

THE IDEAL HUSBAND.

Some Observations on the Side and a Dogmatic Conclusion.

You are probably a woman. Few men would pause to read an article headed "The Ideal Husband." Man knows his fellow men too well.

Of course it is true that nearly every married woman has at some time in her life claimed to have found the one ideal husband, but not for long. He is not a stable article; he is only a fleeting glimpse.

Shortly after a young married woman declares hers to be the ideal husband he exhibits a tendency to crumble his crackers in his soup or to place a slice of bread in his empty dinner plate and submerge it in gravy. These things "are not done."

While a man is still engaged—held under option, as it were, but not definitely contracted for—is for a short while considered ideal. However, he just begins to enjoy his general manager elect that he rests his knife and fork half on the tablecloth and half on his plate, while they should be draped artistically across his plate midway between meat and potatoes. To save time, probably he also cuts his meat into small pieces before starting to eat it.

He has good reasons for doing as he does, but they do not excuse him. His sort of conduct and perfection simply do not walk hand in hand.

No young couple should be engaged long enough for either one to discover the other's shortcomings. So long as a man and a girl are so mutually mesmerized that the eyes of one never leave the eyes of the other he is perfect, but the moment he allows her glances to stray below his Adam's apple, the moment he loses control, he loses also perfection. She realizes that his knowledge of esthetics was gleaned from an abridged edition; that his tie is not in vogue, that his collar is too loose and too low and therefore too comfortable.

Ah me! I have strayed from my subject—the ideal husband. Let me return to it and proceed.

There is no such thing.—Paul Wing in Century.

ANCIENT BAGDAD.

Bits About the Enchanted City of the "Arabian Nights."

Immortalized by Haroun-al-Raschid, in the story of the "Arabian Nights," Bagdad, which has a population of about 150,000, was built on the ruins of an ancient Babylonian city dating back to 2000 B. C. Records have been found on ancient bricks establishing its early date.

Ever since the days of Haroun-al-Raschid the Jews have been the leading figures in the commercial world of Bagdad. There are 50,000 of them, with about 8,000 Chaldean (or heretic) Christians. The remainder of the population is made up of Persians, Turks, Armenians, Arabs and Kurds. Sindbad the Sailor was born at Bagdad, and all his marvelous adventures begin by his going down the Tigris to Bussorah (the modern Basra).

The city stands on both sides of the Tigris, the two parts being connected by the famous bridge of boats, 229 yards long. A brick wall, five miles in circumference and forty feet high, surrounds Bagdad.

The city contains upward of 100 mosques, though barely twenty of them are in use. The houses generally are old, dirty and ugly outside, but the vaulted ceilings, rich moldings, inlaid mirrors and massive gildings bring back to the recollection of the traveler "the golden prime of the good Haroun-al-Raschid."

The streets are narrow, crooked, unpaved and dirty, full of ruts and strewn with garbage, which, however, is for the most part removed by dogs, the public scavengers in the east.—Pearson's Weekly.

An Exhilarating Bath.

"Many doctors are now discarding the stronger alcohol in ordering baths," says the Farm and Fireside, "and are prescribing the more agreeable bay rum, which is made in Japan from the distillation of rum and the leaves of the bayberry tree. If you want a pleasant, exhilarating bath use this in dilution suiting to your condition. For bathing the sick it seems to have a longer and more stimulating and tonic effect than whisky or alcohol."

Domestic Joys.

"Whenever Mr. and Mrs. Twobble quarrel Mr. Twobble threatens to see his lawyer." "Well, does he ever go to his lawyer?" "No." "Why not?" "I think it's because Mrs. Twobble dares him to."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Calling His Bluff.

"I'm awfully sorry that my engagements prevent my attending your charity concert, but I shall be with you in spirit." "Splendid. And where would you like your spirit to sit? I have tickets here for 1 mark, 4 marks and 10 marks."—Fleegende Blaetter.

The Kind.

"There is one class of men who are always ready to help another at a pinch." "I know. Policemen."—Baltimore American.

MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK.

And the Lesson the Small Investor Needs to Learn.

The advice of one of the large banks of the country is that every one should invest his surplus, whether large or small, in dividend securities of the best class, whether railroad, real estate or farm mortgages or public utilities, for "to keep money idle is a costly operation."

Let every reader of this article remember that with as little as \$5 or \$10 he can make first payment on the purchase of a first class \$100 bond. Let every reader who has a few hundred dollars to spare put it in a good \$500 or \$1,000 bond on the partial payment plan, and let it earn something. Five hundred dollars invested in a 6 per cent bond (with the income deposited in a savings bank at 4 per cent) will double itself in twelve years—that is, the \$500 will have become \$1,000 in that time. This \$1,000 at 6 per cent will earn \$60 a year or over \$1 a week for its possessor. Even at 5 per cent it will double in fifteen years and at 4 per cent in eighteen years.

