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A Benedict's Appeal to a Bachelor.

BY JOHN C. RAY.

Dear Charles, be persuaded to wed,
For a sensible fellow like you,
It's high time to think of a bed,
And muffle and coffee for two!

So have done with your doubt and delaying—
With a soul so adapted to mingle,
No wonder the neighbors are saying
"Tis singular you should be single!

Don't say you haven't got time—
This business demands your attention—
There is not a moment to squander
In the wisest excess you can mention,
Don't tell me about "other fish"
Your duty is done when you buy—
And you never will relish the dish,
Unless you've a woman to fry 'em!

Don't listen to querulous cries
By desperate damsels related,
Who wear their coronal glories
Because they have known couples mated,
Such people, if they had their pleasure,
Because silly baggages are made,
Would deem it a rational measure,
To lay an embargo on trade!

You may dream of poetical fame,
But your wishes may chance to miscarry—
The best way of doing one's manhood
To posterity, Charles, is to marry!
And here I am willing to own,
After soberly thinking upon it,
I'd very much rather be known
By a beautiful son than a sonnet!

To procrastination be deaf—
(A homily sent from above!)
The scoundrel's not only "the thief
Of time," but of heart and love!
O, delay not a moment to win
A prize that is truly worth winning—
Colby, Charles, is a sin,
And only profit of sinning!

Then, Charles, bid your doubting good-bye,
And dismiss all fantastic alarms—
I'll be sworn you've a girl in your eyes
"Tis your duty to have in your arms!
Some fine little maid of twenty,
With beauty, wit and grace,
With virtues and graces in plenty,
And no failing but loving yourself!

Don't search for an "angel" 'n' a minute,
For granting you will see the sequel,
The deuce, after all, would be in it,
With a union very unequal,
And angels must be confessed,
In this world are rather uncommon,
And I'll bet dear Charles to suggest,
You'll be better content with a woman!

I could furnish a bushel of reasons
For choosing a conjugal mate—
It agrees with all climates and seasons,
And gives you a "double estate!"
To one's parents 'tis gratefully due,
Not to think you've neglected the law,
'T would have been, for me and for you,
If I had forgotten the ring!

Then there's the economy—clear,
By poetical algebra shown—
If your wife has a grief or a tear,
One-hair of the life, is your own!
And as to the joys—by division,
They're nearly quadrupled in kind,
(Though I never could see the addition,
Quite plain in the item of bread.)

Remember I do not pretend
There's anything "perfect" about it,
But I'll aver to the end,
Life's very imperfect without it!
'Tis not that there's "poetry" in it—
As doubtless, there may be to those
Endowed with a poetical nose!
I'll warrant you excellent prose!

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