

Woman's Life and Love

By WINIFRED HARPER COOLEY

Is Matrimony Doomed?

IN TALKING about marriage people use very vague, loose terminology. The vast majority mean solely matrimony, under the present conditions in Anglo-Saxon and European countries, with a general understanding that it is mixed up with a man's obligation to support the family and the woman's to keep house and children and keep house.

As a matter of fact, matrimony is broader than that; it does not mean matrimony at all, for there are dozens of kinds of marriage. In some countries an under some religions, polygamy is quite legal and moral, and in a few smaller communities polyandry, or the taking of many husbands, is the regular practice. In the past there were promiscuous relations, and tribal children, and then marriage by capture, when the bride went to the conqueror or the defeated, and later on, marriage by purchase, when the parents of bride and bridegroom bargained and made the sale of merchandise. Whether or not matrimony, which is generally regarded as the highest form thus far worked out, will endure, is a question that is by no means settled.

We always think in terms of a few finely paired-off couples, as were the animals in Noah's ark, and this agreeable and convenient assortment of adult males and females would seem sensible to us. But millions of men and women never wed at all. Others marry several times, thus breaking the even matrimony of matrimony, while in other cases there is not complete matrimony in the "moral" sense.

Then, too, immense numbers of people on this globe are not married, and so, when we search for actual matrimony, we find only a small minority in all the world practicing it. It is not, then, rather arrogant to proclaim that all truth and knowledge are with us, and seek to impose our system upon the entire world?

Especially, as we cannot point to any very conspicuous success achieved by our system, considering that one marriage in every twelve results in divorce, and that number does not by any means represent the unhappy married ones. One of the obstacles to a fair test of matrimony is the economic struggle of modern life, which renders it impossible for young men to marry in early youth, and to support a family exactly as they please; this is not correct. A man has considerable latitude of choice, but a girl can select only from the narrow range of opportunity, and the tradition of modesty hampers her, until she can pick but one of a dozen, perhaps, from the men in the world. Think of it: in choosing a dress (which is trivial and temporary) we have the range of hundreds of choices, but a girl can select only from the narrow range of opportunity, and the tradition of modesty hampers her, until she can pick but one of a dozen, perhaps, from the men in the world. Think of it: in choosing a dress (which is trivial and temporary) we have the range of hundreds of choices, but a girl can select only from the narrow range of opportunity, and the tradition of modesty hampers her, until she can pick but one of a dozen, perhaps, from the men in the world.

Two Minutes of Optimism

By HERMAN J. STICHE

More of the Plattsburg Idea

ALL of us at Plattsburg had the time of our life. We wouldn't want it for a lifetime, and what's more, we couldn't stand it; but the store of energy, health, ideals and ideas we carried back with us is going to help considerably to make more worth while and vital the parts assigned to us to play in the great game that is life.

The Plattsburg idea is one of the few outstanding institutions conceived in the last few decades. It aims to build a nation of thinking, loyal, patriotic, strong men. And it does. The means are strenuous. We who have gone through the mill will tell the world that: They "killed" us, but we emerged reborn, re-energized, revitalized, unbridled physically, spiritually, mentally and in every other way. Here is some more of the Plattsburg idea:

When you decide to do something, snap into it. If you decide not to do it, snap out of it. The world moves too fast for the time-killer. It leaves him behind—always.

There's only one place for anything and that is the right place. Put it there. The main trouble with men the world over is inertia. There are other things, matter, but at the bottom of most of them is mere sluggishness, unwillingness to step out, mental and spiritual laziness which would rather sit tight and let things drift. The winner is the man who will make the extra effort.

We are not perfect; therefore, we must expect to make mistakes. They usually don't matter if we will only learn from them.

Napoleon used to burn all his bridges behind him. There was nowhere for him to go but ahead. Once, when he wanted to cross the Alps, he sent some engineers out to examine and report on the roads. They returned and reported that the roads were terrible—impassable and impossible. "Very well," remarked the "Little Emperor," "we must start earlier than usual then."

