

MINISTER WEDS A GIRL OF FIFTEEN

CHILD'S BIBLE STUDY CULMINATES IN MATRIMONY.

CEREMONY PLEASURES BRIDE

Her Playmates Witness Wedding Accompanied by Their Toys—Bridegroom Over Twice Her Age and an Ex-Athlete.

Philadelphia. — As if "playing house," Alice A. Hall, a girl barely 15, walked up the aisle of the Church of the Annunciation a few days ago and at the altar met and wedded Rev. Charles Thatcher Pfeiffer, of Cairo, N. Y., a stalwart athlete of more than twice her age. A motley crowd of some 300 people witnessed the performance, in which two ministers of the Church of the Annunciation participated. The parents of the bride were present. The bridegroom was unattended.

Awe-struck children in the church heard their elders whisper "hypnotism," "infatuation," "occult teaching," "destiny," "incurable fate," "psychological manifestation," and more or less incomprehensible cult terms, but it was all so simple and there was nothing to the ceremony but the picture hat and the just-too-grand-for-anything long dress worn by the little girl at the altar.

Making the responses like a student at an oral examination the girl gave no sign that she understood what it was all about. She was the object of interest in the church and the fact pleased her immensely more even than the enormous picture hat and her first long skirt.

For obvious reasons the girl was described in anticipation of the wedding as one having the figure and repose of a woman and as "looking nearer 20 than 15." As a matter of fact the girl is not abnormally developed, but is a fair type of the healthy American girl of 15. She was playing with the other children in the neighborhood of her home in Germantown two days before her marriage and more than one of her child acquaintances appeared at her wedding with toys in their hands. The mentality of the girl is something above the



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average. She memorizes with great facility and it was this faculty that primarily led to her wedding.

Rev. Charles Thatcher Pfeiffer upon being ordained was called to St. Luke's church, Germantown, as assistant to Rev. Dr. Samuel Upjohn. It was in the House of Prayer, in Braintree, that Charles Thatcher Pfeiffer taught Scripture to Alice Hall and between times talked love to her.

A period of only 18 months covers the romance, if such it may be called. The girl was a constant attendant at the House of Prayer and evinced great interest in Bible study. She early demonstrated her ability to memorize whole chapters of the inspired work and to recite the same with a degree of understanding. Finding in this child an inspiration for close study and constant application, the rector of the House of Prayer encouraged her in the work and lent her theological works with which to facilitate her studies.

As she advanced in her Bible studies Rev. Charles Thatcher Pfeiffer discovered that her presence was essential to his complete happiness, and from an occasional visitor to his study she became his constant companion. Where he was there the girl might be found. They took long rambles together over the country round, and as they walked he taught her to appreciate the wonders of nature as proofs of the work of God.

Strangely enough, the constant association of the man and the child never gave rise to gossip in Germantown. Even the parents of the girl were surprised when Mr. Pfeiffer asked permission to marry the child. Some little consideration was given to the matter, after which consent was given and arrangements made for the ceremony.

Superstitious persons who attended the wedding ceremony noted the fact that many birds fluttered outside the great high window over the altar while the marriage service was being read, and it is held by these that this augurs well for the future of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer will reside at Cairo, N. Y., after their wedding trip.

Will Live High. Mrs. Stoessel, wife of Gen. Stoessel, of Port Arthur fame, recently paid \$125,000 for a house in St. Petersburg.

This Is True. A man wishes for sons, but he gets his happiness out of daughters.—N. Y. Press.

Intensely English

The Canadians are said to be more British than the English themselves. So they are doubtless in political sentiment, but in matters of business that feeling is never allowed to interfere. A correspondent of the London Mail writes that "No English need apply" is a common addendum to advertisements in Canada. He attributes it to the "Yankee leaven" in the Canadian population. Probably the reason is a certain lack of adaptability in the English character, as compared with the colonial or the American.

Sawyer Had a Name Ready

The Stephen S. Sawyers of Millbury had 12 children. Mr. Sawyer, being particularly fond of alliteration, gave all of them names beginning with S. They had Stephen, Jr., Susan, Samuel, Sarah, Seth, Sophie, Solon, Sally, Samantha, Salome, Saul and Sandy. When the stork was about to hover for the thirteenth time, Mrs. Sawyer said: "My dear, what are we to call it?" "I should suggest Sufficient," he replied.—Boston Herald.

Chemistry in Mining

So great is the service which chemistry has rendered mining in the extraction of gold from ores, by the use of a dilute solution of cyanide of potassium, that in the short period from 1885 to 1905 the quantity of that compound consumed has increased from not more than 50 tons a year to about 10,000 tons. The Transvaal mines alone require from 3,000 to 3,500 tons of cyanide annually.

