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### WIVES OF GERMANS.

AN AMERICAN GIRL'S POSITION WHEN SHE MARRIES A BARON.

How She Has to Economize in the Use of Her Own Money—An Authority on the Subject Writes For the Benefit of Young Women in This Country.

Few questions have been put to me as a test to my foreign experience oftener than the familiar: "Ought American girls to marry German men? Are such unions happy? Do they turn out well? What class of men is it that step outside the beaten track of home matrimony to seek American wives and transplant them into the life of the fatherland?" writes Baroness von Wedel in Cosmopolitan.

In respect to the marriages of American girls with German men, they may be approved of safely in the cases of practical, worldly minded women and of very young or of very gentle tempered girls. Wives who possess little sentiment or only soft sentiments yield readily to their environment, the latter giving way unconsciously, and hence without pain, the former with foresight and with a purpose selfish enough, as we may assume, to recompense them for their renunciations.

As for the class of willful, silly, pretentious women, they are happy nowhere. German society should not be called too harshly to account, therefore, if they are wretched in marrying into it. We must concede, if we are fair minded, that they would have been just as discontented in any other geographical position as in the fatherland.

The inquiry begins with our average girls. They represent American wives whose happiness is influenced by the specifically foreign traits in their husbands and their husbands' society and surroundings. However they may vary in character, they are alike in their Americanism, and it is republican principles which are opposed in them to the aristocratic education of the men of their choice.

It is a false prejudice to suppose that those of the titled gentlemen who take American wives are mere fortune hunters and degenerated specimens of nobility. They are often men, it is true, who could not marry women without dowry, for gentlemen on the continent, as must be kept continually in mind, are excluded from the chances of making money.

Where cases of dissipation of the great fortunes of American wives occur and are duly reported, two or three things are sometimes overlooked. The first is that, if the cases were not rare, they would hardly be considered worth offering to the public as shocking facts. The second is that the fortune evidently was limited. The next may surprise us, for it is a truth that has not been realized by our home staying countrymen—I mean the fact that foreigners lay the blame on the American wife. Why, the relatives ask, did she not bring more money into the connection?

What they mean, and what they feel justified by the usage of their class in meaning, is that young noblemen do nothing unusual in being extravagant. If the consort of such a man brings wealth enough for her to be luxurious, too, no objection to that is valid. But the head of the house is the member who is the representative of his rank, together with the maintenance of that is suitable to it, and where the marital fortune is circumscribed it becomes the duty of the wife to retrench her outlays in order to allow him to continue representing their station without too much danger of bankrupting the family means. German wives economize the more in proportion as their husbands spend.

American born wives, on the contrary, have drawn the reputation upon themselves of being incapable of this sort of sacrifice.

I have learned to look for the real tragedies among foreign marriages in the silent cases. These women of character and ambition, united in a fervid temperament, keeping their post like soldiers, are admirable wives often of admirable men, yet they endure the constant realization of the chosen places of their thoughts being foreign to the ways and thoughts of their husband and the world about them. There are modern women of strong and distinct lives whose inner principles are supreme protests against the system of living which their marriages unknowingly drew them into—exiles from the soil, and, above all, the soil of republicanism.

Both law and custom grant men authority over women. The bride passes from the parental control into the control of her husband, and, if she live to be a widow, into that of her son.

Our girls know theoretically before marriage that they must be subservient to their husbands as German wives and that the obstacles to happiness lie in the path of wifely independence. The gentle foothold of submission is free from hindrance.

### Philadelphia Chickens.

"The idea that Philadelphia chickens are the best is not a mere fancy," said a poultry man. "They are really the best. There is something in the soil of the country around Philadelphia that is favorable to the best growth and development of the chicken, just as there is something in other parts of the country that promotes the highest development of the horse."—New York Sun.

### A Legal Opinion.

"Do you think there is anything in this case?" asked the junior partner of the law firm.

"Certainly," answered the senior partner. "Our client is worth a million."—Detroit Free Press.

Gustavus Adolphus was the Snow King, from the fact that his dominions were termed the Snow Kingdom.

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### BLUNDERS OF SPEAKERS.

A Well Known Orator Points Out Some Humorous Instances.

Mr. Joseph Malins, himself a well known public speaker, gives The Woman's Signal some amusing instances of the blunders of public speaking. It is, he thinks, a lack of fluency that causes the speaker so often to blunder. Mr. Malins has listened to a temperance orator deploring the fact that a friend resorts to "the frequent use of the daily glass." He heard a notable lady speaker speak of slim children "brought into the world with no more idea of homo comfort than the children of negroes in Africa."

