

The Diary of an Engaged Girl

By Phyllis Phillips

I spent the whole afternoon entertaining Cornelia Evans. We had a wonderful time. Cornelia has been married two years, and was discussing husbands, matrimony as an institution (which she hasn't too much praise for) and careers. We got terribly involved in our own philosophies somehow or other, and finally called on the argument as being unsuited to artistic temperaments, which as we all know are not apt to be consistent nor reasonable.

We had tea, and felt that we were expressing our deepest selves much more effectively by that simple act, and a mild discussion about the relative values of the academic and the futurist schools, than by any futile dips into the psychology of husbands.

Cornelia has made me think, however. She has some strange tales to tell about her two years' experience as a wife. Of course, Cornelia is Cornelia, and I am I—but she went into rude shrieks of laughter when I said this, and told me that those had been her very words some three years before, when friends of hers had regaled her with some of their confidences. In fact, according to Cornelia, there never was a prospective bride who did not feel in some strange way, unknown to the world, she was different from the ordinary run of prospective brides, and wives, and therefore could not have the same fate in store as those others.

Now, when Cornelia dares to tell

me that the day will surely come when even I, like unto the rest of the common herd, will live to be annoyed or worse, will even be bored at the sound of Jack's latch-key rasping (that's the word she used) in the lock, I feel that somehow or other Cornelia herself is at fault. She has slipped up somewhere. I suggested this, in my quiet little way, and sent that foolish girl into new fits of laughter.

To be sure, Cornelia confesses honestly enough that she does not blame Billy for the situation any more than she does herself. No, she simply lays it up to matrimony, as is, and the fact that she ever ended into that state! I felt very sure of certain things, problems, then raging in my soul, as she talked, but said little. I have the gift of silence, fortunately.

Cornelia tells me that all husbands are alike, that is after the first year. Pathetically so. Dear, dear, and I still have my illusions. Wives, too, it seems, are singularly similar in their ways and outlooks. Wives in fact are the great stars of modern times, and unsung heroines of the age.

I suddenly remembered a glimpse I had of Cornelia's apartment, and with vivid accuracy recalled the appearance of that untidy parlor, bedroom and bath, as seen by me. Now what I do know is that all wives are not untidy. Cornelia is wrong, somewhere.

We ended our afternoon gossip by promising to again compare notes—two years from today.

Holy Week Services in City Churches

St. Andrew's—Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Way of the Cross, laments and benediction.

St. Mary's—Holy hour, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.

United Brethren—The Rev. C. W. Brewbaker, of Dayton, will conduct evangelistic services at 7:30 each evening.

St. Paul's Episcopal—Services each day at 10, 4 and 7:30.

First English Lutheran—The Rev. F. A. Dresel will speak at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday on "The Meat Offering."

Second English Lutheran—Services at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, and continued each day at the same hour until Friday evening.

St. Paul's Lutheran—Service Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Continuous service from 12 to 3 p. m. Friday.

Trinity English Lutheran—Lenten services Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m.

St. John's Lutheran—German Lenten services Holy Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

First Baptist—Pre-Easter evangelistic services each day during the week at 7:30 p. m. Sermons by the pastor.

Reid Memorial—Services preparatory to communion Thursday and Friday evenings.

First M. E.—Rev. R. L. Seamans, the pastor, will preach at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday on the "Widow's Mite." All the unit leaders are requested to be present.

Heart Problems

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Lime Needed for Most Soils, Gardeners Warned

There is no certain means by which the average gardener can determine the lime requirements of his soil. As a general rule, however, the application of a small quantity of lime will be beneficial. This should be at the rate of from one-half bushel to one bushel of air slaked lime to a square rod of ground. The lime should be applied after the land has been plowed or spaded and while it is being raked and fitted for planting.

It should always be borne in mind that no lime should be put on the land that is to be planted to Irish potatoes, nor should the lime be applied at the same time as commercial fertilizers or poultry manure, as it has the faculty of liberating the nitrogen contained in the fertilizer and causing it to be lost in the air.

Unbleached wood ashes contain some lime and considerable potash, but should not be applied at the same time as the lime. Coal ashes are beneficial as a means of lightening heavy soils. However, they have very little fertilizer value, the United States Department of Agriculture says.

VETERAN CAPTAIN SUCCUMBS. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 29.—Captain Frank B. Gurley, 84 years old, Confederate veteran and founder of Gurley, Ala., died there. Captain Gurley commanded a Confederate troop of cavalry in the Fourth Alabama Regiment under General N. B. Forrest. He was the officer who shot and killed General Robert L. McCook, of Cincinnati, when he refused to surrender in a raid.

RATS GASSED IN A MINE. LONDON, England.—After the miners had left a colliery, sulphur was placed at the bottom of the main shaft and lit. The ventilating fan was kept going and the rats scurried to another shaft where they were crowded together, but suffocated. Thousands of rats were killed.

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