

California Women Who Think

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This is the day of the shining husbands to judge from the majority of the letters received by the symposium editor. It has been an agreeable surprise to find out that the average husband has polished the shine which won him a wife until it is lustrous in its brilliancy. He has improved with the wear and tear of the years.

But of course there are exceptions to every rule. There are women whose high standard is too difficult for the everyday man to achieve, and these women go through life without the joys which should rightly be theirs.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

Send in your requirements for the ideal husband. Tell what you want the man you love to be and do. What particular trait sets him, in your eyes, apart from other men? If you have made any observations on the lives of those around you write them out and give others the benefit of your opinions. In what regard does your best friend's husband fall short of what you wish in a husband?

There are two pieces of silver ware given each week to the writers of the two best symposium letters received. Silver is always a welcome gift. Why not begin your collection now? You have just as good a chance to be a winner as your next door neighbor. Why don't you enter the lists? Letters are not limited as to space, and originality and cleverness are the only requirements. Address all communications to the Symposium Editor, The Call, San Francisco.

AWARDED A SILVER PIE KNIFE

The Man I Marry

Dorothy Douglas, San Jose

Marriage is a question which every woman must consider sooner or later, and the majority of women more than once, for, however much we hear of the spinster who never has had a proposal of marriage, it is my private opinion that the woman doesn't exist who hasn't at some period of her life been given the chance to darn some man's socks in the holy bonds of matrimony. The socks may be threadbare and the yarn scarce, but the need is there and an expression of that need is forthcoming. The fact that she fails to change the prefix before her name from Miss to Mrs. may be purely the result of a disinclination on her part to rejuvenate said footwear and not necessarily a lack of opportunity.

The man I marry must be a person of unquestioned amiability. I could never endure a creature who sat across the table and snarled at me because his food had happened to cool. In meekness of spirit he should pattern after Job. The fact that he had food at all should be reason enough for infinite thankfulness, and the fact that he had me should make up for any discrepancies in the matter of its serving. The trouble with most men when they come to assume the matrimonial yoke is that they do so laboring under the delusion that woman is a combination cook-stove and sewing machine.

She is not. Take it from me, gentle reader, she is nothing so simple. She may be a combination, but the formula is complicated and not confined to two elements. To continue:

The man I marry must not be argumentative. He may have an opinion on every topic under the sun, keep them catalogued for reference, bubble them out like a fountain when

AWARDED A SILVER BONBON SPOON

To Shine in the Home

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Where do I want my husband to shine? At home. I am a young married woman and wish my husband to always shine in his home as much as he does now. I hope he never does shine in "society" or at the "club." I think any man ought to shine more in his own home than any place else, especially if his wife appreciates and loves him.

How do I want my husband to shine? I want him to shine by always being the same to me as he is now.

Of course I had girlish dreams of my ideal man. He would be very handsome, have lots of money, etc. Although he is none of these, he is everything a woman could desire in a man. He is honest, industrious, generous and

Study Your Husband

L. G.

I am very happily married and also very poor. Yet I believe I make a great deal of my own happiness.

No woman should permit herself to become too familiar with her husband. Always make him respect you. If he does you a kindness, thank him; if you meet him on the street, speak to him as politely as you would to a stranger. Never tag around after him and give him the impression that you are watching him; a man dislikes to be hanging on a woman's apron strings. Don't expect him to do your housework for you, and don't scold.

Never be anxious for him to tell you where he has been if he is 20 minutes late in his meals; eat your lunch and let him have what is left.

And, sisters, don't cry for every cross word. Just get the forgetting habit; forget to hear.

I read up funny stories, war news, everything in general I know he likes to hear, and he doesn't go to the saloon for news, for I try to keep right up to date. I am not beautiful, nor finely educated nor a musician, but I am a good cook and can do sewing very neatly. His clothes are always clean, his meals always ready, and I am sure my husband loves me. I have been married eight years.

What do I most admire about him? It is just this: He never talks unkindly of any one and he never scolds.

Ideals

Mabel Green, San Rafael

Talking of ideals and where men should shine, I have come in contact with men who don't shine any place. Maybe that sounds harsh, but take them all in all, they are selfish and have no feeling save for themselves.

Maybe I am a little hard, but I believe in being outspoken, and if all people would speak candidly I believe they would say that the majority of men, more than two-thirds, in fact, are selfish and love no one but themselves.

Every young girl thinks she has picked the lucky number, but the majority of them soon find out that they have picked a lemon, and a good sour one at that.

Every man hangs his fiddle behind the door after the wedding. He soon forgets his love making and then gets down to business.

This sounds as if I were a "man hater" and a little harsh, but let every woman and girl speak the truth, rich or poor—money does not make the man—and she will say the same. All men have a selfish streak in them. Every girl should wait till she is 30 before she gets married, for, remember, girls, you can get a dozen husbands if you want, but only one mother; so don't be in too much of a hurry to leave mother.

The Great Requirement

Mary Elizabeth Perry, 3500 Boehmer Street, Fruitvale

What shall make him shine—a genie's lamp for all good gifts?

