



Dear Lady in the Mirror,—

Though nights are still chillsome, and we still get an ample sufficiency of those damp (please be careful with the "p," printer), raw, and altogether unpleasant days that make us, while they are with us, wonder whether the encomiums that have been lavished on our climate are but travellers' tales, the calendar and some really glorious if, alas, intermittent periods of wonderful weather yield us the welcome promise of Spring's approach. Soon we shall, each according to our predilections, be indulging in the peculiar form of lunacy that affects even the most rational of us about the time when furs and overcoats begin to vanish from our streets.

Our Editor will wear a worried look as his mail-bag swells with masses and yet more masses of Spring poetry. The poet assures us that young men will find their fancies turning lightly towards the softer emotions, and our less-frequented and most ill lit by-ways will harbour many a budding romance. You, dear Lady, on the other hand, will doubtless find your glances lightly turning, much more reasonably, toward our Fashion Pages, which hold the real promise of Spring; and I can assure you that your wishes will be most amply catered for. Our next number (October) will be a special Spring Number, and will contain an enlarged Fashion section that will tell you all you want to know about that most important of all subjects besides a host of other special Spring features.

However, whether our longings turn lingeringly lovewards, or make us write rhymes ruthlessly, or whether Spring simply induces that normal and very understandable "new clothes" feeling, the great thing is that we begin once again to hear the call of the Great Out-of-Doors, and any help we can obtain towards making the most of the opportunities afforded by the fleeting days of summer should receive a rapturous welcome.

OUR NEW SUPPLEMENT

Therefore the innovation that this number inaugurates needs no apologies. Every future issue of the MIRROR will contain a special—and extra—section devoted to the joys of travel, and the motorist will be most amply catered for in a way that has not previously been attempted in the Dominion. The Supplement will contain numerous descriptions of possible runs and tours, illustrated by simple, understandable maps and photographs; these should be of the utmost value to every car owner, and, even to those who have not yet realised their ambitions and are as yet carless, should be full of interest and open up many new possibilities for joyous, healthy holidays and week-ends.

For the woman motorist, and for her husband, there will be many valuable features: Special articles on just the motoring matters you want to know about, help and advice about motoring troubles and needs;

REFLECTIONS ON VARIOUS THEMES
BY "KNAVE O' HEARTS"

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new models will be reported on, and thus the would-be car owner helped in the difficult matter of making the all-important selection—in fact, everything the car owner wants to know about will be given.

The Supplement will also contain many scenic photographs, with detailed instructions as to how to get to our most beautiful

and, unfortunately, but too little known beauty spots, what to see there, and where to stay.

If you know of picturesque runs in your own district, you will help us considerably by sending in particulars—while for photographers there is an interesting and remunerative competition announced in the Supplement.

RUHRAL AMENITIES

It really appears that at last the intolerable position in the Ruhr may be settled, and that a war-worn world may some day be allowed to commence to recover from the tragedy that began in 1914 and is not yet ended.

It, indeed, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has found some panacea to heal the wound that gapes across Europe, he deserves well of civilisation, though many of us are still sufficiently embittered to resent his apparent, in fact rather flamboyant, "forgive and forget" attitude to the Hun, and, while realising that some working agreement is a necessity, if the conquerors are not to bite off their noses in order to spite their own faces, can hardly see the necessity to kiss and be friends.

However, possibly the end justifies the means; for, while Germany refuses to make any effort while France occupies the Ruhr, and France refuses to quit the Ruhr until Germany makes an effort, the prospect of any betterment in world conditions is but small. One, however, is very dubious of any good result from an agreement that allows a year, in which all sorts of new difficulties and complications can arise, before it comes into effect. Nevertheless, we can but hope for the best, in full confidence that we have endured the worst, and the future can hold nothing more disastrous than the history of the war and the succeeding Peace. Perhaps poor consolation, but these are days when in stoic philosophy alone can comfort be found.

THE STUMBLING BLOCK

The Legislative Council has refused to allow women to become Justices of the Peace. Why? The ever more prominent *pari passu* women are taking all over the world in public affairs makes such a decision retrograde to the point of absurdity. Women have proved that they are fully capable of filling practically every position with dignity and efficiency, and there is no possible sane reason why the Council should seek to delay the progress of the feminine movement towards complete equality. What they have refused to-day will be granted as a right to-morrow, and quibbling rejections of just demands of this nature cause but irritating and unnecessary delay.

In this instance, who will deny that women are very often in a far better position to judge the mentality that governed the actions of their own sex than any male Justice—and that in the case of juvenile offenders woman's experience and knowledge is invaluable?