Unhappy Marriages and Their Effects Deeribed...Why Marriages Will Become Unfrequent.

It is related of a certain old cynic that when one of his juniors was introduced to him he would ask, "Are you mar-ried?" If the answer was in the affirmative, his comment was: "Lucky dog!" If he received a negative reply, he ejaculated: "Happy dog!" It is needless to say that the old cynic was himself a married man. An old English poet has compared matrimony to a lighted lantern. The insects outside but their heads against the pane to get in, while those inside butt their heads to get out again. How much cynicism there is in the old poet's figure, we caunot undertake to It is certain that unless things speedily mend, there will be a general and justifiable belief among young people in the infelicity of the marriage state. Now and then, as if by a flash of lightning, the public is shown the frightful skeleton which some unhappy couple have kept in their closet. Or a lawsuit takes the roof of a man's house and reveals a state off things inside which the shuddering observer likens to the place of the damned. Scarcely a day passes in which it is not the duty of the newspaper chronicle to record some event by which a jarring couple advertise their

misery to the world. is a dreadful ending to a drama which opened with so much happy There was a lovely young bride, for all young brides are lovely, crowned with the delicate flowers which were emblems of her sweetness and purity. She gave her trembling hand to the proud and happy bridegroom. Long, perhaps, had he pressed his ardent suit.

And now he was like a young king just come to his majority. She was trusting, and he was so sincerely devoted that he knew that no wind of heaven should visit her cheek too roughly while he lived. What a charming picture they made as they stood at the altar-a rare combination of beauty and strengthjoyfully entering upon the holiest covenant which humanity makes with humanity. How many good wishes follow them, what ripples of delight spread outward from the joyous event that makes them one. Wherever they go they carry their happiness with them, so impossible of concealment that even the most indifferent stranger takes a share in their benediction. Hard-featured old people look on with an unconscious re-laxation of visage. The machine-like servants, railway people, and hotel clerks met on the wedding journey sur-render a trifle of their official coldness, and look kindly on the gay, innocent pair. Not only is earth to these new beginners a rosy place to live iv, but each has found the perfect companion for In the nature of things, this cannot

always be. No more is it possible that one should always bear the weight of grief which bows one at the side of a death-bed. The load of sorrow wears away before we are satisfied that we ought ever to be happy again. And the refined joy of the bridal time is tempermarried life. But when it happens, as al'ays lay up some every fall, for there's it often does, that the drama that began nothin' like it for rheumatiz, as my with music, flowers, smiles, and sun-shine, speedily ends in darkness and there has been a terrible mistake. It is better, perhaps, that the world should haps some fault of temper, some long maps some rault of temper, some long concealed vice, some unsuspected weakness, came to the surface when all else was smooth and fair. Possibly, each of the partners was in fault, and, instead of "I don't know," said the boy in a distinct the conversation.

"We'll, Johnnie, you all goin' to have a merry Christmas at your house?"

"And I'm goin' to be mother," broke in the sweet child-voice of little Jane. bearing with each other, they were petulant, suspicious, exacting, or simply cold and indifferent. Whatever was the original cause of estrangement, things went on from bad to worse until the domestic trouble is bruited far and wide, the sweetness of love's young dream are about it." hating each other. The husband who swore to love and cherish, (and meant and honor finds life a blank. She has lost her happiness forever.

This is all very miserable. It seems more miserable because we involuntarily contrast the conclusion with the lovely picture of the beginning. In all the wide world there is no place so horrible are at odds. It is no home. The woman is an alien under the roof of him who was to defend and protect her. The stockings. I'd willingly sell my dinner to buy 'em some presents, for I know in his home, shuts his door behind him with a sense of relief, and goes out into the streets to escape the horror that broods in his house. Is it any wonder that murder, suicide, drunkenness, and shame often hurry to drop the curtain on all this misery? And is it any wonder that young people who see this wretched end of a promising life are afraid to try the experiment? For it is an experiment, and, unfortunately, the failures are more conspicuous than the successful issues. No man can tell whether a take a minute's comfort there in a new happy; too many skeletons are kept se-curely locked in domestic secrecy. But there are so many modulations. But there are so many woeful chapters of wedded misery unfolded to the public gaze that men say, "I may be singly shabby old silk, and those that don't gaze that men say, "I may be singly unblest; but I may also be cursed

not founded on love and respect. Some sha'n't go without a merry Christmas.' are contracted like business partnerships; some are entered upon out of pique; and not a few marry without any adequate notion of the binding nature of the obligations so lightly assumed. We have gone far away from the oldfashioned homely idea of home. Unless we have more wholesome views of life and society, happy marriages will become more unfrequent.—New York

Reminiscence of Nellie Grant's Wedding.

