

IDEAS OF A PLAIN GIRL.

BY DOROTHY MITCHELL.

ON ARISTOCRACY.
There is enough vanity in the human race to make us all proud of our kin, provided that kin has done anything a little above the average man, or whose record was, comparatively speaking, spotless. Any man should be proud enough of great ancestry to live up to and maintain the standards which they established. But when I see a marked manifestation of the gloating spirit over ancestors dead and gone, and whose deeds I might have never known had I not been fortunate enough to have met their degenerate, who by frequent references to the things their family used to do and what the "Newly-Riches" sprung from, it brings a smile about my face. There is some sort of feeling I have akin to pain and pity which forbids a laugh.

And if some of these aristocrats would be satisfied to raise their own families to the skies (gaseous matters usually rise) without trying to punch nearly everybody not connected with them into a pit, may I should not be skeptical about their claims.

I am democratic, and if I meet a soul worthy of praise, it matters not what foundation it may have apparently had to the eyes of the world, if it is in tune with mine, I accept it proudly.

On one occasion I met a young girl of whom I at first formed a high opinion, and it continued to grow with renewed acquaintance. I spoke of her once in the presence of an alleged blue veined lady, and very condescendingly she said: "Yes, she is a right nice girl they say, but she came from nothing."

"Ah, well, she must be a goddess," I surmised, "for Venus rang from the seafoam."
Oh! it is amusing the number of people one meets during life who descended (step fashion, if you please) right down from some noble ancestors. Actually, I believe I have met enough people who came from the nobility to fill up all the English peerage.

One fellow told me once that he could trace his ancestry back to the battle of Hastings, and confidentially—not meaning to be gossipy about his family—but I would consider it quite a problem to figure how long it will take them to become enlightened with nine hundred years' association with the most intelligent class of people on earth.

And I meet people by the hundreds who descended (again) from some family which achieved something, or rather had a name well known in their day, but they are "not a bit of kin" to some family of the same name living in adverse circumstances right at them.

One very strange case of ancestry which I ran across once was that of a man who claimed a direct lineage from an old German gentleman who was said to have had an enormous estate, both real and personal—the latter of which I never doubted in the least, because there was a tradition that many a time the old man was seen tottering along under the weight of such an immense burden of personal estate, and oftentimes he would fall down—from mere exhaustion. (I've always heard it was unpleasant to be rich.)

But the strangest thing about it was that the man was closely related to this old German who lived a hundred years ago, and did not claim kin to his father's nephew who lived in meager circumstances. A few years afterwards the nephew's son began to prosper in the world and this other man became his cousin. This is another problem.

Were I Puck, I should say "What feels these mortals be," but as I am one myself—Oh, a mortal, I mean—I have to keep my mouth shut and think.

I knew a family once who claimed kinship with General Lee, and they really had a right to the claim. Every member of that family had "Lee" tacked on to his name somewhere with the accent on the "Lee" at that, and they seemed to think that it was a passport through the world. It is narrow, I know, but I know General Lee only through books—and also knowing that pages

sometimes lie between the backs—I have never since had the reverence for him that I have for some other heroes. Someway, a vision of one of his namesakes comes before me, and I wish they had not claimed kin to a hero in my mind whom I could never know.

After all, what does it matter to a man if he is kin to greatness so long as he himself is a man, and if he is not a man, then to me it is more of a disgrace than an honor to have great ancestors, for I always feel that he has been weighed in the balances and found wanting, while if he had never had any opportunities or known anything great, I can feel more charitably towards him.

On the other hand, if he is a man, it matters little what his family may have been, and a long chain of ancestry and relatives who have been prominent will have little effect only with those who look upon the outward view, for

"A man's a man for a' that." Count over the great men of the world, and those who descended from rank will be equalled if not outnumbered by those who ascended from obscurity. I cannot but help think of the man who ascends in life more worthy than the fellow who descends.

Suppose men should boast of nobility. What of that? "The rank is but a guinea's stamp, The man's a man for a' that."

And nobility? It is but the "breath of kings." And kings? Ah! yes, they are simply humans, sharing alike even with the humblest of toilers those free and universal qualities of being good and bad. And

"The honest man, though e'er so poor, Is king o' men for a' that."

But this blue blood! Oh, well, I have nothing against the blood. It is just the way some people have of carrying it around, and the way others have of trying to pass theirs off as the real article, that amuses me. I have seen people who think more of their so-called blue blood than they do of the blood of their Saviour.

