

Wary of Cupid

School Ma'ams Destined to Life of Single Blessedness

By MISS CATHARINE GOGGIN,
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Ninety per cent. of the school teachers in the United States are women.

Sixty per cent. of these are irrevocably destined to single blessedness.

Eighty per cent. of the teachers led to the altar are forced to work for their living after marriage.

Ten per cent. of the wedded ones become divorcees.

Of the remaining ten per cent. only one teacher in ten finds any bliss in married life.

These figures are based on deductions from real life. As treasurer of the Teachers' Federation and most active manager of the pension fund, I have had opportunity to prove them.

By their vocations teachers are imperative. Coming into daily contact with the unruly natures of children makes the school teacher primarily a woman whose desires are expressed as commands. And this the fond husband eagerly avoids.

The so-called master of the house doesn't want a boss for a wife. He wants a baby. He doesn't even desire the refinement and culture which a school teacher might bring into his home.

Man holds his own liberty and peace of mind to be of greater moment than a piece of mind from his domestic partner, no matter how well wrapped that mind may be.

If a school teacher must earn her own living after marriage—perhaps as well as the living of the drone who captivated her—why, reasons the school ma'am, should she not be content with single bliss?

Again the school teacher is not equipped for the married state. She is not, as a rule, attractive to men. Teachers are usually not pretty and seldom can be called beautiful. The mind of the school teacher is above amusements, curling irons, rouges and cosmetics. Her face is no factor in determining her fortune. A pedagogic's beauty will not change the percentage in her examination. And the school teacher has no time for speculating in dressmaking and millinery.

The average "hired girl" has a far better chance to make a home happier than has the woman teacher.

And I want to say right here, that the average hired girl is far better off than the average school teacher.

The salary of the average school teacher is \$40 a month, or \$360 a year. She can work only nine months and must remain idle for three months in each year. The salary of the average cook is \$7 a week, or \$364 a year. The cook is in greater demand than the school teacher. She earns twice as much, for she receives her board, and good board, too, in addition to her salary. She has her nights off, while the teacher must work nights as well as days to handle her examination papers and get up her work for the coming day's lessons. I tell you the world is wrong.

Nature's Hints of Immortality

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn, and make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man, who was made in the image of his Creator? If He stoops to give to the rose-bush whose withered blossoms float upon the breeze the sweet assurance of another springtime, will He withhold the words of hope from the sons of men when the frosts of winter come? If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the imper-

spirit of man suffer annihilation after it has paid a brief visit, like a royal guest, to this tenement of clay?

Rather let us believe that He who, in his apparent prodigality, wastes not the raindrop, the blade of grass, or the evening's sighing zephyr, but makes them all to carry out its eternal plans, has given immortality to the mortal, and gathered to himself the spirits of our friends. Instead of mourning, let us look up and address our departed in the words of the poet:

"Thy day has come, not gone;
Thy sun has risen, not set;
Thy life is now beyond
The reach of death or change,
Not ended—but begun.
O noble soul! O gentle heart!
Hail, and farewell!"



If a Dog Bite You

By DR. WILLIAM L. WHEELER,
Pastor Institute, New York City.

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