

**The Companionable Wife.**

When a man goes away he wants to leave worry behind him. That is why so many husbands prefer journeying alone. They leave one of their wives at home when they leave their wives there.

But these husbands blessed with companionable and adaptable wives who are

not disturbed by any of the small miseries that await the globe-trotter; wish for their society and would feel their holiday ill-spent away from them. The woman who can enjoy a drive on a coach-top behind skittish horses, and not grab her escort's arm every time the animals begin to go fast; the girl who can go in a boat without keeping an anxious eye on the sails; the woman who can strike out across country and

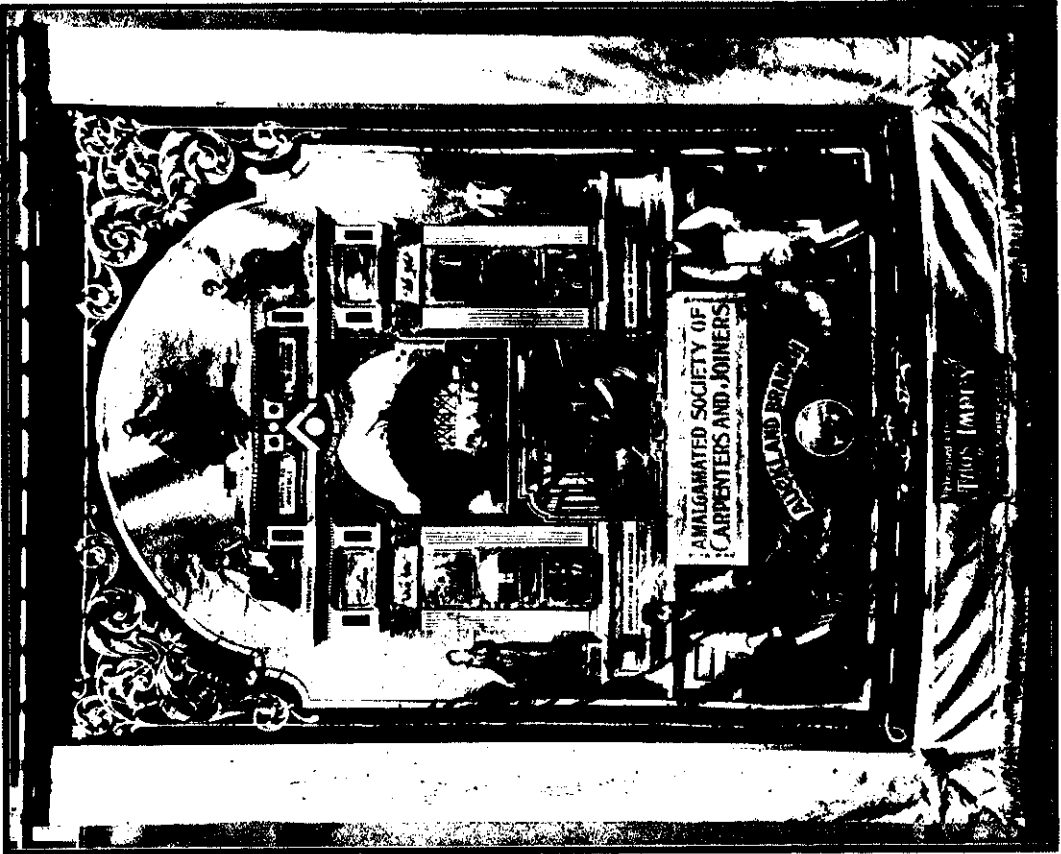
travels. Should they be caught in a sudden shower she will laugh off the situation and tramp through the wet, regardless of bedraggled skirts and dripping plumes. There are dry garments at the end of the journey, and why argument

her companions obvious embarrassment by fretful regrets? If they start for a certain theatre, only to find it full, she does not insinuate that a husband with any sense would secure seats in advance. She suggests another theatre, and he leads her to it, feeling that he had not possessed the ideal wife in the woman who makes the best of every-thing. If they find every table taken at the restaurant she does not urge

him fretfully to try another establishment, which will probably be just as crowded, but doing so extraordinarily while they wait for vacant places that he forgets his own lounge disappoint-ment and enjoys the time spent in waiting to the full.

The woman who can share a man's pleasures as well as his disappoint-ments on something like a man's foot-ting, is a rarity, but all the more de-

lightful for this fact. She is persistent-ly coming to the front, too, and is be-coming far less scarce than she was. Even women with weak health are finding that the more commendable they endeavour to be, the more ex-ceed the solitude their husbands dis-play towards them. Work health so often begets a fretful, miserable disposi-tion, but those tendencies can be eradi-cated and life made brighter all round.



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Without "cripple" floor.