Cold Storage Romance

He—Had an odd experience the other day. One morning my breakfast boiled egg had an inscription on it. It said: "The finder may write to me." "Signed 'Mary Smith'." She—What reply did you get? The postmaster replied. He said that Miss Smith died of old age several years ago.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Family Record

A century ago there died in Jamaica a woman named Mills. Her age was given as 118 and she was followed to the grave by 295 of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren—no fewer than 60 of whom, all named Ebanks, belonged to the regiment of militia for St. Elizabeth's parish.

No Sunday Funerals

The war of All Hallows, a British village, objects to Sunday funerals on the ground that they keep people from the higher duties of worship, cast a shadow of sorrow on the brightest day of the week, break the day of rest and lead people to seek comfort in the poor consolation of a big funeral.

Shrimping in Germany

Ten million pounds of shrimp are caught annually on the German coast. Most of them are netted at depths of 30 or 40 feet, but a great many men and women still earn a living by gathering shrimps from the flat beaches at low tide.

Shah's Notion

During the recent sojourn of the shah of Persia in Paris one of his favorite amusements is said to have been to have his secretary read to him the oddest of the begging letters, of which vast numbers were sent to him daily.

True to His First Love

Father—But I am afraid he is a young man of fickle character. Daughter—Oh, no, he isn't papa. Why, he has smoked the same brand of cigarettes for nearly six months.—Stray Stories.

Not in His Honey-moon

When a man goes to an afternoon tea and thinks what a good time he could be having smoking an old pipe at home he has been married long enough to talk plain English about it on the way home.—N. Y. Press.

Exercise

Billington—I suppose that old Goro's troubles are at an end now that he has got that daughter off his hands. Whittington—Not at all. He will soon find that he will have to put her husband on his feet.—Town Topics.

Not Covetous

Poet—This, sir, is the only poem I ever wrote. Editor—Well, cheer up. Nobody's going to take it away from you.—Cleveland Leader.

The Cheerful Mind

The mind that is truly cheerful today will have no solicitude for tomorrow, and will meet the bitter occurrences of life as they come, with a smile.

Two Classes

Women may be divided into two distinct classes; those who are married and those who are still hopeful.

An Invalid

Frankie—Papa, what's the difference between being sick and an invalid? Papa—An invalid, my boy, is one who makes those around him sick.—N. Y. Times.

Electric Lights on Harness

Road drivers now use tiny electric lights on the harness of their horses, both to ornament and illuminate. The lamps are fed from a storage battery.

Quite a Different Thing

He—Did you know I had become an actor? She—No. All I heard was that you had gone on the stage.—Stray Stories.

Womanless Eden

Woman haters should find the content of St. Catherine, on Mount Sinai, much to their liking. No woman has entered the place in 1,400 years.

COWS RUINED CLOTHES OF SIX GIRL BATHERS.

Jobs Attracted Farmer, Who, at Respectful Distance, Learns Their Woes and Helps.

Lafayette, Ind.—For the purpose of agreeably filling in a recent hot afternoon four Otterbein girls took their two out-of-town guests to a secluded spot on the Washah for a swim. On arriving at the chosen place they constructed an inclosure with sheets which they had brought along and proceeded to divest themselves of their clothing and don bathing suits. Soon the six girls were dispersing in the cool waters of the Washah.

While this was going on a herd of cows wandered lazily up to the improvised bathing-house, stuck their noses in and found various articles of feminine



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wearing apparel hanging upon a barbed-wire fence. Possessed of a ravenous appetite, the animals innocently began to devour garment after garment, and when the feast was finally concluded there were not enough articles left to properly dress a French dancing girl.

The young women returned to the scene, saw the dreadful catastrophe that had befallen them and proceeded to weep. Their cries attracted the attention of a farmer on a road not far away and he approached the shawls tent. The occupants called to him to keep a hundred yards away and he did so.

Then they told him what had happened and he made two-mile trip to his home, obtained some of his daughters' clothing and had the girls take the garments to the marooned bathers on the bank of the river. By the time the unfortunate and mosquito-bitten young women returned to their homes it was very dark and frantic parents were about to send out searching parties.

NAILED INTO HIS COFFIN.

Austrian Peasant Becomes a Victim of Horrible Superstition in Transylvania.

Buda Pesth.—The newspapers relate a horrible case of superstition among peasants in Transylvania. A peasant named Thodya Bessa died suddenly and as his death was regarded as somewhat inexplicable orders were given by the authorities to have the body exhumed.

The gaudarnes found the body fastened by hands, feet and neck with long nails to the boards of the coffin, while another nail had been driven right through the heart. Investigation showed that this had been done by the witch of the village, Olga Iokan, who had received instructions from a committee of villagers.

She had often before carried out this operation on persons who suddenly died, as the people believed that in such cases if this precaution was not taken the body would rise again and infect the nearest relative with the disease from which the person had died.

Money in Them

"It's remarkable how easily these idle rumors gain currency." "Yes, and it's still more remarkable how some idle stock market rumors enable others to gain currency."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Complacent Bachelor Editor

Having lately heard a lot of married people grumble about buying school books and shoes for the children, we are able to whistle when we sew buttons on our undershirt.—Washington (Kan.) Register.

