

**A Sure Way to a Man's Heart.**

**SYMPATHY IS A CHARM WHICH OFTEN WINS A HUSBAND.**

It can truthfully be said that men are more susceptible to sympathetic interest than to any other form of flattery. Ask what man you may which characteristic he most admires in a woman, and he will invariably reply "sympathy." It is undoubtedly the essence of true womanliness; and the girl who lacks the power of sincerely sympathising at all times with the man in whom she is interested, can never hope to win him for a husband.

In every pain and pleasure of life it is the society of the sympathetic woman for which each and everyone craves. A boy, youth or man, naturally turns to mother, sweetheart, or wife, for comfort, when Dame Fortune fails to smile upon him, feeling sure that in their deep sympathy they will try to evolve some way in which to help him in his misfortunes.

The lives of some men, of course, are so rosy and prosperous that they seldom need the sympathy of a woman to help them to overcome their trials and difficulties, and consequently they are unable to appreciate its full value. But to the man who has more than his share of "downs" in this world womanly sympathy is an invaluable antidote and strengthener. For although the woman to whom he appeals may not be able to help him in a practical manner to overcome his troubles, she can, and does, by her sympathetic interest and encouragement, induce him to try again, when he otherwise might be tempted to give up the struggle in despair.

A woman who is able to understand a man's perplexities by intuition, so to speak, is as ready to condole with him in his misfortunes as she is to praise him in his triumphs, is one whom he recognises will prove a true life helper. In every sense of the word. Consequently a man is always drawn towards the sympathetic girl or woman, and congratulates himself on having secured a real treasure when able to marry her.

The fact that she may be only moderately good-looking, or lacking in the accomplishments which most present-day girls acquire, is overshadowed, in his opinion, by the fact that true womanly sympathy is her most pronounced characteristic. Hence he chooses her for a wife, in preference to her prettier sister.

What can be more helpful to a man, when worried with the trials and troubles of business, than to go home to a sympathetic wife who, in a tactful and discreet manner, brings her soothing influence to bear upon him, and stimulates him to fresh efforts? He knows that come weal or woe she is ever ready

to stand by him, and that he can always count on her help.

In fact, it is no exaggeration to say that the man who is loved by a really sympathetic woman has half of life's battles fought for him. He is cheered by her encouragement, and made happier by the association. He averts failure by his superhuman efforts to overcome his troubles, in order to impart to her life some of the brightness she has instilled into his.

One often reads in fiction of instances in which the devotion and sympathy of a wife or sweetheart have set a man on the road to fortune again when he was enveloped in a dense cloud of trouble to which there appeared no silver lining. But there are undoubtedly thousands of cases in real life of happy homes which practically owe their existence to the sympathetic devotion of a wife and mother who has spurred her husband on to further efforts when matters seemed as bad as they could possibly be.

And what a treasure the sympathetic mother is to her children! She always finds time to take an interest in their work and pleasure. She is quite as ready to help them to smooth over their petty troubles and difficulties, as she is with regard to those of her husband. Her children learn to come to her at all times, even when merging into manhood and womanhood, in order to confide in her, knowing full well that they will be accorded her sympathy and advice, no matter what the trouble may be.

**Hobbies of Queens.**

Queen Alexandra is greatly interested in photography. She has taken snapshots of everything from crowned heads to pet dogs. She has any number of pictures of pretty scenes associated with pleasant memories, and good pictures, too, for her Majesty is far above the average amateur in proficiency as a "snapshotter." Another camera enthusiast is the German Empress. She has taken innumerable photos of things that have interested her, and her collection of pictures is unique. The Empress of Russia has a passion for caricaturing and the collection of caricatures. The hobbies of Queen Wilhelmina, the "Zif Queen" of Holland, are skating and riding, but from childhood she has devoted herself to raising poultry. The Queen of Norway and Sweden outside of her family and public life is devoted to religion. The Queen of Greece is a yachts-woman. The Queen of Italy has chosen shooting and motoring as her principal hobbies. Portugal's Queen, who is said to be the busiest woman in Europe, is an expert physician, and has raised her amusement to the dignity of a profession.

