

CAN A MARRIAGE BENEATH ONE BE HAPPY? INQUIRES M'LISS

This Problem Question Brought Forward by W. L. George, Feminist, Who Thinks Such Alliances Difficult and Unwise

THAT most unusual and delightfully entertaining man, W. L. George, who's always writing such startling things about women's intelligence and why we like dress better than logic, has taken for the theme of his new novel the case of a young Englishman of the upper class who marries the pretty daughter of a washerwoman.

Can happiness result from such a union? Mr. George believes the chance to be very slight, and his idea has been to depict the tragedy of such a love; to show that this class distinction between a man and woman is so strong that even love cannot overcome it.

"An alliance between a gentleman and a common girl is very difficult," this feminist contends. "The only man who can marry beneath him is the old bachelor, fond of study and of the society of other men; then his pretty common wife will be his housekeeper and his toy, expect little, stand aside socially, and perhaps reverse him.

"Poets have married their cooks; they were seldom old bachelors, but they lived in a self-created world. Only he who lives in a dream or a personal cosmos can ally with a lower grade. True, women can learn; that is to hope, and there died not long ago an English countess who had been a housemaid. She was lovely, she learned to talk . . . and, still finer, she learned to be silent, and succeeded. But it's a weak hope.

"For the woman who marries beneath her I think there is little hope. A man is always coarse in habits (though more delicate in emotions); so the hour will far on her, and she will never teach him because he is too vain. My lord may marry the seamstress at his peril, but heaven protect my lady against her chauffeur."

Unlike the man in Kipling's poem who says: "Though I walk with 50 'housemaids out of Chelsea to the Strand, 'And they talk a lot of 'lovin', but for what do they understand."

Mr. George declares the girls of the lower class are exceptionally attractive. "A cultured man might very well feel a violent attraction for a common girl, just because she was so sincere, so childish," he continues. "Personally, I love the English 'lower' class, who are not at all low; I don't like the men so well, presumably because I am a man, but I assure you the girls have astonishing charm; they are emotional, they are wonderfully trusting; above all, they grow refined very easily.

"I have watched careers: a parlormaid, for instance, coming out of the stews, has now learnt to wear small hats without much trimming, to do the flowers with some art, she has her 'his.' Another (a shopgirl) has a passion for poetry. Yet another, a typist, devotes her leisure to classical dancing. But the finest, the truest, are the simple women of the people, who say, 'my man,' 'my child'; they are tigresses, and yet I love them better than the women who know too much Shaw, Eucken or the range."

One assertion that this clever author has advanced is likely to create a great deal of discussion, to wit: "A man is always coarse in habits (though more delicate in emotions) than a woman."

"This is a unique idea. We have for so long a time been accustomed to regard ourselves as the more refined half of creation, the beings most sensitive to the finer things of life, that the contention that we are cruder in our emotions will doubtless be discovered by many.

Likewise there are perhaps many, many women in Philadelphia who have married "beneath" or "above" them.

Is Mr. George all wrong? Can there perhaps be a great deal of happiness resulting from such unions? I should like to hear what my readers think about it?

Of Course This "Ain't Rite"

Spanking is a live topic in Philadelphia. I might almost say it is a sore subject in some quarters. An anonymous communication that I received from a youngster—judging by the childish scrawl—proves this. It reads: "Dear M'LISS—I agree with you on spanking. It ain't rite, it hurts."

I suppose it does, little one. It's meant to. But I think it "ain't rite" also, and if I had my way there'd be some particular form of punishment devised for the spankers. I'd have them put on the gridiron like St. Lawrence, and toast them first on one side and then on the other—something real "hurty" like that, if I had my way. But listen to what this Northwest Philadelphia woman has to say about it:

Dear M'LISS—The article on punishing children, which appeared in Monday's EVENING LEDGER, brings to my mind a case which, to say the least, is cruel and unnecessary. This mother always corrects her little boy with a terrific slap on his ears or face, let the offense be ever so trifling. I believe a whipping is sometimes in order, but there is a place provided where slipper or switch may be applied, not on ears or head. Weak eyes and abscesses of the ears are hereditary in that family, and the child has been delicate most all his life, and still there is nothing that can be done about it.

It seems to me that some parents are more cruel to their children than others are to animal pets. What do you readers think of it? EVERYDAY READER.

Social Workers and Society Women First!

