**Only Girls May Read This!**

By Amy Chang

"Telephone, telegram, hell-a-woman—the three quickest ways of spreading news."

What an insolent statement about a woman! Despite the fact that I am also a girl, I dare say this quotation is true in some respects. Imagine the scene of several ladies together, it is extremely natural that their discourse should soon turn to fashion. After they have finished discussing the matter picked up from some other people’s mouths perhaps.

There is a popular notion that women are enemies to other people’s privacy. This also, I must admit is correct to a certain extent. Some women’s curiosity is really a disease, the qualities of tact and discretion are unknown and gossip seems to be the breath of life to them.

I recall once I met such a woman at a party. I was so shocked and wretchedly embarrassed when I watched how people laughed behind her back and some even left the room hurriedly when she entered. I was even more mortified when I saw some gentlefolk men ease after her departure. And I remember how shocked I was when I came to the scene.

【注】insolent 無禮的 / quotation 引用的句子 / 在某些场合 / discourse 言論 / fashions 時尚 / gossip 話題 / the latter 晚些 / in some respects 在某些程度上 / discourse 言論 / fashion 時尚 / in some respects / discretion 要謹慎 / and gossip seems to be the breath of life to them. 我認為這種論調是正確的。/ I recall once I met such a woman at a party. 我曾聽說過這樣的一則故事。/ 進屋後她風度儀表清雅，令人自愧弗如。/ 我記得有一次在舞會上她出現時，/ all women are iniquitous. / In fact, it is most irritating for all the women to bear the blame, because there are actually only a few really frivolous minds among them. But as there is a common prejudice against a woman who tries to poke her nose a bit further into others’ business, and she is at once acknowledged as "iniquitous." / girls are going to stand this thing when we have grown up? / Though we can do nothing to eradicate those notions, we can try to be more careful. It is good to be frank, but we should respect others’ secrets, and lay upon them as private property. As for subjects for our conversation, there are so many; each such thing is as profitable, poetic, music, movie, colours, scent, sound, rain, sun and the like can all serve as excellent topics for discussion and the inevitable subject of fashions is not an evil in itself if it is not done to criticism. I am convinced that if we try to control ourselves, and behave properly, then all the trivial remarks about women, will also cease from..." - from Sunday Examiner

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**The Vice President Reports**

**尼克遜報告**

Richard Nixon

Though ours was not a sight-seeing junket, we could not help being impressed by the magnificent scenery we encountered. There are the incredibly beautiful flowers in Guatemala, the incomparable climate in San Jose, the densely cultivated coffee plantations in El Salvador, the vast wilderness of the Central American region.

Here, too, you find some of the most impressive religious, cultural and historical monuments in the Western Hemisphere, such as the ancient Mayan cities or the ruins of the Aztec civilization.

Sometimes we in the United States forget that our neighbors to the south have a culture which is just as old as ours. To be sure, no one would argue that anything about the Indians is as complex as the civilization of the Mayans, the Aztecs or the Incas. But these same Indians who are our neighbors also have their own unique way of life.

During our visit, we met with the President of Mexico, Mr. Echeverria, and other government officials. At a dinner given in our honor by President Echeverria, he spoke of his appreciation for the United States and the special friendship between our two countries.

But, rather than the things we saw, the people made the greatest impression upon us. There was President Echeverria of Mexico, for example. Strong, honest and able, he has a real sense of the standard of living of his fellow countrymen. I commented, after luncheon, on the beauty of the Presidential Residence. "It is a beautiful mansion, Mr. Vice President," he replied, "but 300 miles away people live in caves. That is the problem and the tragedy of Mexico." Under such a leader Mexico is better poised to progress.

Although we may be closer geographically to the United States, we are still separated by culture, tradition and language. As the President of Mexico once said, "Our countries have the same language but different cultures."

In his closing remarks, the President thanked us for our visit and wished us a safe journey back to the United States. And so our visit came to an end, but the memories and impressions we gained will stay with us for a long time to come.

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**Picnics In English**

英文難題詳解

The adjective (......)

(a) The rich are not always
flappin’
(b) The good and the beautiful
are not always
together.

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**LAST WEEK’S CROSSWORDS**

**Liability**

**Dame**

**Ode**

**D缺乏**

**Dive**

**Ease**

**Hoe**

**Tear**

**Lop**

**Sad**

**Sally**

**Entirely**

**Perhaps**

**In case**

**He takes an umbrella in case it rain...**

**He takes an umbrella in case it rains.**

**He takes an umbrella in case it rains.**

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**And Nothing But the Truth**

The young lady on the witness stand was asked her age by the prosecutor. "I don’t know," replied the young lady.

"Now, see here, Miss," interrupted the judge. "This is a court of law, and you have sworn to tell the truth."

"Yes, but you told me earlier that I must tell you what I know to be the truth, and not hear," repeated the young lady.

"I did, indeed," thundered the judge.

"Will, " replied the young lady. "I can’t tell you my age because my mother told me when I was born."

"That’s hearsay evidence, isn’t it?"

"The witness is excused from answering the question," ruled the judge.

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