THINGS FEMININE

THROUGH A Woman's Eyes

By JEAN NEWTON

THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD LIKES "I"

AN INTERNATIONAL kindergarten survey showed that the word most frequently used by children of five years of age is "I"!

That does not prove, of course, that a person who is fond of the word "I" necessarily has a mentality of five. But the connection is unavoidable!

And this is one characteristic that we cannot attribute particularly to women! Thanks be for that.

As we sit back and smile at the grown-up children who, like above all else to say "I," we can smile with the pleasing realization that they are not preponderantly of our own sex.

There are so many ways of saying "I" without actually using the word.

All the dogmatic opinions, all the arbitrariness, all the "laying down the law" in this world is merely another expression of the spirit of "I."

The people who are always sure of themselves, sure that they are right, that they must be right, theirs is just another way of saying "I." And theirs is a very evident kinship with the five-year-old.

For it is only as the mind grows mature that it begins to question itself, its own motives, its own rightness. It is when we begin to really know something of all this infiniteness that we realize how much we do not know. Then we are not very sure of ourselves, then when we indulge the "I" we do it with a sense of embarrassment.

Does it irritate you, fill you with annoyance when one of the sure-people are so constant with their "I's?" Well, don't let it. Would you be angry with a five-year-old?

Lye Softens Water

About the cheapest and most effective softener for hard water is high grade pure lye. Hard water carefully softened in this way may be used without harmful results for almost anything from bathing the baby to laundering delicate fabrics. Dissolve a can of lye in two pints of water in an enamel or stone container, being careful to avoid the fumes. As soon as the solution has stopped fuming stir it to prevent the lye from settling. One tablespoon of solution is added to each gallon of water to be softened, which must then stand for three days. If too much lye is added it will irritate the skin and weaken fabrics. Water may be easily tested by inserting a small strip of red litmus paper (inexpensive and sold at drugstores) in the water. If the paper turns blue add more water until the paper no longer changes color.

THE THINGS YOU THINK

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THE things you think men care about
When you stay home, when you step out,
Are not the things, it may befall,
That people care about at all.
Some are so careful of their dress,
Yet guilty of the carelessness,
Some merry night, some busy day,
Of what they do and what they say.

The things you think that callers note,
And long remember when remote,
Are not the things remembered then
By other women, other men.
Some are so careful that the drapes
Are certain colors, certain shapes,
And yet their house may be a place
Without a single Christian grace.

The things you think that men discuss
When time has had its time with us
Are not the things that men relate,
Our worth, or wealth, to estimate.
Some are so careful that they leave
A great estate to those who grieve,
And yet their monument shall be
Not money, but a memory.

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Beau Geste

Beau geste means beautiful exploit, beautiful feat or beautiful gesture.

Smart Ensemble

Jane Wyatt here displays a three piece suit, with fabric of small check in beige and wine red. The knee length overcoat is cut on swagger lines with mannish revers. The hip length jacket is styled with four patchpockets cut on the bias. The belt is wine red leather. With the ensemble, Miss Wyatt wears a wine red velour hat, wine and beige silk scarf and wine accessories.

Lynn Wins Medal

Lynn Fontanne, famous actress, has been awarded the stage diction medal by the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She was born in London in 1882 and is the wife of Alfred Lunt, actor

Women To Be Heard On Farm And Home Hour

Miss Martha Manahan, home demonstration agent for Howard county, and Mrs. Howard Brown, farm woman of Woodstock, will be two of the main speakers on the regular Home Demonstration Radio Hour which will be presented on February 5th from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. Other speakers on the program will be Thelma Beall, home management specialist, Columbus, Ohio; and Caroline B. Sherman, associate agricultural economist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Music will be provided by the Homesteaders' Orchestra.

Vermin Avoid Paint

Application of new paint throughout the house is one of the best ways of attacking household vermin. Most of these pests will not remain around fresh paint. It not only kills or drives them off but will prevent their eggs from hatching.

Mother's Cook Book

SOME GOOD RECIPES

IF YOU like the Chinese dishes this will be one to prepare for the guests who also enjoy them:

Crab and Egg Omelet.