Maybe someone will ask me how I know these things. Actions speak louder than words. How many people go to church who do not speak to members of their own congregation, save only in a pious moment when the world is beholding their good deeds, and other blue bloods are offering the tips of cold aristocratic fingers to some hard and roughened hand grimy with the dust of toil.

I have seen a man, and fed a long time, before the eggs will come. Breeding turkeys can be profitably kept up to the fifth and sixth year. The cost of feed for geese is small, compared with that for other market fowls.

When at all indisposed, a turkey should be separated from the rest of the flock. Ducks and geese require deep drinking vessels, especially if reared and kept on land.

A hen, like a human being, needs to be made comfortable in order to do the best work. As soon as the breeding season is over the male birds should be separated from the hens.

The business of our domestic hen is to produce plenty of eggs, and we must feed her for them. Begin to select your breeders for next year and cull out and sell those that you have not room for this winter.

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"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachit, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for to-day I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." It is folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at W. A. Leslie's.



POULTRY

DIRTY EGGS DECREASE VALUE

Agricultural Department Estimates Loss to Farmers at \$5,000,000 Every Year.
While there are a few egg producers who take the best of care of their product, the average farmer considers the eggs produced on the farm a by-product and makes very little provision for their care, aside from gathering them. A large loss is caused by dirty eggs, the number being enormous, and according to the estimate of Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, this money loss to the farmers in the United States amounting to about \$5,000,000 annually.

This loss is very largely brought about by not gathering the eggs often enough. In wet weather more dirty eggs are produced than at any other time. This is caused by the fact that the hen's feet are often covered with mud or other filth, and in going on the nest to lay she soils the eggs already in the nest.

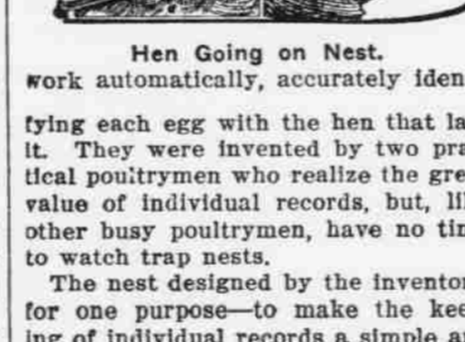
An insufficient number of nests is often the cause of many of the dirty eggs found. Eggs are laid on the ground and around the hay and straw stacks, and becoming stained, are classed as "dirties." Again, when too many eggs are allowed to remain in a nest some are broken and many of the others become smeared with broken yolks. This condition is often brought about by allowing the broody hens to use the same nests with the layers. On a farm where one nest to every four hens is provided and the nests are kept clean and well bedded, it is found that very few dirty eggs are produced.

After gathering the eggs, care should be taken not to put them where they will become heated, or near oil, kerosene, or other vegetables, as they readily absorb odors.

Although dirty eggs may be perfectly fresh, they invariably sell as "seconds" and when but a few dirty eggs are mixed with an otherwise fresh, clean lot, they materially decrease the price of the clean eggs.

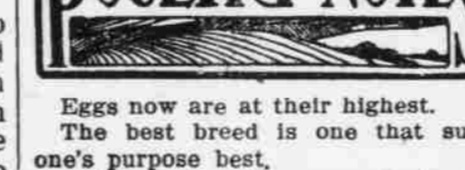
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Getting Ready

