

# In Woman's Realm

This Page Will Be Devoted Exclusively  
to Subjects of Interest to Women

## WHAT A WOMAN SHOULD KNOW

Every Wife Should Understand Her  
Husband's Business, and Live  
Accordingly

"Ignorance of the law excuses no man"—before the Judges. In like manner ignorance of her husband's business excuses no woman.

And now another failure is chronicled in the courts wherein the wife, accused of extravagance, claims she did not know the condition of her husband's business and consequently where to put an end to the spending. At the same time, prominent business women claim that this is no unusual circumstance and that the average home woman knows little or nothing about business principles—in fact, does not know how to make out a bank check—that many women are entirely ignorant of their husband's enterprises, and that failure often surprises them and finds them unprepared.

That this charge is true in a great many cases goes without saying. But that all the censure should be put on the wife is anything but fair to the fair sex.

There's many a man that still clings to the old-fashioned idea that business is not for woman to bother about and that woman should know but little here below and know that little long. He argues that he must run his own affairs and that as long as he provides the cash no questions need be asked. So it often comes to pass that her desire for many things is gratified by the man in the case to the stretching point, and she never knows until it is too late.

Thus, often, the grievance must be placed to our lords of creation. Of course, there is the little woman who does not only attend to the domestic realm but is lawyer-in-chief to her husband in the matter of discussing and advising ways and means for the perpetuation of his business—therefore she knows.

Then there is the other woman who is aware exactly how much will be in that pay envelope at the weekly counting and so stretches her dollar accordingly—she knows. These are the gleaners that garner their own grain in the summing up.

But that there are many, many daughters of Eve who, either through disinclination or indifference, know little as to how far they may go until they have strayed from the fold of safety is not little measure for consideration. Every woman should make it her business to know something of her husband's business.

In truth, as one woman puts it, it should be put into part of the marriage ceremony, so that she who runs may read and understand.

Since Mother Eve divided the fateful fruit with Adam there have been various ways devised by her granddaughters as to the division of the family exchequer. Some of these have worked well and others have worked out.

But the successful partners are

those who know, approximate at least, when the high water mark is reached and swim out in time before the undercurrent carries them too far. It is unnecessary for figures and files to be brought to the family hearthstone, where they were not intended to come.

But even a woman minding her own business need not miss a little of her husband's.

Socrates says, "Know thyself." But Socrates did not live in the age of imported pannier dresses and willow plumes, else he would have said: "Know thy husband's purse!"

## RIBBON EMBROIDERY

Every girl who loves pretty things will welcome the revival of ribbon embroidery. In mid-Victorian times this work was a fad; it was seen everywhere. Ribbon bags, heribboned shawls, dresses, hats and sunshades were the favorite places to display the skill of nimble fingers. But the fashion went out with the crinoline and has recently come to light again.

The work is done by following patterns and designs, usually of flowers, but with any variety permissible, by means of cutting and sewing of white and colored ribbon and the application of these to materials that go to make up the article to be trimmed.

The chief beauty of ribbon embroidery is in its color and its fineness. It is a worthy rival of floss embroidery when artistically done, and gives the appearance of nature which in silk embroidery would mean unusual skill and laborious toil. The work is quickly done, but requires the eye of an artist to be successful. The needlework is not difficult, but must be executed with care, and is well worth the trouble and attention of any woman who loves dainty trimming for her gowns.

Let us take a concrete example to illustrate the method of working. Our summer dresses are to be trimmed with flounces, so we will decorate the edge of the flounces, on a lingerie gown with forget-me-nots. Light blue and light green baby ribbon of the softest quality obtainable will be required, and blue, green and yellow embroidery silk.

First draw or trace the pattern on the material with a hard lead pencil, indicating roughly the direction of the stems and the position of the blossoms. The stems and leaves are worked first by twisting the ribbon into very narrow tubing for the stem, sewing it firmly to the fabric with green thread, placing the stitches underneath, where they will show the least, and concealing them altogether where it is possible. The leaves are formed with one-sixteenth of an inch of ribbon puffed slightly and caught down at both ends with a tiny stitch.

The flower petals are formed with the same length of ribbon as the leaves, but puffed a little higher and held in place with two or three stitches. Use the blue ribbon for the flowers, stitch with blue silk and in the center of each blossom place a few

French knots of yellow silk for the stamens and pistol of the flower.

This method of procedure is used only on fine material; another way, better adapted to heavy goods like silk and cloth, is to use the narrow ribbon as if it were heavy embroidery thread, threading it in a darning needle with a long narrow eye. Work with an over-and-over stitch wherever it is visible on the fabric, and running it under in the other places. Roses, pansies and the larger flowers are made in this way, but all small blossoms are worked by the first method. Sometimes the leaves are worked with ribbon and the stems of heavy floss; the flowers are simply quilled and puffed ribbon about an inch and a half wide. This is exceedingly striking as a border on cloth gowns.

It is possible to buy shaded ribbon, and when the work is done with this it is remarkably natural looking if you are careful to follow closely the shades of the natural flowers. The color is really the all-important thing, and you must be careful to select only those that will blend perfectly, for in nature we never see colors that do not harmonize.

Very beautiful is a design of mauve orchids on a white evening gown, and a garland of roses on the young girl's dress is charming. All the rose colors are obtainable, from the white rose to the crimson rambler. Pink and tea-rose shades are lovely on simple white frocks.

Ribbon embroidery is applied to all manner of materials and dress accessories. Hats and parasols come in for their share, as do collar and cuff sets and very dainty undergarments.

The work is quickly done and af-

fords pleasant employment of idle hours on the piazza of the summer hotel.

## DONT'S FOR THE BABY

Don't fuss over baby.

Don't give him improper food.

Don't jump him up and down.

Don't expose him to strong draughts.

Don't startle him. His tender brain is particularly susceptible to shocks.

Don't fail to undress him occasionally and give him unhampered freedom of motion.

Don't wake him to show him to company nor stint him of sleep.

Don't let him suck his thumb—it may disfigure his mouth, jaws and thumb.

Don't fail to teach him regularity in his habits—this is merely a matter of training.

Don't fail to give him the quietest, driest and airiest room possible, preferably one with a southern exposure.

Don't kiss him over the ear. An infant's eardrum is very sensitive, and the noise and suction are exceedingly painful to it.

Don't entertain him or allow him to figure as an entertainer for company during his first year. Nervousness and peevishness in him may develop from such errors.

Don't attribute fretfulness to bad temper. It may result from discomfort, especially in hot weather, and a drink of water, attention to his clothing or a sponge bath may be the bounties for which he craves.

The richest soil produces nothing  
if you plant nothing

# Plant Money and Grow a Fortune

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that also shall he reap."

You cannot reap anything else; you must reap what you sow. If you want a fortune, plant the seed that will produce a fortune. One deposit after another in the bank is the seed that has grown all great fortunes. Start a bank account and have something in your old age that will make you secure and comfortable. Our bank is a secure place for your money to grow in.

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