If the fresh shrimps or crab is used, cook and cool. Shred one cupful of crab or shrimp. Cut one cupful of lean pork into inch long narrow strips. Use scissors for the cutting. Soak one-fourth of a cupful of dried mushrooms, then cut into strips. Slice one large mild onion and cut fine into strips. Fry the pork in two tablespoonfuls of peanut oil until tender and brown. Add onion, one cupful of bamboo shoots and mushrooms, a tablespoonful of soy sauce. Just before dinner beat six eggs, add the finely cut crab or shrimp and the vegetable mixture. Fry in a small amount of peanut oil, in small bits like a pancake.

Lobster Club Sandwich.

Toast bread cut one-third of an inch thick, butter and keep hot. Allow two slices for each person to be served. Saute the lobster in a little butter, use either fresh or canned. Season well with salt, pepper and a teaspoonful of currant jelly. Fry bacon until crisp. Place slices of bacon on toast and over this a layer of pieces of lobster; cover with mayonnaise, then top with a piece of crisp lettuce or chilled watercress; make another layer of bacon and lobster and on top place a slice of toast. Garnish the sandwiches with sliced tomato, mayonnaise and lemon. Cut into triangles and serve.

Pimiento Cup With Egg and Celery.

Drain the small red peppers from their liquor, place in gem pans to fill. Fill with the following salad: Chop one cupful of celery very fine and mix with two hard cooked eggs chopped. Into this stir one-half cupful of mayonnaise and fill the cups. Decorate with mayonnaise and small shapes cut of green pepper. Serve very cold on crisp lettuce with toasted biscuit and cheese.

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Getting Rid Of Fleas

Fleas are just about the most bothersome parasitic pests afflicting man or beast. These active creatures are found most often around farms or homes where there are such animals as rats, dogs or cats. Since only a month is required for the transition from egg to adult stage several generations are possible in a year if unchecked. Adult females lay their eggs while feeding on animals. These sift down into the litter or bedding where they hatch and feed on animal offal until large enough to transfer to a living host. In preventing or cleaning up an infestation of fleas, first clean out the breeding places by destroying the bedding. Then treat infested places with coal oil or other strong insecticide. Continue this treatment each week until all fleas are destroyed. If they invade the house or basement, which they are likely to do if there are pets around, liberal use of fly sprays or insecticides in closed rooms is effective. It is well to remember that the rat flea, a close relative of the dog flea, is a carrier of the Bubonic plague, well known to Oriental countries.

National 4-H Club Broadcast Saturday

The next National 4-H Club Radio Broadcast will be heard over the National Broadcasting system February 1 from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. These broadcasts are held under the direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the various state agricultural colleges.

Speakers on the February 1st program will include O. E. Baker, W. A. Lloyd, Gertrude L. Warren, and C. W. Warburton, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In addition, the second phase of the 1936 National 4-H Music Hour will be presented on the same program by the U. S. Marine Band under the direction of Captain Taylor Branson. The compositions, which will be eight in number, will be discussed by R. A. Turner.

Hi Ho's Regrets

"I read Confucius," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "and only regret that my country could not finance his works as a best seller."

"Grace Darling" of North Wales

MRS. ELIZABETH JONES, the "Grace Darling" of North Wales, who spends a lonely life on Llanddwyn island, Anglesey, is shown handling the oars in the male fashion. Besides being relief lighthouse keeper, she takes her share of coast watching and helps with the pilot boat.

To Match the Car

This chic new sports hat for winter is made of automobile upholstery fabric. Influenced by the attractive interiors of the 1936 models, the designer selected taupe mohair velvet with the new "breathing back" that makes it soft and easy to tailor, so milady now may have a hat to match her car if she chooses.

Big Velvet Cape

This enormous cape of parma violet silk velvet, trimmed with bands of shirred ruffles, is worn over a pale violet glace satin gown. Cut with low fullness in the back, the one-piece gown is made with a peplum effect. The costume is from Bonwit-Teller.

A Verse From The Bible

Evil shall slap the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.—Psalms 34:21.

RESPONSIBLE

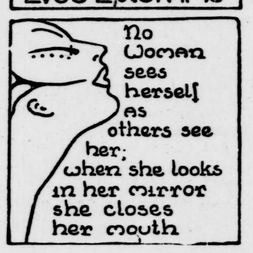
By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

I DO not think that I could drink a part
Instead of play it, making drink my art,
Nor think that I, my very soul undressed,
Could make a woman's virtue but a jest.
I do not think that I could do these things,
No matter what the recompense it brings,
And not look farther than my weekly pay,
A little farther than my ease today.

