

WHY SOME WOMEN WED.

"BAB" GIVES SOME DIFFERENT REASONS FOR MARRIAGE.

Women Who Marry Heedlessly and Some Who Wisely Wed—How to Have a Happy New Year—Are We Good or Ill-Mannered?—A Woman's Christmas Stocking.

Special Correspondence of SUNDAY HERALD.

NEW YORK, December 26.—At a fashionable wedding the other day a man said to me, "What do women marry for?" I thought a little bit and I said, "Experience." And he answered me, "What do you think men marry for?" And I told him I believed it was because men thought it was the proper thing to do, and that although he wasn't supposed to be a particularly proper animal, man looked out very much more for the proprieties than does woman.

Women are lovely, exceptionally lovely, at criticizing the lack of thought displayed by another woman, but, blessed little idiots, for the sake of a cause, or for the sake of a man, they will rush ahead and never mind what the world says, and it is the man who generally stops them. He thinks either of his business or his social position, and he doesn't propose that either of them will be affected by a woman.

You see the day has gone by when a man would do anything for a woman; countries need to be either very young or very old when this sort of thing happens, but after all I can't help but remember that question, "What do women marry for?"

Some women marry because they want a home of their own, and these are my conclusions:

Some women marry because they haven't the moral courage to remain single.

Some women marry because they want a little more money in their purses and a little larger credit at the shops.

Some women marry because they want to put "Mrs." on their visiting cards.

Some women marry because their mother wants them to.

Some women marry because a man has asked them to and they don't like to say no.

Some women marry for money—money, and nothing else. These women get the money, and with it great responsibilities they never dreamed of.

Some women marry because they love the man, because they want to be his wife, his friend, and his helpmate; because they want to make him feel that there is one woman in the world whom he can love and cherish, and from whom he will receive love and consideration in return. Because they want him to feel that if sorrow comes he has a sympathizing, loving friend close beside him, and that in the day of joy there is one who can give him smiles for smiles. These are the women worth marrying. The others are of little worth and never would be missed, if they suddenly dropped out of the matrimonial bonds.

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY YEAR.

I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year! I want everybody to get their hearts' desire, and, more than everything else, for everybody to start the New Year aright. It's yours—white and unspotted; you can take the great blotter of forgetfulness and obliterate all the meanness and sins of the past, and you can photograph with remembrance all its goodness and kindness. You have got to learn to look at the world aright, and, to do this successfully, you and I, my friend, want to assume, not the green spectacles of discontent, not those that are too rosy and make all things seem good, but glasses made of the finest and clearest pebbles, and which show to the looker through them everything as it really is. There are times when it seems as if everybody had on the green glasses that make envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness most prominent, and, again, because life is sunshiny the rose-colored ones are assumed, and it is difficult to believe that anybody is unhappy or in trouble. Now, for 1891 we want the clear glasses, we want to see life, people, books, pictures, and beautiful belongings just as they are, while we know there is sadness, trouble, and misery, and seeing this clearly we are going, not only to open our hearts and eyes to it, but our hands as well. That's what we want to do for the New Year. That's what will make it a happy New Year.

ARE WE GOOD OR ILL-MANNERED?

Looking out in one way it may be announced that we are at once the most chivalric and the worst-mannered nation in the world. Too much independence of constitution has resulted in too much independence of manner, and there is very slight inclination to respect either illness or old age. Fashionable women go to the opera, display their charms, or their lack of them, believe that a throat like an elderly chicken's is made beautiful by an elaborate necklace, talk through an entire scene, and then when some man who feels that, as he paid for it, he would like to hear the music, ventures to hiss at the chatty contingent, they glare at him and conclude that he is a bore. Now, that tribe of women deserve to be hissed down, and every one of them ought to go home with their cheeks flaming because of the great rudeness, and for the coming year study each day in every week what real politeness is.

TOO MUCH IMPOLITENESS ABROAD.

