

Men and Women—

Do U.S. Women Dominate Men?
Facts Show Wives Rule Roosts

By ERIC E. BLAU
FOREIGNERS have been accusing the good old U. S. A. of being a "woman's country." The girls not only own most of the wealth, they say, but they run things from Maine to California the way they want to.

Oh, of course—they go on the men may seem to be running the show, but the women are really in the saddle—because they run the men. They do it right from the cradle and straight through married life.

These foreigners talk about it with scornfully, too, as if this is one back of a man for any civilized country to be in.



WELL there's no question that a lot of American women, through the blessings of independence and education, have more behind-the-scenes influence on men than anywhere else.

Many a man in this country comes out swinging for an idea, or a new law or a West Indies cruise because a woman at home has kept backing him into a corner.

He may be a big shot at the office in that brown leather chair with the brass head nails, and people may polish up his inkwell and call him Sir or G. J. or Your Honor, but when he's home he's just so much putty to his wife and daughter.

TO ILLUSTRATE with a news item: Not long ago the wife of a New York state senator read an article on juvenile welfare in a woman's magazine.

She put a burr under her husband to place a copy on every other senator's desk and to make a speech on it;

and as a result a bill was written and became a law.

That kind of thing is going on all the time. It goes on in aldermen's homes, in Elks' conventions, in firehouses, in the White House.

THE girls put the pressure on American men in another way, too. Women's buying, of course, which amounts to 80 per cent of all retail sales, runs our industries and has created millions of jobs ever since advertising went to work on the girls.

So the American businessman is dominated not only by a woman at home who wants things but by several million outside.

Is all this "domination" ruining the country? Well, look at results, compared to other places. If the girls are the ones who are running the U. S. A., if they have such a big hand in making it the way it is—they're not doing a bad job. They're more to be patted than censured, don't you think?

We, the Women—
Abandon
Grandma's
Methods

By RUTH MILLETT
NEA Staff Writer

THE AVERAGE housewife spends a lot of unnecessary time and back-breaking effort doing her daily chores because she is still following the old-fashioned domestic routines established by "Grandma," says Dr. Elaine Knowles Weaver, house-keeping research authority of Ohio State University.

Dr. Weaver spends her time figuring out ways of cutting down on the time and effort involved in performing household tasks—working out short cuts and more efficient methods that, if adopted by the average housewife, could shorten her working hours and reduce her fatigue at the end of the day.

THAT, it would seem, is the kind of problem most housewives could figure out for themselves, if they put their minds to it.

In fact, Dr. Weaver says she knows of one housewife who cut two and a half hours off her working day by making her own time and motion study.

The only drawback is that along with inheriting Grandma's outmoded housekeeping methods, a good many housewives have also inherited Grandma's attitude of resignation to the job's endlessness.

Instead of trying to do their jobs as quickly and as efficiently as possible and then quitting, they get a sort of satisfaction over never "getting through."

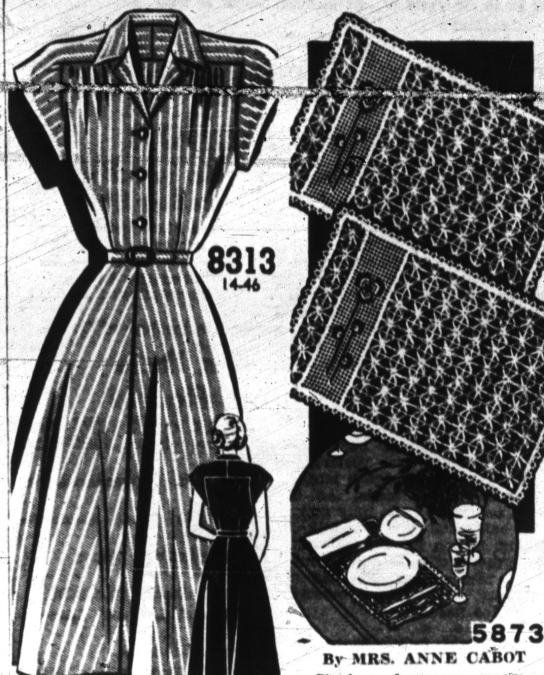
Before they can be tempted to abandon Grandma's methods they'll have to abandon Grandma's philosophy.

DR. ANSWERS—

Question: What causes loss of hair in a girl 15 years old?
Answer: At this age, loss of hair is usually a condition known as alopecia areata, or baldness in spots. In this condition the hair generally grows back in time but a skin specialist's advice is desirable.

Question: What vegetables are strengthening and beneficial for the eyes of an adult?
Answer: There is no one foodstuff which has a definite value for the eyes. Carrots are supposed to increase the ability of some people to see in semi-darkness.

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The Doctor Says—
Heredity
Plays Role
In Disease

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.

SOME DISEASES run in families or are definitely transmitted from generation to generation. These are caused by a real defect in the germ plasma of the family involved. Among diseases in this class are several conditions of the nervous system.

One of the most extraordinary of such nervous conditions is known as Friedrich's ataxia, which is a disease involving the spinal cord primarily. The defect may be carried by either parent. It is sometimes hidden, that is, the parents do not show active signs of the disease although it is always present in the family.

Friedrich's ataxia starts in childhood, but sometimes is delayed until after the age of 30. In such cases, the victim may know nothing about it until after he or she has married and has had children who are afflicted.

AT THE beginning, the signs of this condition start gradually. An awkwardness in walking and a tendency to stuttle and fall easily are characteristic. As the disease progresses, the gait becomes more irregular and clumsy. Staggering or reeling from side to side is common.

In advanced cases irregular movements not subject to the control of the will are frequently seen. The head and neck are likely to make nodding movements or spasms. Spinal curvature is common and jerky movements of the eyes are also frequent.

There is no satisfactory treatment for this malady. Its inherited nature gives the clue to its conquest: If those who are afflicted or have it in the family do not have children, the disease will die out.

There are other nervous conditions which are known to be on an inherited basis. Most of these are fortunately rather rare and for this reason do not carry much weight in the family except to nerve specialists.

Electric Gadget
Cooks Frankfurters.

A new table model electric frankfurter cooker holds three frankfurters and cooks them in less than two minutes. Each end of the frankfurters is pierced by a carbon electric prong.

The cooker's lid acts as a switch—when it's closed electricity is sent through the frankfurters. Because they contain a salt solution that sets up a resistance, the frankfurters are cooked from the inside to the outside.

Bridge—
Endplay Is Cue to the Contract
Hand Is From Women's Contest

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

EARLIER THIS year Mrs. Jo Gutman of Covington Ky., started to write a local daily bridge column in the Cincinnati (O.) Post. Tournament bridge in Cincinnati has a large following. There are several life masters there and a number of champions. Mrs. Gutman and Mrs. L. Goldstein, of Cincinnati, won the national women's pair championship in Chicago last August, the second year in a row that they have carried off the title.

Today's lesson hand is taken from the national women's pair contest. The four and five no trump bids were Blackwood bids asking for aces and kings. Seven clubs could have been made quite easily. But Mrs. Gutman said "Buck fever got me." She stopped at six no trump, and she had to make it or lose the championship.

SHE WON the opening lead of the four of spades with the ace. West's overall showed the king of spades and probably the king of diamonds. At this point Mrs. Gutman cashed the ace and king of hearts in dummy, and neither the queen nor the jack fell. Now she ran seven straight club tricks, king-ten into dummy's ace-queen

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