When Mrs. Sartoris, radiant with happiness, had gone from home and kindred to cross the ocean and find new ties with strangers, her wedding robe and veil were the last articles to be put away in one of those zinc packing-boxes that was used to preserve her silks from the s in Nellie's room. He knocked; reving no answer he entered. Mrs. Frant confronted him, and by a sign enter, and laid her finger upon her inouth to invoke silence. The man "Oh, Miss Green, you are too good" the cause of this imposed quiet. Upon his daughter's bed, his face buried in her his daughter's bed, with suppressed emoanced about the apartment to divine pillows, convulsed with suppressed emo-tion, lay prone and prostrate the grief-stricken father, who had gone through all the ceremonies of that marriage day with dry eyes and an unmoved counten-ance, but parent love for a favorite child hal conquered the "belted sphinx" stripes for Johnnie, which his mother only in the privacy of his daughter's knew would fairly throw him into of great value to advertises. Sent free by N. ehumber.—Detroit Free Press.

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Squire's, and a morthed the ragged corners, and looked at it affectionately.

"Six yards 'll make me a full dress, and I must have it to wear at cousin Nathan's, as they've sent me their usual invitation to Christmas dinner. I guess I'll step over and get the stuff at once and run up the breadths this evenin', as I've got all them buttonholes on Joseph Blake's new coat to make to-morrow, and I've no time to let grass grow under my feet."

grass grow under my feet."

Miss Charity Green was a very poor woman who lived by her needle, and ronted the "middle room" in widow Blake's small one-story house. She had a thin, faded face, with nothing pretty or attractive about it, except when she smiled, and then little children would be sure to forget all about the wrightles. be sure to forget all about the wrinkles and the homeliness, and tangle her spools of thread and play with the scissors, which always hung around her neck, fastened with black ribbon, and never dream of stopping or being in the east alarmed by her frequent, "There, night, there, children! Dear me! I do believe little hands are the busiest in the world? Who ever did see !"

Poor Miss Charity Green! She was that very sad spectacle, a lonely, almost friendless woman, without father or mother, brother or sister, husband or small blue and white woolen stockings, children in the world. Her life was and the hearts of the two women were turning its face toward half a century of full of a tune of gladness, as they crowdyears; her health, never vigorous, was gradually failing her; and a cold, lonely "The house won't hold old age rose up sometimes and appalled her with its chill and gloom. She had to work early and late, for the roof that sheltered and the bread that nourished her. Poor Miss Charity Green!

But as she tied on her straw bonnet that evening, there was a quick knock at the door, and the next moment a little brown curly head, with a pair of eager,

bright, dancing eyes was thrust inside.
"Come in, Johnnie; what do you want?" said Miss Charity Green. And if you had heard her voice just then you would have understood something of the secret of her being so general a favorite with children.

"Mother wants to know, Miss Green, if you'll lend her a drawin' o' tea. She'll pay you to-morrow."
"O she needn't be in the least bit o' hurry about that are," answered Miss Green, as she took the little blue cup

from the boy's hand. "Do sit down, Johnnie, and warm yourself by the And the boy sat down in the great arm-chair, while the woman measured the tea in the cover of her tin canister.

day, Johnnie?"
"Yes, ma'am, only mother said she felt a little o' rheumatiz in her right shoulder this mornin'."

" Mother and sisters pretty well to-

"Dear me, suz! It won't do for her to let the rheumatiz get hold on her this y of the bridal time is temper-time o' year. I'll jest step out into the eares and responsibilities of shed and get her a little boneset. I

grandfather used to say."

And as the woman tied up the dried the mournful conclusion is that herbs in a piece of brown paper, it as been a terrible mistake. It is struck her that her little neighbor was unusually grave and silent; so half with never know just where the error lay. the purpose of drawing out any con-Perhaps it was in the beginning. Per-Miss Green continued the conversa-

consolate tone of voice, twisting his brown fingers in and out of each other. and act just like a big woman goin' a "What! you and sisters not going to visitin'. hang up your stockings?"

