

The Old Girl.

When a young lady reaches the age of twenty-four or five without having secured that most desirable, a husband, she is styled by her plying friends "an old girl."

Fast leaving behind her the smiling, happy, and altogether delightful life of the former, she verges upon the miserable, forlorn existence of the latter.

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Young girls, having their first delightful experience of beans and balls, look upon the "old girl" as an antediluvian creature who should keep her place, not to go to parties, trying to attract attention, "hateful old thing."

It is generally and universally believed that the "old girl" would get married if she could. It is freely admitted that it isn't her fault. It would be ridiculous absurd to suppose that she would refuse an offer, and therefore, all undesirable unmarried men who come along, are looked upon as suitable matches for the "old girl."

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On examination of the horse's legs he found 22 little holes from eleven of which the blood was flowing. The horse was removed to another stable and soon recovered from the sores, but strange to say his appetite has almost failed him; he refuses oats, and as a consequence has fallen off in flesh, so much so that now he is almost useless.

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