

**WEDDING RINGS.**

**Their Descent From the Ancient Signet Rings of Egypt.**  
It was under the shadow of the pyramids that brides first wore rings as symbols of wedlock.

In the early Egyptian home it was the custom of the wife to keep all of her jars, closets and storerooms sealed. A different seal ordinarily was used for every door or jar containing certain foods. Preserved sweets, for instance, would be sealed with one device and some sharp appetizer with another. So the course of time brought the Egyptian woman a goodly number of seals, the special mark of her wifehood.

Then it became a custom for the bridegroom on his wedding day to present the future homemaker with a little string of seals. In the beginning they usually were suspended from an ornamental chain about her neck, but afterward it became the custom to carry the keys on an ornamental cord around the wrist. And finally the keys were attached to a woman's finger by means of a cord of gold wire. This naturally meant reduction in the number of seals, and some genius of the days of old hit upon the idea of combining the seal and the wire together, from which we get the signet ring. Such a ring was regularly presented to the bride on her wedding day.

Things had reached this state of progress when keys seem to have been first used in Egypt to any great extent. The coming of locks did away with the wifely seals and her peculiar mark of sovereignty in the home. By degrees the signet ring went out of fashion as the special prerogative of the bride and was succeeded by a plain band ring such as every young lady of today expects to wear. Numbers of these plain and signet rings have been found in the old tombs of northern Africa, mate evidence of loves long since dead and gone.

**HARD WORK FOR CUPID.**

**Roumanian Farmers Try to Keep Their Sons From Wedlock.**

The Roumanian farmer doesn't think much of matrimony. A bachelor hasn't missed much, in his opinion. And when his son gets the marrying bee buzzing in his bosom the Roumanian dad is apt to take a likky club and beat it out of the young man's system. That's why the Roumanian youth when he is in love never confides the happy secret to his father. He goes and tells his mother, for women still believe in love and marriage, although they lead from the altar to the wash tub. But the father has faced the mulch heels and the plow handles so long in his hard struggle to feed the hungry mouths opened to him by marriage that he has forgotten he was once a lover sighing lover's tales. He is about as much in favor of state wide matrimony as a sick boy is in favor of castor oil.

So the son tells his mother. The mother feels father the best dinner she can cook, and when the old man is in a mellow mood she breaks the sad news about their boy. If she is skilful enough she wins his grouchy consent, and he calls in his two best men friends. These two go with his son to the girl's home. Perhaps she has heard nothing of the love affair, but when she sees them coming she guesses what's up. Her father entertains the visitors, and if he lets the fire go out it means he has taken this method to turn them down cold.

Roumanian wives all have silk dresses or silk shawls. Their husbands do not buy the silk for them; the women raise it themselves.—Exchange.

**Teeth Gritting a Symptom.**

When children grit their teeth, either asleep or as a habit when awake, it is generally a sign that they have adenoid growths back of their noses and need the attention of a physician. Dr. C. E. Benjamin tells in a journal of Amsterdam of his experience with 1,544 cases of adenoids, in which about 87 per cent of the children were teeth gritters, and in most of the cases the gritting ceased when the adenoids were removed. Among 115 teeth gritters he examined for troubles other than adenoids all but two were found to have adenoids.

**Art in America.**

The first school of painting to establish itself on American soil was that of Spain, following in the train of viceroys and prelates after the Indian commonwealths had been subjected and Spanish towns had been built. To the present day there exists in the City of Mexico the oldest academy of the fine arts in the western world, the Academy of San Carlos. It is nearly as old as the Royal Academy, London.

**Fogs Are Valuable.**

It has been discovered that fogs, especially ocean fogs, are valuable. Fogs are the principal fertilizers of the great bean fields of California. The fields are dry farmed. Rain means ruin. Yet moisture is a necessity. This is furnished in just the right degree by fogs.—Detroit Free Press.

**He Told Her.**

It was the first ball game she had ever attended.  
"Why do they call that thing the plate?" was her forty-seventh question.  
"Why—er—because that's where the drops from the pitcher are caught," he replied, his reason cracking under the strain.—Boston Transcript.

**This Life.**

There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and cheerfully and faithfully as we can.—Van Dyke.

**TRICKING THE CREDULOUS.**

**Lures of Gold Brick Schemes For the Small Investors.**

Will persons with money never learn how to take care of it? Will they never guard themselves against the horde of tricksters who make a business of taking advantage of the credulous and especially of credulous women?

Bear in mind that no one will make money for you when he can make it for himself. If he offers to give you the key to wealth, suspect him, for such keys are kept by their possessors and are not given away to strangers.

The postoffice a year or two ago showed that over \$150,000,000 had been lost by persons who listened to the gold brick schemes, but the game still goes on despite the vigilance of the postoffice department and the passage of protective measures, known as "blue sky laws," by many states.

Will the people never learn to discount the alluring literature which these shysters send out and which is written for them by some of the sharpest and brightest writers of our day, whose services can be easily obtained for a few dollars?

