

Alkali in Shampoos Bad for the Hair

If you want to keep your hair looking its best, be careful what you wash it with. Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it.

The best thing for steady use is fast ordinary mulsified coconut oil (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than anything else you can use.

One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage.

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J. J. Astor's First Wife Now Lady Ribblesdale. Has Had Romantic Career

WITH the marriage of Mrs. Astor to Lord Ribblesdale, the curtain now goes up on the fourth act of a striking life drama, in which a woman, long accounted the most beautiful in America, arrives at the greatest social heights.

Lady Ribblesdale's first husband was John Jacob Astor, one of the richest men in the world. Her wealth, beauty and distinction finally made her not only a leader of New York's four hundred, but in London society as well, with King Edward as guest at more than one of her entertainments.

There was a momentary darkening of the social skies when Queen Mary showed her disapproval of the Astor divorce, but that was perhaps before she understood all the circumstances. At all events, Mrs. Astor has now crowned her social achievements by wedding a man who has much to offer her besides a title and a leading position in English society.

From her early childhood in one of the most cultivated homes of Philadelphia, Ava Willing's extraordinary beauty attracted interested attention. She grew up in an atmosphere of devotion and homage.

And when John Jacob Astor began to look about him for a wife, he followed the custom of the men of his family. He selected the most beautiful and distinguished girl he could find—the daughter of Edward S. Willing of Philadelphia, connoisseur in objects of art and descendant of an old and proud Quaker family.

It is the first act of the drama we glimpse through the eyes of a Kansas City woman, who was invited to a luncheon back in 1890 in Philadelphia. At her side sat Ava Willing, then a girl of twenty.

"She was the loveliest creature I ever had seen," the Kansas City woman said. "It wasn't merely that her features were regular, her coloring rich and harmonious. It was rather the regal way she carried herself, and the way her head was set on her shoulders. I cannot describe it adequately, but at all events her appearance gave me a new standard of feminine beauty."

"I saw her three years later at the Chicago World's Fair, and the change in her face was pathetic. She was in a wheel chair and her husband was walking beside her. But Mrs. Astor looked anything but happy. She was still lovely, of course, but the warm interest in life that had shone out of her expressive face was gone. She looked inexplicably sad and forlorn. It occurred to me then that millions hadn't meant much to Ava Willing."

It was not surprising that some of Miss Willing's Philadelphia friends should look upon her marriage to young Astor as somewhat in the nature of a misalliance. In spite of his princely fortune and the fact that his bride would have an opportunity to succeed his mother as leader of New York's exclusive set.

What Ava Willing thought may perhaps be read between the lines of her conduct. Gossip said John Jacob Astor—Col. "Jack" he became after the Spanish-American War—was inclined to be parsimonious where his wife was concerned, however, frastly

he spent money on others. They had it that the lovely bride was not indulged in a private bathroom in the Southern Hotel where they stayed on their honeymoon, but that she was obliged to walk the length of the suite to a bath at the end of the hall.

However, she accepted her role, and in an incredibly short time was letter perfect in the part of sub-social leader, with her famous mother-in-law as chief adviser.

After her son, Vincent went to school the younger Mrs. Astor took her little daughter, Alice Muriel, now 17 years old, and went more than once for a summer or winter in England.

Sometimes her husband went with them, but not always, and finally there came a summer when he left them in Europe and came to America, took his son out of school and went sailing with him on the yacht Nourmahal for parts unknown.

It was said he didn't wish Vincent to be humiliated by the announcement he knew was coming. Three days after they departed, Mrs. Astor arrived in New York and the suit for divorce was immediately brought.

After the separation, Mrs. Astor went back to Philadelphia, taking her little daughter, Alice Muriel, with her, and leaving the son, Vincent, then 17 years old, to the care of his father. Little Alice—she is called "Muriel" now—wrote to her father that her mother was very sad, and the colonel showed the letter to many of his friends.

But the expected reconciliation did not take place. Mrs. Astor, who had been a great social success in England, and her friendship of King Edward, returned there, only to be snubbed by Queen Mary.

Mrs. Astor decided to return to the United States, but did not stay long on this side, restlessly moving from one place to another, then returned to England, taking some great houses in Grosvenor Square, only to give it up in a day or a week and take another. She had her private fortune, left by her father, and she received an allowance variously stated as from \$50,000 a year to \$25,000.

Meanwhile, two pretty young girls were being prepared by a clever mother, so goes the story, for social conquest. She was a mother from whom much can be learned by those who wish to become social matters. She had decided that her daughters looked better on the tennis courts than anywhere else. She made them learn tennis, and to play the game so well that they could look well while playing it.

It is said she imagined that the older one should catch the eye of John Jacob Astor, the tennis loving divorced one. But it was not upon Katherine Force the millionaire's eye fell with favor, but upon her younger sister, Madeline, who even then was reported to be engaged to William Dick, who is now her husband.

A yachting party was suggested and Astor told the girls they could invite anyone they chose. Madeline chose William Dick, but didn't have a very good time. Miss Madeline was monopolized by the host, and the marriage followed.

When informed of it, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor was in England, but she had not a word to say, nor did she disclose the slightest interest.

She remained in England until the Titanic disaster, in which her former husband was drowned, giving the third act its high note of tragedy.

She was invited by her successor to attend the funeral, but did not accept, coming home soon after and adopting the name of Mrs. John Astor. Undoubtedly she could have resumed her social leadership had she so desired, but after the marriage of her son to Madeline Huntington, she returned to England, where she was variously reported to be engaged to Lord Curzon, Lord Ravenwood and a titled Austrian much younger than herself.

Lord Ribblesdale has had a popularity in British society by reason of his personal bearing, rank and sporting proclivities, as great as that possessed by the former Mrs. Astor in America. Long known as "the handsomest peer in Parliament," he is an imposing figure and has long been famous in many walks of life.

Lord Ribblesdale during his first matrimonial tie—that with Charlotte Monkton, daughter of the late Sir Charles Tennant, who died in 1911—was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Aquith.

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Ladies' fine Cotton Corset Covers .35c. and 98c.
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Ladies' Silk Poplin Dress Skirts \$5.49
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