

MARRIAGE 20 YEARS AGO

ADDRESSING A GOVERNOR.
One Man Did It Highfalutin' Enough.

Ultra Modern Idea Not New After All.

OLD TIME SIMPLICITY.

Woman's Reply to Charges That Wedded Life is a "Failure" Still Holds Good—Idleness is Fatal Carelessness of Partners—Home Life Dying Out.

Persons who profess the Christian religion must keep in their hearts a green spot wherein the sanctity of marriage is preserved as a natural law from which there is no receding. Marriage has been from the beginning, and must last indisputably until the very end, and let us hope that it is not in all cases a "failure," says Theresa Corletta in San Francisco News Letter Dec. 15, 1888.

It is we, the inhabitants of this world, who are failures, not the institution, which is the only one out of which law and order can spring. There are two sides of the question to be discussed.

In the past we may remember that marriage was looked upon as a holy alliance; one to be entered into after mature deliberation and only under fortuitous circumstances. A man would as soon have thought of putting his head in the fire as asking a woman to be his wife unless he had a comfortable home to take her to.

Husbands found pleasure in home-life long ago, and when tired, after the professional or business employments of the day, would ask no greater happiness than to pass their long, happy evenings with their wives; or when little voices and patter feet echoed through hall or cottage, to gather the children around the winter fire and gambol with them on flower-scented lawn or grass-carpeted fields.

Long ago, the thought of which comes to us who have seen it like the reflection of a bright dream, wife and children looked eagerly for the coming of the beloved parent, whose image held sway in each heart during absence, and each married woman felt happy in her wifehood, glorying in the joy of her home.

Men did not startle the world with the theory they promulgated today, that they "won't be owned." They were happy to be owned by good and faithful wives, and even the youngest men were not satisfied until they had their own firesides. Families went to church together and brought up the little ones in the right way, and no one was ever heard to discuss the possibility of marriages being a "failure."

Things are different today. Just as soon as a girl leaves school she is on the outlook for a "man with money," no matter how old the gentleman may be, if he can give her diamonds and those other accessories for which the woman of today seems solely to live.

The woman who marries a man in medium circumstances only would scorn to "keep house." No, indeed; she wants a "good time." She boards, and here her first troubles commence. To be boxed up day by day with one person, with only the one room, or even suite, except meal hours, to eat their own, would lead the most devoted couple to the brink of suicide. Caged up in this way, every little foible and fault stands out in bold relief, and man and woman both grow weary and arrive at the conclusion to each "go their own way."

It is not the marriage tie that is in any way a failure. Why should it be more so now, in the enlightened nineteenth century, than it was in the days of darkness and superstition? There can be no reason, except that possibly we are growing too much enlightened, educated too much, and yet too little.

It is "the people of the people" who are slipping back, who are sated with the wine of pleasure, the people who do not grow from infancy to youth slowly, and from youth to age, in temperate pleasure, but who are born babies only to be thrust by their silly parents into the caps and gowns of womanhood ere their second teeth are cut.

While men and women live in a round of pleasure, over-sensual, over-bearing, having no religion or sense of decorum, how can wedded love live in such an atmosphere? If husbands and wives do not love deeply enough to live for each other, renouncing the frivolities of life for the serene joys of home, why marry at all until they have sobered down and feel the need of rest.

There is nothing the matter with marriage; it is today as it has ever been, but the people are different, different in their ideas, in their affections, in everything, and, forgetting their own shortcomings, they lay their grievance on the shoulders of marriage, and by their own incompetence make it a "failure." But woe to us when marriage is wiped out.

Bible Society Reports.

The annual report of the American Bible Society gives encouraging indications relative to the religious life of the Philippines. The school enrollment has doubled, now being 500,000.

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"A man may be bilious and yet have a good character. A man may be a crank and yet hold a job in a bank. I knew a preacher who had a case of dyspepsia that would have made an angel jump over a ten rail fence, but he was all right on the religious goose. I'm talking about temperament that shows itself when a man grabs pen and writes his name on the register and where he hails from."

"When a man spreads a John Hancock brand of chirography on the book of arrivals I know what sort of room he wants. I know he has to have a bed in which he can wallow like a buffalo."

"When a guest writes his name as he would sign it in a lady's album I put him in the finicky class. I know he wants to thin glass from which to drink his water."

"The arrival who uncovers himself the quickest is the man who tries to write differently from anybody else and has an acquired autograph. The man who develops the trait of getting something under false pretences begins by trying to assume an autograph. I always know that this fellow will have a rumpus with the waiter or the bellhop or the liquid dispenser."

"There is one chap that reaches my heart—the man who writes 'and wife' for the first time after his own name. He can't disguise the fact by his manner, to say nothing of his chirography, that he has just started on the first lap of his honeymoon. He doesn't try to counterfeit his natural penmanship but he writes 'and wife' as if he thought we were on, wondering how we knew it."

"All things being equal, the newly married arrival is the most agreeable guest in the house. A fellow with a new wife wears velvet shoes so that his kick is never felt. I think if anybody writes a perfectly natural autograph it is the man who has just been married. Then if ever a man tries to be just what he is."

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Bloomsburg D. L. & W.,	9:00	2:37	8:15	8:01
Bloomsburg P. & R.,	9:02	2:39	8:17	8:02
Pineville,	9:04	2:42	8:20	8:03
Light Street,	9:18	2:52	8:26	8:06
Orangeville,	9:26	3:03	8:30	8:22
Forks,	9:40	3:17	8:58	7:08
Zaner,	9:40	3:17	6:57	7:15
Sullivan,	9:48	3:25	7:00	7:32
Dimock,	9:56	3:31	7:12	8:10
Ebens,	10:03	3:38	7:20	8:19
Coles Creek,	10:03	3:40	7:21	8:20
Lamberts,	10:08	3:45	7:21	8:23
Grass Mere Park,	10:10	3:47	7:23	8:23
Central,	10:15	3:52	7:41	8:24
Tammon City,	10:18	3:55	7:45	8:24

SOUTHWARD.

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Jamison City,	9:48	10:48	2:00	11:15
Central,	9:53	10:49	2:05	11:30
Grass Valley Park,	10:01	11:00	2:17	12:12
Lamberts,	10:03	11:02	7:45	12:38
Coles Creek,	10:12	11:06	7:53	12:46
Edsons,	10:14	11:09	7:55	12:48
Benton,	10:18	11:13	5:00	12:55
Dimock,	10:25	11:17	5:05	12:55
Zaner,	10:25	11:29	7:17	12:48
Forks,	10:29	11:29	5:21	12:50
O'neillville,	10:30	11:42	5:31	12:50
Light Street,	10:30	11:50	5:38	12:50
Paper Mill,	10:38	11:53	5:42	12:57
Bloom, P. & R.,	10:45	12:05	5:55	12:47
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