



Reading for Women and all the Family



Life's Problems Are Discussed

BY MRS. WILSON WOODROW
They are both just eighteen and desperately in love with each other. If only that he is a bit the harder hit of the two; but that may be only the feminine viewpoint, and because she is the one to state their "problem" for my consideration.

Anyhow, the affair has been going on for two years, she writes, and recently when he enlisted and went away to join the service she promised that she would marry him some time when they are both a great deal older; for, she naively explains, "he realizes, as I do, that we are too young to think of marriage, and we don't want to for a while anyway."

And now comes the gist of her communication—the problem. "At the time he went away," she goes on, "he wanted to give me an engagement ring, but I told him I'd better wait. Yesterday, though, I received a letter from him urging me again to accept the ring, as he said it would make him happier and more sure of me." And here she adds parenthetically: "I have many admirers."

"Now, the truth is," she confesses, "I have decided that I really want to accept his ring, but I am still doubtful as to whether we are not too young for that sort of thing. There is no other barrier in the way of money, education or standing between us—nothing except our age—as we are both in good circumstances and of equal position. My parents think the world of him, but his parents are just a little against him, not because of any real objection, but simply because they think he is foolish to fall in love at all at his time of life."

You, my readers, who may be inclined at this point to shrug your shoulders and mutter, "Puppy love!" pause a moment, I beg of you, and reflect. The most moving love story of the ages, "Romeo and Juliet," was written about two young people who were not yet turned eighteen.

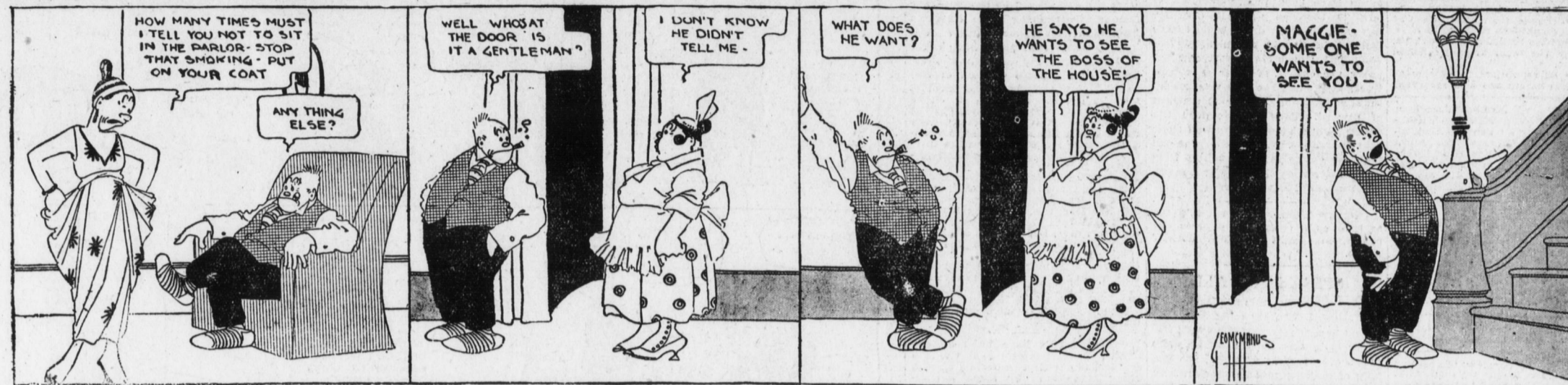
At eighteen, one can feel and suffer and adore quite as deeply as in the so-called years of discretion as a matter of fact, far more deeply, although perhaps not so lastingly. And the perplexities and puzzles of youth are not in any degree lessened by treating them flippanly.

In ordinary times, I grant you, most of us smile and shake a deprecating head at the story of this boy and girl romance. But these are not ordinary times. The old primal impulses are stirring the world. Duty, valor, patriotism are again something more than mere words. And this boy, like thousands of other boys, has hung down a challenge to those who would deny his youth by assuming the stern tasks of manhood.

If he is old enough to fight, he is old enough to love. If the thought that he is fighting for and helping to protect her strengthens his arm, if the memory of her promise serves to comfort and uphold him during the hard hours ahead of him in the trenches and in the homesick loneliness of a foreign land, is he not entitled to it? No man yet ever made the worse soldier for having a sweetheart at home.