We are greatly given to talking about respecting the rights of the nation. We haven't the least particle of consideration for the individual. Impoliteness exists in every class of society, and is the one vice upon which the rich and poor agree to meet together. Our young girls are in such a hurry to have a good time that they forget the deference due to older women; our sons are in such a hurry to make money and to be howling rivals that they never give a thought to the experience of their fathers, whose advice they don't consider worth having, and whom they are inclined to call "the old man." Our servants, treated without any consideration, are impertinent and ill-mannered, and the maid's lack of politeness is only a reflection of her mistress's breeding. Looking at things through dark glasses? No. Think it all over with me and you will see, as a nation, we are bad-mannered, very bad-mannered, and that we will only reach perfect politeness when we, as individuals, think it due to our self respect to show politeness to each man, woman, and child.

A Rich Legacy for Life.

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thing was dropped in it, and seemed to ring a special chime of its own that meant that you were thought about? The foreign custom of filling the stocking and sending it early Christmas morning has obtained more generally this season than ever before. The clever girl is the one who fills it full of all sorts of little traps that are personal, writes a motto to go with each one, wraps it up in many-colored tissue paper, and lets the recipient have an hour of fun opening it. Mine had a beautiful quill—of sugar—and a kindly sentence announcing that sweet words would emanate from it. Then there was a savings-box of pasteboard with a small devil in sealing-wax sitting on top of it and an announcement appended that the surplus funds would be the salvation of the household. Then, there was a lovely candy dog, pink and white with a tail twice as big as he was, and he told in written words that he would be cheaper than a fox terrier to keep, less fickle, and, if starvation seemed imminent, could be eaten with greater pleasure. Then there was a tiny calendar with a hope that every day in the year might be a golden one, and an imitation of a guitar filled with candles and a thanksgiving that I had never learned to play upon it. A tin turkey with a whistle in his tail that was loud and shrill, and he had on him to adorn a tale this misquotation, "Oh, whistle, and I'll come to you, Bab!" There was a beautiful stick of peppermint candy.

NEARLY AS TALL AS I AM.

Which claimed to be the staff of life, and there was a rosy-red apple in sugar, the real, original one, so it was stated, that Paris gave to Helen. Another one that was streaked with yellow paint, delightfully indigestible, claimed to be the apple of life that King Solomon sealed up in an urn thousands of years ago, and which was brought to light by recent explorers and donated to me for being a good girl, so that I might live forever. I have not eaten that apple. I am waiting until we have a first-class President and then I intend to present it to him. I do not feel that I am worthy of inflicting myself on the public forever, but when we get a man who is a first-class politician, a gentleman born and bred, and who is in unison with me as far as politics are concerned, I shall present him with that apple and request that he may eat and live forever. Just now, as it decorates my desk, the dog of my heart glares at it and thinks that I am very stingy not to let him absorb that sugar, but I sternly refuse, as I propose that the angels shall have a chance of meeting him and knowing just what his charms are. Frivolous? Well, maybe it is; but a slight dose of frivolity is good for everybody, and I am sure that if we all took a little more of it we would be better able to stand the woes and worries when they come.

WHAT TO DO NEXT YEAR.

So we are going to start the New Year fresh, we are going to do a lot of little things that we might have done last year and didn't, and these are a few of them:

We are going to say the words of affection that bring happiness and not just think them.

We are going to look pleasant even if we don't feel so, and, funnily enough, the mere looking will make us get so after a while.

We are going, if we are women, to mend the frock that is ripped around the bottom, to sew hooks and buttons on, and not resort to pins in a hurry.

We are going, if we are men, to be more considerate of women, and not to conclude that their lives are without thought and without worry.

We are going, no matter what we are, men, women, or ghosts, or dogs, to be polite—that is, to give the smile, the bow, or the paw just as is most convenient to men, women, ghosts, or dogs.

We are going to read the good books, to look at the beautiful pictures, to appreciate lovely women, athletic men, sweet babies, and amiable puppies. And in this way we will find out and grasp half the good things in life.

We are going to wish everybody, from the President who is in to the President who is out, from the intimate friend to the stranger at the gates, a happy New Year, and we are going to mean it and help to make it one.

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