

SOME QUEER MARRIAGE LAWS.

Customs of the Old Days—In Ancient Rome—Jewish Marriage.

The Roman church alone regarded marriage as a sacrament, but all the other churches recognized it as a divine institution...

Among the Romans there were three ways of obtaining a wife—by capture, sale or gift. When a Roman bought a wife—and this was the usual way—the ceremony that followed was merely gone through for the sake of having indisputable evidence of the sale.

When they wished to terminate the contract they usually went before an altar and in the presence of witnesses declared the marriage at an end.

Originally the husband had absolute and complete control over her and her property. Even after his death she was subjected to any guardianship that he might have had appointed for her during his lifetime.

Before this change came, and even afterward, there was exercised among the Romans complete tyranny by the head of the family over his relations which were members of his family.

As head of the family, the eldest male was always the head; he had power not only over his relatives, but all persons connected with his household and his children's households.

The blood feud, and it was well named, descended from father to son. It was to the Roman, in effect, what the inherited curse was to the Greek.

There was another kind of marriage called polygamy, and like the Levirate, it extended to the western countries.

Some of the customs attending a Hebrew marriage were peculiar. The bridegroom dressed himself in the most gorgeous style he could command.

The marriage was always celebrated at night, and the bridesmaids were provided with lamps to meet the bridegroom when he came.

Pioneer marriages in this country, not a century ago, had some resemblance to a Hebrew wedding.

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