

ENGAGEMENT OBS WEDDING OF REAL ROMANCE

Plans Hoodoo for the Bride, According to Dorothy Dix.

By DOROTHY DIX.

Where's Maud Blank? I asked a young man of my acquaintance the other day. Last winter I met you flying around and peeping at every one, and this winter I haven't seen you together a single time. What happened?

"Nothing," he replied. "You know I'm studying to be a doctor, and I am following my own prescription, and taking the prophylactic dose of prevention that is worth a pound of cure. Maud was becoming too dangerous for me. All my symptoms were beginning to indicate a violent and perhaps fatal case of love fever, and so the only way was to quarantine myself against it by not going near her."

"You see," he went on seriously, "my uncle is paying for my education and he has a right to expect to make good, which I couldn't if I was giving the best of my study. Besides, after the graduation I am to have two years at the best hospitals in New York, and next years more of study under specialists in London and Paris. If there is anything in me at all, I shall come back a changed man, with different tastes, different aims, different needs, a different outlook on life. I shall have read, and studied, and met distinguished men and women, and learned much that I don't know about the great world. I do not know what sort of a man I will make. I do not know how much I will then want, and need. I am more than half in love with Maud now, and I have a suspicion that I could win her if I tried to be very hard, but she might not care at all for the ringer that I will be five years from now, so it seems to me that wouldn't be fair to her to ask her to wait for a husband she might not want. So I am going to have her free, and I am going away unfettered, and what happens to our little romance in the future, on the knees of the gods."

A man if he is to be a specialist in the long engagement, he must be especially wise when the long engagement is to bridge over a long separation. A long engagement rubs the bloom of romance, and takes the thrill out of love, even when a man and woman live in the same community, and see each other daily, and are developed by the time environment. A wedding cake must be eaten while it is hot and fresh from the griddle, or else it is as flat and stale as yesterday's pancakes.

A strange couple are neither fish nor flesh, nor good nor bad. They are neither married nor single, neither bound nor free, and they have all the disadvantages, and none of the privileges of either. They are just near enough together to get a clear view of all of each other's faults, and not so close together that they are blinded by their very nearness. Each feels that he or she has no way to get away from the other, and so jealousy and suspicions forever exist between them.

Worse than all, just waiting nears the fine edge of anticipation, and when, at last, the long deferred marriage does take place, the bride and groom can register none of the rapture they expected. They have as little appetite for it as we have for the feast that has been delayed too long.

The case is still more tragic when the parties to a long engagement are separated, when, as generally happens, the girl stays quietly at home while the man goes forth to adventures in the great world. She changes little, except that the years take their inevitable toll, but the youth and good looks. She hardens in the mold of her environment, but she changes with every changing scene. He learns to adopt himself to new conditions. He gets a fresh viewpoint. He is polished by action with other minds. He learns to eat

WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Mrs. Harding At Concert

President Plans to Spend Quiet Christmas in White House.

By EVELYN C. HUNT.

Mrs. Harding attended the concert at the National yesterday afternoon, having as guests in her box, Mrs. Henry P. Fletcher, Mrs. Rufus Day, Mrs. Willis Van Devanter, Mrs. Bishop, sister of Mrs. Fletcher, and Miss Laura Harlan.

The President received Lady Wolesley of England yesterday afternoon. The President and Mrs. Harding plan to spend a quiet Christmas in the White House, in the company of a few friends and relatives.

Mrs. Harding accompanied the President yesterday afternoon when he attended the unveiling of the statue of Dante in Meridian Hill Park, which was presented to the City of Washington by Chevalier Carlo Barzotti, head of the Dante Memorial Commission of New York. The ceremony was an event of unusual interest, since in addition to the President and Mrs. Harding, the French Ambassador, the Italian Ambassador, members of the Cabinet and representatives of the conference delegations were in attendance. The Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, Bishop of Washington, pronounced the invocation, and Mgr. Bonzano, the papal delegate, the benediction. Cuno H. Rudolph, Commissioner of the District of Columbia, read the memorial in behalf of the city.

