

'TWO LIVE CHEAPER THAN ONE?' IT'S REALLY TRUE, M'LISS SAYS

She Quotes a Married Man, Who, Despite Cynics, Thinks Wife Financial Asset and Matrimony a Paying Investment

IT IS that old wisecrack Francis Bacon, is it not, who in one of his essays answers the query: 'At what age should a man marry?' with the cynical epigram: 'A young man, not yet; an old man never!'

This leaves the field to the middle-aged, but as no man, be he ever so bald and rickety, will admit that he is middle-aged until he has at least one foot in the grave, and is really old, the sixteenth century philosopher virtually put the ban on matrimony.

He is not alone in his cynicism. It is characteristic of the majority of men, be they bachelors or bachelors, to "slam" the seventh of the sacraments which we had to learn when we studied our catechism. Curiously enough, the list of these sacraments—if you remember—although it began properly enough with "Baptism" did not end chronologically with "Extreme Unction," but made "Matrimony" the last of the list, just as though that wrote "finis" to a man's career, as so many would have us believe.

No aphorism that has been applied to the wedded state provokes more mirth than "Two can live cheaper than one." Of all the foolishness that has been written about the metaphors that love is supposed to bring about, this represents the very acme.

Comes now a man, a married man, who in a diverting article in a current magazine actually and with the conviction born of personal experience, sets out to show that "two—if they are the proper two—really can live cheaper than one." Indeed he says that marriage has doubled his income. "Not in any figurative sense," he declares, "I am not counting contentment as part of my income. I am speaking in terms of cold dollars and cents."

"When I come to analyze just how my wife has doubled my earning capacity," he continues, "I find the result somewhat unsatisfactory. It is a case of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. I can set down the obvious things—the consciousness of partnership, the indefinable joy that comes when I pull down my desk at night, the sense of being eternally worth while to some one—these are influences so subtle that they defy analysis."

"In the first place, then, my wife has taught me regular habits of work. Perhaps you remember the old one-cylinder automobile that first came on the market. It used to race like the wind down-hill, but on a grade it would run slower and slower until it would threaten to die; and often there were days at a time when it refused to run at all. I was like that. My work was spasmodic. For a period of days and nights and Sundays I worked unflaggingly; it seemed as though I simply could not tire. Then, suddenly, for no reason that I could see, I would be plunged into a period of depression which would terminate only when I had become thoroughly rested. The energy that my rest had supplied I would promptly exhaust in another spurt of endeavor."

"What my wife did was to build me over into an eight-cylinder machine. I do not work any harder than I used to; in fact, I know that the amount of energy I expend is really less. But I run more smoothly and I hardly know what it is to tire. I used to skip meals because I was so busy that I forgot to eat. She stopped that particular carelessness the first week of our marriage. My habits of physical exercise were equally erratic."

"To live healthily one must live simply; and that is a very difficult thing to do in a hotel. I found after a month of home cooking—eating about the same few things every day and at the same time—that my stomach adjusted itself to the task with the same satisfaction which any worker feels in having a regular daily stint. My whole health was better; my temper was better; my work went better, although I did not at first realize why."

"Without obtruding her sense of proprietorship, my wife constituted herself custodian of my health. She could tell by looking at my eyes, or the way that I walked, or something, just how tired I was, and she never allowed me to get really tired out. "One evening before we were married she looked up suddenly and said, 'You know, dear, after we're married you've got to play with me a lot.' "Oh, yes," I said, but the words struck terror. Play—that was what I dreaded about tying myself up to a girl who had never worked and therefore could not know how important work is. Play was the thing I had no time for. Yet I have learned to play since I got married, and I count that knowledge second in importance among the things that my wife has done for me. We play in a lot. We tramp the city streets at night and chatter. We go swimming together and play golf and manage to fool away two or three good hours every day. I believe those hours have contributed as much as anything else to the increase of my capacity for work."

A neat tribute, this, don't you think? There are so many women who do just as much as this man's wife for their husbands, but fall to get the appreciation that has been tendered her. The "Married Man" who writes the article thinks he is blessed among men, doubtless for the treasure who is his spouse. Is she not likewise blessed? 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—The column edited by you in the EVENING LEDGER is looked forward to from day to day and most thoroughly enjoyed by me. You often I have gleaned from the column of inquiries and replies most instructive information.

I now, for the first time, ask a favor, being very interested in the art of rag rug making and having saved all my pieces of muslin. I wish to have the name of book you mentioned, also the name of store where such can be purchased. J. R.

Judging from my correspondence it would seem that half the female population of the city is interested in rag rug making, and a bit of the male. A stamped self-addressed envelope for the name of the little book that tells so interestingly about the craft. It is listed at the Free Library of Philadelphia and at the Mercantile. If it is not in stock at the big book shops, any one of them will gladly order it for you, I am sure.

