

MARRIAGE 20 YEARS AGO

Ultra Modern Idea Not New After All.

OLD TIME SIMPLICITY.

Woman's Reply to Charges That Wedded Life is a "Failure" Still Holds Good—Idleness is Fatal. Carelessness of Partners—Home Life Dying Out.

Persons who profess the Christian religion must keep in their hearts a green spot wherein the sanctity of marriage is preserved as a natural law from which there is no receding.

It is we, the inhabitants of this world, who are failures, not the institution, which is the only one out of which law and order can spring.

In the past we may remember that marriage was looked upon as a holy alliance; one to be entered into after mature deliberation and only under fortuitous circumstances.

Husbands found pleasure in home-life long ago, and when tired, after the professional or business employments of the day, would ask no greater happiness than to pass their long, happy evenings with their wives; or when little voices and patterning feet echoed through hall or cottage, to gather the children around the winter fire and gambol with them on flower-scented lawns or grass-carpeted fields.

Long ago, the thought of which comes to us who have seen it like the reflection of a bright dream, wife and children looked eagerly for the coming of the beloved parent, whose image held sway in each heart during absence, and each married woman felt happy in her wifehood, glorying in the joy of her home.

Men did not startle the world with the theory they promulgate today, that they "won't be owned." They were happy to be owned by good and faithful wives, and even the youngest men were not satisfied until they had their own brides. Families went to church together and brought up the little ones in the right way, and no one was ever heard to discuss the possibility of marriages being a "failure."

Things are different today. Just as soon as a girl leaves school she is on the outlook for a "man with money," no matter how old the gentleman may be, if he can give her diamonds and those other necessities for which the woman of today seems solely to live.

The woman who marries a man in medium circumstances only would scorn to "keep house." No, indeed; she wants a "good time." She boards, and here her first troubles commence. To be boxed up day by day with one person, with only the one room, or even suite, except meal hours, to call their own, would lead the most devoted couple to the brink of suicide.

It is not the marriage tie that is in any way a failure. Why should it be more so now, in the enlightened nineteenth century, than it was in the days of darkness and superstition? There can be no reason, except that possibly we are growing too much enlightened, educated too much, and yet too little.

It is "the people of the people" who are slipping back, who are satiated with the wine of pleasure, the people who do not grow from infancy to youth slowly, and from youth to age, in temperate pleasure, but who are born babies only to be thrust by their silly parents into the caps and gowns of womanhood ere their second teeth are cut.

While men and women live in a round of pleasure, over-sensual, over-bearing, having no religion or sense of decorum, how can wedded love live in such an atmosphere? If husbands and wives do not love deeply enough to live for each other, renouncing the frivolities of life for the serene joys of home, why marry at all until they have sobered down and feel the need of rest.

There is nothing the matter with marriage; it is today as it has ever been, but the people are different, different in their ideas, in their affections, in everything, and, forgetting their own shortcomings, they lay their grievance on the shoulders of marriage, and by their own incompetence make it a "failure." But woe to us when marriage is wiped out.

Bible Society Reports.

The annual report of the American Bible Society gives encouraging indications relative to the religious life of the Philippines. The school enrollment has doubled, now being 500,000.

Swedish drill has been started for women prisoners under thirty-five years of age at two prisons, Holyway and Manchester.

ADDRESSING A GOVERNOR.

One Man Did It Big Fatally Enough.

"Lard, Most High and Honorable Governor," is the way a resident of Gosport County recently addressed a communication to Governor Folk, wherein he sought a slight favor. Whether he had been through the collar of the Stone Hill Wine Company at Hermann and tested the contents of the "Twelve Apostles," as twelve huge wine casks are referred to in that town, before inditing the letter, or supposed that he was living under some Oriental potentate who would order him bastinadoed and beheaded if his court etiquette was at fault has not yet been discovered at the State Capitol.

The governor assumes that the man was merely endeavoring to show his high respect for the head of the State government and not having consulted Dr. Alonzo Tubbs and learned that no guards are constantly hovering about the Governor with drawn swords, nor does the bow-string hang within easy reach of his grand vizier, he presumed that one should address such a powerful personage in the most pleading manner possible or suffer the dire consequences.

Needless to say, Governor Marmaduke did not wait for the call. He replied to the letter the very day he received it and enclosed a \$20 treasury note.

"Don't say anything about this incident," said Governor Marmaduke to the newspaper reporters. "I passed a whole lot of that kind of money during the war, and if it should be known that I was redeeming any of it, I would be either bankrupt or in an insane asylum within a week."

