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# MAN AND WOMAN FIGHT A DUEL OF DECALOGUES

## Mrs. Mildred Manly Easton Pits Herself Against Dr. Simms of Iowa.

*Marguerite Mooers Marshall.*

Decalogues are quite de rigueur just now. Among the new commandments abroad in the land is a complete set of ten devised for the Iowa wife by the Rev. Marion Simms of Vinton, Ia. They are said to have been received with indignation by the ladies, and with enthusiasm on the part of the gentlemen.

Perhaps because I belong to the former sex I decided that Dr. Simms's decalogue might be improved upon—at least for New York wives. And Mrs. Mildred Manly Easton, president of the Life as a Fine Art Club, quite agreed with me. One by one she took up the Iowa recommendations and substituted her own.

### SHALTS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SHALT NOTS.

"First of all," she began, "I think that the 'thou shalts' of morals and manners are infinitely more important than the 'thou shalt nots.' A positive line of conduct is much more valuable to the individual and to society than a negative one. Therefore, a decalogue ought to be couched in the more aggressive positive form.

"Now, take the first of Dr. Simms's commandments: 'Thou shalt have no other man but thy husband, and when another would make love to thee remember that he is a fool or a knave.' This is how I should change it:

**"'Thou shalt be as proud of thy choice after marriage as before; thou shalt be as careful to forget the suitors of thy maiden days as thou art to ignore the would-be affinities of thy matronhood.'**

"The American woman," Mrs. Easton added, in explanation, "is pretty generally faithful to her husband in the literal, physical sense. She is essentially clean-minded. But she often indulges in the verbal unfaithfulness of 'wishing she'd chosen differently.'

"'If I had married Jack So-and-So I'd be riding in my own motor,' you hear her lament. Husband very naturally retorts, 'I wish to the dickens you had!' This isn't the conversation that makes home happy.

### SECOND COMMANDMENT DESCRIBED AS SILLY.

"Commandment No. 2 reads: 'Thou shalt not forget that the same winsome ways that made thy husband prefer thee to all other women are necessary to hold him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, rats are as valuable in married life as in courtship.' That's a restatement of the silly old fallacy that baby-blue ribon in one's underclothing is a sure way of keeping one's husband true. As if he couldn't find baby-blue ribon anywhere—it comes at two cents a yard!

"I say: 'Thou shalt remember that sympathy and truth and comradeship are more powerful than "winning ways," both for the keeping and the holding of husbands.'

"Then says Dr. Simms: 'Thou shalt not expect thy husband in beginning his life to support thee on the same plane that thy father was able to reach after a long life of hard work and rigid economy. Therefore, thou shalt not fret thyself because thy neighbor's house is finer than thine own; neither shalt thou burden thy husband to enable thee to expose as a merchant's and a milliner's model. For verily, verily, I say unto you, that it is wicked to keep thy husband only about two steps ahead of the bill collector.'

"That's all right as far as it goes, but it's not enough," continued Mrs. Easton. "This is what I would impress on the wife:

**"'Thou shalt render to thy husband an economic equivalent of all that he renders to thee, by work performed either within or without his household, as seems most convenient in the individual case. Then the expenses of thy house gear and thy toilet will be equally divided, and if thou attemptest to blame him for not keeping up with the neighbors he can turn around and blame thee.'"**

Then without further discussion Mrs. Easton set beside each of the remaining commandments of Dr. Simms her own substitute.

### DIFFERENT IDEAS OF A DECALOGUE SET FORTH.

(Dr. Simms): "Thou shalt not place any social circle, club, pleasurable organization or even the missionary society before thy home."

*AUTHOR OF NEW TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR MARRIED WOMEN.*

MRS. MILDRED MANLY EASTON.

(Mrs. Easton): "Thou shalt remember that thy home to-day extends to the horizon of the world and that it includes the clubs and societies instead of being their weak rival."

(Dr. Simms): "Thou shalt seek first to be a good home-maker, housekeeper and cook, and then thou must add any other accomplishments that do not interfere with thy chief business in life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, that it is better to be a good cook than to be able to play chords on the piano, to serve pink tea, preside at whist orgies, or to be queen of bargain hunters."

