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WOMAN'S INTUITION THING OVERRATED?

Writer Questions Idea Con- cerning Sixth Sense.

Only an arch-heretic would cast doubt on woman's intuition. I confess to being one. Unquestionably this sixth sense exists, but I think that it is overrated. Lydia Halg writes in the Washington Post.

If woman's intuition were so uncannily developed, as it is commonly represented to be, her advantage over man would be incalculable. In emergencies her decisions would be more prompt and wise than his, she would more readily detect false logic, she would judge character unerringly, and so be better protected against the designs of the unscrupulous. In reality, more women than men are victimized by suave impostors.

If women were so highly intuitive they would excel in the law courts. Intuitive perception being a natural force, women would leap to swift and sound conclusions while trained and experienced men were stammering and endeavoring to sift evidence.

As speculators they would achieve riches, or by their advice enable men to achieve them, yet in truth any trader, man or woman, who bought and sold by intuition without studying the markets would be ruined.

Had woman this divining gift, no politician would make a move without consulting some accomplished woman. Many men have, indeed, acknowledged the aid rendered by their wives and mothers, but always the woman possessed superior intelligence and they helped by the exercise of reason and judgment, not by mysterious secret powers.

In domestic and social life woman's superior intuition is seldom apparent. They do not secure more faithful friends than men do, they are not more successful in selecting servants, they do not adjust themselves more happily to the caprices and tempers of their associates, nor more quickly perceive the consequences of unwise words. In all these things there are great individual differences, but the differences are a matter of temperament, not of sex.

In that crucial test, the selection of a husband, woman's mistakes are frequent and lamentable. Men, who are confessedly devoid of intuition, are often fascinated by unworthy women, but rarely are they so blind as a woman enamored of an unworthy man. In whatever guise the deceiver comes she cannot use the mask or detect the character behind it.

I believe that to overestimate her power of intuition does woman a grave injury. It prevents her from cultivating judgment and relying on it. From her youth she is encouraged to believe that she is endowed with a special talent, that she possesses occult methods of getting at facts, and as a result she makes frequent and disastrous mistakes.

Lighting for Pictures

Every picture has a right to the best light that can be found for it. It is often true that a wall space on which there is not the right light for one picture is quite the proper place for a picture with different colors or details.

While vivid flower pieces and garden scenes, small landscapes and light interiors do much to enliven a stony corner of a room. There is no picture which may not be seen to better advantage if well lighted. (This does not mean glaringly lighted.)

Amber in United States

Amber is found in Colorado, Boulder county, and in adjoining counties, particularly in the Boulder coal fields. Amber is a fossil resin of vegetable origin. It is usually of a pale yellow color, sometimes reddish or brownish; it is sometimes transparent, sometimes almost opaque. It occurs in round, irregular lumps, grains or drops; has a perfectly conchoidal fracture, is slightly brittle, emits an agreeable odor when rubbed, melts at 550 degrees Fahrenheit, and burns with a bright flame and pleasant smell.

"In Durance Vile"

This conversation is said to have taken place in an exclusive New York club. "There's a paper," said Languid Lewis, "which tells about a horse run away with a woman, an' she was held up for six weeks."

Trade Despite Handicaps

Foreign trade is a city without walls. It is not hindered by any physical obstacles, and a large foreign trade.

Plan Long Tunnel

A tunnel two and one-half miles long that will be the largest in England is being planned.

Mr. Dickens in Burma Splendid Work of Art

The latest addition to Dickens's works is a splendid work of art. It is a story of a man who goes to Burma to find a woman who has disappeared. The story is told in a way that is both interesting and moving.

On clearing away the mists that have gathered about the name of Dickens, we find a man who was a true artist. He was a man who was not afraid to write about the things that were going on in the world.

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World's Wettest Spot Found in Assam Hills

We often complain about rainy weather, but really we do not know what rain means! One has to go to the Khasi hills, in Assam, to see rain at its heaviest, for there it comes down in Niagara. This spot, for it is not of large extent, receives in the name of Cherrapunji, and it receives all the other big names one can give it. Its annual rainfall averages 450 inches, or just eighteen times the rainfall of London.

In 1921 Cherrapunji nearly doubled its average. For in that year 905 inches fell, of which 368 were recorded in the month of July! On the 10th day of that month 40 inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours, and in the five days, June 12 to 16, the total reached upwards of 114 inches, or more than four times the average annual rainfall of London.

The heaviest recorded rainfall in Great Britain occurred at Exeter, in Somerset, on June 28, 1917, when 9 1/2 inches fell.—The Times.