His parents frown at the thought of his being engaged. They regard

Bringing Up Father



him as a lad who cannot possibly know his own mind. But they are wrong. These are days which quickly change the softness and vacillation of adolescence into iron resolution. No chap who did not know his own mind and who was not inspired by his highest motives would voluntarily undertake the gamble he has chosen, with its hazards and its chances.

And, furthermore, these parents may rest assured that, whatever their boy went away from them, he will come back a man; and that, no matter whether the duration of his service be short or long. There is an experience which counts for more than years. Let them remember that Napoleon was a victorious general when but little older than this boy of theirs, and that in our own Civil War men successfully commanded army corps who were not yet twenty-five.

The thoughts and ideals of a Willie Baxter, such as Booth Tarkington portrayed in the hero of his story, "Seventeen," and as has been so amusingly presented on the stage in the play under the same name, are very different, let me tell you, from the thoughts and ideals of Recruit William Baxter, U. S. A.

And if the boys are being changed and re-mounted by the events through which we are passing, no less is it true of our girls. They are becoming less frivolous, less inconsequent, sweeter, more womanly, more sincere.

To the one who has written me I should say, take the ring he has offered you. After all, it is but the symbol and outward sign of the promise which has already passed between you, and binds you no more nor even so much as that—that and the kiss you blushing gave him when he said farewell.

Yes, take the ring. Wear it. Try to be worthy of it and of him. Be young and glad and gay if you will, but do nothing of which you feel he would disapprove. Don't vex or perturb him by giving too much of your attention to any of these other admirers of yours. Let him know that your first thought is always of him. And then when he comes back, if you are both still of the same mind, and when he is in a position to marry, redeem your promise to him, and your wedded life will be all the sweeter and happier for your romance of eighteen.

Little Talks by Beatrice Fairfax

"The main trouble in our married life was that my husband made no effort to progress after our marriage and was content to remain in a rut."

"I was filled with ambitions to better myself in every way; had my voice cultivated and studied to improve my mind. I tried to persuade my husband to do the same thing, but he always refused."

A woman made this secondary plea for divorce to Justice McAvoy, in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn the other day—the main issue of the case rested on statutory grounds.

I wonder how many marriages have gone wrong from such differences? One of the pair progresses, takes advantage of every jutting stone to climb the wall that separates the successful from the unsuccessful. The other hangs back, a dead weight on the hands of his more ambitious partner.

The hindering helpmeet is still going around on the same short chain forged by individual incompetence. Mental slackers of this type take the same immature view of things they look in early youth.

They dread a new idea as the aged dread draught in the back. They have the same thoughts and—Heaven help us—the same old stories.

They never add to nor revise their point of view. They are a species of fixed star, but, alas, there is no glitter to them.

Alternatives of Partners
The ambitious partner is confronted by one of two alternatives. Either the mental slacker must be left in his own tracks and the ambitious one must soar alone, thus giving up all idea of the companionship he hoped for in marriage. Or the wise woman, these days, does not let her husband do all the thinking for the family. She was safe in doing that a generation or two ago, when clever women singled themselves out by unbecomingly clothes and hairdressing that suggested a monkeywrench, rather than a comb.

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(By Annabel Worthington)

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done and much burning of the midnight oil, for one loves work for work's sake and the other loves the worker.

Nevertheless this miracle has been wrought by reason of love and it will continue to be wrought till the end of time.

Wives of Public Men
We come across this type frequently in the wives of public men. The bright young lawyer of the small town marries the school teacher, and the bright young lawyer goes ahead; he continues to improve, or as Shakespeare has put it: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune."

If the school teacher is wise she follows. She puts less embroidery on her children's clothes, fewer lace dollies on her own manufacture on the table, and she keeps pace with her husband in his reading, in his progress, in his work.

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the life of the forward rushing hare.

The tragic situation of one married partner visibly progressing while the other remains fixed, is especially true these days of men who have entered the Army and are now in France.

Tremendous things are happening to the soldier—he is helping to make history in a land rich in song and story. He is attending a great school, awe-inspiring sights greet him, and terrible experiences are his.