A thousand theaters I would behold,
Would see them now, and see them when I'm old,
Where youths and maidens sit in semi-dark,
On whom each word and gesture leave a mark.
If I were showing little children's eyes
To drink is clever and to sin is wise,
Then I would wish to seek some secret place,
Ashamed to look all children in the face.

I do not think that I could speak a line
To some one's child I would not speak to mine,
Nor speak to age, however gray and sere,
A line not fit for anyone to hear.
For they who play with hearts upon the stage,
Or mold the mind upon the printed page,
Cannot, whatever their excuse may be,
Escape their great responsibility.

Eve's Epigrams



Dinner Ensemble

Mme. Suzy poises a black jet bird on the tiny pillbox hat of black antelope that is worn with Marcella Dormoy's new black broadcloth dinner ensemble. The dress is floor length and is slit from nape to waist in the back. The hip-length jacket is slightly flared.

To Make Leather Soft

Softness can often be restored to handbags and other leather goods which have become dry and hard by applying a dressing compound of equal portions of neat's-foot and castor oils. It should be remembered, however, that any oil dressing will likely darken the color to some extent. Only a thin coating of the dressing should be applied at a time. A heavy coat may cause the leather to remain greasy to the touch.

By-Products of Dairy Industry

The bureau of dairy industry says that the principal chemicals which are considered by-products of the dairy industry are casein, lactose, milk albumen and lactic acid.

Scarcity Of Husbands

Educated women of marriageable age started the year 1936 with very gloomy prospects, although this is leap year which automatically gives the ladies the right to propose. The trouble is that there aren't enough good prospective husbands to go around. That is a sad state of affairs for the many, many girls who hope to make the leap into martial bliss this leap year, but it is the truth. In the early days of our country the menfolks faced the sad predicament of a scarcity of eligible women for wives. There just weren't enough women to go around. Consequently there weren't very many old maids or wall flowers. But today the tables hav turned. According to Dr. Paul Popenoe, director of the Institute of Family relations in Los Angeles, there are not enough good marriageable men today to give each eligible girl her man. Oother nations, he says, have long faced a like situation. But the present shortage of marriageable men, he points out, is not biological, since boy and girl babies are born in about equal numbers. It is due to economic, educational psychological factors. However, Dr. Popenoe's four principal reasons for the unsufficiency of marriageable men are: the tendency of men to marry women less intelligent than themselves; the partiality of men for women younger than themselves; the higher education of women which sometimes turns their thoughts in other directions or unfits them for marriage; and the drift of educated women into careers where they meet few men. These reasons become clearer, he says, when it is shown that the shortage of good husbands affects mainly the better educated women.

Tips On Dress Buying

Five points for the buyer of ready-made dresses to consider have been offered by Hazel McKibben, home economics instructor at Iowa State college. First, choose a style and fabric suited to your needs. Look for a label which will tell what kind of fibers make up the material. Be sure you know about shrinkage, weighting, sizing and whether or not the color is fast to sunlight and washing. Be sure the fabric is made of durable yarn with firm balanced weave. For economy, choose staple fabrics rather than novelties of which you will tire.

Old Indian Tradition

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Protecting Florida Coast Fish

THE Miami Chamber of Commerce evidently does not want any tricks played on the fish in Florida waters, inasmuch as it has provided a checking service for the false teeth of fishermen. It all started when a fisherman found a set of teeth in a red snapper he caught, and received claims from a score of alleged owners.

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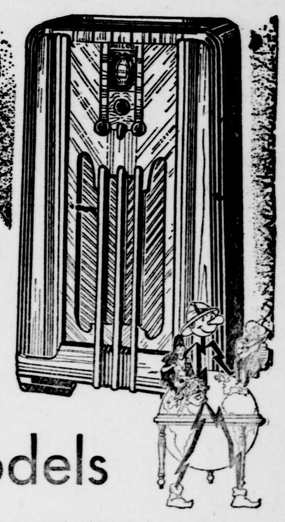

1936 Philco Models

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