

Kathleen Norris Says:

A Way With Men

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WHY men want to marry certain women and don't want to marry others, is a mystery no one has ever been able to solve.

A woman can be everything admirable; pretty, clever, capable, pure and men will pass her by. Older men, younger men, popular men and unpopular men, no man sees Winifred at all. Her women friends tell them about her; "I've asked Winifred Martin for you. She's a darling. You'll love her." But they never find her a darling and they never love her.

On the other hand, there are women like Adele. Adele has been a completely worthless character all during the 20 years since she was 15. She has married three times; she is treating her present husband just as she did the two previous ones, and this marriage will end in divorce as the earlier ones did.

Adele is not especially pretty, nor has she wealth. But she has something that renders the average male helpless in her talons. She is as cold as a female cobra inside, she is as selfish as a woman can be, she is intellectually a complete loss. But no matter, she has a way with men, and at 30 she will still be charming them into thinking her the most desirable little armful of cuteness in the world.

The impression she makes is one of friendliness, happiness and easiness. If unmarried women, going lonely and wistful into their 30s, could grasp the value of these three qualities, there would be no more unwilling spinsters. I don't mean that Adele is really friendly or happy; she merely gives that impression.

"You're Wonderful!"

If it is a picnic, Adele slips a coquettish little hand into the nearest male hand and says, "Hang onto me, I'm a perfect little flake about hills — or woods — or beaches," as the case may be. If it is a dance she surrenders her whole fragrant little body into the arms of her partner, presently to say, "You're wonderful!"

If it's a beach fire, with frankfurters and barbershop chords, Adele leans against the man nearest her. She slips her hand into his. She sends him by firelight a glittering look of affection and challenge. Sometimes it doesn't work. But 9 times out of 10 it does.

What Adele knows by instinct, of course, for she has no brains, is that a man is as shy as a girl. He wants to be on easy terms with the girl with whom he is paired off; he wants other men to think he has a terrific way of getting on with them; he wants other less occupied couples to look over his way and wonder how he and that little brunette have found so much to laugh and chatter about.

If he gets a nice, stiff, shy girl, whose specialty is awkward pauses, who can't for the life of her be natural and relax, he feels humiliated and angry. Most boys are not smart enough to keep a conversation going; that is the girl's job, and he resents it if she falls down on it.

Shy Girl is Egotistical.

Shyness in a girl is a form of egotism. Self-consciousness is obviously egotism. Stiffness is pride. Very often the unpopular girl feels — even if she doesn't analyze or express it — something like this:



"This leads to a lonely 37."

PLAYING HER PART

Some women are popular with men, while others who may be prettier and more intelligent are not. Miss Norris explains that women who gain and hold men's interest know a few little tricks, and use them. She tells about a woman in her thirties who, although neither beautiful nor wealthy, is always able to attract the attentions of almost any man she wishes.

Her little technique is to be always feminine, always helpless and dependent. She lets the man she is with help her over rough spots in the road, or show her how to swim better; anything to make him feel superior and capable. Her conversation is not brilliant, but she keeps it going, and she puts in a good bit of flattery for her male companion. She gives the impression that she is friendly and happy.

Too many girls, says Miss Norris, are shy and awkward because they are really egotistical. They expect the man to play to them, to flatter them, to carry the burden of conversation. Many men are unable to do this. They expect the girl to keep the talk flowing, to maintain the easy, pleasant relationship of close friends.

When a girl finally realizes that she must play her part, and a bit more in the game, she is past her youth, with all its natural charm. She must then try doubly hard to be interesting.

"I've evidently got the boy no one else wants. Adele got the Ferguson boy and Marian got that Yale boy. Ha. And I'm supposed to entertain this big clumsy thing with the glasses. Ha. I should worry to find something that interests him! If they want to pair me off with the one they don't like, I'll simply sit here. I have more brains in my little finger than he has in his whole body, and if he won't talk, neither will I."

This sort of thing at 17 leads to a lonely 37. A smarter girl would take on the discarded boy with all her power of charm. She would get him talking, ask him to come and have supper some night. He may be the big surgeon of 1960; he may be the engineer who is going to take his wife some day to the most fascinating places of the whole world.