When he returns, he cannot open the book of life at the same page—he will have gone too far.

In the meantime what is the little woman, waiting at home, doing to keep pace with him?

Perhaps she does not even read a paper; she depends on father, brother or neighbor to tell her news. She has the habit of having facts doled out to her—independent thought is beyond her. She is the tortoise, content to sit beneath its shell.

But it is time for the tortoise to rouse herself, learn something of this wonderful country in which her husband is fighting; let her learn something of its history, something of its language, if only a few words to greet him, when he returns.

Love is the great miracle worker, if she cares enough, she will not grudge the hours spent in self-improvement. Let her take a lesson from the woman in the Brooklyn court who said: "The main trouble in our married life was that my husband made no effort to progress—he was content to remain a rut."

If you care enough about your life partner don't stay in a rut, progress!

Reaches France With 103d Ammunition Train

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John Joseph Egolf, with the 103d Ammunition Train, has arrived safely in France. Egolf is confident of coming out of the struggle safe and sound, for he considers the fact that his two grandfathers, both serving with the Union forces, escaped the Civil War unscathed.

MILK MENUS

"Use all the milk," says the United States Food Administration. Milk is the cheapest animal food. Children must have it—an adult may use it in place of meat.

Breakfast

Strawberries on the Hull
Corn Flakes with Top Milk or Cream
Creamed Potatoes
(Use corn flour to thicken white sauce)
Cocoa
Lunch

Pea Soup
Corn Crackers
Rice With Cheese
Baked Custard
Dinner

Cottage Cheese and Nut Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Asparagus
Carrot Salad

Ice Cream
Barley Cake
Cottage Cheese and Nut Roast
2 cups cottage cheese, 1 cup left-over cereal, 1 cup wheatless bread crumbs, 4 tablespoons peanut butter, 1/2 cup chopped peanuts, 1 teaspoon onion juice, pinch of sage, salt, cayenne and paprika. Liquid if necessary to mix.

Form into a loaf and bake in a hot oven 20 to 25 minutes or until brown. Or bake in a greased bread tin and turn out on a platter. The cracklings left from tried-out fat or partially tried-out ground suet may be used in place of peanut butter.

Baked Custard
4 eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 4 cups scalded milk, few gratings of nutmeg.
Beat eggs slightly, add sugar and

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Dr. George Edward Reed, the distinguished ex-president of Dickinson College, will have charge of both morning and evening services at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church to-morrow.

At 10:30 o'clock the quarterly communion service will be observed and in the evening Dr. Reed will preach the first of a series of sermons on "Heroes of the Faith."

Dr. Reed has charge of the pastoral work of Grace Church during Dr. Bagnell's absence, and also will preach at the Sunday morning and evening services during the month of July.

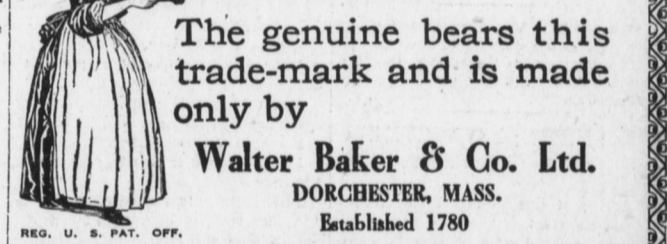
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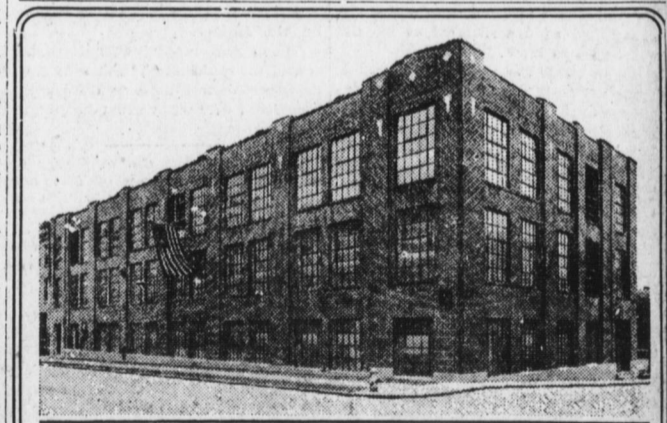
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