Be courteous. Discourtesy is a sign either of ignorance or impertinence. It is the badge of the boor. Courtesy is indicative of discipline, politeness, good breeding and self-respect. The gentleman is always courteous. He may be "hopping mad," but he is courteous.

Be serious. Don't try to get a reputation for being smart or funny. In every outfit there is sure to be somebody who constitutes himself the clown of the company. He is really amusing. The only difference between him and the vaudeville clown is that the latter makes money out of it, while the former makes a fool of himself for nothing.

Keep your head up and your eyes off the ground. Look straight in front and cover the main ahead.

The word patriotism means "love for one's country." This definition does not refer merely to the Fourth of July or to the time of the patriotic man every day in every year, to every hour in every day. It refers to the man during war is willing to die for the country he loves. During peace the patriot prompts him, among other things, to pay his taxes cheerfully for the support of his Government, to study the national problems, to always vote for the best man or the best principle, to obey the laws of his country and community.

The lack of respect for authority is one of our great national defects. To obey is the watchword of a true citizen. To obey implies subordination to superior and respect for authority. If you are to be a disciplined citizen, you must recognize the authority of those over you and promptly obey them.

Discipline cannot be acquired in a day or a month. It is a growth. The main object of drills is to teach the habit of obedience. As soon as you obey truly, promptly, at times subconsciously, the instructions of your superiors, as soon as you can cheerfully give up pleasures and privileges that conflict with your duty, you will then have become a disciplined citizen.

The Woman's Exchange

So That It is Becoming

Dear Madam—Please suggest an attractive way of doing the hair for a girl of fifteen. I have rather a long face. GRAY EYES.

Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

Here Are "Pat and Henry" Again

Dear Cynthia—After reading what "Somebody's Steno" had to say to us, that if there are any fellows who don't dance or shine their hair, she would like to meet them, we want to tell her that they are plentiful, only those fellows do not care to meet a girl who has so much time to criticize the men.

Well, "Somebody's Steno," you think your letter struck home, but we want you to understand that we are not Johnnies and don't shine our hair, although we do go to the dance-halls once in a while. Wake up, you know that this is 1921, and the fellows are wise to girls like you.

As for your being particular as to who you go out with, we can hardly believe it possible for you to choose your company. If you think that there aren't any regular regular fellows here in Philadelphia who don't think that they are second Franks, S. Bushman or thereabouts.

Wonder do you like anybody but yourself. PAT AND HENRY.

Write to Him at College

Dear Cynthia—Please tell me what to do. I am a young man at Wildwood about a month ago at a dance and he asked me to go to the beach and see him. He asked me to go to the beach and see him. He asked me to go to the beach and see him.

I overheard and I didn't see him until he called me to the beach. He asked me to go to the beach and see him. He asked me to go to the beach and see him.

Since you broke an engagement with the young man, write to his college or other address and tell him you don't want to see him again.

Here's a Real Question

Dear Cynthia—From time to time in your column there have appeared letters, pro and con, concerning the vital question of matrimony.

Given a wide latitude of action, and a many-sided temperament mated with another many-sided temperament, and there are infinite varieties of friction. But this does not prove that the ancient immutable slavery was a desirable and moral state of being.

Monogamy certainly has not succeeded in any sense, but it is not a failure. It is a success. It is a success. It is a success. It is a success.

How about it, readers? Which is the happier marriage, one founded on love, or one founded on necessity? A real friendship is likely to be the most successful. A marriage founded on mutual love and respect, but into which love does not enter.

Keep on Hoping

Dear Cynthia—Heretofore on several occasions I have endeavored to communicate to the lovers' readers of this column, lengthy treatises on love, some very poor philosophy, and what-not. But until tonight I never dreamed what it means to be in love—and not to be in love.

I'll admit I very much shed hot tears over it all; for the finest, cleanest, most refined, educated and cultured girl in this world cannot be treated so. She said as much. I didn't ask her if she would, but just what she said in an off-hand way applied to me and my kind.

Religion is the reason. The more I think of it the more I am inclined to believe that if I were granted the privilege of making one grand big wish it would be this: To love, or one religion, the religion of God, in the entire universe. That would solve our every problem, marriage included.