"No, ma'am ; mother said she couldn't domestic trouble is bruited far and wide.
The man and woman who tasted together

Ellen and Jane cried all the afternoon

swore to love and cherish, (and meant it, too,) is trying to break his lawful of Miss Green, and she silently tied the all the time. wedlock. The wife who vowed to love paper and snapped the thread with her cissors, and as she placed it in the boy's hands she said to him, " Never mind. Johnnie, dear. Pluck up good heart. May be somethin' 'll turn up about them

Christmas presents after all." "If I was only a little better off now," murmured Miss Charity Green as she as a home in which husband and wife rocked herself back and forth in her great arm-chair, "them are children shouldn't go without hangin' up their

"Them children must hang up their stockings; but if they do I must go majority of marriages are happy or un-happy; too many skeletons are kept se-no, not if it was the finest satin that like the looks must turn their heads t'other way; for as long as I hold three It is evident that many marriages are dollars in my hands them children

> "Oh! is that you? Do come in, Miss Green," and the little pale, sorrowful-faced, care-worn Mrs. Russell lifted her head from the child's stocking she was darning as her neighbor entered the

"Little folks all abed?" whispered Miss Green in a low, mysterious tone of voice, as she came into the room with something carefully concealed under her shawl.

"Yes, I sent'em off an hour agopoor things!" and a deep sigh heaved the heart of widow Russell—a sigh that was born of wearying cares, and baffled

hopes, and fainting spirits.
"Wall, you see, Miss Russell," still preserving her low, mysterious tones, and slowly uncovering her red merino effects of a sea voyage. An attache of the White House took a porter up stairs to bring down this last packing-box—it about Christmas time when little folks would want some fixins—you know chil-dren ain't like grown folks anyhow; so I kinder thought I'd slip somethin into

"S'pose you jest take a squint at m," said the old maid, breaking the

'em," said the old maid, breaking small cords and tearing away the wrap-First, there was a blue drum with red

white china tea-set for Ellen, with the most diminutive cups and saucers, and the daintiest sugar-bowl, and cream-mug, and water-pitcher; and for little Jane there was a wax doll, with black eyes, and ruby lips, and small dainty rings of real brown hair; and a red-bird in a cage picking seeds out of a yellow trough; and added to all these was a purple horn-of-plenty tied with golden ribbons, and filled with sugar plums for

each of the children.

Mrs. Russell's faded eyes gleamed with new light as she gazed at the gifts.
She tried to speak, but the words choked themselves back in her throat, and she broke down in a sob of tears. "Wall, I do say now, Miss Russell," said her neighbor, attempting in awk-ward but sincere fashion to comfort her. Don't give up so. It sin't much. I know, but then we all had to be chil-

dren once."
"Yes, Miss Green, and it's jest the thought o' that and the good times we used to have when I was a wild, careless gal at father's that's e'en a-most broke my heart ever since I told the children they mustn't expect to hang up their stockings this Christmas. You never did seen children so put down in your life; they ain't hardly smiled since, and it's seemed as though we'd had a funeral in the house when I put 'em to bed to-

"Well, s'pose now you jest get their stockings and we'll slip them in, and you can pin 'em up to the bed-post, you

Mrs. Russell went to her chest of cherry drawers and brought forth three "The house won't hold 'em to-morrow

mornin'," exclaimed Mrs. Russell. "They's be as proud as kings and queens."
"Bless their hearts!" said Miss Green. 'There ain't no use o' tryin' to get this

drum inside." "No, I'll jest set it on the mantle. Dear me! I expect I sha'n't know whether my head's off or on to-morrow mornin' about seven o'clock."

And so Mrs. Russell's mother heart

dwelt on the delight of her children, and Miss Green drank in her words greedily, with frequent ejaculations of wonder

and sympathy.
"Ugh! how the wind does blow!" said the old maid as she gathered her shawl closer about her head and hastened down the road to her home, while a raw blast struck her in the face. The night was full of the moan of winds and the anger of black wintery clouds; but Charity Green did not mind this, for her heart was full of the last words of Mrs.

"I don't know how to thank you, Miss Green, but you have remembered the widow and the fatherless, and be sure God will remember it of you.'

" Merry Christmas-merry Christmas, Miss Green !" The voices, the bright, eager, children's voices, were outside the door and inside the room all in a breath. There was Johnnie with his drum, and Ellen whose blue eyes danced with joy over her tea-set, and little flaxen-haired Jane, who looked "cunning as a

witch," Miss Green averred, as she hugged up in true motherly fashion her precious doll to her heart. Then such a confusion of voices and running of feet, drowned frequently in the sound of Johnnie's drum, as went on for the next hour in Miss Green's solitary room.

"We're goin' to play company this "And I shall bring dolly and the canary

"And I'm goin' to be a soldier jest come home from the wars," said Johnnie; and here he struck on his drum so loud that Miss Green put her hands to her bout it."

"Wall, now, I declare! That is too all the world! What a clash you do

> Miss Charity Green wore her old black silk dress to her cousin's Christmas dinner. It looked gray and shabby, it is true; but she would not have felt half so happy in the richest velvet that ever adorned the figure of an empress.

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