English Commonwealth

The name "Commonwealth of England" is given in history to the interregnum between the death of Charles I. on January 30, 1649, and the restoration of Charles II. May 8, 1660. During this period of 11 years, the government of England was essentially a republic, although in reality a military despotism, ruled by Oliver Cromwell, assisted by a council. On December 16, 1653, Cromwell was made lord protector, and held this office for about five years, until his death, September 3, 1658, when he was succeeded by his son, Richard Cromwell, who proved to be a weak and inefficient ruler, and soon retired into private life. His son, Richard Cromwell, returned to London May 25 of the same year.—Kansas City Star.

How Flattering!

She always felt somewhat timid in the bank. It was such a large bank, and so many very rich persons had accounts there.

One day she had cashed one of these checks, and while walking out of the bank she stuffed the notes into her handbag.

One of the bank's detectives spotted her, and he walked swiftly to her side. "Be careful, madam," he whispered, "you're being watched with all that money in your hand, you know."

"Oh, how flattered!" exclaimed the young woman, smiling. "Well, I never had such a lovely thing happen in all my life!"

Dickens Great Artist, Not Mental Specialist

Mr. Mearns, Miss Fite and the numerous other queer characters who populate the pages of Charles Dickens's books are correctly depicted from the viewpoint of the layman who sees what he thinks he ought to see, but not what he is.

This is the opinion of Dr. Charles W. Burr, professor of psychiatry in the University of Pennsylvania medical school, who has applied to these fiction characters the methods which he uses in diagnosing mental disorders when called into a criminal court as an alienist.

"Dickens was an artist," says Doctor Burr, "and not a specialist in mental medicine. Just as the dying of a great actor on the stage is altogether unlike death as the physician sees it, so life seen with an artist's eye is unlike life seen by the professor trained in the learning of the schools. Death as it really happens, acted on the stage, would be flat, stale and uninteresting. Dickens described a fairytale, not seldom a fairytale into which devils have intruded. This is the secret of his wide appeal spreading through space and lasting through time."—Science Service.

Had to Time Their Walks by Almanac

Ouvrard, the great French jury contractor, was at one time "wanted" by the officers of the tribunal of commerce for some offense. According to the law he could not be arrested as long as the sun was not up. As a result he was in the habit of taking his constitutional for an hour before sunrise every morning, judging the time by the almanac. H. C. Kitchen contributes to the Kansas City Star.

In spite of his care, however, he was arrested one morning on his saunter, and the authorities proved that the almanac was wrong, and that as a matter of fact the sun rose ten minutes earlier than the book stated.

Consequently, Ouvrard brought legal actions against both the compiler and publisher of the book. The courts upheld him and the latter were forced to pay damages.

"Walking by the almanac" was an unusual thing in France. Balsac was at one time under the necessity of timing his public appearances in this way.

Treasures in Ocean

The ocean appears to the traveler to be a vast expanse of salty water valued chiefly for transportation and source of rainfall. Yet it is veritably teeming with plant and animal life, and its depths hold untold treasures. Its richness has caused much inconvenience, for many, as Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, have had perched threats with "water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." Although apparently a nuisance and worthless, sea salt is Nature's storehouse of treasures to the chemist, for it contains all the valuable constituents of the earth's crust that have been leached out by the countless rains of former years.

Keep on Keeping On

When last I went West by way of the Broadway Limited, I was sitting on the observation platform, watching the scenery dash by, when the porter came out to straighten the chairs which had been left in some disorder by a group of young folks.

"We don't seem to be going so much faster than a ordinary local train, George," I commented. "How, then, can this be the fastest train on earth?" "Well, uh," replied the African, with a grin, "do you see we all don't go no faster's lots of them pesky locals, but we gets dar in quick time because we fit together on keeping on."—W. L. Barnhart in Forbes Magazine.

Fame and Glory

Fame is the favorable celebrity that is handed to a man who has made better than the ordinary; glory is the widespread fame and honor accorded to any one by common consent. They are two of the most widely advertised articles ever put on the market. It is a general way of speaking, fame is the red seal of merit pasted on a man's brow, then glory is three coats of scarlet paint, rubbed down and varnished and touched up with gold leaf.—Ellis Parker Butler in Hearst's International-Cosmopolitan.

Removing Ink Spots

To remove ink spots from furniture, try pouring with a pointed brush, a little of the following mixture on the spot. It will take it out if the ink has penetrated the wood, wash with diluted vitriol; you will have to repeat this frequently and allow the liquid to soak in. After the spots have disappeared wash well, then apply a little furniture polish with a wadded cloth, rubbing the injured spots well.

