WHAT IS YOUR OPINION—

OF THE AGE WHEN WOMAN IS AT HER BEST?

This Article Views the Question From a Variety of Standpoints.

When is woman most attractive? The most obvious answer to this question is: "It all depends upon the man." To one man a woman—some particular woman—could never be attractive. She does not appeal to him. To another she is the one woman in the world.

If it were not so, mating would be a difficult problem. "For the life of me I can't see what John sees in that girl!" What a common remark! Yet John saw enough in her to propose, and he seems perfectly satisfied. That is enough for John; and it may be enough for his friends.

Through Life's Stages.

Ideal is not quite the answer to the question. Taking woman as woman, as an entity, a sex, an idealization if you like, at what age, or in what situation, does she show at the best and highest? Is it when she is blossoming into ripe womanhood, when her heart is lost and won? Is it when she is betrothed to the man she loves? Is it when she is a happy bride? Is it when she has the sacramental cup of motherhood put to her lips? Is it when she has a growing family about her and is the centre of her home life? Is it when she is idealized mother of young women who have scattered to the world and look back to the ideal woman? Is it when she is divorced and she sits with a child on her knees?

Each of these stages of woman-hood, chaos leads little argument which has most? A woman in her very sweet and appealing stage of courtship, when she is filling her "bottom drawer" and looking fondly into the future.

Very mature. Her appeal only to the man of her choice; the other men pass her by. She is a girl."

Charm Lasts Longest.

Some men declare that a woman is at her best round about the forties. There is something in the charm of the most beautiful and gracious women of history and romance that reached the zenith of their attractiveness, not at one-and-twenty, but at one-and-forty. A compliment from a mature man has far more value in the ears of a woman than the same compliment from a youth. Perhaps it is a matter of a woman half her own age.

The woman of forty sees things in their relationship. She has compared, measured, and her opinion is worth having.

The woman who can keep her charm and charm when her hair is gray and when the subtle attractiveness of youth is no longer hers, scores a triumph. Yet one has seen women who have been the centre of attraction to young girls have been left in the cold.

Come back to the fact that, after everything, depends upon the man. There was never a truer saying than that beauty is only skin deep. Beauty is a bad stayer in the battle of life, but charm lasts to the end.

Not a Matter of Marriage.

Some one says someone, "the most attractive woman at every stage of life has never married." No, she is not an old maid, that spinster lady, who is everybody's friend, the soul of the said, the comforter of the sad, the comrade of the lonely, the mother and friend of everybody who needs her—the general mother!

I believe me, one does not need to be a mother to be motherly. A woman is often more attractive mothering somebody else's child than the child herself, for the sense of motherhood is inborn, and if it is not there it cannot be brought out even by the rearing of a dozen children; and many a woman who will never know the joy of motherhood possesses all its sweetness and grace.

But that sweet picture of "Princess Pat" comes back to me. Yes, woman is most attractive to everybody, and not only to the man she loves and who loves her—when, Madonna-like, she bends with moist eyes adoring the face of her first-born.

Friendship.

A simple gift in need, a smile,
Kind words, a look, or sigh
Are priceless rubies all the while,
Bright stars in friendship's sky.

Their memory lingers thro' the years
Till at some future time,
They bring forth fruit, those smiles, those tears,
That make God's earth sublime.

A remarkable bird found in Mexico is the bee-martin, which has a trick of ruffling up the feathers on the top of its head into the exact semblance of a beautiful flower. When a bee comes along to sip honey from the supposed flower it is snapped up by the bird.

DIGESTIVE TROUBLES CAUSE DISTRESS

But They Are Nearly Always Due to Thin, Watery Blood.

Do not think that because your stomach is easily upset you are the victim of some serious malady. One of the most common predisposing causes of indigestion is anaemia, or thin, watery blood. In fact it has become generally recognized that healthy activity of the stomach is impossible unless the blood is rich and red.

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Diseases of Bees.

Bee diseases are of two kinds: Diseases of the adult bee, which happily, in Canada, have so far been of a transient nature because of effective treatment is known; and diseases of the brood, of which there are three, American foul-brood, European foul-brood, and Sacbrood.

Since each of these three diseases is treated differently, and since the first two cause great loss when neglected, it is important that every beekeeper should be able to recognize and distinguish them so as to treat the serious ones effectively and without delay.