Dear M'LISS—I am tall, slim, 18 years of age, and a girl. I have recently noticed I am becoming round-shouldered. Would you advise me to wear braces? Would you also please tell me how to comb my hair? A few years ago I had typhoid fever, and it is not very long when I comb my hair low on my neck always a few strands manage to become loose, no matter how many pins I use. Of course, it ruins one's appearance. ADMIRER.

I believe will power to be a pleasanter and more efficacious cure for rounded shoulders than braces, which are uncomfortable and to be used, in my estimation, only as a last resort. Determine that you are going to hold your shoulder erect and let nothing deflect you from that high resolve. In addition, get dumb-bells or Indian clubs (you should not buy the weighty kind, if you are frail), and exercise every night and morning. The simple calisthenic arm movements, vertical, horizontal, sidewise and circular, are best.

It is difficult to tell you the most becoming way in which to dress your hair without knowing the shape of your face. Faces, thin, "woman," classical and pugnant all require different coiffure treatment. Short hair, I believe, is more easily dressed than long. But I think straight tresses, with few exceptions, present few possibilities for artistic treatment. Why not curl the recalcitrant ends that insist on poking out? In addition to being charming, little curls are in great vogue at present. I do not believe that heated iron does any great amount of harm, and the curly locks that result certainly are worth the trouble.

Marion Harland's Corner

THE woman who writes about water-glass certainly has not the proper article for preserving eggs. The water never smells badly and the eggs are satisfactory. She probably had some spoiled eggs when she put them down. If she gets fresh eggs and uses water-glass in proportion of one to ten, or 12, first boiling the water, and puts it in a clean earthen jar with a cover, I think she will be pleased with the results. D.

All communication addressed to Marion Harland should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the issue in which you are interested. Very articles in which you are interested in Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for address of these articles. If you wish to direct with these parties.

signs of the college degree, and lately the high school girl is adopting a gray cap and gown to represent the high school degree in scholastic attainment. In order that the same distinction be maintained, like the Greek letter, some striking Norwegian name, any save the Greek, which they consider their special prerogative. If the high school girl will organize such a club I will do all in my power to aid her to model a constitution, initiation ceremony, anything she may ask. "MRS. L. R. L."

Something for Tired Feet "One of our readers asks for something for tired feet. I know how much good this has done for me, so I gladly tell others: Save the water from both hot and cold and have it as hot as the feet can stand, then let them soak awhile. Do not use soap. The starch from the potatoes does wonders. I have done this for months and have found great relief. With best wishes to your wonderful Corner, I am glad to be able to send something to help others, and it will, if they will only try it. VIOLET P."

Author of Old Hymn "George Lansing Taylor was a clergyman in Brooklyn, N. Y., 68 years ago. He was a beautiful, poetical character, and his 'Dare to Do Right' is often hummed by my husband and myself to remind us of the long ago. We had our 50th wedding anniversary December 22, 1914, so you see such old-fashioned words and music stir our hearts when some one seems to need them. I hope this will be in time for the dear Chapman's. I just love your corner! MARY C. V."

Tortoise Now "Whole dresser and toilet-table sets may be had in tortoise shell now. These are very exclusive and expensive. All the articles are fashioned of the shell.

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WHAT HO! THE EASTER PARADE! ARE YOU PREPARED?



Costumes that are smart enough for the coming promenade.

Few Philadelphiaans can resist the lure of the seashore on the spring days, when the boardwalk assumes its dressed air and the warm breezes which come straight from the ocean are gratefully minus the dust and dirt of the city.

No woman likes to take a trip to the shore at this time without a complete wardrobe. She trots along the boardwalk secure in the knowledge that the last word, the creme de la creme of fashion's fancies, is decorating her person, or at least her wardrobe trunk. If she sees a stunning hat, she knows that hers is just as chic, more so, in fact, because it is so admirably suited to her type. If she sees a suit that causes the beholders to "crick an eye," she grins a sardonic grin. She knows that she, too, is "prepared."

And so it goes on, the eternal fashion parade, the charming vision of well-dressed American femininity. It's really a hopeless state of affairs when you can't make a woman "lothes-jelous." The simple calisthenic arm movements, vertical, horizontal, sidewise and circular, are best.

A Handful

Spoke the forefinger: Describing the game: "Gee, it was easy— I beckoned; he came!" Spoke the third finger: In a speaker behold, Also beneath it, This circlet of gold." Spoke the thumb, proudly: "This case to see All his existence 's right under me." Spoke the hand, gaily: "With all of this biz Still the poor duffer Believes I am his!" —McLanburgh Wilson, New York Times.

Odd Decorations

One of the many pretty articles for interior decoration nowadays is the flower bowl. Table pieces, especially those which hold flowers, are the flat bowls which are so popular just now, but the problem of making the potted plant beautiful is variously solved. Brilliant touches of unexpected color are good in a room, say the decorators. Perhaps this is the reason for the vogue of strong red Bohemian glassware, made up in odd-shaped receptacles. The old blue bowls are tinted in such a way as to have purple shadows through the glass. A lattice work of ebony surrounded the stem. Nothing could be prettier on the holiday table than this candelabra, with the lower part wreathed in smilax.