WHY Arab Dancing Girls Are Sought in Marriage

Dancing girls are not of the demimonde in the French provinces of north Africa, according to Miss Florence Fisher of Scarsdale, N. Y., manager of the de luxe tourist parties to that part of the world. In fact, they are greatly in demand as wives and they are the only women of their race who can choose their own time and place for matrimony.

"While the average Arab girl marries in her early teens," says Miss Fisher, "and considers herself old long before she reaches thirty, the dancing girls drink their cup of joy if cup of joy it is—to the full before they enter the bonds of matrimony and rarely wed before twenty-eight or twenty-nine. And then they are likely to make exceedingly good matches."

The reason for this, it seems, is because of the rich dowry they bring their husbands, both in material wealth and in the charms they have acquired through their art. A dancing girl, as she becomes more and more successful, buys herself gold bangles and anklets. The number and beauty of these is proof by no means of ardent personal admirers, but of skill and recognition in her profession. They are as much so as the military insignia of the soldier. Consequently, graceful and alluring girls of twenty-five and slightly upward, adorned with these trophies, are sure to draw a good husband in the marriage market.

Why Cats Can Always Land on Their Feet

How does a cat know how to land right side up when she is dropped? The answer is, according to Prof. R. Magnus of the university of Utrecht, Holland, that she doesn't need to "know" at all, at least consciously.

In the course of experiments to determine the nature of the "sense of right-side-upness" possessed by all animals, Professor Magnus put the forebrain of a cat, where consciousness resides, out of commission by an operation, and then dropped the animal upside down. Every time he did it, pussy righted herself just as quickly and as easily as though she had full possession of her faculties. Professor Magnus therefore concludes that keeping right side up is simply a mechanical or reflex action, quite beneath the dignity of attention from the higher brain centers.

Why "Tea Tasters" Are Few

No woman who smokes cigarettes can hope to become a professional tea taster, according to Miss Margaret Irving, the only woman among London's millions of women tea drinkers who has qualified as a tea expert. She has taken her place alongside men who get thousands of pounds a year for grading and judging the leaves which enter into England's favorite beverage, the New York World says.

Why Old Age Seems Hard

"So John D. is eighty-five," said a New York banker on the birthday of the multimillionaire. "Well, I remember a remark of his about old age that he made on his retirement from business. 'A man is like an automobile,' he said. 'By the time he gets himself in satisfactory running order, finds out his strength and his weaknesses, and learns how to get a decent day's work out of himself—why, by that time he's considered old-fashioned and a back number, the young folks laugh when he goes by, and nobody wants anything to do with him for love or money.'"

Why Dozing Is Harmful

"When your eyes come open in the morning you may be a moment, getting used to the changes from sleep, and then you should get up. Do not lie there dozing. Dozing in bed in the morning will often be enough to set the tone for an entire day of weariness. You would better get up even if you do not feel fully rested. You will sleep the surer and the better for it during the coming night."—George F. Butler, M. D.

Camera as Detective

An interesting discovery in photography is now being used by the French police in their work of criminal investigation. It has been found useful to impregnate the skin of the fingers of criminals or other suspected persons, with a preparation containing a lead compound. This remains on the lines of the skin.

When an X-ray photograph is taken, not only is the finger-print shown in detail, but also the structure of the bones. The bones of the fingers furnish even more possible clues to the identification of criminals than finger prints.—Detroit Free Press.

The Orange in London

Oranges made their first recorded appearance in this country in 1500, when a Spanish fruit ship arrived at Portsmouth and the queen, Eleanor of Castile, purchased from its cargo 10 citrons and seven oranges. The next mention of them does not occur until 1599, when "pomes d'orange" figured among the delicacies at the coronation banquet of Henry IV, who may have become acquainted with the qualities of the fruit during his exile. By the sixteenth century oranges seem to have become common, and it is recorded that the lords of the star chamber in 1500 had them served daily at dinner at a cost of 2d per day.—London Mail.

Suspicious

"This fellow is a suspicious character!" announced Constable Sam T. Slackpitter, the well-known sleuth of Petunia, dragging a thin and harmless-looking stranger up before Magistrate Lambottom.

"How do you make that out?" asked the official.

"Well, he's from Kay Sea, and you'll say yourself he looks so innocent that he's probably a bandit or holdup of some kind. I've searched him through and through and emptied him out, and I've been johnbrowned if he's got a single deadly weapon concealed about his person. So I say he's a suspicious character!"—Kansas City Star.