COOLIDGE WILL GO HOME TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS. The Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge, who have but recently returned from New York will leave town again on Monday, going home to Northampton, Mass., to vote in the municipal elections. After casting their vote on Tuesday morning, Mrs. Coolidge expects to go to Boston, where she will attend the opening of the evening of the three-day bazaar to be put on by the Republican women of Boston. She will be back in Washington on Wednesday morning as she will be at home that afternoon for the first time this year.

The Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge expect to pass Christmas in Washington, their two young sons coming home from their school at Mercersburg, Pa., for the holidays. They are due on December 19, or a week earlier if they attain a particularly high standard in their ratings.

U. S. DELEGATES DINED BY AMBASSADOR RICCI. Senator Vittorio Rolandi Ricci, Italian Ambassador, gave a dinner last evening at the Italian Embassy in honor of the American delegation to the conference. There were present the Secretary of State, Charles E. Hughes; Senator H. C. Lodge, Senator Oscar Underwood, the secretary general of the conference, John W. Garrett, Basil Miles and all the members of the Italian delegation and of the Italian Embassy.

The Italian members were: Senator Carlo Schanzer, president of the delegation; Senator Luigi Albertini, Marquis Giovanni Visconti Venosta, Count Emilio Pagliano, Giuliano Cora, Cav. Geisser Celesia di Vegliasso, Lieut. Jack Bosto, Vittorio Salorni, Leonardo Albertini, H. E. Lieut. Gen. Giuseppe Vaccari, Col. Riccardo Moizo, Lieut. Col. Natale Pentimalli, Lieut. Col. Curio Barbaletti, Vice Admiral Bruno Alfredo Acton, Comdr. Prince Fabrizio Ruffini, Lieut. Col. Alessandro Gaidoni, Lieut. Baron Franco Rogado di Torreguerra, Francesco Quattrone, Giuseppe Gentile, Domenico Gidoni, Francesco Giannini, G. B. Cecotto, Adolfo Vinci, Alessandro Sappelli, Count Costantini, Giffredo Antonini, Franco Bruno Averardi, Comm. Flett, Marchese Tomaso Assereto, Marquis di Bernozzo, Capitano Civaleri, Cav. Guido Buggelli, Cav. Alberto Alfani, Cav. Vincenzo di Girolamo.

Mme. Jusserand, wife of the French Ambassador, will receive this afternoon at the embassy. The Ambassador of Great Britain and Lady Geddes entertained a small company at luncheon at the embassy yesterday, having as their guests Sir Charles and Lady Fitzpatrick, Sir John Selmond, Mr. and Mrs. George Blumfield, Archibald Welles, H. L. Nevinson, R. Leslie Craigie and L. C. Hughes-Hallett.

Lincoln Kin N. Y. Bride

Granddaughter of Late President's Cousin Weds Robert A. Bould.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Two weddings of interest to society took place today. Miss Dorothy Lincoln, whose paternal grandfather was a first cousin of Abraham Lincoln, became the bride of Robert Alexander Bould, son of Mrs. Jane Bould, of New York and Philadelphia, this afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Cochran Carrere, daughter of the late L. Sidney Carrere and Mrs. Carrere of 507 Madison avenue, was married to William Warren Barbour a son of the late William Barbour, of this city, this afternoon in St. James' Church, Madison avenue.

The holy bazaar was held this afternoon and evening at the Pennsylvania Hotel by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the British Empire, to aid the Victoria Home for aged British persons. Patronesses included Lady Geddes, Countess of Devonport, Mrs. Gov. and Mrs. Channing H. Cox have arrived from Massachusetts and are at the Biltmore, where they will remain until Saturday. Capt. W. J. James, aide-de-camp to the governor, accompanied them.

Mrs. Frederick Y. Dalziel gave a luncheon today at the Colony Club for her daughter, Miss Diana Dalziel. On the night of December 21 Mrs. Dalziel and Mrs. Louise G. Kaufman will give a dance together in the Hitz Carlton for their respective daughters, Miss Dalziel and Miss Anne Elizabeth Kaufman.

