evening.

When Harriet didn't answer the call to dinner, Mary was sent up after her. She found Harriet standing, fully clothed, under the shower.

"Harriet! Are you crazy?" cried Mary, jumping to the shower.

"Mother said if I got dirty she'd put me under the shower bath, dress and all, so I'm just saving her the trouble," responded Harriet with a virtuous air.

(To Be Continued)

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She Hated Men— But Married One

Mrs. Marian Phillips Almdale, whose "83 reasons why I hate men" touched off widespread publicity two years ago when she was a co-ed at the University of Michigan, has just become the mother of a seven-pound girl. She wrote the reasons for a campus literary publication. She eloped with Einar Almdale in 1940 after a courtship which she says proved he was not like other men.

Various Types Are Analyzed

Character Analysis Is Subject of Talk Based on Physical Traits

Certain character types seem to have physical traits in common, Mrs. A. Cameron Grant pointed out in an address on "Character Analysis" at a recent meeting of the Mount Royal Women's Community Club. In the beginning of her talk Mrs. Grant stressed the need for guidance for young people choosing a vocation. "It is such a waste of time and energy to force children into fields where they have no talents, making them feel inferior, instead of guiding them in the direction in which they can make a definite contribution to society," she remarked.

SKIN COLORS INFLUENCE ACTIONS

Color has been found to be more than skin deep, the speaker noted. Environment influences life, habits and finally general characteristics. Hence, those at the equator where extremes in seasons need not be contended with, live an easy life, with food and shelter and clothing easily acquired. There is no need to be markedly creative. With many free hours these people turn to things artistic, colors, music, characteristics associated with the dark colored races. On the other hand, groups moving farther north, with no need to resist the heavy rays of the sun, have lighter skins, tnd must struggle for daily needs, until, in the north, the blonde races are found practically and resourceful.

READING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Mrs. Grant described various types of personalities on the basis of physical characteristics. She mentioned the mental type who prefers to fight with ideas and words rather than with fists; the driving type, who is the football hero in school and the engineer or business man in adult life; the type who becomes an executive because he has learned to direct others; the conservative type; and the man-of-action type who joins the air force or seeks other forms of adventure.

Teach Child To Finish His Job

Youngsters Should Learn to Stick With A Task Once Begun

There is one point about children's work that needs attention. It concerns the good beginner and the bored finisher.

This tendency to "dabble" is receding as special courses in training come to the fore. With attention directed to a special vocation or trade or profession, there is less tendency to fool away time and quit.

DISCOURAGE "DABBLING"

It is in childhood that this mental habit needs to be jelled, if the future career is to be a success. It is the "personal" quality that counts in all good work.

This is no day for dilettantes or fiddlers. The roadside is full of the weak sisters who quit. Only the firm in heart get there. Only the child taught to carry a job through will be infected sufficiently with the virus of determination to amount to anything later in life.

Duck Shocked

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At national registration last August, about 65 per cent of British Columbians who filled in cards said they were in "good" health. In Ontario 62 per cent placed themselves in that category, in the Maritime Provinces 59 per cent, on the Prairies 57 per cent and in Quebec 50 per cent.

Totals for the Dominion indicated 56 per cent of all Canadians were in good health, according to the detailed statistics tabled in the House of Commons.

Grown Woman at 5

Doctors are baffled by a pretty 5-year-old girl of Houston, Texas. She is 4 ft. 5½ inches tall, has the body of a matured woman and the mind of a child. She is completely healthy.

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TABLE TALKS

By SADIE B. CHAMBERS

SPRING ENTERTAINING

After Easter always comes a little extra entertaining. The hostess is then ever looking for something new and sprightly—Nothing satisfies this requirement better than the cereal recipes. So why not try the following—

Cocoanut Crispy Cake

⅔ cup shortening
1¾ cups sugar
3 eggs, separated
3 cups flour
2 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2½ teaspoons Calumet baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup shredded Baker's cocoanut
1 cup Kellogg's corn flakes
1 cup chopped nut meats

Cream shortening and sugar thoroughly. Add unbeaten egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift flour with baking powder and salt and add alternately with combined milk and flavoring to creamed mixture. Beat well. Fold in egg whites, beaten stiff but not dry. Pour batter into greased cake pan, with waxed paper in the bottom.

Corn Flake Crunchies

½ pound Baker's sweet chocolate
2 cups Kellogg's Corn Flakes
½ cup chopped dates
½ cup chopped nut meats

Melt chocolate over hot water. Measure other ingredients into a greased bowl and add melted chocolate. Mix well. Drop on waxed paper or buttered cookie sheet, using a measuring teaspoon. Set in a cool place until chocolate hardens. Yield: 45 small candies.

Corn Flake Macaroons

2 egg whites
1 cup brown or granulated sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups Kellogg's Corn Flakes
½ cup chopped nut meats
1 cup shredded Baker's cocoanut

Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold in sugar; add flavoring, Corn Flakes, nut meats and cocoanut. Mix carefully. Drop by spoonfuls on well-greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (35 degrees F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Remove immediately from pan. If macaroons stick, place pan on damp towel and remove macaroons using spatula or sharp knife. If macaroons become hardened to pan they may be returned to oven for a few minutes to soften.

Yield: 1½ dozen macaroons (2 inches in diameter).

Honey Krisp Cookies

⅓ cup shortening
½ cup honey
2 eggs
½ cup sour cream
1¾ cups flour
1 teaspoon Calumet baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon soda
½ cup chopped nut meats
½ cup chopped dates
½ teaspoon nutmeg OR
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup Rice Krispies

Blend shortening and honey. Add well-beaten eggs and cream. Sift flour with baking powder, salt and soda; add to first mixture. Stir in nut meats, dates, flavoring and Rice Krispies. Drop from a dessert spoon onto lightly greased baking sheet and bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) about 20 minutes.

Yield: 2 dozen cookies (4 inches in diameter).

Miss Chambers welcomes personal letters from interested readers. She is pleased to receive suggestions on topics for her column, and is even ready to listen to your "pet peeves." Requests for recipes or special menus are in order. Address your letters to "Miss Sadie B. Chambers, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto." Send stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish a reply.

Never Too Late

Too late, I thought, to mend my life
Or build my soul anew,
Too many are the years behind,
The years ahead too few.

Around me and my wintry thoughts
There lay a wintry scene,
A bare and sodden garden pricked
With little points of green.

O peeping bulbs, Earth's New Year thoughts,
Though Earth is old, so old,
Yet she can change the withered past
To flame of crocus gold.

And if the ancient Earth can change
Then I can change as well.
The world shall see a new life rise
Where all my dead dreams fell.

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