Feudal Dinner Custom

Many of the curious things connected with the service of the medieval dinner table were the result of the peculiar social system. Although widely separated in rank, the feudal baron ate daily with his retainers. But at a feudal banquet the lord of the castle and his chief guest occupied seats at the further side of the table or dais. They were said to "sit at the dais, instead of at the table upon the dais. This feudal fashion of arranging the tables for a formal dinner survives in the modern custom of having a "raised table" for guests and speakers.

Violin Varnish

Hart's "The Violin and the Maker" contains the following: "The varnish of Bergonzi is often fully as responsible as that of Giuseppe Guarnieri or Stradivari and shows that he has been initiated in the mysteries of the manufacture. It is something more than extremely thick, at other times not so thickly laid on; often of a deep rich color, sometimes of a pale red and again of rich amber, so that the vibration of color to be met with in Bergonzi's violins is considerable."

Hum of Telephone Wires

The humming noise made by telephone and telegraph wires is caused by vibrations of the wires set in motion by the wind and other air currents. The intensity of the humming is determined to some extent by the tightness of the wires and the distance between the poles. The greatest noise is heard in vibration by the wires.

Why He Went Down

Manager—A fine fighter you are. That guy knocked you down seven times in one round.

Why French Is Spoken

The French language is used at diplomatic gatherings because it is most generally known. Latin was formerly known as the language of diplomacy, but through the ascendancy of the French under Louis XIV it became French. This is merely a custom of diplomacy and not a provision of international law.

Why Financiers Prosper

Economists have agreed that big wars are financed on a 5 per cent interest rate. During the periods of stabilization after important conflicts the interest rate usually drops to 3 per cent. The rule held good in the case of the World War.

Hen Appears to Have Little on the Ostrich

The next morning we forded scores of small streams, so cold that they were like ice water, as they are fed by melted snow from Mt. Kenya. Up to this time we had seen little game, as the plains animals don't come into the mountains; elephants and rhino and buffalo could be found in the forests towards Kenya, but they are seldom seen from the road. Now we commenced to see the Kenya harlequins, small birds of common zebra, many ostriches and a few Grant's gazelles.

The ostriches are funny creatures; they would feed until we were opposite them, then they would start running along parallel with us. We would put on all our power and race them for a mile, but they always beat us. As soon as they were a hundred yards ahead they would put on an added spur and cross the road, often slipping and falling as their feet struck the hard roadbed. When they had reached the other side they would stop and watch us go by, seemingly perfectly contented and satisfied that they had crossed the road. This would happen a dozen times in an hour; they always did the same thing, no matter which side of the road they happened to be grazing on.—Martin Johnson in the World's Work.

Most People of Siam Pass Lives on Boats

The ordinary Siamese citizen may be said to possess no home at all. He lives with his wife and naked babies on a boat in a canal, writes Lyman Bryson, in the Atlantic Monthly. Costumes are adapted to water living, and a people addicted to bathing can slip off their front porch, that is, their front decks, into water at any hour of the day or night.

Along the shores are the gilded, glittering, flame-like temple spires, and even a few ugly business buildings on a blazing hot and dusty main street. Scattered about in compounds and paradises are the dwellings of princes, most of them in European style.

His majesty's throne, a million of Italian marble, which cost millions of dollars, began to settle in the mud when it was half built. It rider now is an understructure of concrete, an ingenious boat which was put under it, and supports it as long as the changing engines keep the water pumped out of the basement.

Dress for Dinner

Dressing up for dinner is not prohibited to the class of people we still society. It should be a practice in every home, even though the dressing up consists of a clean pigtail dress. And it should not be excluded to the wife and mother, but each individual should observe this rule as well. Children should be taught the habit in the high chair days.

This custom not only takes the family out of the "whiffless class" but aids digestion as well. An unkept person at the table spoils the appetite of the rest of the family and makes the dinner less appealing and less attractive. And when the member of the family who has cooked that dinner has labored so hard over it that she is "just too tired to dress" she has defeated her purpose.—Exchange.

Fair Warning

A china store, situated at the intersection of two Paris streets much frequented by motor trucks and taxis, very often receives the engine of an omnibus or the wheel of a truck or a taxi car through its plate glass show window. Consequently, two watchmen have been posted before the door, on either side of which is a notice reading, "No Throughfare." No doubt the plate glass will now be safe from the impetuosity of drivers whose feet itch for the accelerator.—From Le Figaro, Paris. (Translated for the Kansas City Star.)

