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The Education of Marriage

By ELINOR MARSH

Jim Hawks was an ironworker. He was twenty-two years old and had a prospect of a long life ahead. He was a hard worker and very saving, his idea being to get a nest egg—for nature leads us all to build nests, and man can't do it as the birds do, by getting together a few straws and other such material. He must have money to pay for his domicile.

Young persons—very young persons—don't look upon matrimony with the misgivings of their elders. Jim's idea of a home was a comfortable house with a very nice wife in it, or at least a suit of rooms. He was to own the house and the wife and the furniture. The wife was to be there to minister to his wants and comforts.

Jennie Owens was the daughter of a widow. Jennie was twenty years old. She was a high school graduate and aimed partly to support herself and her mother, who had a little income, by stenography and typewriting. But Jim Hawks came along, talked very sweetly to her and in time induced her to marry him. Both wanted a home; both wanted to fulfill the destiny nature intended for them. This was all very well, but neither had been educated to matrimony.

Jim had his preconceived notions of what his wife should be to him, and she had her preconceived notions of what he should be to her. As soon as the honeymoon ended these preconceived notions began to clash. Jim's habit of saving money did not grow less with two to provide for. He kept control of the cash and pinched his wife for small expenditures. He had not been used to considering the requirements of any one except himself and needed practice to become used to considering those of another. He was not exactly what his wife expected to find him, and she thought that in certain respects she might make him over. She remained in their three rooms all day and when evening came needed a change of scene, to say nothing of recreation. Jim worked hard all day and when evening came desired to rest. Besides going out required some

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expenditure, if only car fare. And when it was necessary to spend money he was used to spending it on himself. These things caused scraps, and the scraps gradually grew to be quarrels. Jennie usually had the right of the question, but did not know how to use it so as to impress her husband that he was in the wrong. While he was wrong in trying to dominate her, she acted uneducately.

One evening Jennie desired Jim to go with her to an evening party given by one of her friends. Jim wouldn't go. She said she would go alone and asked him to come to bring her home. He made no reply. She went, and since he did not come for her she remained at her friend's all night. She should have gone home early the next day, but instead spent the day and the night with her mother. On returning the next day she found her home deserted. Here was a break between two persons who, if they could have been prepared for their parts, might have got over this early married period, have gradually become used to each other and settled down into a happy married life. What a contrast between this antagonism and the mutual dependence of ten or twenty years later!

Jennie made an effort for a reconciliation, but since she did not accom-

pany it by a confession that she, and she only, was in the wrong Jim paid no attention to her pleadings. Then her mother advised her to let him alone. If he ever came to realize that he was giving up that which was pleasing and ennobling for his preconceived notions of what a wife should be to him he would very likely conquer his pride and return to her. If not she could do no more than she had done and the matter must adjust itself or remain unadjusted without any further action on her part.

For awhile Jim persuaded himself that he had acted the part of a strong man in asserting himself and in refusing to live with a woman who, as he expressed it, would "take the bit in her teeth and run away with everything." But he had been very happy for awhile in his home with his wife. His mother had taken his part in his disagreements with his wife, and he went to live with her. But he had reached an age when a man craves his own roof-tree and hearthstone, and he was not satisfied. He met with an accident in his work, and though his mother cared for him tenderly, he pined for his wife. Between her and him was a deathly silence. Jennie did not try to win him back to her. He was a man of strong will and must go

his own way. Besides, no reunion could last unless he became satisfied that his wife had rights as well as himself.

One day Jennie heard a click at the gate and, looking out through a window, saw her husband coming. With beaming eyes and a smile she went to meet him.

"Jennie," he said, "I treated you brutally. Will you forgive me?"
"It was all my fault," she replied.
"You'll have to stand a lot if you come back to me. I've a bad temper."
"I'll try to correct my faults."

There were quarrels after that between them, but Jim made a rule that they must be made up the day they occurred. In time they came to regard differences on the same footing as other trials and the sooner mended the better.

Keen Scented Deer.

Under the most favorable atmospheric conditions deer can scent a man at the distance of a mile and a half. If he is smoking the range may be increased to two miles. They have been known to refuse to cross a man's track more than four hours after he had passed, but rain may destroy the scent in ten minutes.—St. James' Gazette.

Not After the Best.

"She says she wouldn't marry the best man on earth. Plenty of girls say that. Idle talk, eh?"
"Oh, I don't know. Some girls actually mean it. Some of them are looking for wealth."—Kansas City Journal.

From Experience.

Suitor—What makes you think, sir, that I will not be able to support your daughter?

Her Father—The difficulty that I have had in doing it myself.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Domande e Risposte per Diventare Cittadini Americani

D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
R. Yes.
D. What form of Government is this?
R. Republic.
D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
D. Who makes the laws of the United States?

R. The Congress.
D. What does Congress consist of?
R. Senate and House of Representatives.
D. Who is our State Senator?
R. Theo. M. Kurtz.
D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
R. President.
D. How long is the President of the United States elected?
R. 4 years.
D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
R. The Vice President.
D. What is his name?
R. Thomas R. Marshall.
D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
R. By the electors.
D. By whom are the electors elected?
R. By the people.
D. Who makes the laws for the state of Pennsylvania?
R. The Legislature.
D. What does the Legislature consist of?
R. Senate and Assembly.
D. Who is our Assemblyman?
R. Wilmer H. Wood.
D. How many State in the union?
R. 48.
D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
R. July 4, 1776.
D. By whom was it written?
R. Thomas Jefferson.
D. Which is the capital of the United States?
R. Washington.
D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania?
R. Harrisburg.
D. How many Senators has each state in the United States Senate?
R. Two.
D. Who are our U. S. Senators?
R. Boies Penrose and George T. Oliver.
D. By whom are they elected?
R. By the people.

D. For how long?
R. 6 years.
D. How many representatives are there? ..
R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
D. For how long are they elected?
R. 2 years.
D. Who is our Congressman?
R. S. Taylor North.
D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
R. 38.
D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
R. The Governor.
D. For how long is he elected?
R. 4 years.
D. Who is the Governor?
R. Brumbaugh.
D. Do you believe in organized government?
R. Yes.
D. Are you opposed to organized government?
R. No.
D. Are you an anarchist?
R. No.
D. What is an anarchist?
R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
R. No.
D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
R. No.
D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
R. No.
D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
R. The board of Aldermen.
D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
R. Yes.