(Mrs. Easton): "Thou shalt seek first to be a good comrade wife, and all the rest shalt be added unto thee by thy grateful husband—yea, even a ten-dollar-a-week cook or an apartment in a family hotel."

(Dr. Simms): "Thou shalt not gossip in the family or out of it about the neighborhood scandal."

(Mrs. Easton): "Thou shalt read the newspapers, and so provide thyself with an interesting fund of conversational topics."

(Dr. Simms): "Thou shalt not complain that thou art 'tied down' to thy home and to thy babies."

(Mrs. Easton): "Thou shalt take care that thou art not 'tied down' like a convict, but thou shalt march erect, a free and happy worker."

(Dr. Simms): "Thou shalt not aspire to be a man, to run the politics of the country, to reform the world, to boss thy husband, and then expect the courtesy, the love and devotion that is due an uncrowned queen."

(Mrs. Easton). "Thou shalt perform thy part in the social and philanthropic work which has moved from the inside to the outside of thy home, teaching thy husband and thyself that change of location means no change of labor."

(Dr. Simms). "Thou shalt not put up prizes at whist parties, nor win them at thy neighbor's, and then lecture thy husband and sons on the evils of gambling."

(Mrs. Easton). "Thou shalt exercise moderation in all social diversions, and expect thy family to follow in thy footsteps."

(Dr. Simms). "Thou shalt not allow dust to gather on thy Bible, nor shall thy attendance at the services of thy church depend upon the weather or other unimportant matters."

(Mrs. Easton). "Thou shalt prove thy faith, whatever it may be, by thy ideals and thy good works."

## STILL HUNTING OUTLAWS.

### Sid Allen and Wesley Edwards Believed on State Border.

BRISTOL, Va., April 18.—From Hillsville comes word that the detective posses are still in the mountains searching for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the only two free members of the gang of seven charged with shooting up the Carroll County Court last month. In spite of reports that the outlaws have succeeded in making their way out of the State, the search leaders are said to be confident that Allen and Edwards are still dodging about in the mountain brush along the North Carolina border.

Floyd, Claude and Friel Allen, Sidna Edwards and Byrd Marion, the captured clansmen, will be taken from the Roanoke jail from Hillsville next week and arraigned for trial on indictments found on the charge of murder. Their lawyers will make an attempt to secure a change of venue, or at least to have a jury drawn from another county.

# BROADWAY CROWD WATCHES RAIDERS BATTER IN DOORS

## Elaborately Furnished Gambling House Visited by the "Strong Arm" Squad.

After battering down two heavily constructed steel doors leading into the basement of a three-story brownstone building in West Forty-fifth street, near Broadway, early this morning, Lieut. Becker and several detectives of the "Strong Arm" squad, raided an alleged gambling establishment, and arrested two men on warrants charging them with being common gamblers. The prisoners said they are Herbert Howell, a salesman, of No. 1536 Viele avenue, Bronx, and James Fleming, a clerk, of No. 224 East Thirteenth street.

A quantity of alleged gambling paraphernalia was confiscated.

According to the detectives, twenty-five men in evening clothes were assembled in the rooms on the upper floors. Those for whom no warrants were issued were not detained after their identities had been learned by the police.

A crowd of several hundred after-theatre diners, attracted by the demolition of the metal doors, congregated in front of the building. Reserves were called from the West Forty-seventh street station to disperse the throng.

The rooms, the detectives said, were elaborately furnished and had not been occupied as a gambling establishment for several months. Among the men assembled, they said, were several actors of prominence.

## SHERIFF MAY HAVE HUGE ELEPHANTS ON HIS HANDS.

### Circus Hasn't Given a Bond and Harburger Fears He Will Meet a Dilemma.

Though a bantam in weight, Sheriff Julius Harburger may before nightfall be figuratively suffering from a severe attack of elephantiasis. The cause of the malady as well as its possible result is peculiar. The Sheriff complains that Ringling Brothers, who have charge of the Barnum & Bailey Circus, against whom he has issued an attachment, have not furnished the bond nor deposited the cash upon which the attachment was issued and upon which a bond of $25,000 was ordered by the Court.

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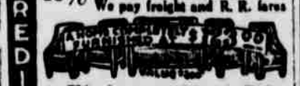

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