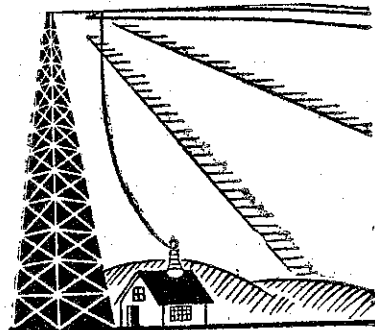


THIS has been an exceptional season for spring flowers. I don't think I have ever seen them in such profusion before. I was visiting a home the other day, and as we entered the drive on either side were masses of tulips and forget-me-nots which confronted us in one blaze of colour. The glorious colours of the tulips mingled with the blue of the forget-me-nots was a sight never to be forgotten. At this same home they have a special part reserved for the iris, and they have arranged an informal grouping of many varieties. We are to see this in all its glory next month.

MARRIAGE should constitute an eminently fair partnership (says Ursula Bloom in "The Queen"). Too often it is divided into one demanding all the freedom and liberty, and leaving the other partner to work and wait on him, and deal with the more mundane side. Marriage, to be successful, should be share and share alike. There are too few friends in marriage. If you treat your husband as a lover and do not make a friend of him, something is bound to go wrong. Lovers, yes, but not all the time. Friends, undoubtedly and definitely, all the time. Marriage is something approaching a divine friendship if it runs along the scheduled lines.

—ALISON.

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## At Last---Flats for Business Women

### Wellington Supplies Long Felt Want

RECENTLY the prosperity of Wellington has been showing itself in a very marked degree. One has only to look from the harbour to see how rapidly the building outline is changing, almost daily, and their building is silhouetted.

One of the latest buildings to join the Regiment of Prosperity is that of Batchelor Flats for Business Women, which have been erected on the Terrace and are just nearing completion. Wellington women have for a long time needed such a home, and they now have an ideal corner for their own.

I had the pleasure this morning of viewing them with a friend, who has just taken one of the flats. They consist of a hall, living room, kitchen, and bathroom. That sounds useful, but prosaic, but when I tell you the contents you'll be captivated.

In the hall there are cupboards for umbrellas, coats, or anything else one needs to put out of the eye of vision. Then, in the living room, there are windows taking up nearly all one side of the room, and cupboards half another side. But, wait until I tell you, these cupboards hold real secrets. One has her room artistically furnished and may entertain friends to bridge round, a glowing radiator, and when they go one approaches the cupboard and by "open sesame" two beautifully-made beds pull down as easily as opening a door. The bedclothes are kept on them, when tilted upward, by bed clamps and also by doubling over the bed head. They are wonderfully made of steel, and every part is beautifully finished. There is a multiplicity of springs, which makes them the most inviting beds one ever saw.

In the other cupboard is another wardrobe, which appears not to have existed.

The bathroom is ideal. It is painted in a soft-coloured green, and (joy of joys!) hot water is supplied all day long free of charge. The flooring is Fama, and there is a long nickel-plated towel rail fixed ready for use. A cupboard in which is a chest of drawers, a mirror, table, and shelves, and another cupboard still above this is cunningly concealed.

THE flooring of the entire flat is covered with malthoid, and then on top of that thick, expensive linoleum. Really, the whole flat needs very little furniture, and the kitchen needs nothing more than some stools, which can be stowed away under the built-in table, half of which is made to lift up for extension purposes.

There is a quaint little device for the milk. This has a cupboard door in the kitchen and another in the main hall, by which the milkman on his rounds is able to leave the bottle conveniently placed.

As well as the drop-table in the kitchen, there is a dresser with drawers, shelves and cupboards, and there is also a safe. The non-splash taps,

and the electric stove which each flat contains are really very modern. The main entrance of the general building is tiled, and with the swing-doors create a most mansion-like effect.

The roof garden has many attractions, for not only is there sun all day, but also a magnificent harbour view. For those tenants who have not sufficient faith in the bag wash, there are three wash-houses, with penny-in-the-slot gas-meters. Each flat is provided with a rubbish tin, which is emptied each morning by the caretaker.

In the basement there is a large room for storage of boxes, with special places for each tenant's possessions. Arrangements have been made for a caretaker and his wife to live

### Alone

A SEAGULL in the evening mist,  
His wings by dying sunlight  
kissed,  
Came flying past; alone, gold-lit.

A mountain, rugged, awful, grand  
Whose beauty none could under-  
stand,  
Stood silent by; alone, austere.

And I remembered truly then  
Him who was killed by angry men  
These years ago; alone, unloved.

—D.A.S.

### Practice Self-Discipline

HOW many cigarettes can one smoke in the course of a day without undue injury to one's health? Apparently it all depends on how one smokes. The organs that may be harmed by over-indulgence in smoking are the heart, the nerves and the sight. If the heart is irregular, if the hands tremble when held out, if the vision is impaired ever so slightly, then the amount smoked should be cut down. Not all at once, however, but by gradual stages, such as refusing to smoke before lunch or on an empty stomach. Open-air exercise is helpful in overcoming the temptation to smoke, and plenty of the sugar element in food is essential during the period of self-discipline.

### Knowing What You Want

THE summer school of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade was held recently at Girton College, Cambridge. During the course a discussion arose as to which women are the best, and which the worst, kind of shopper. All agreed that the easiest customer to deal with is the masculine woman who knows exactly what she wants. Her attitude is: "If you haven't got it, say so, and let me get away." The most difficult customer is the daughter who goes shopping with her mother. The daughter generally knows exactly what she wants, and is determined to have it; while the mother is equally determined that the daughter shall have what she considers best for her. Generally it ends in a squabble with the assistant in the midst of it trying to please both parties.

### A Golden Garden

HAVE you ever tried having a "golden garden"? You know, there is a tradition that yellow flowers are the oldest of all. There are many golden flowers, and if you would like to experiment and see what you think of the blaze of gold, try planting sunflowers, golden Irish yew, pansies of every hue of yellow, golden rain, clumps of golden rod, Iceland poppies, evening primroses, geums, yellow irises, wallflowers, promroses, daffodils, crocuses, and others. I have only just commenced mine.

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