The Adeles of this world may be callous, cold-blooded, empty-headed little fiends. But they give. The quiet, respectable, admirable girl too often expects only to take. She will not stoop to a little harmless flattery. Why should she? Men are quite conceited enough! She will not try to interest the quiet, clumsy, spectacled boy who has been assigned to her; the fascinating men, the dancers and tennis players, the newcomers who have taken the town's girls by storm, have been grabbed by the more sophisticated girls. And she has Sam Sloane, who was with her in grammar school and who stammers, to entertain!

That stammerer may be speaking in the senate some day. Those short-sighted eyes may be correcting author's proof on the novels of the next generation. But that won't mean anything to a certain prim, lonely unmarried woman, back in the home town.

They Won't Make You Fat
Potatoes are not fattening, according to Edith Lawrence, specialist in food preparation for the A. and M. college extension service. She says studies by the bureau of human nutrition and home economics show a medium-sized potato contains about 100 calories, no more than the amount obtained from a serving of green peas. Potatoes do not step up poundage, Miss Lawrence says. It's the company they keep, such as butter and rich gravies that does it.



MEDAL FOR FATHER . . . Little William B. Collins, 2 years old, never saw his father, and he never will. Lt. Jarden B. Collins, USNR, died in action. In lieu of a third air medal, a gold star was presented to his son.



MICHIGAN WHEAT TITHING PROJECT . . . A block-long fence of wheat was built at Adrian, Mich., for the Lord by Michigan and Ohio farmers who joined with Perry Hayden, Tecumseh, Mich., to complete a six-year tithing project. The original cubic inch of wheat planted by Hayden multiplied into a 2,660-acre crop in its sixth year.



PROPOSED PEACE TERMS . . . Area affected by the proposed treaties being considered at the Paris peace conference are shown on this map in black. Slivers of territory on Italian-French border to France. Greece gets the Dodecanese islands from Italy, which also loses Libya. Pantelleria would be demilitarized. Albania would be recognized. Yugoslavia gets most of Venezia Giulia and Zara from Italy, and Trieste becomes a free territory. Romania gets Transylvania from Hungary, but it loses Bessarabia and N. Bukovina to Russia and S. Dobruja to Bulgaria. Finland loses Petsamo to Russia, but will get back Hangoe.



DISPOSSESS PIGS FOR HOME . . . George A. Holman, Davison, Mich., with two of his three children, Evelyn, 11, and Edith, 14, feeding the pigs they had to dispossess in order to have a home. The mother left them several months ago. The father, being out of work, had no place to go, so he moved the two girls into the hen house and he and his son, Kenneth, 12, live in the pig pen. Neighborhood farmers are offering to help the destitute family.



DA PREEM BACK . . . Giant Primo Carnera, once heavyweight boxing champion of the world, is back in the United States . . . as a wrestler. He claims to be champion wrestler of Italy. The 6 foot 6 inch, 250 pound grappler is in Los Angeles.



SHATTERS RECORDS . . . Jimmy McLane, 16, former Phillips academy, Andover, Mass., swim star, who shattered one American and one meet record as member of Ohio State team in the National Men's AAU championship.



U. S. MAJOR FREED . . . Maj. George Wood, U. S. army officer, of Philadelphia, Pa., has been released by Yugoslavian army officials. He was seized in Trieste, as was his wife, Evelyn, and their 7-year-old son. Reason for the arrest is still undisclosed.



ROCKET TO MARS . . . Prof. Alexander Ananoff, director of astronautics at Sorbonne university, Paris, hopes to send the first atomic energy rocket ship to Mars by 1960. No humans would be aboard on the 40 million mile "swish," lasting 15 days, he said.



SAVED SON'S LIFE . . . Ivar Dunsford, Nottingham, England, scientist, shown with his son, Peter, after the boy's life had been saved by a new plasma discovery made by his dad. Dunsford hopes other lives will be saved by plasma which he originated.



FIRST SHOE REPAIRS . . . Volunteer French shoe cobblers are shown at work in one of the repair projects established in Paris by the Salvation Army to provide repairs denied Parisians since outbreak of war.

ON THEIR FEET AGAIN

Parisians Secure First Shoe Repairs Since War Outbreak

Twenty-five thousand Parisians who have been wearing the same battered and tattered shoes since the war cut off all sources of leather—and new shoes—are having their first half-soles and new heels since 1940, as a result of a shoe repair project launched by the Salvation Army.

Spurred by reports that shoes are the most needed article in France today, the Salvation Army recently dispatched 500 shoe repair kits to that country. Each kit contained enough material for the repair of 50 pairs of shoes. Leather soles, leather and rubber heels, pieces of leather for patching of sides and uppers were included in the kit along with a hammer, repair knife and other equipment.

