

**AN ATTACK ON BACHELORS.**

By L. A. Miller.

The following letter was received by me recently and on account of the intelligence displayed concluded it was worthy of attention.

Correspondent of the "Watchman," Pleasant Gap, Pa.  
My dear Sir:

I am a constant reader of your productions, have learned much from their perusal, and desire to learn more. Subjects of interest, from the minister in the pulpit to the dog in the manger, have been studied with benefit. The woman question, like the temperance causes, has been almost exhausted; but we have not, as yet, seen one word respecting the bachelor, and that other class, "a grass widow's" husband. (What do you call him?) Not even the real widower has received a word, either of censure or praise.

About the widower, however, we do not need much information. He has won and lost, and is doubtless prepared to win again, and probably much better prepared than when first he wooed. He is like the English language, noted for his conciseness; and, like it, known in all quarters of the globe. He sometimes presses his claims with as much persistence and unreasonableness as speakers of that language are now doing among the Soudanese. Will you tell us something about the bachelor, and of what use he is to society?

Living only for his own comfort; a hot-house plant to be nurtured and cared for by others, he is appreciated only by a doting mother, or a maid-sister. Please give us his good points, that we may learn to endure, and perhaps embrace, what we have heretofore almost loathed. We can think of some purposes for which he might be used, but the government has never thought of them, or, at least, it has not considered them practical. He might be put in those positions which are attended by much danger; then, if lives were lost, there would be few to mourn.

He might be heavily taxed, for certainly no others have as much right to bear the public expenses as those who have none depending upon them. When drafts are made to fill up depleted armies, the proclamation: "Draw only from the list of bachelors." They might be made gas inspectors, dynamite supervisors, or assigned any position in which it would be dangerous to put a great and good man.

The bachelor is not even what some people call a "necessary nuisance," but something that must be endured; but perhaps by enduring we learn patience, which is something. Then that other class; they are not "grass widowers," for, instead of being left to glean, they are roaming free, enjoying the good things of life without any of its cares; having thrown the responsibilities upon others.

If to the stronger sex the finger of caution is always raised, saying, "beware of vidders," what shall be said to the weaker sex with reference to this special class? Do we not need some of the suffering ones in our legislative halls, that laws may be made which will exterminate them, or teach them compulsory duty? Now, please, when you have leisure, give us a few thoughts that will assist in removing the life-long impression, if not prejudice, of one who is anxious to have that "charity that endureth all things and thinketh no evil."

Yours in hope,  
MARY.

When a woman addresses you as "My Dear Sir," what is a fellow to do? A bachelor—that is, a bachelor from choice—goes straightway and does her bidding, or at least makes her believe he is doing his level best to do it. If he is not a bachelor from choice, he may be crusty and contrary, or may fawn and splurge around like a youth with his first mustache.

It is singular, however, that a woman should ask for information concerning an object which is at her command, and which will submit to the most searching investigation without a kick. Why didn't Mary go out and catch one, and make a careful study of it? The vigor and grace with which she wields a pen show clearly that she is able to lasso an able-bodied bachelor and drag him into her studio and pose him for a study from life.

The word from which our term bachelor is derived was applied by the Greeks to those who had been crowned with the laurel wreath of Apollo. Among the Celts it signified a probationary state of Knighthood. More recently it was applied to all in a probationary stage of matrimony, without regard to sex. Shakespeare applied it to men who had never married, as: "It was my turquoise; I had it from Leah when I was a bachelor; would not have given it for a wilderness of monkeys." In this true spirit of the bachelor shines forth, dimly it may be, but it shines. He prized the ring above a wilderness of monkeys; not because it was worth more, but because it belonged to a lovely woman.

Isn't it a wonder that women do not claim the right of being called bachelors? They claim almost everything else. It would certainly be preferable to being an old maid. An old maid is frequently looked upon as a sort of pest in a community, while the bachelor is not. Wouldn't it be a good scheme to class all the good maiden ladies as bachelors, and all the grumpy bachelors as old maids? It would be a more rational arrangement than the present one. He generally has a dozen or more of other people's children to look after, which he does cheerfully, and it makes him feel good to be called uncle, regardless of the age, sex, race or previous conditions of the self-styled nephews and nieces. Young ladies when preparing to enter a company or to enter society, the bachelor uncles to practice on. They think, with the rest of the old tads have no

hearts, and may be used as a lay figure. Any young girl is glad of the chance of going out with a bachelor uncle because he takes such good care of her, and knows where the nicest suppers and lunches are to be found. However, they do not like the bachelor for a beau—only for an uncle.