Mrs. Vincent Astor today took up the gauntlet in behalf of Gotham's hungry and idle men. She will endeavor to perfect a plan to feed them and give work to the unemployed. To that end Mrs. Astor entertained prominent New York social workers at a luncheon.—News Item.

The social workers were evidently hungrier. Is It True? Twenty dogs to every eight babies in Palm Beach! Does this prove that babies really are "going out"? M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'LISS, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'LISS—Your articles in the EVENING LEDGER are the kind that, in an interesting manner, serve to point out the importance of improving the little things which play big parts. I was very glad to read what you said in today's paper regarding the phrasing which business people use in their commercial correspondence.

Probably many others have the same opinion of this as you have, but the trouble is that nothing is said about it, and the same thing continues to exist without any attempt to remedy it. I am employed in an office where I could very easily work out your suggestion, but in order that I master the art of letter-writing, I would ask that you help me by recommending a book which gives the various forms of letter-writing, both business and personal.

I believe this would help me in my original letters. I wish to thank you for your information. Very truly yours, ATTENTIVE. Thank you for the bouquet. About the letter-writing, I think that if you guard very carefully against the banal, and avoid the hackneyed phrases and hackneyed thoughts that are so apt to stick in the brain to the exclusion of all others, you will find your correspondence becoming really worth reading. Meanwhile, a little book, written by Sherwin Cody, some eight or nine years ago on letter-writing, will be of help to you.

Dear M'LISS—I have a good evening gown which is stained with coffee. What would you advise me to do to clean it? N. N. L.

The safest way is to take it to a reliable cleaner, but if you care to risk "home" methods first, pour boiling hot water through the goods over the stain. If the spot has not disappeared, repeat the process.

Dear M'LISS—I am a bride-to-be, and have an opportunity to procure some silverware. What would you advise me to select for ordinary wear? I cannot afford anything elaborate. DOROTHY.

Triple-plated silver is decidedly practical. It lasts a lifetime, and looks just as well as the solid, if you cannot buy that. Select some standard patterns, to which you can add pieces from time to time.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



A SMART AND INEXPENSIVE OUTFIT

Marion Harland's Corner

Bulletin on Flies APPLICATION to the Entomological Department, Washington, D. C., for a bulletin pertaining to flies gives the last word for restriction and extermination. We need white dinner plates with candles stuck to the bottom with two or three drops of the candle before it hardens. Place around the fly-infested rooms lighted sandal, fill plates with water, adding two or three drops of kerosene. Put plates on the floor. C. T. S.

A Moth Exterminator "If Discouraged Reader" will try the following moth exterminator. I think it will help somewhat. Lapsins (flowers of hops), one dram; Scotch snuff, two ounces; gum camphor (flake), one ounce; black pepper, one ounce; cedar sawdust, four ounces. Mix thoroughly and cover around. Put some in a paper among furs and woens to be protected. S. L. B.

Worth a Dollar "A correspondent asks the value of a dollar bill of 1775. If in good condition it might bring \$1, if one could find a purchaser, which generally is as scarce as the bill. F. P. B.

Tie and Apron Parties "With regard to the request for a novelty party, I wish to give my idea. I am an out-of-town person, and, as beehive and apron parties are lots of fun, I thought perhaps it would be suitable for these young people. Each girl is to make a tea apron with a tie to match. The aprons and ties are wrapped separately. Each boy and girl is given a parcel as they enter a girl an apron, a boy a tie. The girl's partner is the boy who has the tie to match the apron. MISS W. F.

When to Prune Shrubs "Replying to O. J. M. relative to the best time to prune certain shrubs: Spring-blooming shrubs, such as lilacs, snow-balls, mock orange, forsythia and some of the spruces and many others blossom on the previous year's growth and should be pruned as soon as the blossoms fade to give as long a season as possible for new growth for the next season's bloom.

Gingerisms "A bad breakfast spoils the day, a good dinner redeems it." Once upon a time a tree was known by its fruit, and then came Burbank. After all, wrinkles on the face do not matter if the heart be smooth. Not alone children believe in fables. Ask the man who settles the meat bills if he believes the cow jumped over the moon. "Practice makes perfect." It does indeed—perfect football game.

