

GLANCES IN MY LADY'S MIRROR

Business Girls as Wives

At the Home Economics convention last week in the course of a discussion one of the women deplored the growing desire of Canadian girls for a business life evidently under the impression that it would spoil them for home makers. Does it? Do business women make good wives? In former times, when the field for women's activities was much more limited than it is at present, the answer would probably have been an immediate and overwhelming "no!" but now, when almost every branch of business is open to women, the subject must be studied in connection with the new conditions. What kind of helpmate will the business woman make? Will her business experience render her a better companion and more efficient home maker, or will it unfit her for the position of wife? Because of the lingering influences of old prejudices, many are ready to say that the latter will be the case, that her experience in office or shop will be a daily reminder to her that many people will cause her to be dissatisfied with the duties of home, and its more limited horizon. But this view, hardly takes into account the lessons she learned in business life. One of the first lessons that a successful business woman learns is to weigh propositions carefully, to look at a question from all sides, to consider the disadvantages of the case as well as its advantages, and then make a decision. It is very likely then that before she renounces her business life for the position of home maker she will very carefully consider the various phases of that position, from a practical as well as from a sentimental standpoint, and having made her decision it will be because she has assured herself that the portion of wife, with its duties as well as pleasures, offers her a more satisfying field for action than does the business world. Having arrived at her decision by the sound reasoning of a disciplined mind, it is not probable that she will thereafter become dissatisfied. Some of the other lessons learned in a business life are those of patience, forbearance, perseverance and practicability. Do not these qual-

ties go far in the making of good wifehood and motherhood? Will not the punctuality that is required in the business life, as well as the need for accuracy in attention in details, become habits which will make for a well-regulated household? In the average home the most important duties of the wife is the handling of the finances, and whether the expenditure is large or small, it is essential that good judgment be used in the disbursements. Where can better training in this line be obtained than in a business office where it is the constant endeavor of each employee, from the manager down to the office boy, to have the business show a fair margin of profit at the end of the year? In the business office the young woman has learned the value of money, how to invest it, so that it may yield a fair return, learned to estimate the cost of a specified piece of work and then how to have the work done in a satisfactory manner for the estimated cost. Is it not true that the knowledge thus gained will be used to good advantage in the management of the household expenses? Will not the needs of the family income so applied as to cover those needs? There is not much likelihood of a wife's spending most of the weekly allowance for a hat which she didn't need but bought because "it was such a love of a hat," if for several years she has managed to make a salary of modest dimensions cover the cost of board, clothing, car fare, etc. "But," you say, "the tired business man doesn't want a wife who can talk business to him when he comes home at night." Of course he doesn't, and no woman can so readily understand that as the one who has experienced the fatigue of office work, recalling days during her business career when the duties were so heavy that the only thing that kept her going was the thought of a long restful evening when the day's demands were ended. She realizes that not only does he not want to go over all the office affairs at home, but he does not want poured into his ears all the petty annoyances which have developed during the day in the management of the household.

a Farm Women's bureau in the department of agriculture. New York city has more woman wage earners, than the total population of Washington, D.C. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont has opened a free soup kitchen for women and girls out of work in New York city. Manufacturing establishments in Philadelphia employ over 1,500 women as overseers and foremen. Mrs. Joel H. Nide, of Fort Wayne, Ind., besides being an architect, makes a specialty of homes. Grand Duchess Marie, of Luxembourg, who is only 21 years of age, is the youngest ruler in the world. Emmy Destinn, the opera singer, is to become an American citizen, having already applied for her citizenship. Mrs. Bidie C. Kojuharoff, of Denver, Col., boasts of being the mother of five children before she was seventeen years of age. Fifty-one per cent. of the women employed in the department stores of New York city earn less than \$7 per week. Miss Flora Holt, a Milwaukee stenographer, who recently felt heir to \$250,000, has quit her job so that a poor girl may get it. New York city is to have a Women's Municipal club composed exclusively of women employed in the various city departments. Mrs. R. C. Sautley, wife of Lieutenant Sautley, of the United States navy, made a successful flight recently in a Curtis flying boat. Gladys Feldman is known as the highest salaried chorus girl in the world, receiving \$100 per week for 52 weeks in the year. Mrs. M. F. Mehrtens Thormann has been appointed handicapper of the woman swimmers registered with the Amateur athletic union. An Indianapolis bank has a woman social secretary whose duty it is to look after the welfare and comfort of the bank's depositors. Nearly 60,000 women registered at the polls in Chicago recently, being only about 15,000 less than the males who registered on the same day. Miss Addie S. Hoyer, for more than a quarter of a century clerk to the superintendent of public schools in Philadelphia has resigned. **How to Cure a Cold.** The way (ka-choo!) to cure a cold is just (ka-choo!) like this: Do not in wraps yourself enfold As in a chrysalis; Expose yourself to good fresh air A lot (ka-choo! ka-choo!). Don't make yourself, by too much care. As tender as can be; Take lots of outdoor exercise. Don't dread the chill night air, Shun heated rooms, if you'd be wise, And rubbers never wear; Thus you will hardened be (ker chow!) Till colds won't trouble you, I've proved this recipe—that's how I always do (ka-choo!) —Kansas City Star. **In the Office Building.** "Spouse my face is dirty," said the office boy in the elevator, "what business is that of your? You ain't my father." "No, but I'm bringing you up," replied the elevator man.—Boston Transcript.

Activities OF Women

Oregon has six woman undertakers. Women clergymen in Oregon number seventeen. Cleveland has a Wage Earners' Suffrage club. New York city has four woman fire inspectors. Women learn to run an automobile more quickly than men. There are over 300 woman architects in the United States. The Ohio Farm Women's club has 66 clubs in 31 counties. Maid servants in Berlin earn on an average of \$5 per month. Over one half of the total factory forces in Japan are women. Women now have the right to sit in the New Zealand parliament. French women are considered the leaders in the art of cookery. Births increased over 5,000 in New York city during the last year. The public schools of New York city employ over 31,000 woman teachers. Julia Marlowe, the actress, has been converted to the suffrage cause. Marriage in Wisconsin under the

new eugenic law fell off 3,800 last year. Gossiping has been put under the ban by the Mother's club of Gardner, Kan. Female laundry workers in Kansas City earn from \$4.50 to \$10 per week. Thirty-nine patents were granted to woman inventors during November of last year. Miss Anna Barrett, of Larimore, N.D., is the champion hog grower in that state. Women are fast crowding the men in professional occupations in the United States. Over 50,000 women took farm courses by mail from the Nebraska University last year. Congress is being urged to create

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