But I am not going to cry about it. I'm feeling rather blue and disheartened, and my heart seems to be playing tag with one of my other vital organs, but that is not a good enough excuse to run off to Alaska and drown my sorrow in the snow. My past training has taught me to scorn that path, which is for weak men only.

But I am hoping and praying, yes, actually praying, that the sweetest girl in this world will change her views, for I'm sure religion won't spoil our love. Moreover, I know that it is a right for me to have her, it will be so.

The Ever Individual Black and White Frock

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The Question Corner

Today's Inquiries

1. To whom should Miss Abigail Harding, sister of the President, recently been elected?

2. Describe an imposing electric lamp which would light a hallway brightly.

3. For the purpose of cleaning a percolator without trouble what new type of brush is made?

4. What and where is the "Bridges of Sighs"?

5. In what charming fashion is a black net petticoat made, to wear under a thin black dress?

6. With what unexpected material is a new gray felt hat trimmed?

Yesterday's Answers

1. Mrs. Mary Klump, of Allentown, Pa., who recently celebrated her hundredth birthday, is said to be the oldest woman druggist in the world.

SIMPLICITY SPELLS DISTINCTION

And it's true of the evening frock as well as of its more sedate daytime sisters. Just a length of shimmering goods, draped here and there perhaps, and caught at the waist-line with a girle of some sort, and that is all that is needed. You can rely upon the shining smoothness of charmeuse, such as is used to create this dress. It has such a faculty of staying just where you put it, of making soft folds or puffs or a becoming plainness of line, that it will look well on anybody.

When this material is in "cat-able" shade of salmon-pink, and when the girle around the waist is formed of daintily braided seed pearls, the effect is charming.

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Adventures With a Purse

IT IS the rule of many neighborhoods that such as may not be put in the back street, and on ash day it is no uncommon sight to see better residential sections of our city in a most deplorable condition. Barrels and boxes are not very adequate holders of the refuse, and frequently ashes are strewn about the streets in a most unsightly fashion. Metal ashcans are undoubtedly the very best kind to have, but shopping tours have found them to be rather expensive; and, generally speaking, the men who collect do not bother to handle the boxes and cans with any great amount of care. One of the stores is having a sale of galvanized ashcans, which are quite large and have a heavy cover to fit over the top of the can to prevent the breezes or knooks from depositing ashes broadcast. The cans are priced at \$2.75, and my experience in looking for them proves this to be quite a reasonable price.

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Her Father Objects to the Poor Boy and She Cannot Decide What to Do—Her Love Seems Conveniently Semi-Detached

"PLEASE tell me," wrote the girl who was worried over her love affair, "should I wait for a man who can keep me in love with him, or still keep in love with this one?"

It seems that she is rather rich and the boy she loves is quite poor, which makes her father disapprove of the match.

He doesn't like the boy's family, he says, and he will not allow him to come to the house for fear his daughter will fall more deeply in love with him.

And he declares that it is for her own good that he is putting his foot down so hard.

The girl is twenty-one years of age, and permitted, by law, to decide things for herself, and the boy is a year older. On the other hand, fathers vary often know more and better than even girls of age.

They can read the character in a boy, see the possible future, by means of a glance at his family, much more clearly than a daughter who is, or thinks she is, in love.

They are not blinded by their affection, and not prejudiced by youth and the fascination that, for a girl, surrounds the man who loves her.

Yet a father is often blinded, in another way, by the throne upon which he has always placed his daughter.

He may also have an exalted opinion of the position which she has always held, the way in which she has always been supported.

He may also have struggled with poverty during the beginning of his own married life, he is very reluctant to allow a daughter or son of his to go through anything like that, no matter how well assured he has of the future.

But, if this is in reality the case, the right idea of the writer's meaning—then it is up to her entirely to decide.

If she finds her father prejudiced by some of the possibilities mentioned above, and finds herself still in love after weighing all the chances, all the probabilities of marrying a poor man, then let her go ahead and marry him and live happily ever after.

But, if her father is unbiased, perfectly in the way I was brought up, or shall I keep in love with this one? she asks serenely.

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