Extent of Our Country

The land area of the United States proper is 2,970,000 square miles. The adjoining waters have an area of 55,000 square miles. The area of Alaska is about 570,000 square miles. The insular possessions have a land area of about 125,000 square miles, of which about 115,000 belongs to the Philippines, 6,000 to Hawaii and 5,000 to Porto Rico. The total area of the domain of the United States is, therefore, in round numbers, 3,700,000,000 square miles.

Proscribed Sect

The Adamites were a religious sect that has been repeatedly suppressed, first in the Second century. Its practitioners were that the members have attained the primitive purity of Adam and eve, therefore, able to dispense with marriage and to go without clothing at their meetings, which are called paradises. Upon such appearance it has been proscribed, the last attempt at suppression having been in the year 1644.

Play Had Little Part in Puritan Training

"It is not inconsistent even with the American mind that myths should flourish among us," says Caroline E. MacGill in Scribner's Magazine. "Perhaps the subtlest and most widespread of all our myths is that myths cannot exist in the freedom and vigor of the 'great open spaces.' It is a peculiarly dangerous myth, because of its mind-closing tendencies, blinding us to the better concealed of the popular fallacies.

"Many of our myths center around liberty and freedom, until one would suppose that they were something indigenous to the soil of this western world. Yet we know that 'freedom,' except for the few, was about the last thing the original settlers wanted. An examination of the records of the northern colonies will show how exceedingly little freedom there was of any kind from the ordinances of Plymouth to the famous statute of 1684, which removed the last vestige of freedom from children above six, compelling them to be employed, even doubly employed, after that age. It is very well to talk about the stern economic conditions which made it necessary for each child to be so far as possible self-supporting, but the statute itself, alas! makes it quite clear that the real thorn was the sight of children presuming to play. Such lasciviousness on the part of the innocents was utterly at variance with the puritan temper."

"City" of El Dorado Nothing But a Myth

Some time ago, when the ruins of an Aztec city were discovered in the Amazonian forest, they were popularly supposed to be those of El Dorado, the golden city to which Raleigh and many other adventurers were said to have been lured, some to their death, and a few to fortune, in Elizabethan times, when the wildest stories of the New World found credence.

El Dorado sounds like the fanciful names which the Spaniards and Portuguese gave to the cities they established, such as Buenos Aires, Santiago, Los Angeles, and so on.

But the fact is that El Dorado is not a city at all, and never was, although it would make a fine sounding name for some new capital.

The story goes that Orellana, the lieutenant of the great Pizarro, pretended he had discovered a land of gold between the Orinoco and the Amazon, but when these high hopes proved delusive, the ruler was smeared with oil and rolled in gold dust, and dubbed El Dorado, the gilded man. Whether there is truth in the story is difficult to determine.

Dog's Self-Determination

Has a dog the right to select his own master? This question arose recently in a case brought before a London court when the owner of a valuable dog sued a neighbor for illegally harboring the animal. The defense set up, was that if a man had what was described as "an instinct for dogs," and a dog liked him and followed him, he was not legally bound to communicate with its owner if he knew the owner's name and address. In other words, the defendant attempted to extend the law of self-determination to animals. The same dog, he said, had followed him home on three occasions. Twice he returned it to the lawful owner, but on the third occasion he allowed it to remain. The court fined him \$10.

Find Rape Superior as Pasture Crop for Pigs

When compared with other pasture crops for pigs, rape demonstrates itself the equal of any and the superior of most of them. Feeding trials at the Iowa and Ohio stations with fattening pigs on corn and tankage on pasture have shown the gains produced, feed requirements and carrying capacities of rape and alfalfa to be practically identical. Alfalfa, of course, enriches the soil as a legume and also has the ability to produce hay, neither of which is true of rape. When neither alfalfa or clover is available for the pigs, however, rape should not be omitted. It is of course, much superior to bluegrass pasture, particularly after July 1.

Valuable Air Cargoes

Precious stones will be part of the cargo of the airplanes now ready to fly over the 1,100 miles of tropical jungle between Kuchaha, the capital of the Belgian Congo, and Katanga, in the interior. No fewer than 25 airplanes and landing grounds have been built in the swamps and jungles around the Congo, providing a continuous chain of shipping grounds. The principal "cargoes" on the air route will consist of diamonds, gold and ivory, which will be brought from the interior to the capital in a single day instead of 100 days as by present transport methods.