Queen's Ladies

Queen Alexandra has in all 15 ladies in personal attendance on her, the first being mistress of the robes, then the ladies of the bedchamber and maids of honor.

A Comeback

Her—I wouldn't marry you if you were the only man in the world. Him—If I had any such cinch as that you'd never get the chance.—Cleveland Leader.

Fishes of the Nile

The Nile is noted for the variety of its fish. An expedition sent by the British museum brought home 9,000 specimens.

Don't Bet

There is no money in betting because you lose what you lose and spend what you win.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Chimney of Paper

A paper chimney, 50 feet high and fireproof, is a curiosity to be seen at Breslau, Germany.

Won't Work Both Ways

If a man has plenty of money he can get all the time he wants.

Where Push Falls

It takes more than push to open the doors of paradise.

Signs in Japan

Claunce Ludlow Brownell, in his book, "The Heart of Japan," tells amusingly of some signs he saw in Japan on the shops of merchants who were bidding for English and American trade: "Barber to Shave Beard or to Dress Hairs Away," "The Genuine-ly Bier Buy the Health for Drink," "Of smokes our tobacco is pressure to Our tongue and give the healthiness to Hers and Hes! Also All People by It," "Cowmeat and Pigeat and Ramune Souda Sasupre Zinsinbiya Jiniyael." This last means lemon soda, sarsaparilla, ginger beer and ginger ale.

Mien of the Mikado

When the mikado is seen in public he manifests no interest in his subjects, neither smiling nor frowning as he passes along. He sits seemingly passionless, the accentuated type of the Japanese. Indeed, he hardly seems to hear the applause of the crowds. This manner is to some extent perhaps a matter of etiquette, for the mikado must show that he remembers the divinity of his ancestors, who were gods 3,000 years ago.

Strange Rainstorms

In the Colorado desert there are rainstorms during which not a drop of water touches the earth. The rain can be seen falling from the clouds high above, but when it reaches the hot, dry air beneath the clouds it is entirely absorbed. These strange rainstorms take place in regions where the thermometer often registers 125 degrees in the shade.

London Zoo-Gorilla

Miss Crowther, the largest and fiercest gorilla ever captured, lately arrived at the London zoological gardens. She is five feet six inches in height, measures 42 inches around the chest and possesses great strength. Occasionally she has fit of rage, but usually she is very shy and hides her face from visitors with her hands.

Captain Death

An English master mariner named Death had his name changed. He said, in explanation, that he was now acting as first officer, but expected soon to have command of a ship. He was afraid that few passengers would care about risking a voyage in a ship captained by Death.—Kansas City Times.

Too Much Trousers

In feudal days Japanese courtiers wore wide trousers twice as long as their legs, so that they trailed after the wearer. Belasco introduced them in "The Darling of the Gods," but he, so convulsed the managerial audience at the first dress rehearsal that literally he had to "cut them out"—and off.

Crown of the Virgin

The pope has ordered a firm of Florence jewelers to manufacture a crown set with imitation stones for the image of the virgin in the basilica of the vatican in place of a crown containing gems valued at \$7,500,000, which is to be deposited in the vaults of the vatican.

Feminine Comment

"Here, Maria, here is a story about 50 Buffalo women who cooked on one stove for more than a year and didn't have a single quarrel in all that time." "What an amiably stupid lot they must have been!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hard to Down

When the good man seems to be conquered, the powers of evil have still to rue their short-lived triumph, and to say as Pyrrhus said when he defeated the Romans: "Three such victories would ruin me!"—Archdeacon Farrar.

Helping the World

Make yourself a necessity to the world by what you contribute in the way of personal comfort, by what you are embodying before men all that is gentle, generous and pure.—M. Dana.

Only a Bluff

Why does a woman, after making such a solemn promise to obey at the altar, give her husband such a cold and hollow laugh when he merely hints that it would be the proper thing to do?

Old Rags Costumes

The old local costumes are still worn in many parts of Russia. There is great variety in them, but rich embroidery and an imposing head dress of some sort are common to all.

Even

He—You married me for my money. She—Well, what if I did? I didn't get it. Isn't that punishment enough?—Detroit Free Press.

Fact About Insects

Music-making insects are all males. The females are silent, using neither their wings nor their body scales or plates to produce musical sounds.

A Good Looker

Ann—Do you like his looks? Jane—Yes, whenever he looks my way.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Pontifical Pen

The pope does his private writing with a gold pen, but the pontifical signature is always given with a white-feathered quill, which is believed to come from the wing of a dove.

Autopsy Easy

If it is a difficult matter for a doctor to discover what is the matter with a patient while alive he seems to do so with ease and dispatch at the autopsy.

Women Barbers in Austria

There is a special examination in Austrian cities for female barbers, who are yearly growing more numerous.

Chinawomen Uneducated

Nearly every Chinaman can read but about 90 per cent. of the women are entirely uneducated.

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