The lesson the small investor wants to learn is that his money is just as good as that of the larger investor. The former has greater need of being careful because he has less to spare. Learn to be a careful investor. The first thing the careful buyer does if he wants to buy a horse, a cow, a house or a farm, a bond or a share of stock is to make a careful investigation. Schoolboys may swap the Jackknives they hold in their closed hands, but grownup men ought to know better. The humblest investor can buy with as great safety as the proudest, for both can deal with the same bankers or brokers in these days when small lots are popular with firms of established character.—Leslie's Weekly.

BIRD ROOSTS.

Safety First as It is Practiced by the Feathered Tribes.

One of the best ways to prepare for a long journey is to make a short one. So we find that many birds, before they embark on their great air voyage which is to take them from their summer to their winter home, first make daily trips between their sleeping quarters and their feeding grounds.

This is the habit of our robin. Robins raise two and sometimes three families in one season. When the first family leaves the nest early in June it is taken by the father robin to some dense, leafy growth of young trees to pass the night. To this place they return every night. Many other robins, sometimes thousands of them, come to the same woods. Such resorts are known as robin roosts. In flying to and from them the young birds learn how to find their way.

Meanwhile mother robin is patiently sitting on her blue eggs, from which in about two weeks' time another little family will appear. In two weeks more they also will be large enough to leave the nest and can join their brothers and sisters in the roost.

Grackles, or crow blackbirds, have the same habit. But since they have only one family or brood both the parent birds go to the roost with their young.

Sometimes the robins are joined by the grackles and both by the European starlings, which, brought to this country and released in Central park, New York, in 1890, have since become one of the most abundant birds in our middle Atlantic states. Such a roost is visited nightly by many thousands of birds.—Frank M. Chapman in St. Nicholas.

Hungarian Faces.

I have never seen such interesting photographs of the show windows as there are in Budapest. Partly this is because the photographers are good, but partly it must lie in the Hungarians themselves—such vivid, interesting, unconventional faces. These people look as if they ought to do the acting and write the music and novels and plays and paint the pictures for all the rest of the world. If they haven't done so it must be because, along with their natural talent, they have this indolence and tendency to flop and not push things through.—Arthur Ruben in Collier's Weekly.

London's Big Bell.

"Big Ben," the bell in Westminster clock tower, London, is known the world over, but it is incorrectly named. Sir Benjamin Hall, the first commissioner of works, during whose tenure of office the clock was erected, had far less to do with it than Lord Grimthorpe, who designed it and was the moving spirit in its erection. In justice to him it should be known as "Old Grim."—London Mirror.

No Novelty to Her.

Miss Gigglegum (single and romantic)—The shower of soot and ashes from Vesuvius must be an awe inspiring sight. Would you not like to witness it? Mrs. Potson Pans (married and prosaic)—Oh, I don't know! I've seen my husband take down a stovepipe.—Judge.

Going Down.

Redd—He started out with a \$6,000 automobile. Greene—And what car is he using now? "A street car."—Yonkers Statesman.

Liked Variety.

Judge—No two of the witnesses tell the same story. Lawyer—I arranged it that way, your honor. I didn't want the trial to be too monotonous for you.—Boston Transcript.

However mean your life is, meet it and live it, not shun it and call it bad names.—Thoreau.

FARM NOTES.

—Wagon roads, good every day in the year, between principal centres of population, have become a necessity.

—Nothing will go so far toward improving farm life conditions and build up the rural districts as good roads.

—The chronic "grouch" has no business around the dairy barn. The cows will show their dislike for him by reducing the milk yield.

—Treat the stock right. The man who kicks dumb brutes kicks brutally into his own heels. Animals have ability to realize pain and pleasure and love of life and offspring.

—Success will come in the largest measure to those farmers who adopt rotation system of farming, the diversified system, and who supplement this with the best of tillage methods.

—The best way to "swat the fly" is before he is born. Allowing piles of manure to accumulate in the stables and yards for flies to breed in, and then applying some kind of "dope" to keep flies away from the animals, is inconsistent, to say the least.

—The importance of including grain crops in the rotation for the farm this year is well worth considering. For economical feeding grain is a necessity where animals are kept for work and for their products. While it is true that grain can be purchased, it is equally true that feeding is seldom profitable where a considerable portion of the grain must be bought.

