

Conjugal Companionship.

Another discouragement that Dr. Dix might have prescribed for divorce is persistent, unselfish intention on the part of married couples to be companionable. Companionship is the basis of all lasting unions of male and female, even among the animals. It is quite true that most couples were originally mismatched, but no fact is better known and recognized, outside of family circles, than that extreme differences of intellect, taste, acquirement, disposition and nature are no bar to the most delightful and enduring friendship, unless in one person or the other there are positive vices or selfishness that prevent the formation of any true and honorable bond with any being whatever. Even heathen philosophers have urged man and woman to perpetuate and perfect their union by mutual and persistent devotion toward each other. But Dr. Dix has indirectly discouraged this in nearly all of his lectures. His injunction that wives shall be obedient to their husbands; his reprobation, or at least suspicion, of modern women's desire to be well informed on subjects of which their husbands talk; his criticism of women who are not content to be housekeepers and nurses and nothing more, are all calculated to make women the inferiors of their husbands, and, consequently, to a great degree uncompanionable. The lecturer might justly have given his male parishioners, respectable and otherwise, some hard raps, for the custom of many of them is to devote the better part of the day to business, most of the remainder to their male acquaintances, and only their stupid hours to their families.

And, if marriage is the holy institution that preachers proclaim it to be, why did not Dr. Dix blame the clergy of all the churches for not making its duties and blessings the subject of frequent sermons and instructions? Sermons on regeneration, adoption, sanctification, total depravity, redemption, backsliding, malice, envy and uncharitableness abound, but what veteran church-goer has heard during all his life a dozen sermons on marriage?—*The Hour.*

A Court Clerk's Long Nine.

Thomas W. Chinn, of Louisiana, was a native of Kentucky. When a young man he was employed in the office of a court clerk at Frankfort. The story goes that he was addicted to excessive smoking. At length his boss, the Clerk, gave him peremptory orders not to smoke more than three cigars per day. "Very well," replied young Chinn, "it will give me no discomfort to carry out your instructions." The next morning the Clerk found him seated at his table writing, with one end of a cigar in his mouth and the other end resting on a shelf hard by. It was not much less than a yard long. Looking on him for a moment with astonishment, mingled with admiration, he said: "Get up and come along with me—you have entirely too much genius for this room." What does the reader suppose was done with him? Why he was taken to the office of an attorney at law and the first volume of Blackstone placed in his hand—the Clerk agreeing to pay all expenses until he was admitted to the bar. That being accomplished in due time, he then removed to Louisiana and settled at Baton Rouge. Subsequently he became a Judge. In 1839 he was elected a Representative to Congress as a Whig, and served one term. In 1842 President Taylor appointed him Minister to the Two Sicilies. He was a stout, handsome gentleman, and much esteemed by his associates in Congress. There is no telling what a cigar of extraordinary length may lead to.—*An Old Fogy, in the Louisville Courier-Journal.*

Photographic Speech.

The new system of teaching the deaf and dumb by directing them to look at a person speaking, and to note the position of his lips in giving utterance to different sounds, has now been in practice for several years on the continent, and, as our readers are probably aware, has also been adopted in this country with some success. A continental teacher has now hit upon a plan of furthering the instruction by having recourse to photography. A model has been chosen whose lips are particularly expressive in their action, and a series of photographs taken of him while pronouncing the different sounds that go to make up a language. Such a "speaking likeness" has been obtained that, in many cases, even an untrained observer has little difficulty in guessing the letter on the lips of the model, as the photographs are displayed one after another.—*Photographic News.*

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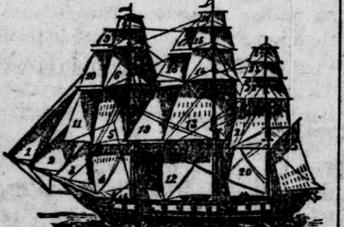
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- 1, flying jib; 2, jib;
- 3, foretop-mast-stay sail; 4, fore-course;
- 5, foretop sail; 6, foretop-gallant sail;
- 7, fore-royal; 8, fore sky sail;
- 9, fore-royal studding sail;
- 10, foretop-gallant studding sail;
- 11, foretop-mast studding sail;
- 12, main-course; 13, maintop sail;
- 14, maintop-gallant sail; 15, main-royal;
- 16, main sky sail; 17, main royal studding sail;
- 18, main top-gallant studding sail;
- 19, maintop-mast studding sail;
- 20, mizzen-course; 21, mizzen-top sail;
- 22, mizzen-top-gallant sail; 23, mizzen-royal;
- 24, mizzen sky sail; 25, mizzen-panker.

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