In Confidence



Readers desiring a personal reply can address Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper

TWICE MARRIED AND 65—MARRY AGAIN?

Dear Miss Flo:— I am a widow of sixty-five, with seven grown children. I have already been married twice, and am seriously considering taking unto myself a third mate. Do you think I am too old to marry again ? I know a fine man, who wants to marry me. Would it be wrong for me to marry him without love— when I like and respect him?

When my second husband died, I stored my furniture and have been living around with my children. But I'm tired of it. I want my own home —with my own furniture—to live out the remainder of my days as I want to —not the way they want me to. My children think I am crazy, and insist that I continue as I am now. But whether I marry or not, I'm going to take a few rooms, furnish them with my own things—and live alone.

Do you think I am wise in doing either of these two things? Which would you advise? Frances.

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My gracious, Frances, you must be a reincarnation of Circe, Cleopatra, Nino d'Enclos and Mme. de Maintenon all rolled into one, if you can still charm the men at sixty-five and get a third husband when girls of eighteen can hardly get one.

But I certainly give you credit for your pep, and if you have an eligible suitor such as you describe I see no reason why you should not marry him, providing, of course that the man is older than you.

And don't agonize over the impossible task of reviewing mad love at your age. Thank God that there are so many other pleasant things in the world besides love—and take as a substitute a fine companionship and lasting friendship. There is no reason why you should not feel that for some man—and thereby have the last lap of the journey made pleasant by delightful companionship.

Certainly I should advise marriage in preference to living out the rest of your life alone, although if you do marry—and that is for you alone to decide— and if you are quite sure that you would be happier than living among your children—if you are sure you will not become morbid, or lonely, then by all means rent your rooms and establish your home.

Your children without any doubt are actuated by the most affectionate of motives in desiring that you live around among them, but people of your ae should stay put. They should have their own home and not be called upon to make changes. They cannot easily adjust themselves to new environment. However welcome, you are but a guest in your children's homes, so you must adapt yourself to their ways— and that is not always easy for an old person.

Your desire to live out the remainder of your days in your own way is most natural. Young people cannot possibly realize how much furniture means to an older woman; and what pleasure and comfort she can derive from being among her old things. They are memories that speak to her —often more audibly than the voices of the living people around her.

She can never lack for companionship when she is surrounded with things that she has known for so many years that have become part of her. Memories, tears, old griefs, old joys, hallow and sanctify every object until the shabbiest thing is more precious to its owner than the finest thing in a collector's shop.

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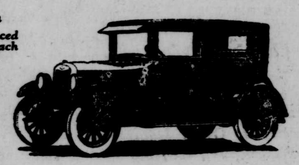
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