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NO MORE MARRIAGE RISKS

Reformers of Today Certainly Are Throwing All Kinds of Safeguards Around the Ceremony.

Under the microscope of modern criticism marriage seems to be honey-combed with false ideas and tyrannous customs. So wrong is it that we almost doubt if any of our grandparents could have been happy, and we sigh with relief when we consider that at last modern intellect is about to demolish the old-fashioned methods and build in their place a scheme of common-sense marriage in which no sorrow and regret can cloud the domestic hearth.

What a primitive, careless thing marriage has been hitherto! Just because a man and a woman have been attracted to one another they have rushed blindly into a lifelong partnership without any careful forethought or inquiry.

But we see the end of all that nonsense. Already the new marriage—the careful, well-considered mating—has arrived. The first medically examined wedding has been celebrated in this country. Surely this will give a lead to the world.

In future the first consideration will be the medical certificate, and after that the certificate of temperament. No man and woman will enter the state of matrimony without the consent of learned psychologists to testify to their suitability to one another.

And then the financial certificate, the considered judgment of economic specialists as to ways and means. However physically sound and temperamentally suitable the man and woman may be, the new marriage will insist that their income be sufficient to insure a life of comfort according to their normal standards. Our marriage reformers are going to allow us to take no risks.—New York Telegram.

GERMANY GROWS IN WEALTH

Remarkable Showing Made in a Report Recently Ordered From Leading Financier.

Karl Helfferich, director of the Deutsche bank, has completed his report to the Kaiser of the wealth of the German nation. It will be published a few weeks hence and will be sold for \$30.

From the proof sheets, says the New York Sun, it appears that Doctor Helfferich estimates the aggregate total wealth of Germany at from \$75,000,000,000 to \$78,000,000,000. The wealth of France is placed at \$60,000,000,000, that of England from \$57,000,000,000 to \$65,000,000,000 and that of the United States at \$124,000,000,000. The German per capita wealth is placed at \$1,100 to \$1,200, that of France, \$1,425; England from \$1,250 to \$1,385, and the United States \$1,360.

The annual income of the German people is placed at between \$9,000,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000, of which about one-sixth is used for public purposes. The amount used for private purposes could not be ascertained definitely, but is estimated approximately at \$6,000,000,000.

From the deposits in German commercial and savings banks it is deduced that the Germans save \$1,000,000,000 a year. Adding the automatic increase in values to the estimates the annual increase in the aggregate wealth is \$2,500,000,000.

The government has issued a map in colors which shows where aviators may and where they may not fly. They must not go within 12 to 15 miles of Metz or the surrounding fortresses. A similar prohibition, which varies in distances, applies to all fortified places.

White Men in Tropics.

The Caribbean tropics are a garden of delights for the rich man, and an El Dorado. In sugar, in cotton, in cathe pastures, that world holds treasure today greater than the treasure shipped by the Spaniard through Panama the golden. The Caribbean tropics are good, indeed, to the man strong enough to be master. They are good, too, to their own poor, for they curse their natives with no cold and rarely with famine; but for the poor white man from the north they are hell. It is not due only to the risks of the crop. It is due to the social conditions that forbid the white man in the tropics from laboring with his hands. No white man can do it in the islands or in Central America and keep his caste. Only in Panama, where an entirely artificial and unique condition has been made by the creators of the wonder of the isthmus can it be done.—Julius Muller, in the Century Magazine.

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DUCKING A SCOLD.

Punishment a Long Tongue Used to Win in Old England.

It is interesting in these days of woman's rights and woman's progress to conjure up a picture of a "ducking" as practiced in England at the end of the eighteenth century.

When the "scold" had been properly tried and convicted she was escorted by a crowd of her neighbors—in fact, by the whole village—to the nearest pond, and the greener and slier the pond the better. A long plank was produced, at one end of which was the ducking stool, and in this the screaming, struggling victim was securely pinioned.

The chair end of the plank was then pushed far over the edge of the pond, and at a signal it was tilted deep into the green ooze until the scold was completely immersed.

When the dripping, half-drowned woman was raised to the surface again to the jeers and laughter of the onlookers it can be imagined that her tongue wagged to some purpose. After a second dose she emerged more subdued, and after a third or fourth she was as penitent a woman as the village contained and was allowed to proceed home, a sadder and wiser woman until the next time.—London Tit-Bits.

RENTED SCENERY.

It Was a Parisian's Idea, and It Sued the Thrifty Peasants.

M. Georges Moreau one beautiful day, in the course of a walk at Villiers-Saint-Benoist, greatly admired three magnificent oaks which towered from the edge of a field.

"You'll not see 'em much more, citizen," growled the owner of the land. "They make too much shade. I'm going to cut them down."

"What a sacrilege! Cut down those magnificent trees! Better rent them to me."

"What'll you do with them?" "I shall look at them as I pass by. Will you give to me for 15 francs a year the right to admire them?"

"Agreed! It's only a Parisian who could have such a funny idea!"

The story spread abroad, and now whenever M. Moreau takes a walk in that district the peasants hail him with: "Hey, citizen, will you rent those trees there of me? If not I'll cut 'em down. Yes or no? One, two, three?"

M. Moreau yields and pays to save the lives of the trees that delight his view. The little birds would be ungrateful did they not salute with their most harmonious roulades the preserver of their nests.—Cri de Paris.

Uncovered by the Wind.

"In the year 1793," says an old chronicle, "the waters of the Rio de la Plata were forced in the month of April by a most violent current of wind to the distance of ten leagues, so that the neighboring plains were entirely inundated, and the bed of the stream was left dry. A number of ships which had been sunk in the river for upward of thirty years were uncovered and, among others, an English vessel which was cast away in 1762. Several persons repaired to the bed of the river, on which they could walk without wetting their feet, and returned laden with silver and other riches, which had been long buried under the water. The phenomenon obtained for three days, at the end of which the wind ceased, and the water returned with great violence to its native bed."

A Good House.

Mrs. Allen was entertaining a caller one afternoon not long ago and was enthusiastically explaining the many advantages of concrete hollow block construction, of which the walls of her new home were built.

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The visitor nodded approval and paused reflectively for a moment, then replied: "Well, our frame house must be quite as well built. Every night we lock the cat in the cellar and have to let her out of the attic in the morning."—Detroit Free Press.

Saving Trouble.

When Bobbie went to see his grandmother he was much interested in whatever went on in the kitchen. One day she said to him: "I'm going to make you a nice little pie in a saucer, all for yourself. Don't you think I'm pretty good to take so much trouble?" Bobbie pondered. "Grandma," he said at length, "mother told me not to be a bother, and if it's going to be any trouble you can just as well make my pie regular size."—Exchange.

His Distinction.

"William, are you ever going to get matters so arranged that we can afford to have an automobile?"

"I don't expect that we can ever afford one, but I hope to get matters so arranged within a few months that we can have one."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Between Girls.

Lou—I saw Ethel yesterday, and we had the loveliest confidential chat together. Lucy—I thought so. She wouldn't speak to me today.—Judge.

Safe.

"Why do you always carry your umbrella even when it is not raining?" "So some one else won't carry it when it is raining."—Houston Post.

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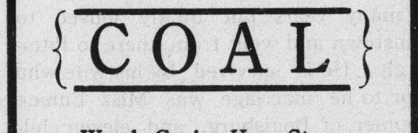
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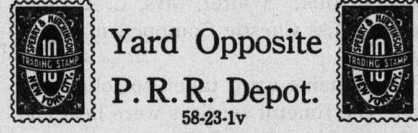


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