It is a mistake to think bachelors are heartless. How could they ever become so popular with children and young people if they were? Only those who are bachelors because they can get no one to marry them, are cranky and ungenial. Could you look into the hearts of many of those who wear the name of bachelor, you would find it to be a misnomer. Hidden away from the gaze of the world, and out of sight of trusted friends, is the image of a soul wife to whom they are true and faithful, whose memory is fondly cherished, and whose honor they respect. Upon the altar of the heart there burns with undiminished brightness the flame that was kindled in the noonday of youth or in manhood's early morn, while yet love was young and ardent. Beside this sacred altar there may be remnants of broken vows, a discarded ring, or perchance over all may hover the sombre shadow of death.

Years have come and years have gone, and still the shrine has been kept pure. Years may come and years may go, yet every day will find the faithful votary there with his offering of white doves.

It is quite evident that "Mary" has not made a study of the bachelor. The best thing she can do is to cultivate the acquaintance of those who are such from choice and not from physical or mental defect. She will find them delicious. Mary pick your flint and tackle them and you will succeed.

—Vote for Swabb and Spearly for County Commissioners.

**Penn State Seniors Make High Record.**

A most unusual college scholastic record has been achieved by members of the present senior class at The Pennsylvania State College. Class grades for the second half of the last collegiate year have just been announced. They show that the upper one-fourth in class standing, all but seven students obtained an average grade of 80 per cent. or more.

There were six hundred in the class, indicating that approximately 150 members made this record. Half of the entire class attained a grade of 75 per cent. or more, a very good record where a large majority of students are taking technical and scientific courses.

Coincident with this record, it is noteworthy that this class was the first upon which the college enforced refusals to all applicants who ranked in the lower third of their high school class.

—Vote for Herr for Prothonotary.

**EARTH SLIDE CAUSED GREAT JAP QUAKE.**

You have, no doubt, read of the terrible earthquake in Japan which killed thousands of persons and caused enormous property losses, news of which has been reported in the newspapers. But have you inquired into the cause of this, one of the world's greatest tragedies?

The next time you have your hands in a basin of water take one hand, fingers closed and palm down, and push it suddenly down the inside of the bowl. This agitates the water by making waves. On a larger scale such a movement would be violent and these same ripples would be tidal waves. This demonstrates, in a way, what happened to Japan.

The so-called "earthquake" was nothing more than an earth slip. In other words, a part of Asia slid into the bowels of the ocean, causing on a large scale the same movement that your hand did in the basin of water. Japan is really a part of Asia. The two are firmly connected under the shallow waters of the sea of Japan. On the Pacific side, however, the land drops a sheer 5 miles. Tuscarora deep, opposite Yokohama, Tokyo and the ill-fated territory, is 24,000 feet below sea level.

What probably happened was that a great subterranean ledge slipped, from one cause or another. The movement of this great rock mass caused the earth tremors. There was more than one shock, showing that the initial slide caused others. Now, water is incompressible. Therefore the movement, probably several miles deep, transmitted its energy to the surface, causing a large mound of water to rise, forming a ring of huge waves which spread out in all directions. Japan, being nearest, felt the full force of the tidal wave.—Ex.

—Vote for Stover and Condo for Auditors.

**License Taken Out "To Save Life of Doe."**

Sixty-three of the one hundred special hunting licenses permitting the killing of a doe during the three-day open season declared by the State Game Commission for two Franklin county townships, Pa., have been issued.

The three-day open season, fixed for December 19, 20 and 21, was declared because of complaints that deer damaged farms in that section.

One man took out a license "to save a doe," explaining he would not attempt to kill one. The number of licenses being limited to 100, his action will prevent some other hunter from getting a license to shoot one.

**Height and Length of Ocean Waves.**

Among the most trustworthy scientific measurements of ocean waves are those of a lieutenant of the French navy. The highest waves measured by him were in the Indian ocean, between the Cape of Good Hope and the

Island of St. Paul. Thirty waves, measured during a northwest gale, averaged twenty-six and one half feet in height, and six of them, following one another with beautiful regularity, were thirty-seven and one-half feet in height. Some still higher waves were seen, but not measured. In a moderate breeze, the length of a wave was found to be about twenty-five times its height, but in a gale, only eighteen times.—Ex.