I advise my readers who receive these tempting propositions to send them at once to the postmaster general at Washington for investigation. That is the business of the postoffice department, and it will be only too happy to take up such matters.

Small investors are particularly the victims of these bunco schemes, for the false notion prevails that a man or woman with a small amount of money cannot buy high class investment securities such as successful investors prefer. This is erroneous. An investment can now be made in the best of paying securities with as small an amount as \$10 through the partial payment plan, which is readily understood, though the term may sound formidable.—Leslie's Weekly.

**A LITTLE PIECE OF LEAD.**

**The Costliest Thing This World of Ours Has Ever Known.**

Just think of one small piece of lead, probably weighing less than an ounce, that cost the world some \$100,000,000,000 in money, probably \$100,000,000,000 in property, more than 11,000,000 lives and individual suffering and loss in that embroiled in war Germany, Austria-Hungary, Britain, France, Belgium, the United States, Turkey, Siberia, Italy, Montenegro, Roumania, Bulgaria, Albania, Egypt, Canada, Australia, China, Japan, South Africa, India and Russia and brought every other nation to the brink of internal trouble or outward disaster, the consequences of which are being felt by every human being, civilized or uncivilized, white, black, yellow or brown!

That small piece of lead was fired from a pistol in the hands of a crack brained youth of Serbian nativity into the body of the heir to the Austrian throne. The troubles arising from this mad act and its punishment set fire to the powder trains in Europe and led to hostile act after hostile act in 1914, and suddenly to open war in 1914. That little piece of lead should be preserved as a memorial to all future generations and as the costliest thing mankind has ever known. It would become the greatest silent teacher the world has ever seen. It would teach restraint for the weak minded and violent; it would teach the importance of minor acts and things; it would teach peace as no costly monument, no book of horrors, no painting of tragedy could ever teach it.—Detroit Free Press.

**Ox Bones.**

Ox bones have a considerable value. The four feet of an ordinary ox will make a pint of neat's foot oil. The thigh bone is the most valuable, being useful for cutting into toothbrush handles. The fore leg bones are made into collar buttons and parasol handles. The water in which the bones are boiled is reduced to glue, while the dust which comes from sawing the bones is turned into food for cattle and poultry.—Exchange.

**Fine Canal Locks.**

Some of the locks in the New York barge canal are the finest in the world, the five at Watford being the greatest series of high lift locks in existence. They have a combined lift of 169 feet, one foot less than the total lift of every lock in the Panama canal. The upper gates weigh forty tons and the lower about 100 tons.

**Dislocation of the Hip Joint.**

In demonstrating his now famous method of replacing in its socket a hip that has been dislocated since birth Dr. John Ridlon of the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, said most of these cases were girls and in most of them it was the left hip. He could not offer any suggestion as to why this should be so.

**Duets Popular.**

Patience—What kind of singing do you prefer, solos or duets?  
Patrice—Oh, duets, by all means.  
"Well, come over to the house some time and I'll start the phonograph and the parrot going at the same time."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Natural Tendency.**

"Pop, do all trades have their own diseases?"  
"So they say, son."  
"Then is it only carpenters that have shingles?"—Baltimore American.

**Gossipy.**

"Mrs. Gasley is a great gossip."  
"Yes. She has a good sense of humor."—Puck.

**TUBERCULOSIS AND PROPER NOURISHMENT.**

By Samuel G. Dixon, M. D.

While tuberculosis is caused by a well-known germ, we often have a right to be suspicious of its coming from want of proper nourishment. This would seem to be a forerunner of the true disease of tuberculosis.

This want of nourishment is to be accounted for in several ways. The digestive system may be naturally weak, that is, born weak; it may have been strong in early life but abused by the use of alcohol, eating rapidly when physically or mentally tired or by gulping food without proper chewing or mastication.

A plunge bath just after eating will often arrest digestion. The drinking of ice water during a meal, or iced tea or coffee will reduce the temperature of the stomach so that the natural process of digestion is interfered with. As a result the food is not properly prepared for the organs to absorb it. Therefore, it is not taken up by the blood stream as it travels through the system of arteries to build up the different tissues of the body.

The increase of tuberculosis of late in Belgium, in France, and other warring countries is largely due to the want of the things that Nature demands for building up healthy bodies. We must have some nitrogen in the form of meat or eggs or beans. We must have some starches. Otherwise the body will be partly starved and disease germs will thrive in the different tissues. Typhoid occurs more often in the lungs than anywhere else, but there is hardly an organ in the body that will not, under certain conditions, become tuberculous.

It is to be hoped that here in America where we have such a variety of climates and of soil we shall be able to keep up a general food supply and shall not be restricted in any of those things which Nature requires. They will reduce our power to produce foodstuffs, munitions of war, and all of those things that are essential for our living.

One great drawback in fighting the battle against tuberculosis is that it is not recognized early enough for us to combat it successfully. The State Health Department of Pennsylvania is examining about ten thousand people a day for this disease and finds many cases that are sent to our Dispensaries too late for us to guarantee a cure. Yet we may, even in some of those cases, arrest the disease and discharge a patient with enough good lung tissue left to enable him to lead a comfortable and useful life.

