

TOO MUCH BEST MAN.

A BACHELOR WHO OFFICIATED AT FORTY WEDDINGS.

Why Lieutenant Prince Has Such a Fine Collection of Scarfpins—Each One of Them Is the Key to a Romance—A Warning to All Young Men.

Lieutenant Oscar Prince is rapidly reaching the age when his friends will stop asking him the question, "Why don't you get married?" and substitute for it, "How did it happen, old man, that you never married?" Lieutenant Prince is as acceptable as the average man, and he has no antimatrimonial views. He is, however, a victim of weddings, and therein lies the explanation of his failure to marry. One of the finest collections of scarfpins in this city may be found in his bachelor apartments, but no wife.

"My collection of scarfpins was begun about ten years ago," he said, "and each one represents a scar more or less serious. They have simply made a pin-prick of my heart. My case, I am sure, is an unusual one, and I am willing to discuss it, that it may serve as a warning to young men. Let me start with the assertion that I believe in the noble institution of marriage, and it was probably my advocacy of it while I was at West Point that suggested to a classmate—Brown—to write me to act as his best man when he got married. Let me see. The date on that pearl pin is 1887, isn't it? Yes, that was Brown's little token. Brown had a fine wedding, and as I had been stationed west at a God-forsaken post since leaving the Point it was my first opportunity to get at short range with eastern girls. There are no girls like them, my boy, and don't make any mistake about that.

"Brown was married in Newport, and we did have a good time. Let me look at that pin again. Yes, Ethel was her name. You see, I have it tagged on the pin. Ethel was a mighty fine girl—tall, good swing and a high stature. We hit it off together in fine shape. Who was Ethel? Why, in this case, she was the maid of honor. We had a delightful week at Newport, and when I went back to my post I had Ethel's permission to write to her. I heard the other day that her oldest hopeful was the star boy in a kindergarten."

Lieutenant Prince puffed his pipe hard for two minutes.

"Ethel was, all things considered, about as nice as any of them. We might have been very happy together, but for Jones' wedding. I think it was Jones. Just hand me that little clover leaf pin, will you? Yes, it was Jones. Here is the date, 1888, and tagged to the pin is Maud's name. You don't understand. No, of course not. You haven't acted as best man or usher in 40 weddings. I thought a lot about Ethel while on the railroad train that took me to Boston, when Jones married, and there I met Maud. There is something very demoralizing about the associations of a wedding party in a camp is at all susceptible. The girls all rejoice with the bride, and they are all in their best frocks. Somehow you begin to speculate about yourself, you know, and wonder how you would appear as the bridegroom with one of the bridesmaids as bride. Maud was different from Ethel, more vivacious, and then she was short and Ethel was tall. On the night of the wedding I asked Maud if I might write to her. Dear Maud! I wonder what has become of her. I sent back all of her letters and her photograph just a short time after Adams got married. That is the pin in the cushion—the one with the small diamond in the center. Adams was married three months after Jones, and I was an usher. Those three months were happy ones, and I shall always remember Maud. I had been sent east just before Adams was married, and he wanted me to be usher because, as he put it, I had been in the game before. Mary was her name at Adams' wedding. That doesn't describe her at all. No name could. She was just as attractive as Ethel and Maud, but different. We discussed very serious matters, did Mary and I, and I knew that she was a girl who would make a sensible, thinking man happy for life.

"It was a discussion of telepathy that made me forget Maud, that is a discussion and a subsequent attempt to experiment. Mary didn't ask for her letters back after Rogers' wedding. I told Sally—she was one of the bridesmaids, and a very jolly southern girl—all about Mary, and she said she didn't mind. I came very near proposing to Sally, but by this time I had become a professional as an usher and best man, and since Sally there have been by actual count 33 other girls, any one of whom might have made me happy. I felt after meeting each one of them that if I could only keep away from weddings my happiness might be assured. I could marry the last girl—that is, of course, if she would have me, and they were all very sympathetic—and feel that I was lucky. I couldn't dodge the weddings, though.

"All my friends are married now, and I have assisted in each case. It goes so that while I was at work I would unconsciously begin to whistle a wedding march. Walking in time to it made me slow on parade. I couldn't keep up with my company. I have, I am glad to say, done my duty by my friends, but it has rained me sentimentally. When I look at that collection of scarfpins, each one labeled with the name of a girl who was the only one in the world for me, I haven't the nerve to propose. I am a victim of circumstances. Now all of my friends are married and I am not likely to march again to that familiar old music. I have the finest collection of scarfpins in this city, but I am still a bachelor. Let my examples be a warning to all young men."—New York Sun.

The English parliament has met on Sunday, 11 since, the first in the reign of Edward III, the last at the death of George II.

That old established cough remedy, Down's Elixir, still more than holds its own in the public estimation, despite sharp and active competition. It is a "home remedy," and in this locality needs no words of praise from us, so well and favorably known is it. It is the standard remedy for coughs, colds and all throat troubles, with great numbers of our people, and their continued use and unsolicited recommendation of it speaks volumes in its favor.—Burlington, Vt., Free Press, January 26, 1898. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Of the Finances of Winslow Township for the year ending March 8, 1898.

Road Fund.
A. M. Norris, Supervisor.
DR.

To amt of duplicates.....	1,583 14
" from collectors.....	1,191 00
" " county treas.....	777 41
" Joseph S. Johnson.....	30 44
" C. & J. Coal Co.....	7 00
" due A. M. Norris to bal.....	12 44
CR.	
By amt work on roads.....	1,029 04
" material and repairs.....	430 14
" legal fees and dupli's.....	50 00
" building and lot.....	418 17
" printing.....	18 53
" to Joseph S. Johnson.....	469 25
" returned to commis'rs.....	45 72
" exonerations.....	35 29
" 181 days services.....	302 00
" paid on debts.....	103 09
DR.	
Joseph S. Johnson, Supervisor.....	\$3,872 33
DR.	
To amt of duplicate.....	1,476 09
" from A. M. Norris.....	469 35
" due J. S. Johnson to bal.....	69 13
CR.	
By amt work on roads.....	1,438 54
" for plank and repairs.....	72 40
" building and lot.....	38 84
" exonerations.....	25 25
" to A. M. Norris.....	30 44
" 204 days services.....	408 00
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W. H. Reber, Collector of Road Tax.....	\$2,014 57
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To bal on Lydie duplicate.....	916 75
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By amt supervisors receipts.....	500 78
" returned.....	115 56
" percentage to Jan 1, 98.....	19 29
" to balance.....	281 12
DR.	
W. J. Honer, Overseer.....	\$916 75
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To amt from collector.....	381 00
" from county treasurer.....	572 37
" from other sources.....	16 45
" from Edward Hughes.....	400 00
" to balance acc't.....	479 51
CR.	
By keeping paupers.....	846 32
" services and expenses.....	109 13
" medical attendance.....	101 50
" bills paid.....	308 62
" funerals.....	33 00
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Edward Hughes, Overseer.....	\$1,849 26
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To amt from Collector.....	1,490 93
" from McCalmont twp.....	15 00
" from W. J. Honer.....	286 13
" on time.....	60 00
CR.	
By keeping paupers.....	740 10
" services and expenses.....	109 13
" bills paid hospital.....	180 50
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