Plutarch's Lives! Was he a cat? THE CHEERFUL CHERUB I'm mad at Wilyum now, I'm on my dignity; I'd just as soon make up But Wilyum's mad at me. REYCAN

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TODAY'S illustration shows a practical suit for college, shopping, sports or any general wear. It is made of knit cloth, similar to the fashionable jersey wears. The lines are plain, but good, sports are suggested by the Tommy Atkins lines of the coat, with its wide patch pockets and narrow belt. The skirt bottoms all the way down the front. A slight flare is given the coat by means of plaits at the back. The collar and cuffs are detachable, being made of suede. This model may be had in navy, green, brown and Hague blue at \$18.25.

This very moderately priced outfit is not complete without the smart sailor hat of batavia straw. The lines of the sailor are just a bit different from the ordinary style with a straw band encircling the crown ending in a smart bow. The edge of the brim is also outlined by a narrow band of the same. The price is \$5, and it may be bought in lavender, purple, Hague and navy blue.

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some. Hydrangeas, altheas and some of the later-blooming shrubs, or "Anthony Waterer," bloom on new growth made during the season and should be pruned in early spring before growth begins. Bush roses, as the hybrid perpetuals, hybrid teas, bloom on the new growth and should be quite severely pruned early before growth starts. Climbers blossom on the wood made the previous year and are pruned in late winter or early spring after blossoming. Keep some of the old wood cut out and thus induce a more vigorous growth for blossoming for the next season. As a rule, early bloomers, such as the early-blooming shrubs, should be pruned in the spring before they blossom, just that much of the blossoming wood is destroyed. D. B. H.

Concerning Camp Fire Girls "Several times I have noticed requests for information regarding Camp Fire Girls in your Corner. To all who will write me, including a stamp for reply, I will give what information I can. In writing please state whether under or over 16 years of age, as there are senior and junior groups, as well as "Blue Birds," which is the name of the little people under 12 years of age. "ALICE M. G."

Washing White Clothes "Let A. L. try washing white clothes in soft water, then using hard water to blue them in. This is said to keep the natural color in colored clothes as well as whiten white ones. One cup of javelle water in a big boiler of clothes will whiten them, adding a tablespoonful of bleach to the washing water. Rinse well. It will save a lot of rubbing and will not hurt the material. "ELLA H. S."

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for an address of those they would like to help, such as having received them, communicate direct with these parties.

Beauty Is as Beauty Does Teeth are about the most troublesome of all members that enter in the make-up of a beauty. It is quite true that dentistry can patch up and make over the teeth, but initial care is essential.

This care should begin with the first "showing" of the first tooth. Very hot water is directed to the crown-up, who look after their own assets, we might mention a few helps and hindrances for you to use and avoid.

Be more than careful about the washes, powders and pastes you use on your teeth. Acids not only impair the enamel of the teeth, but are a menace to the mouth. Be positive that the preparation with which you cleanse your teeth is pure and not equal to a scrubbing powder.

Avoid extreme temperature in the water you use on your teeth. Very hot water "frees" your teeth just as it does a dish. Very cold water is equally destructive. Very hot and very cold foods are not good for the enamel.

Health has a great deal to do with the condition of the teeth and vice versa. Above all, allow only reputable dentists to treat your teeth, and have him inspect them at least twice a year.

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Asthma and Its Causes

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. DIFFICULT breathing may be caused by various conditions. Tremas from kidney disease, and pulmonary emphysema or congestion from a defective heart, are two common causes of difficult breathing. But genuine bronchial asthma, or spasmodic asthma, as it is called, comes in paroxysms, usually at night, with intervals of freedom from difficult breathing. One with genuine asthma may have cough or bronchitis usually chronic, but the breathing is ordinarily easy in the absence of a seizure.

It is well known that certain individuals suffer from hives or erythema when exposed to certain irritants, such as the eating of shellfish, riding after a horse, sometimes even touching a cat or a caterpillar. And the condition of hives is known to be dependent upon some specific pollen in each case. Now asthma may be caused by similar factors. Some specific protein or poisonous substance is certainly the direct cause of the attack in many, if not all, cases of true spasmodic asthma. Hives, hay fever and true asthma are all considered types of "anaphylactic" reaction to a specific protein poison.

Keen observers have long believed that some form of auto-intoxication of intestinal origin is accountable for certain cases of asthma. In recent years a number of laboratory workers have determined by animal experimentation that certain ptomaines produced in the intestine by the putrefaction of protein (by bacterial activity) will induce symptoms typical of asthma when injected into guinea pigs.