The recognition of tuberculosis requires a special medical training. Here in Pennsylvania we have tuberculosis cases, finding their way into Federal service through various paths. This is because we are confronted with a great necessity to form an army and navy in a short space of time and those responsible for this onerous work are unable to get special training in diagnosing this wide-spread disease.

We who are unable to go to the front because of being too young or too old, or physically defective, will have to take the responsibility of keeping up the home conditions. We must see that foodstuffs are produced for all, not only at home but for the faithful and brave who have gone to the front to risk their lives for the continued freedom of America.

Those about to be drafted have a duty too. They must make it a rule never to try to deceive the Federal forces engaged in forming the army and navy. When they come before them for medical examination they must be absolutely honest. They must not tell part of the truth but the whole truth. Thus they will assist the examiners in their great, important and necessarily hurried scientific work.

**POLITICAL CALENDAR FOR 1917**

Fall Primary Election, Wednesday, September 19th.  
General Election, Thursday, November 6th.

The first day for securing signatures to petitions to file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth was Monday, July 2.

The last day to file Petitions of Nomination with the Secretary of Commonwealth for the Primary is Friday, August 10th.

The first day to secure signatures on Petitions to be filed with the County Commissioner was Friday, July 13.

The last day for filing Petitions with the County Commissioners is Wednesday, August 22.

The last day to be assessed in boroughs and townships for the November Elections are: Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4 and 5. Assessors sit at polling places on these days.

The last day to pay tax to qualify for the November Election is Saturday, October 6.

The last day when candidates, whose Petitions are filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, may withdraw before the Primary, is Friday, August 17, up to 4 p. m.

**WE ALL GET IT.**

Yes, we all get it, both going and coming.

The farmer gets big prices for his produce and pays stiff ones for his clothing, shoes, and implements.

The manufacturer gets high mark for his wares and coughs up lively for his eats and his other necessities.

The laborer gets good wages and pays it all out to keep soul and body together.

And the editor digs down like hell for everything he gets and gets it in the neck at every dig.

Some getting, that.—Ex.

**NOTICE TO HOG OWNERS.**

All owners of hogs within the Borough of Meyersdale, are hereby notified that they must comply with the Law in regard to pens and other regulations of the Health Board, otherwise they will not be permitted to be kept in the Borough.

W. H. Clingaman,  
Health Officer.

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**Emergency Quakers.**

Just to show that a religion can grow mightily under provocation, several hundred thousand emergency Quakers have sprung up in this country since the draft was announced. Their quaking is mostly in the knees.

**Notice to Water Consumers.**

The time of year is at hand when water usually becomes more or less limited in quantity. Therefore the Sand Spring Water Co., hereby call their patrons attention to the necessity of seeing that all forms of waste is prevented on their premises.

The Supt. will visit every consumer's premises once each month during the remainder of 1917 and is authorized by the company to shut all water off when waste is insisted upon.

Persons using hose without paying for same will be charged for at the usual rate \$3.00 per year. If not paid water will be shut off.  
Sand Spring Water Co. 28-29

**Salisbury's New Shoe Shop**

I wish to announce to the citizens of Salisbury and vicinity that I have opened a new Shoe Shop in the McKinley Building and placed it in charge of Sylvester Koontz, wher all work will receive prompt attention and will be done in a workmanlike manner.

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Consult Ticket Agent.

**WESTERN MARYLAND RY.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

During the remainder of this month we will continue the

**DRY GOODS CLOSING-OUT SALE**

Our Buyers leave for the eastern markets next week to buy ready-to-wear for the Women's Specialty Store, and the dry goods must be cleaned out in order to make room for this enlarged stock.

There are lots of bargains in piece goods yet, and are being offered at prices way below actual cost today.

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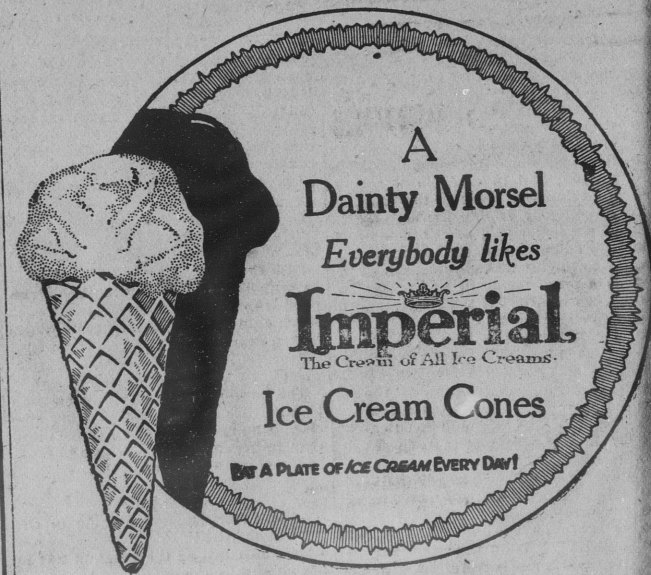
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