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THE ART OF BEING ATTRACTIVE
To be graceful is almost a greater factor in beauty than to be pretty of face. Movement is always more attractive than static beauty, and grace of movement is a large part of charm. Even the plain woman can be attractive if she makes the most of herself; chooses her clothing of the right lines and color to emphasize her good points; does her hair in a way which is becoming to her; keeps herself clean and neat; and has a pleasing, interesting manner.
Consider the matter of walking. Jerky, stiff walking is repulsive to the observer. Any woman can practice walking as she goes along the street. Do it in rhythm, humming a tune to yourself. As you put one foot forward and rest it on all its ground, gradually rise on the ball of the other foot until you life it and step forward. Do not make your movements abrupt and awkward.
Necessary to the cultivation of grace is a full-length mirror. Do not think of yourselves so much in detail. Folks do not remember you as eyes, hair, mouth and nose. They even say, "I do not remember the color of her eyes or hair, but it was just her general impression." They remember the form and color and a general atmosphere of your personality. To get this general impression of your self, see yourself as a whole. How do you look in a full length mirror? Your reflection there is the picture other people will get of you. Pose, dress and hair are the outstanding items the full-length mirror throws back at you.
In dress, color makes the first bid for interest. It is the first thing a child—or a man notices. Hundreds of women on the street dress in flat, neutral colors and arouse no interest. Dress a woman in a solid color, as black, white, gray or any good neutral tone, and add a brilliant touch of color somewhere, in hat or scarf, and she immediately stands out from the crowd.
The short, stout figure can draw pleased attention to herself by wearing long, soft, clinging gowns, with narrow draperies and trains, and tight sleeves with narrow strips dangling from them. But the best way is to diet and exercise and lose a few pounds.
As to your hair, if you do not know how to do it becomingly, study hair as you observe it on others, ask advice of your friends, or go to a beauty parlor and take a few lessons. If you want your hair to win approving attention, select clothing which will bring out its color, that is select a contrasting color. Do not draw out its color by wearing clothing of the same color. If you have red hair, do not try to tone it down by wearing shades of red or brown, but make it show forth in all its glory by wearing white or black. If you have gray hair, do not dress in gray.
But attractiveness is not merely a combination of external things, though those weigh heavily in calling attention at first. To be attractive, after the first meeting, one must have inner charms—a kindly manner, a warm heart, a sincere interest in people, an earnest desire to contribute to the happiness and comfort of those with whom he associates, a satisfactory philosophy of life, a pleasing personality, a smile rather than a frown, and such intelligence and vivacity that he knows interesting things to talk about and does it. Of course we soon become disgusted with the chatter-box who "talks our arm off," but we also lose interest in the "dumb Dora" who will not or cannot think of enough interesting things to say to keep the ball of conversation rolling.
The important thing to remember about attractiveness is that it is not the gift of the gods vouchsafed to only a favored few, but that it is composed of general appearance, the dress, manners, personality, spirit and intelligence, and is attainable by any normal woman who is willing to exert herself enough to study and acquire it.
Some of us resolve every spring that certainly next fall we will plant a profession of bulbs—and then, when fall comes, we get busy and neglect it. Now is the time, and what a joy they will be to us along about Easter time!
There are scores of varieties of tulips to choose from. The Darwin is a wonderful variety. Narcissus is lovely planted in the garden, and will come up year after year, just as if it naturally grew there. A few hyacinths, near the house foundation will give a touch of dignity. Then there are the little crocuses, which come right up and bloom through the snow. They are to be scattered over the lawn.
One rule is to set the bulbs in the ground twice as deep as they are thick. Some people put hardy tulips a foot underground and thus save themselves the trouble of removing them every year. After the tulips have died down, they simply set out pansies or some other flowers over them, and then, next spring, lo and behold, here the tulips are out, chirp as can be, ready to welcome the first robin.
To set the crocus in the lawn, one merely cuts a slit in the sod, makes a hole in the soil and slips the bulb under. The crocus, being small, does Fanny Brice ask a divorce from her husband Nicky Arnstein because he did not like her remodeled nose. Maybe what he didn't like was the beauty specialist's bill which accompanied it.
Senator Wagner, of New York expects to travel to Washington each week by air during the sessions of Congress this winter. At that he is not the first statesman to get the Senate by the air route.
The earth's crust is sixty miles thick, we read. So it is a hard old world after all.

FLOWER BULBS
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FAR FROM SCHOOLS
Mothers, whose children find school a bit irksome, should remind them of places where children live twenty-five miles or more from school and are thus deprived of all the pleasant associations and activities of school life. In some remote places, Outpost Correspondence schools help such children through the first eight grades. Our little ones may "wish the school house would burn" or some fate consign them a vacation, to only a favored few, but that it is likely to make them see school in a different light. Mothers can help by taking an interest, liking the teachers, and always speaking an approving word for everything which concerns school life. The attitude of the child toward his school is very much a reflection of what he hears of it at home.

FOR A DULL ROOM
If the room is inclined to be dull and dark, a note of cheer can be added by the use of colorful lamp shades, cushions or draperies. In every room the ensemble effect makes for refinement, but one does not wish the life and sparkle all reined out of a room, especially as the days are growing shorter and less sunny. The color note does not need to be out of harmony with the color scheme of the room, but may be a brighter shade of one of its prevailing colors. For example, if the room is done in tan, the vivid note could be a burnt orange cushion, lampshade or drapery, or all three. If the room is finished in gray, let a live blue or a cherry rose introduce the arousing note. Shades of red, gold, orange, rose add warmth to a room and are comforting for the winter room. Shades of blue, and violet are cool and quieting colors, but if vivid enough they may give the glow to a room.

TO SHRINK WOOLEN MATERIAL
It is such a disappointment to make up a beautiful dress of wool goods, and to find presently that it is too small every way. This calamity may be avoided if the goods is shrunken before it is made up.
To shrink woolen materials, lay the goods, folded through the center, on a wet sheet or long piece of muslin. Roll both up together and let them remain so overnight. In the morning, press the material on the wrong side, with a dry cloth laid over it.
Be sure the material is thoroughly dry before laying it away and then roll it instead of folding it.

FOODY SALADS
Salads that make a meal, may be made with lima or kidney beans, peas, cheese, salmon, or chopped chicken or veal as a foundation. To this may be added chopped celery, pickles, beets or carrots; or cold boiled rice. Seasonings may vary to suit the taste and may include salt, pepper, paprika, chopped green pepper, shredded pimento, minced onion, or chopped parsley. Such a hearty salad as this makes a good luncheon dish and furnishes enough proteins to supply nourishment. With wafers or thin sandwiches and a cup of hot coffee or cocoa, it makes a very satisfying meal.

CORN SUFFLE
To one cup of corn out from the cob, or canned corn from which the liquid has been drained; add two tablespoons fat, four tablespoons flour, a half teaspoon salt, a seasoning of paprika and of chopped green peppers or shredded canned pimientos, one cup of grated cheese, the yolks of three eggs, and mix. Next add two cups of hot milk and the stiffly beaten whites of the three eggs, and bake as you bake a custard—that is, sitting in a pan of hot water in a moderate oven, until firm, about forty-five minutes.

MRS. SOLOMON SAYS:
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