—Vote for Hoy for Recorder.

**College Has New Home Study Business Course.**

Store clerks, future business leaders and office employees will soon be receiving the benefits of a home study movement that is being started through the co-operation of the State Chamber of Commerce and The Pennsylvania State College. A series of college courses have been prepared by the engineering extension department of State College, associated with the mercantile bureau of the State Chamber at Harrisburg, and are to be given at cost to all commercial and business employees of the State who desire them.

Salesmanship for the retail store clerk and traveling man, the use of business English, business arithmetic, commercial letter writing and advertising are a few of the correspondence subjects offered. Due to the fact that State appropriations help the college the expense of any course is almost negligible. Other subjects include book-keeping, accounting, money and banking, office organization and management, business economics and business law. Any Chamber of Commerce secretary in Pennsylvania or N. C. Miller, head of the engineering extension department at State College, Pa., will give further information.

—Vote for Ocker for Register.

**To Renew All Chipped and Discolored Walls.**

Walls that are finished with any one of the various water finishes—that is, water in which is mixed something like a colored whitewash leaving the walls tinted or colored—often show wear or rubbing or even apparent chipping off of the color where chairs or furniture have scraped against them. Without doing the whole wall over, it can be refurbished to a great extent merely by using a fine whisk broom, or a common paint brush thoroughly clean is all right to use. Wet this and shake most of the water off. Then go over the chipped and discolored places. The color from the near surfaces of the wall will again cover these whitened spots and do much toward giving the walls an appearance of having been redecorated. One housewife goes over her walls each year in this way, and redecoration is seldom needed.

—Vote for Herr for Prothonotary.

**Are You a Farmer?  
Or Engaged in Other Business**

If you are you probably know your trade. Experience has taught you many things and you would find much to criticize in a banker's attempt to manage your business.

The Banker also is supposed to know his business. Why not consult him about financial matters,—about investments and credits?

Yet we often hear of losses that could easily have been avoided by a little talk with an experienced banker. Talk to him before acting—not after you are caught.

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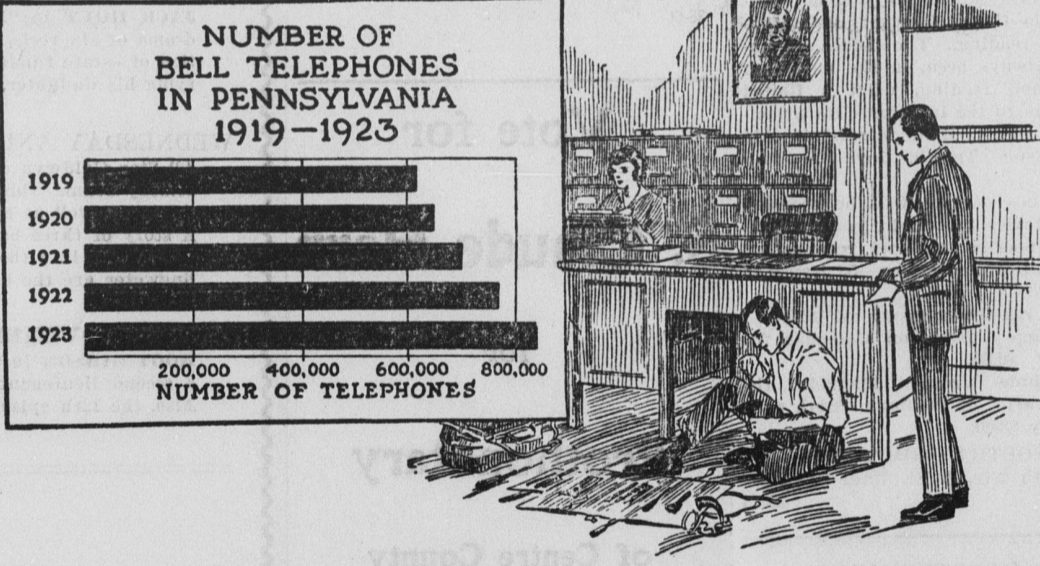
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