Sifting what I know of the present and the past—sifting the feeling as expressed in the letters already sent to the symposium editor; sifting my own reflections on the subject—I think it is safe to sum it all up in one word—backbone.

Good Wife Can Shine the Man

A. B. C., San Francisco

Into this broad, immense world we are born. We are as specks of fine dust or tiny seeds in comparison to the vastness of the universe, destined to grow according to our fate. Nevertheless things are often what we make them ourselves. In regard to marriage I would say select a man of middle age, with some experience and common sense—youthful men have neither. He should have a good heart, be generous and keep himself true to me.

According to my views the main shine on the part of a husband should be devotion to his wife in case of illness. He should give her the best of care and with heart and soul do all in his power to help her regain her health and strength. Nothing should be too irksome and he should conduct himself regardless of trouble and expense. If a man be good and true to his wife through sickness and worry there can be no doubt that he loves her.

Good women can do much toward reforming a man who has acquired bad habits. Many a drunkard has been cured of his terrible affliction through the influence of a good wife. How many times have you heard the comment, "My wife made a man out of me. But for her I should be in the gutter today." There are many ways of fascinating a man without trick or device. The honest way is the best and the most lasting.

Thirty years ago I married a Frenchman; his fortune was in his hand. We were both young, full of ambition and both longing for a home. We both worked at first. As a matter of fact I soon found out that he was

The Broad Minded Woman

By Claire Weepie, Oakland

My youthful ideal of a husband has not met with its counterpart in my choice of a husband, therefore I shall draw the curtain against the narration of its shattered fragments. He shines within his own sphere, not mine.

In later life I am capable only of looking backward over experience's tried path in order to mold an ideal upon a pedestal founded on shifting sand, for age forbids my desire for another mate even if I were free to select such a one.

Although my husband has proven unworthy of my ideal my interest in life's environments is still active. My intent is to delve into subjects tending to the uplifting of humanity. I am intensely interested in perusing the articles written by "women who think," and after reading today's missives this is the statement that most appeals to me:

"I have never married, but I have reached the age where I can cultivate any man I like without unkind things being said (one of the compensations of age), and I find nothing more interesting in life than companionable men."—Miss Barclay.

It sounds with a golden ring of freedom from the trammelled path of womanhood in general. A woman who has the fortitude to give public expression to her convictions, without fear of adverse criticism, has reached

Ribbon Workbag

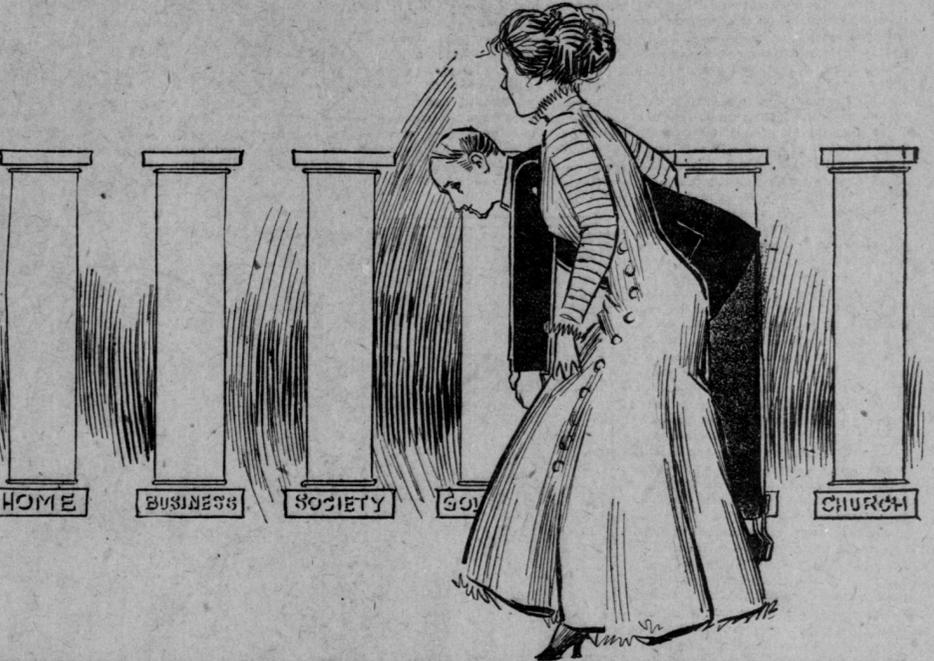
A novel workbag that has added advantage of being quickly made up is constructed from a yard of wide ribbon, preferably six or eight inches, says the Washington Herald.

The bag is in four compartments, all drawing on the same string. The ribbon is folded in half, then three folds are made at either side until the ribbon is equally divided in space to form four compartments.

Sew the selvages together in pairs to make four divisions, each four and a half inches in depth. Overcast the edges neatly with tiny stitches. This will leave three top folds, which are cut for a depth of two inches from either edge. Hem narrowly and cover with a tiny silk cord if you wish a finish.

Crochet eight small rings of brass or bone with embroidery silk to harmonize with the colors in the bag. Sew a ring to each corner of the four bags and through them run a double length of silk cord or narrow ribbon, which, pulled from either end, will open and close bags at once.

