

BELIEFS OF A BENEDICT.

Few men who take a better-half prepare for the worst.

A fellow who's intoxicated with love sobers up pretty soon after marriage.

And poor Eve died without being able to join the Daughters of anything!

About the best example of a work of supererogation is teaching a girl baby to talk.

Science says kissing causes disease. It has been known to cause pitation of the heart.

An old bachelor at a christening party was about as appropriate as a man in an automobile.

"All men are liars," but married ones have more ready-made opportunities.—R. W. Jones in New York Tribune.

A Kansas man saved a widow from drowning, and was married to her within six weeks. One can't be too careful.

"Why don't you write some happy 'Married Man's Musings'?" asks a correspondent. It would take a bachelor to do that.

There are only fifty thousand really handsome women in the United States, according to a magazine writer. Every woman wonders who the other 49,999 are.

Everything has its compensations. When a fellow gets the grip his wife consoles herself with the thought that afterward she can tell him he was "as cross as a bear."

Probably Adam would never have married if he had to stand up in church before a thousand people, with a frock coat on, and go through a ten-minute ceremony that seemed like ten hours.

FROM A SPINSTER'S NOTEBOOK.

Society is the mother of convention and quite often it deserves its child.

One advantage about being an old maid is not having to tell a husband how much the new millinery cost.

It's very difficult to believe in romance after seeing the way some men don't help their wives on the street car.

It makes a man awfully mad when he knows you're just polite to him because you are a lady and not because he's a gentleman.

A woman always gets a little suspicious when her husband develops a great admiration for her last year's gown when it's time to get a new one.

The man who thinks he is the boss of the house because he is the breadwinner should be taught that he has not half the dough of the bread baker.

Few men like to be reminded of their courtship, as it reminds them how untruthful they can be; women like to think of it, as they find comfort in remembering the time they were happy.

Man or Mountain.

Clifford B. Hildreth is the proprietor of a hotel at York Beach, Maine, a few miles from a promontory known as Baldhead Cliff. The place is wild and picturesque, and is the mecca of many summer visitors.

Hildreth is called "Cliff" by all who know him. His head has pushed through his hair, and he has little use for a comb. A few weeks ago a party of tourists stopped in front of his hotel and seeing Mrs. Hildreth on the veranda one of the men called out:

"Can you tell me where Baldhead Cliff is?"

"He must be around the house somewhere," said Mrs. Hildreth. "I saw him just a few minutes ago." She was not disconcerted by the slangy title that she believed the tourist had bestowed on her husband.—Chicago Record-Herald Sunday Magazine.

A Song of Singers.

Where are ye now, dead singers of dear songs?

Where are the souls, vibrant with melody?

Whom sweet words sought, as waters seek the sea;

To whom great thoughts converged in shining throngs.

From them seemed lifted Eden's primal curse.

They talked with angels, and were unafraid.

Can death destroy those echoing chords, which made

Them harp Aeolian of the universe?

When some great star throws down its solemn light

Do their freed spirits see and learn to know

The hymns the planets sing as on their way.

Moving along their paths of silvery light.

When through our slumber sounds harmonious ring.

Is it the echo of the songs they sing?

—New York Herald.

Like Papa.

"My goodness gracious mercy sakes!" his mother exclaimed. "Willie! Willie! What on earth are you saying? O, O, O, O! You have broken my heart! O, I never dreamed that my little boy could say such awful things! O, dear, dear, dear!"

"Well, blame it, didn't you tell me not to cry any more when I hurt myself and try to be brave like papa is when he pounds his thumb?"—Chicago Record Herald.

To Suit Himself.

He—Queer a person hasn't any say as to how old he is to grow, isn't it? She—Oh, I don't know. I've managed to regulate my age to suit myself for some years.—Detroit Free Press.

The Blind and the Deaf.

Some persons allege that blind persons are usually cheerful, while deaf persons are usually gloomy and suspicious. The reasons for these characteristics were recently given, in reply to inquiries, the deaf man saying: "When anyone speaks to me, I am reminded of my infirmity." The blind man said: "As soon as any person speaks to me I forget my misfortune."—New York Tribune.

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