**Why Every Man Should Praise His Wife.**

Apparently there are some men in the world who would not be likely to live long if by any possibility they should be betrayed into praising their wives. The man of this description is a self-sufficient creature, who evidently believes that creation was instituted for his benefit. He is a little surprised and a good deal annoyed that things were not arranged more to his liking, but he tolerates the arrangement, not because he approves of it, but because he cannot help it.

The wife of this man is a woman whom no old maid should envy. And no old maid should ever marry this man when his wife is worn out and laid in the grave; if she does she will regret it to her latest day—that is, unless she has backbone enough to put the man where he belongs and keep him there. And it is never pleasant to any true-hearted woman to feel she has to master her husband in order to live comfortably with him. The man who never praises his wife will find fault with everything on every possible occasion. It is the easiest thing in the world to find fault—easier than the proverbial sliding down hill. It gets to be a habit with some men, and they are hardly conscious when they are exercising it.

Why cannot a man show his wife that he appreciates her efforts to please him? Why cannot he praise the cooking of his wife as well as the cooking of her neighbor, Mrs. Jones? Why cannot he speak kindly of her mince-pie, and charitably of her sponge-cake? Why cannot he say that the new hat is becoming to the face of the woman who loves him? Kind words make his wife happy, and no decent man ought to withhold them.

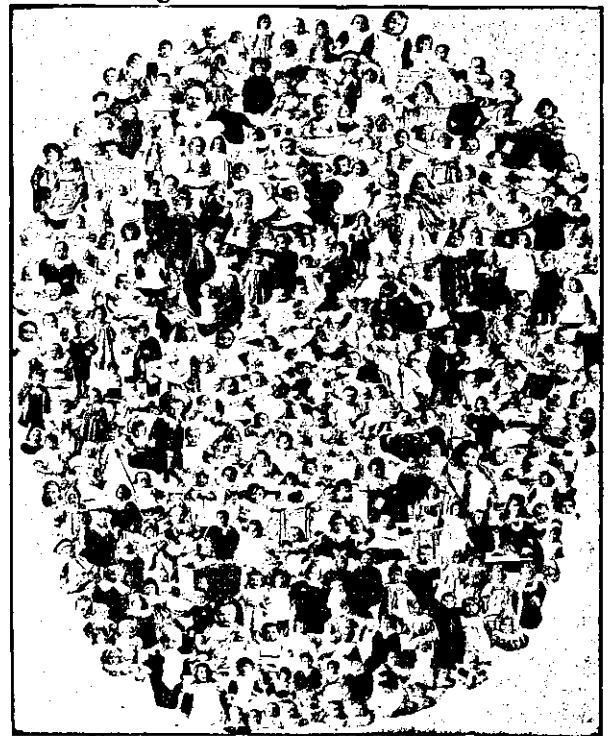
**Restoring Lustre to the Hair.**

Dr. Calarato, for some years beauty specialist to Sarah Bernhardt, writes on this subject as follows:—The hair when washed loses for some days its suppleness, and is more apt to break. In order to remedy this, and give it back its lustre, you only require to anoint it slightly, at night before retiring, with some of the following brillianine:—Perovaseine, 25 grams; eau de Cologne, 25 grams; nitrate of picrocarpine, one gram.

Some people who have dry hair contract the habit of wetting it every day, either with water or with an alcoholic lotion, in order to dress it better and give it a harmonious direction. I cannot sufficiently condemn this habit, which is hurtful from all standpoints. Not only does it produce neuralgia, but it rots the hair, predisposes it to fall out, and induces baldness.

It is for some reason—outside, however, of a disease of the scalp—your hair is growing weak, in order to strengthen it and make it return to its original state you will only have to rub it lightly twice a day with some of the following lotion:—Tincture of cinchona, thirty grams; old rum, one hundred and twenty grams; acetate of ammonia, twenty grams.

Is it necessary to cut the hair in order to give it more vigour and strength? Unless when suffering from a pernicious fever or from some serious disease of the scalp it is not at all necessary to cut the hair. One may, every three months, singe the ends from one half inch to one inch only—but no more. I said before that the scalp needed air—plenty of air. This constant air must be given, either by letting your hair hang down your back as long as possible or by brushing and combing it.



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