Several Parisian shoe cobblers volunteered their services to the French Salvation army and these men have been working in the welfare department of the "Armee du Salut," taking care of long queues of French men, women and children, who were urged to come for free shoe repairs.

Referring to the dire need for shoes in France, returning Salvation Army investigators report that the few new shoes on sale not only are extremely expensive but also are very uncomfortable, the soles being made of wood and the tops of a heavy cotton material. Poorer people have managed to half-sole their old shoes with strips of abandoned tires while many, unable to procure even this material, are wearing shoes that literally are tied on. Many poor people are wearing makeshift sandals made of thin slats of wood.

State-Owned Farms Aid Food Shortage By Boosting Output

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Through its operation of four farms, the Illinois department of public safety ranks as one of the most extensive farm operators in the state, according to Director T. P. Sullivan. Three branches of the state penitentiary and the state farm at Vandalia farm a total of 7,928 acres and expect a 1946 crop with a valuation of more than \$250,000.

Complying with an order from Gov. Dwight H. Green that the state's farming activities be extended to the maximum to relieve the present food shortage, Sullivan arranged with the institutions to cultivate all available acreage.

Although operation of the farms saves the state money, principal reason for their existence is the occupational therapy involved, Sullivan explains. Inmates are kept occupied on the farm, thereby learning a trade to qualify them for a job when released.

Products of the farms are as varied as any well-managed farm unit.

Radar Gear Utilized In Ocean Oil Quest

NEW YORK.—Another postwar use of radar was disclosed with announcement that scientists in a diving chamber, using radar to fix exact location of their finds, will start soon on a hunt for ocean-bottom oil under 2,000 square miles of water in the northwestern Bahamas islands.

Work will get underway immediately, equipment already having arrived at Nassau aboard the 112-foot ship Stanba, which will serve as mother ship for the experts working below her. The ship formerly was used by the Canadian navy in anti-submarine work.

Absence of Stomach Proves No Handicap

BOSTON.—Eighty-nine persons in Boston have no stomachs, Dr. Frank Lahey of the Lahey clinic reports. Despite lack of a stomach, these people are well and happy, Dr. Lahey reports. Removal of the stomachs eliminated danger of cancer and malignant growths. A loop of intestine is used as substitute. One man has been living for nine years without a stomach.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

Several aspects of aviation will gain momentum shortly as a result of educational programs set by scores of major colleges and universities. The Board of Regents of New York State has recommended a State Technical Institute of Aeronautics at Syracuse, N. Y., to provide two-year courses for high school graduates who wish to prepare for junior technical positions in the aeronautical industry. . . . Cornell university has taken over Curtiss-Wright corporation's research laboratory and wind tunnel at Buffalo, N. Y., for use in a co-operative research educational program. . . . Illinois U. has set up three aviation courses. They cover flight training, aviation technician training and airplane mechanics. . . . University of Texas plans a new course in airport management in addition to courses already offered in air transportation and airline administration and training. . . . Northwestern university is planning the establishment of new Institute of Aeronautics for the purpose of conducting research on the fundamental problems of the aviation industry, calling for an ultimate endowment of \$10,000,000. . . . A course in applied aerodynamics will be offered during the spring term at the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aeronautics at New York university. . . . Iowa Wesleyan college has added an aviation department with 16 semester courses.

A man who can walk only with the aid of two crutches recently received his private pilot's license. The new pilot is Casmer J. Sikorski of Polonia, Wis., who is a victim of infantile paralysis. The license was granted by civil aeronautics administration after Sikorski had completed flight training at the Stevens Point, Wis., municipal airport. Sikorski owns his own plane, equipped with hand controls for all operations.



ENTERTAIN PATIENTS . . . Thirty-five young patients of the Adelaide Tichenor Orthopedic foundation at Long Beach, Calif., got their first plane ride and view of their city from the air as guests aboard a Mainliner.

TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS

Providing school teachers with low-fare air travel fellowships on United States international airlines is the objective of a plan broached by J. Parker Van Zandt, director of aviation research at Brookings institution. A teacher awarded a fellowship could "hitchhike" his way abroad and spend six to eight weeks of study and travel in a number of foreign lands at a total cost of a few hundred dollars. Similar fellowships could be accorded foreign teachers to visit the U. S.