And so it seems there are many ways of approaching a Governor of Missouri, for, after all, they are like the rest of humanity. The Miller County woman who approached a man of war with a spirit of defiance, and the Gasconade County German, who unnecessarily humbled himself, both drew prizes, although they approached their quarry from entirely different directions.—St. Louis Republic.

St. Gerontino's Unpleasant End.

An interesting souvenir of St. Gerontino, whose martyrdom consisted of being thrown alive into a block of setting concrete, is at present on exhibition in the quarters of the Concrete Association of America, New York. It consists of a photograph of the cavity left by the saint's body, and was secured by Frank P. Baldwin, chief engineer of the battleship Maine, while visiting in Algiers. According to history, there was born about the year 1820 an Arab boy named Gerontino. He was captured in infancy by the Spanish garrison at Oran, and when about eight years old he escaped from his captors and went back to his family, living as a Mohammedan till the age of twenty-five. He then voluntarily returned to Oran and resumed the Christian life which he had adopted previously when in the hands of the Spanish authorities. A few years later he went on a coasting raid with a party of Spaniards, but the raiders were themselves captured by a Moorish Corsair and brought to Algiers. Here the attempt was made to convert him to Mohammedanism, but he persistently refused to embrace that faith, so that he was tried and condemned to die. His hands were tied behind his back, and he was cast alive, face downward, into a block of concrete, then being prepared for the "Fort des Vingt Quatre Heures," then building. Careful note was taken of the spot where Gerontino was taken of the spot he would pave the way for his exhumation and Christian burial. In 1853 the French found it necessary to destroy the fort, and the data left by Haidia was found to be correct, for the designated block of concrete on being cut open disclosed the bones of Gerontino and the cavity left by his body. The bones were removed December 27, 1853, and given a Christian burial, and they now rest in a massive stone sarcophagus in the cathedral. A plaster cast was made of the cavity and afterward photographed.—Washington Herald.

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OLD HOTEL CLERK KNOWS 'EM

Temperament of Guests Comes Out When They Register Their Names.

"Do I believe that a man's name as he writes it is an indication of his character?" repeated a hotel clerk who has been behind the counter in several cities. "I don't know about character, but I do know that the best of them unmask their real temperament when they write their names on a hotel register—and I hold that there's a difference between character and temperament."

"A man may be bilious and yet have a good character. A man may be a crank and yet hold a job in a bank. I knew a preacher who had a case of dyspepsia that would have made an angel jump over a ten rail fence, but he was all right on the religious goose. I'm talking about temperament that shows itself when a man grabs a pen and writes his name on the register and where he hangs from."

"When a man spreads a John Hancock brand of chirography on the book of arrivals I know what sort of room he wants. I know he has to have a bed in which he can wallow like a buffalo."

"When a guest writes his name as he would sign it in a lady's album I put him in the finicky class. I know he wants to thin glass from which to drink his water."

"The arrival who uncovers himself the quickest is the man who tries to write differently from anybody else and has an acquired autograph. The man who develops the trait of getting something under false pretences begins by trying to assume an autograph. I always know that this fellow will have a rumpus with the waiter or the bellhop or the liquid dispenser."

"There is one chap that reaches my heart—the man who writes 'and wife' for the first time after his own name. He can't disguise the fact by his manner, to say nothing of his chirography, that he has just started on the first lap of his honeymoon. He doesn't try to counterfeit his natural penmanship, but he writes 'and wife' as if he thought we were on, wondering how we know it."

For every five murders committed only one is avenged by hanging.

Over 600 women are employed by the Russian Secret service, and several of them get salaries of more than \$10,000 a year.

British Women "Postmen."

There are no fewer than 4,000 women "postmen" in Great Britain. They are chiefly employed in the rural districts of Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

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IGNORE BRYAN ISSUE. Nebraska Democrats Not Keen on New Temperance Fad.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 17.—Several hundred representative Democrats of Nebraska held their annual dinner to-night and incidentally set in motion the wheels for the coming state and Congressional campaigns. The statement of William J. Bryan sent from South America declaring for county option in Nebraska and a divorce of the liquor influence from politics by common agreement was ignored by the speakers. References to Mr. Bryan were generally laudatory. Denunciation of the new tariff law was the central idea in the addresses.

Cars leave Berwick for Danville. A. M. 6:00, 7:00, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00. P. M. 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00. M. 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00.

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