(It is the evening of the annual children's party at a fashionable Chicago club. Mrs. Gumble is preparing her offspring for the occasion. The room is littered with cast-off shoes, hosiery, skirts, neckties, and other articles of apparel.)
Mrs. Gumble—If you don't stand still, Geraldine, I'll—
Geraldine—Will there be ice cream? An' kin I take my new doll? Say, kin I wear the new apron Aunt May gave me with the pink bows on it? But why can't I? I want—
John—Aw, mother, honest, have I got to go? Please, moth—
Mrs. Gumble—You'll drive me crazy, both of you? The idea of your acting so, Johnny, when all the children of every human being I know will be there! Do you think I'm going to have folks say I didn't take enough interest in my own children to have them there, too? Put that perfume bottle down this minute, Geraldine! You'll be a regular barber shop—
John—Aw, mother, have I got to wash? After I took a bath this morning? Do you have parties? Who's going to look at my neck, anyhow? Aw, gee!
Geraldine—Ouch—you pull! You did my hair this morning, and what are you fixing it again for? I don't want it braided—I want it curled—all around like the cook does her hair—please, mother! Why can't I have it curled. I wa-wa-want it c-c-curved!
Mrs. Gumble—Geraldine, I shall whip you if you don't stop this instant! Here I am, trying my best to give you a perfectly lovely time, and you act like all possessed! Why, every woman there will criticize every other woman's children, and do you think I'm going to let you go looking like a curled up little fright? Stand still, for mercy's sake!
John—Aw, what do I put on now, mother? Aw—no hats parties!
Mrs. Gumble—I believe you do it on purpose to torment me! There's a black streak all around your neck—and your ears—John Gumble, you sharing straight back into the bath room and use the soap! Lots of it! Or you'll get a cold—
John—Honest, kin I stay at home? I'd love rather, an' I'll ask Billy come over and bring his ashtray—
Mrs. Gumble (in tones of tragedy)—You're not going to stay at home! Go and wash this minute!
Geraldine—Don't want to take that petticoat! I don't like that petticoat, mother! Please let me wear the blue gingham one with the ruffles!
Mrs. Gumble—Blue gingham! You wearing a white lingerie dress that cost \$25! If you are only 12 years old I should think it isn't asking too much to insist on your having a little common sense, Geraldine! Stand still!
Geraldine—Kin I wear your diamond hair comb? And your sparkling necklace? Oh, please, mother, let me wear the necklace—the one with the emeralds an' diamonds an—
Mrs. Gumble—No!
John—Oh, mother, I forgot an' left the water turned on in the bowl, an' it's runnin' all over the floor an—
Geraldine—Goody! Goody! I'll put my fan on this chain an—o-o-o, oh, I broke it, mother—your long gold one!
John—Hurry up, mother—r-r! It's runnin' out into the hall, an—
Mrs. Gumble (ten minutes later)—If you stir from this room, John Gumble, I'll go to you, I—I don't know what I'll do to you, but it'll be something awful! Geraldine, stand still till I get your dress fastened up! Put on that tube of paste! And don't handle your hair ribbons—you're smashing them all down! John, put on your collar!
John—Aw, I hate parties! I hate girls! I won't dance! I won't!
Mrs. Gumble—Now, see here, if you don't act like a little gentleman, with every woman I know watching you, I'll never let you go to a party again!
Geraldine—O-o-o, mother! There's paste all over the front of me! It's all sticky!
Mrs. Gumble—Stand still! Of all the children, when I told you—John, go bring me a wet cloth—and I paid \$25 for that dress—and your pink slip shows below it and the taxi will be here in ten minutes. Stand still! John, you know perfectly well you're to wear your good clothes—take those off! Put down that perfume, Geraldine! John, put on your pumps!
John—They're full of water! I had 'em in the bath room! Kin I wear my football shoes? Aw, please, mother—
Mrs. Gumble—There, Geraldine, you've stepped on my skirt for the sixth time and now you've torn it! And the taxi will be here—John, get on your muffler and coat! Put on your wrap, Geraldine! And put down that stupid doll! What on earth—
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"I will do this evening," he remarked quite casually to Mrs. Proudfoot. It was his plan to break the thing gently but firmly, and to stand by his colors to the bitter end.

"Is that so?" she asked with a slight touch of polite sarcasm. "May I ask why, pray?"

"I have a directors' meeting."

"No you haven't. Your board of directors always meets in the afternoon," Mr. Jones said to him.

"Well—er, then I have an old college friend from out of town, and I promised to spend the evening with him."

"Old stuff!" snorted Mrs. Proudfoot. "You act as though I was a ten-twenty-third vaudeville audience, ready to take on anything. If you have an old college chum in town you can phone him to come up here."

"But I have got to meet our senior partner at six o'clock and go to the train with him," said Mr. Proudfoot, desperately.

"Your senior partner went away yesterday. You told me so yourself."

"Well, even at that," said he, in a final attempt to get by gracefully, "even at that, I promised to make the fourth in a game of whist over at Mr. Podsnap's tonight, and I've got to go."

"Mr. and Mrs. Podsnap are up at Charlevoix and have been there ever since July 1. Your work is really course, Erasmus."

"Well, you know I never deceived you in my life, Matilda," said Mr. Proudfoot, weakly.

"I know perfectly well that you have never deceived me, Erasmus, and you are not deceiving me now. You had better get out your slippers and remain at home this evening."

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