Another source of ptomaines which must be considered in the study of a case of asthma is the septic focus. A focus in the tonsils or teeth or gums or elsewhere may be the underlying source of poison which keeps up the asthma. Why does one individual suffer asthma or hives from such poisoning when another individual escapes, although similarly poisoned? Because in the one case the internal secretions (from ductless glands) fail to detoxicate or oxidize the poison. This is especially interesting in view of the fact that hyperdonic injections of adrenalin (a principle obtained from the adrenal gland of sheep) often give prompt relief to an attack of asthma—the sheep's ductless gland contributing the missing substance to the patient's blood.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Grape Juice Propaganda Kindly tell me whether grape juice is nourishing and whether it is good for an anemic person? Answer—It is both.

Aspirin, the New Pain-Killer 1. Is aspirin good for neuritis? 2. How many grains may one take in a day? 3. Does it affect the heart action? Answer—No, but it is sometimes given to relieve pain. 2. As many as the doctor thinks safe and necessary. 3. Like most coal tar derivatives, aspirin depresses the heart.

A Consolation "The preference of the fair sex for the man in a suit is a protective social instinct for the continuance of the race."—Contemporary.

Some time ago, I must confess, I felt a certain bitterness. To see the military dress Monopolize attention; With every waft of ample charm Enticed by a khaki arm, It was not easy to be calm Under such forced abatement.

I felt—though I was forty-four—My style, quite popular before, Should surely count for something more In spite of tawny hero; But though I bravely cooked my hat, And wore the latest tie and spat, My efforts fell distinctly flat— My price remained at zero.

Now some professor-man, I see, Has worked the riddle out for me; Protective instinct is the key That saves my amour propre; So let the nice girl set her cap, And let the instinctive flapper flap To please her little soldier chap— I'm not the man to stop her. —London Opinion

PREVENTIVE MEASURES THE ONLY "SURE CURE" FOR GRIP

Miss Jessie Laidlaw, Nurse, Declares That an Ounce of Prevention in the Event of Any General Epidemic Is Essential

"YOU take very good care of your teeth, your scalp, feet and hands, don't you?" Very well; then why not take just as good care of your other members and organs? This good advice comes from a live-wire nurse who hails from Toronto, Canada, and who was graduated from our own university. She was asked what nurses did in cases of epidemics, such as the grip siege which has neither age nor youth. "Why, we take the same measure we should take in any case—that is, regarding preventive measures. You know that grip is the stepping stone to pneumonia, and if persons only knew the importance of an ounce of prevention there would be very little grip.



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Another admirable suggestion from Miss Laidlaw was the necessity for educating youth in the care of health. "I don't intend to examine children who attend school; they should be taught to train their bodies to become strong. Athletics cannot do it all; it requires a constant watch upon one's self. We are obliged to eat, drink and sleep to keep our bodies in trim, so what is strange about an occasional visit to your doctor in order to keep well?"

Your health is more important than your watch, which is set right whenever you pass the official time clock. Your dentist keeps your teeth in health, your chiropodist prevents your feet from troubling, your hairdresser, masseur and manicurist have become essential, still you'll allow your vital organs and members to look after themselves. "Don't overlook the fact that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

DEFEND STONEMEN'S CLUB Founder and G. Wharton Pepper Present Their Case Before Commission of Pastors

The commission of pastors appointed by the Protestant churches of the city to enquire into the alleged Protestant Episcopal sections of the Stonemen's Club ritual, has in its possession today the defense of the fellowship given by the Rev. H. C. Stone, the founder, and George Wharton Pepper, chief promoter of the fellowship. No conclusion has been reached by the commission.

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MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS REMEMBER, MONTY, OUR SINS WILL FIND US OUT

Comic strip featuring Millie and Monty. Millie says: "I've got to figure out some way to avoid spending the evening with Aunt Brigantia." Monty replies: "By jove, I know what I'll do. I'll make a bluff that I'm ill and sneak off to bed." Millie asks: "What's the matter, Monty? You aren't ill are you?" Monty replies: "It's nothing, angel. I'll be all right in a day or so." Millie says: "Make him go to bed at once, Millie." Monty replies: "I believe I'll take Aunt's advice and go to bed, Millie." Monty says: "All right, old boy, get into bed and I'll be up later." Monty says: "So will I, Monty." Monty says: "Now don't be obstinate, Monty. Castor oil is a standard remedy for everything."