—Where crops are marketed grain is better than some others. While grain contains considerable plant food, and when sold has a tendency to impoverish soil, yet it is staple, and usually not difficult to market. Besides, it keeps well, and may be held when deemed advisable. Hay is bulky, and often expensive to hold or deliver, and neither is it as easily sold as grain.

—When the cows were fed ensilage, alfalfa hay and oats in a fairly well-balanced ration the food cost of producing butter fat was 11 cents per pound. When no ensilage nor alfalfa was fed the cost went to 20 cents. These results were secured by the farmers in the Dairy Testing Association of Barnes county, under the direction of the North Dakota experiment station field agent.

—On the farm where two teams are required it is undoubtedly a good plan to have at least one team of geldings that are always ready for any kind of work, but the other team should be composed of mares. It is expensive to keep a horse a year for what he can do during the working season, and the majority of farmers have found breeding mares entirely satisfactory and far cheaper.

—Take the case of feeding hogs. Successful growers have learned that for best results some grain is needed the entire life of the animals. Pigs will eat soaked corn, corn chops, kaffir, milo or ground oats when 3 or 4 weeks old. With plenty of pasture little grain may be needed in the daily bill of fare 'til finishing time, but some will be essential for rapid growth and development. Grain is indispensable for finishing hogs, to harden the flesh, and thus give the carcasses that finish so desirable in prime hogs.

—It has been quite generally believed that a small potato seed will yield just as large a crop as large tubers. Extensive tests made at the South Dakota experiment station, however, prove quite conclusively that this theory is not true in practice. In these experiments the use of sizable seed produced a greater proportion of potatoes of desirable size than the use of culls. The type of potatoes produced from culls used as seed is measurably smaller, in the first generation than those produced from selected seed tubers. The results of this experiment furnish quantitative evidence that the use of culls for seed causes potatoes to run out. Not only is the type of tubers produced from selected seed larger than from culls, says the experimenter, but also the average weight of tubers produced is greater.

—Country roads should be kept in such condition that they will shed every bit of water that falls upon them, says Messrs. Kelly, of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. Be especially careful not to let anyone use a plow, grader or scraper in such a way as to loosen the roadbed so that it will hold water instead of sending it off into the ditches and streams. It is a good thing to open up ditches, but as long as that and dragging, no use of any implement should be permitted so late in the season. The men and teams should be in the cornfields, or at work anyhow, and should there be time for road work it would be much better to haul gravel to parts already graded and wait until next spring to open up ditches, but as long as it is necessary at various times during the winter to keep the ditches open and the surface as smooth as possible, so that the snow will blow off, or if it does stay long enough to melt, will run off readily. If every man will drag the road adjoining his land the roads will be better this winter than ever before at the same time of the year. The man with a good team and drag can keep a mile of road in good shape with surprisingly little effort.

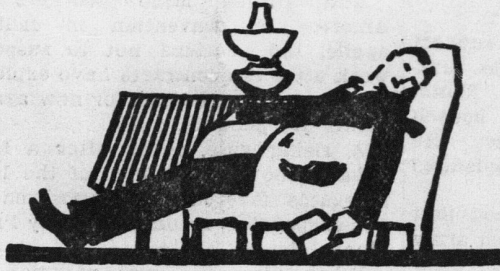
—With some farmers the idea seems to prevail that grain is not a necessity with milk cows. The error of that belief has been proved by the experience of some of the best feeders. Cottonseed meal is a rich concentrate, and where it is judiciously fed, little grain will be needed; but for maintenance in body fat nothing seems to quite take the place of grain—such as corn, oats, rye, barley, milo, kaffir and their various products. Grain serves as a most important factor in securing a normal milk flow and enables the cow to maintain her bodily flesh and be healthy and vigorous.

Nothing can take the place of grain for work animals—horses and mules—as it gives the needed strength to the body. True, cottonseed meal may reduce the quantity of grain required, and it is an economical protein supplement; and certain legume hays may reduce the protein and the carbohydrates needed in grain; but, nevertheless, some grain must be fed for best results.

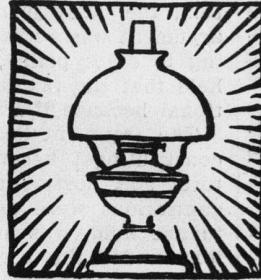
Fattening sheep must have grain. While lambs are being grazed they will secure most of their living, if the pasture is good, but when it comes to finishing, some grain must be given. So it can readily be seen that every diversified or livestock farm must have grain in some form. The farmer cannot afford to neglect grain for his livestock, and for bread for his family.

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