Mrs. Perry S. Heath was hostess at luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. Edward W. Eberle, wife of Admiral Eberle. Covers were laid for eighteen.

Miss Jean Bell, of Oxford, England, is the guest for the Miss Eberle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bell.

Mrs. John Crayke Simpson entertained at tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lewis Murray, who is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Rudolph Kaufmann. Mrs. Murray will be the guest of honor tomorrow afternoon at a tea which Mrs. Max Kaufmann will give.

Soren Sorensen, of the Danish Legation, entertained six guests at luncheon yesterday at the Shoreham.

STRAUSS BILL DELIGHTS CROWD AT NATIONAL

Recital Opened With 'Cello-Sonata, Superbly Interpreted by Willeke.

The prolonged applause that greeted Richard Strauss when he appeared yesterday afternoon at the National Theater, under the management of T. Arthur Smith, Inc., should have moved that phlegmatic gentleman to at least an appearance of pleasure, but at no time during the recital did his expression change.

His program, interpreted by Strauss and three artists, was most delightful, and began with a 'cello sonata superbly interpreted by Willeke Willeke, who plays with a beautiful tone and artistic intelligence. The second movement of this sonata begins with a minor sort of march-funeral that is of herculean force. One bit of the sonata analytically. The third movement, vivace, was, of course, most popular, and there were many recalls. The beauty (and difficulty) of all Strauss compositions is that the piano is more than half of them, and that is why his songs are less well known.

Miss Schumann lent to those she sang a flexible voice of beauty and power, a voice that met all their demands easily and artistically; her 'Traum durch die Dammung' was exquisite, and the audience was not satisfied until she had sung the lively little 'Schlechtes Wetter' (bad weather) twice.

A violin sonata, with a wonderful part for the piano, was played by Bronislaw Huberman and was most enthusiastically received. Into the second movement, which began like a scherzo, Strauss gave a bit of 'The Erl-King'. The fourth group included five songs by Miss Schumann, of which the 'Wiegengesang' and 'Ständchen' were most popular. Like many great composers, Richard Strauss is not an outstanding pianist; his technique is sure and his playing academic, but his compositions are of high technical and musical value, and the recital was a musical treat.

of pink was most attractively carried out with beautiful pink roses and lighted candles capped with pink shades. The following chapters were represented, covers being laid for 12. Mrs. Charles Fisher Taylor, for Robert E. Lee Chapter; Mrs. George Lawton Morgan, for Alexander Lawton Chapter; Mrs. G. Roberts and Mrs. Margaret Berry, for Beauregard Chapter; Mrs. Goodwin D. Ellsworth and Mrs. Frank Birthing, for Dixie Chapter; Mrs. James E. Mulcare, for Hillary A. Herbert Chapter; Mrs. Ashton Todd, for Jefferson Davis Chapter; Mrs. F. T. Carter, for Southern Cross Chapter; Mrs. George H. Mitchell, for Winnie Davis Chapter.

A historical program was given under the auspices of Mrs. Milton at the Confederate Memorial Home, in Vermont avenue. The speaker of the evening was Judge Charles Howry. He spoke on Southern history and the Southland. He referred to Gen. Foch placing a wreath on the equestrian statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in Richmond, Va. Miss Helen Hopkins sang several Southern melodies, accompanied by Miss Margaret Rippey. Historical papers were given by Charles Taylor, of the Robert E. Lee Chapter; Mrs. G. D. Ellsworth of the Dixie Chapter, and Miss Johnson of the Dixie Chapter. Mrs. Milton sang 'Coming Through the Rye' and other songs. She also read a poem on 'Southern Women.' Mr. Barnes displayed a piece of the flag that floated over Richmond during the war between the States, the old record book of Virginia, and a piece of the upholstery from the chair of Jefferson Davis. Mrs. Taylor told of presenting to the Confederate Museum in Richmond, Va., a piece of wood from the original floor of Lee's home at Arlington.

The meeting closed with the singing of 'Dixie.'

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