Paris Tips

Word from Paris says that the lace or tulle evening gowns should be tinted with saffron. This shade is said to have the effect of making the skin look fine and white. The very newest gloves are of white or light tan doeklin. The cuff is very wide; the hand is in fact to be drawn over the coat sleeve, sport style. The effect is chic and gaudy. The Frenet cape is supposed to give a very demure look to the wearer. One style is made of silk and curly ostrich feathers, to be worn over the "daring" blouse!

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supreme arbiter of the fate of the dressy afternoon frock and blouse. In fact, it is hard to choose any piece of wearing apparel, except the tallieur, which does not feature on some part of it a bit of sleek georgette. Combinations of georgette and taffeta, foulard, chiffon and crepe de chine are common. Take for instance, the gown on the left marked A. It is of open colored georgette over a foundation of messaline of the same shade. The jumper blouse has a vest of soft lace. The cuffs are held tight to the wrist by cordings of taffeta. Bandings of the same are seen on the wide bishop sleeves. A crushed taffeta girle and peplum of georgette complete the bodice. The skirt is very full, with cordings to accentuate the bouffant lines of the whole. Price, \$22.50. A girlish hat of natural leghorn straw in worn with this outfit. The whole corner is a mass of dainty pink lilacs. The upper part of the slightly rolled brim is covered with pink georgette crepe. A band of open blue velvet is drawn across the crown and ends in a quaint bow and streamer at the chin. Price, \$12. It comes in various colors.

KITCHEN CONVENIENCE

A Rack for Pot Lids—Make One for Yourself By VIRGINIA E. KIFT



HAVE you a lot of pot lids lying in an untidy pile in the bottom of your kitchen dresser? Do you hunt noisily through the pile, spilling lids here and there every time you want one "just to fit," but can't seem to find it? Don't be bothered with that nuisance any longer. Make a holder for pot lids beside the stove. Get a long, narrow or round stick from the woodpile and two screw hooks from the toolchest. Screw the hooks into the wall near the stove. Then slip the stick through the hooks. Joyfully, then, gather up those pot lids from the bottom of your kitchen closet, and balance them one by one behind the holder. The knobs on the lids keep them fast. Now when you need a pot lid there is no more stooping, or searching, or spilling; just look at the array of lids behind your holder, select with your eyes the one which is needed, reach out with your hand and get it. Presto, change! Kitchen convenience is a great thing. Copyright 1916 by Virginia E. Kift.

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Three-piece suits are deservedly popular for afternoon affairs. The model at the right features a delicate combination of gray crepe de chine with flesh georgette. The bodice features a plain soft blouse of georgette with a crepe tie and suspenders. The coat is dressy, with its ripple collar and loosely-knotted sash, the former outlined with pipings of flesh-colored satin. A sailor collar of the same is seen on the blouse. The bottom of the jacket and skirt are finished off with tucks and cordings of self-material. The buttons and buttonholes are also gray-covered. Price, \$39.75. Vari-colored dahlias furnish the trimming for this medium-sized black Milan sailor. A French veil of figured Chantilly mesh completes the trimming. Price, \$14.50, all colors. The name of the shops where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut Street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

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When You Think Baby Ill, He Is Only Stretching

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. A MOTHER who has borne nine children and raised only four of them is a mighty poor authority on infant feeding. A woman can forget more in 20 years about what she really did or did not do for her babies than a man can forget about his past. When the neighbors size up a mother and conclude that she is mentally incompetent, they presume to offer gratuitous advice about how to kill the baby, and generally the advice is very effective. As Ella Parker Butler proved, pigs it pigs, be they guinea or other kinds. And with most of the "experienced" baby experts of the neighborhood, milk is milk, be it intended for babies, calves, colts or kids. Cow's milk is as different from human milk as frankfurters are from beefsteak. Parents sometimes say they can't bear to have the baby crying for things at the table—and so they feed him tea, coffee, pickles, pudding or beer. If they would feed the baby his proper meal first, they could sit down and eat in peace and security. Somehow the neighbors and the neighborhood nurses have a loose or floating normal baby alone. They must detect signs of "colic"—heaven only knows how many millions of babies have been wrongfully accused of colic when in fact they were merely stretching their cramped limbs and trying out their lungs.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Loose Kidney May Not Trouble Does a loose kidney in the right side cause pain in the back, stomach trouble and bowel trouble? Answer—Yes, often. But many women more than men, have a loose or floating kidney and suffer no trouble from it. H. M. Mrs. J. C. Annie M. Mrs. H. M. Mrs. E. B. A. A. K. Mrs. J. E. L. E. W. J. F. S. Miss G. A. H. If they would feed the baby his proper meal first, they could sit down and eat in peace and security.

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Worth While Quotations Four things a man must learn to do if he would keep his record true: To think, without confusion, clearly; To love his fellow-man sincerely; To act from honest motives purely; To trust in God and heaven securely. —Henry Van Dyke.

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