Do not use too soft a ribbon. The heavy flowered effects with satin edges are pretty and will stand upright when opened, which makes it easier to discover contents.



See That He Is Properly Fed

Mrs. Retta de Wet, 1611 Twentieth Street, San Francisco

The secret of having a good husband is to keep him well fed. Men are always cranky and sent merrily on his way to work. My husband has brain, muscle, energy and good dinner when he comes home in the evening, make him comfortable and warm. He then smokes, reads and writes, talks or plays, as the notion strikes him, and we are as happy as the kids themselves. In the morning he is given a nice hot breakfast, is kissed and sent merrily on his way to work. My husband has brain, muscle, energy and is never angry without good cause. He is my ideal of what a manly man and an upright husband should be. Keep your man properly fed!

OUR SPANISH LESSON

OCTAVA LECCION DE ESPAÑOL
(Eighth Lesson in Spanish.)

VERBO "SER"—VERB "TO BE," "TO EXIST"

This verb is auxiliary. It is only used in stating a fact. It is a substantive verb, because it predicates of the subject what is permanent, characteristic, essential, and answers the questions: What is it? Who is? Who are?

EXAMPLES: Ser hombre (to be man). Ser caballo (to be horse). Ser niño (to be child).

PRESENT TENSE

Spanish	Pronunciation	English
Yo soy español	eeo soee ayspahneool	I am Spanish
El es americano	ayl ays americano	he is American
Ella es americana	eyeeeah ays americanah	she is American
Nosotros somos ingleses	nosotros somos inglay-	we are English
Vosotros sois francesas	vosotros soees francay-	you (plu.) are French
Ellos son italianos.	eyeeeyos son italeeahnos	they are Italian

REMARK: When the noun or pronoun is feminine, the adjective becomes feminine and changes "o" from the masculine to "a." When the noun or pronoun is plural, the adjective also becomes plural and takes "s." Adjectives derived from names of countries, etc., do not take initial capital letters in Spanish.

FUTURE TENSE

Yo seré presidente	eeo say-ray	I shall be president
El será soldado	ayl say-rah	he will be a soldier
Ella será maestra	ayeeeah say-rah	she will be mistress (or teacher)
Nosotros seremos felices	nosotros say-ray-mos	we shall be happy
Vosotros seréis honrados	vosotros say-ray-ees	you (plural) will be honest
Ellos (ellas) serán amables	ayeeeyos say-rah	they will be lovely

PAST TENSE

Yo fui pobre	eeo foo-ee	I have been poor
Vd fué rico	oostayd foo-ay	you (sing.) have been rich
Nosotros fuimos felices	nosotros foo-ee-mos	we have been happy
Vosotros fuisteis malcriados	vosotros foo-ees-tay-ees	you (plural) have been naughty
Ellos (ellas) fueron amables	ayeeeyos foo-ay-ron	they have been lovely

To form the negative verb, place "no" between the pronoun and the verb. The pupils will improve more quickly if they make sentences using the negative form. Examples:

Yo no soy español El no es americano.

CONVERSATION

Yo soy muy rico ahora, pero yo fui muy pobre en tiempos pasados. Cuando yo fui a ver el presidente a la Habana; el fué muy amable. La casa es alta, la casa es grande, es blanca, es conveniente. ¿Quien es? Es un muchacho, es un pobre, es el Señor N. El Señor N. es muy cortés. ¿Qué es eso? Es una carta. Si, señora una carta de mi tio.

RECAPITULATION

Spanish	Pronunciation	English
rico	reeco	rich
cortés	cortays	polite
alta	ahlitah	high
grande	grahnday	great—large
blanca	bluhneah-	white
pobre	pobray	poor
amable	ahmahblay	lovely
felices (plural)	fay-lee-thays	happy
maestro—maestra	mah-ays-tro	master
malcriado	mahl-cree-ah-do	naughty
ahora	ah-o-rah	now
tiempos (plural)	tee-aym-pos (plural)	time
pasados (plural)	pah-sh-dos (plural)	past
pero	pay-ro	but—yet
cundo	koo-ahn-do	when
¿Quien es?	koo-ee-ayn ays	who is? (Only refers to persons)
¿Qué es eso?	koo-ay ays ay-so	what is it?
octava	oc-tah-vah	eighth
ser	sayr	to be

SUZANE GODARD.

The Man Who Can Be Relied Upon

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Strange indeed would be the woman who was indifferent with respect to her husband's prominence among his fellowmen, for his glory or his shame is also her joy or sorrow, and the world so views it, too. Of course a wife wants her husband to shine not only in his special gifts, but in those qualities which are common to all men. She would have him brave, honest, patient and kindly, endowed with a fund of common sense and the saving

grace of humor. Capable of bearing up under stress and difficulties. After all is said about sentiment and the romantic qualities in a husband, what I really admire most in my husband is that good old fashioned quality of reliability or dependability. Like charity, it has great covering qualities. Reliability means he is there when I want him and as I want him. Reliability to a woman means peace, happiness and security.