One speaker said, "I rise emphatically," and another said, "I stand prostrate with astonishment." Yet another feelingly told his audience that it was "not the platform speaker, but the house to house visitation and the utterance of the silent word by the caller which did the most good." The statements that "the previous speaker's suggestions were very suggestive" and that another speaker's remarks were "miscalculated to mislead" Mr. Malins also mentions.

Then there is the speaker who always misplaces his "h's" and who prays "that we might be brought to the halter." There was a fight of fancy when the speaker asked, "Suppose if a modern balloon dropped upon an uninhabited island, what would the natives say?" The scientific lecturer said of his coming experiment that "all depends upon the present condition of the body about to be created." A town councilor spoke of "the rivers and streams that shut on the borough boundaries." Among Mr. Malins' other examples is the speaker who began with saying, "The proper study of mankind in general is the study of mankind in general," whereupon an arch in the audience cried out, "You're a go!" at the same hole you came out at.

No less embarrassed was the old gentleman, who, stumbling through an after dinner speech, said, "I—I have no more to say, and so—and so—I'll make a few more remarks." The builder frankly declared he was "more fitted for the scaffold than the platform." Sometimes the chairman errs in welcoming the speaker. A chairman was heard to welcome a speaker as one "who is always with us, and we wish he would come oftener." Kind was the announcement that "there will be two more opportunities to hear the lecturer come more." It was when the meeting ended that the chairman asked the audience to "close by singing just one verse of the doxology."

### BLUE PETER IN WHIST.

The Signal For Trumps First Employed by Lord Henry Bentinck.

There is a house in London which should be the Mecca of all whist players who believe in the new school and the "information" game, a shrine before which they should bow respectfully as the fountain head of all that is modern in the game. This is 87 St. James street, and it is within sight of Marlborough House. Its fame rests chiefly on the fact that it was at one time known as Graham's club, and that within its walls Lord Henry Bentinck first introduced the blue peter, or signal for trumps, which consists in playing a higher card before a lower when no attempt is made to win the trick. That signal has been to the whist players of the world like the pillar of fire to the children of Israel. For more than 40 years it has led them up and down in the wilderness of arbitrary conventions, but it has never brought them to the promised land of better whist.

The blue peter was the introduction to whist of a purely arbitrary signal or convention, and its seed has spread like a tribe's until it has entirely overthrown the old game of "calculation, observation, position and tenace," leaving in its place long suits, American leads, plain suit echoes, four signals and directive discards. These seem to have choked up all the dash, brilliancy and individuality in our whist players, reducing them all to the same level, not by increasing the abilities of the tyro, but by curtailing the skill of the expert.—R. Frederic Foster in Monthly Illustrator.

### Bone Castings.

Mistake is made by many "home dressmakers" in putting on bone castings drawn very tightly. They should be left loose—even wrinkled—as the bones when inserted will bring them to their proper arching shape on the inside. Whalebone soaked in warm water an hour before using render them more pliable. Belt ribbon should never be sewed to the undergarment seams. Bent hooks should be chosen for fastenings, setting on first a hook and then an eye, and so on alternately down the bodice, and it will never unhook of itself. Waist linings are cut an inch longer than the outside to allow for the stretching of the outside material. The extra length is taken up gradually in the seams.

### Perfectly Natural.

Willie—Dobbs, in all my life I never saw a more natural expression of contentment than on have put in the face of this woman. Who was your model?

Dobbs—I used two models at the same time. One was an old maid, and the other had had three divorces. The painting, consequently, is a composite.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### What Did He Mean?

"Do you think that beautiful women are apt to be spoiled?" she murmured, with upturned eyes.

"Your beauty will never spoil you, darling," was his equivocal answer.—Detroit Free Press.

De Myer says that at Hildje, Siberia, 35 below the zero of Fahrenheit, is considered nothing out of the ordinary.

When corns on the toes ache, bad weather is likely within 24 hours.

### A Christmas Trip.

The thousands of Texans who came from the South Atlantic States find much pleasure in reverting to the happy days of long ago, when they were children, and often they awake at night to recall those scenes of yore which gave to life a charm, and which now come in later years as visions of joy. There is a tender spot in every heart for the old home, and the memories which cluster about the dear old spot are solaces in the weary, weary struggle we make day by day to build in our new Eldorado a home to which our children in future time will turn as we turn now to the old place where our loved ones in the evening of life await the final summons.

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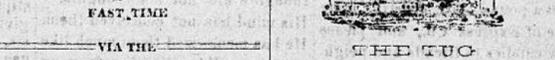
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