The diseases affect the larva or worm stage of the bee.

In American foul-brood, the larva, just after capping, becomes a coffee-colored mass which is so tenacious or viscid that it will rope out sometimes to a length of several inches. A toothpick be inserted into the cell and withdrawn, and it has an unpleasant glue-like odor. The mass dries down to a scale that adheres tightly to the lower wall of the cell. The capping of the cell containing the affected larva is usually discolored; it is often irregularly perforated, or it may be removed altogether.

In European foul-brood, most of the larva are stricken before they are capped over. They lose their shape and collapse at the bottom of the cell, appearing as if they had been melted and turning to a light straw or gray color. The decayed brood has a slightly sour smell to which is sometimes added a strong odor of putrefaction. The mass ropes out either not at all or but little, and the dried scale is easily detached.

In Sacbrood, the full grown larva lies stretched out on its back in the cell, discolored, but with skin and shape intact. The juices of the larva are watery and contain curd-like particles.

American foul-brood is treated by shaking the bees into a clean hive containing frames fitted with foundation without any of the honey, and taking away the combs of brood and honey which contain the spores of the disease. The bees must not be allowed access to the honey unless it has been boiled for an hour, although it is fit for human use. The combs may be rendered into wax. The hive should be disinfected by scorching.

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Two Good Cat Stories.

The Spectator of London lately printed a number of stories in praise of the cat, and they have aroused an eager competition among the readers of the paper to win for their respective pets the distinction of the most remarkable cat in Great Britain. Extracts from two of the best letters follow. The first was written by a niece of Lord Kelvin, the eminent physicist:

We had a beautiful tabby Angora that was a great pet with us. One summer we got a couple of toads to watch their habits. Her ladyship, seeing them sprawling and naked, jumped up to investigate. When she found them also cold, her sympathy was unbounded. She curled herself round them and drew them into her soft, fluffy fur with gentle paws as if they had been young kittens; but we noticed that although she laid her chin on them and showed every sign of devotion she never attempted to lick them. When we returned them to their damp box in the cold cellar, she remonstrated and tried to pull them out with her paws. She did not use her mouth, as she would have done with a kitten, and she was so distressed that we had forcibly to remove her. First thing the next morning when she was let out of her sleeping quarters she returned to the cellar door and demanded entrance. Mewing pitifully, she haunted the place all day and neglected her food. We had to avoid letting her see the toads at all, as it always started her fretting anew.

This cat had limited but very strong affections. To my uncle, Lord Kelvin, she showed great devotion. She never failed to appear as soon as he came, and she sat with her paws on his foot gazing up at him with a look of absurd adoration. She always brought her kittens to him, even when they were very young, and she was not satisfied until he had examined and admired them. Once she went to fetch one that was old enough to have a will of its own. It took time to bring it, and meanwhile he had gone. Great were her lamentations when she deposited the kitten at his chair and, looking up, found it empty.

The other letter proved pussy's intellect to be as strong as her sympathies and affections: Not long ago a customer in a grocer's shop in Bloomsbury was waiting to be served. All of a sudden the grocer's cat began to mew appealingly. "All right," said the grocer, "I know what you want," and he threw the cat a penny. The cat stopped mewing and, dragging the penny across the floor, got it gradually into the street, where she virtually made her own purchase from the cat's meat man.

Clever Man.

"Dearest," said the young mother, "I've decided on a name for baby. We will call her Ermyntrude."

Her husband disapproved of the name, but, knowing if he said so, his wife would insist, he remained engrossed in thought a few seconds, then replied:

"That will do admirably, my dear. My first sweetheart's name was Ermyntrude; so she will take it as a compliment."

The baby, it may be said, was called Jane.

Get Out of That Groove.

Are you feeling quite a failure, are
you beaten in the strife?
Are you finding more of sadness than
of gladness in your life?
Are you thinking it were better to
cease struggling and give in
For your circumstances make it very
plain you cannot win?
If you'd not give in and stumble, if
you'd laugh at dull despair,
If you'd snap your fingers in the face
of soul-destroying care,
You must alter all your tactics, you
must make another move,
You must run on other lines, and you
must get out of that groove.

While your brain is strong and active
and your body fit for toil,
You must work well in the right way,
or you'll all your chances spoil;
You must find the proper channels for
your energy and strength
If you would climb to greater heights
and win success at length.
For you cannot empty oceans by just
toiling with a spoon,
Or win "a place within the sun" by
crying for the moon;
You'll win through if you make a
change and obstacles remove,
If you go on other lines, and if you
get out of that groove.

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What Happened.

A young man who was asked to spend Christmas with a maiden aunt in the country, having large expectations from that quarter, had to regard the invitation as a command performance. His aunt filled his plate with turkey and accessories, and then heaped up another plate with a Christmas pudding of the dreadnought brand. Fortunately the old lady was called from the room for a moment and the pudding went through the window into the garden. Some minutes later the maid entered, wearing a look of consternation. "Please, mum," she said, "three of our ducks is sunk."

The Victim.

The lesson was about the Prodigal Son, and the Sunday-school teacher was dwelling on the character of the elder brother.

"But amid all the rejoicing," he said, "there was one to whom the preparation of the feast brought no joy, to whom the Prodical's return gave no pleasure, but only bitterness; one who had no wish to attend it. Now, can any one of you tell me who this was?"

There was a breathless silence. Then from a dozen sympathetic scholars came the chorus:—

"Please, sir, it was the fatted calf."

It casts a light on Russian affairs to know that there is no word for "efficiency" in the Russian language. Although some nations exaggerate the importance of efficiency until it becomes a mania,—Germany, for example,—the lack of the idea in Russian speech is reflected in most Russian activities.

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Beautiful Cannibals.

According to travellers who have lived among them, some of the most beautiful women in the world are to be found among the natives of the Cannibal Islands, South Pacific.

The men are tall and massive, while the women are beautifully formed and very graceful, their skin being tawny like that of a white man who has been deeply tanned by the sun.

Here is a description of one of them given by Mr. Frederick O'Brien, a distinguished traveller, who spent twelve months among the cannibals.

"'Vanquished Often' was, perhaps, thirteen, with a grace of carriage, a beauty and perfection of feature, a rich coloring no canvas could depict. Her skin was of warm olive hue, with tinges of red in the cheeks, and the lips cherry red. Her eyes were dark brown, large, melting, childishly introspective. Her hands were shapely, and her little bare feet, arched, rosy-nailed were like flowers in the sand. She wore the slimmest of white cotton tunics, and there were flamboyant flowers in the shining dark hair that tumbled to her waist."

Nudity is commonplace among these islanders at the bathing beach. To their minds modesty has nothing whatever to do with clothes. And it is at the beach that most of the courting is done. A youth finds a girl to his liking, and takes her home to his mother. If mother gives her consent a wedding follows; if not, the youth goes to the beach for another girl. They are plentiful, and, as far as charms are concerned, there is little to choose between them.

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The lark is my morning alarmer;
So, jolly boys, now,
Here's God speed the plough,
Long life and success to the farmer.

From the Old English.

Who wants an enemy, let him lend some money.

The crooked stick is at the farther end of the wood.

BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Didn't See the Joke.

"Well," said Snaggs, "many dogs have more sense than their masters."

"Yes," chimed in Craggs: "I have a dog like that myself."

And yet he couldn't understand why they laughed.

Jimmie Knew.

A teacher was instructing a class in English and called on a small boy named Jimmy Brown.

"James," she said, "write on the board 'Richard can ride the mule he wants to.'"

"Now," continued the teacher when Jimmy had finished writing, "can you find a better form for that sentence?"

"Yes, ma'am, I think I can," was the prompt answer. "'Richard can ride the mule if the mule wants him to.'"

Careless of Him.

Mrs. Jones' mirth was so pronounced that it attracted the attention of her husband.

"What are you laughing at?" he asked.

"Maud's letter. She writes that they had foggy weather all the way across."

"I don't see anything funny in that."

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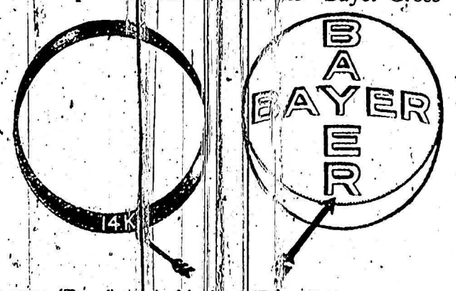

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