WOMEN OF OTHER COUNTRIES

THE BARTERED BRIDES OF SERBIA

Members of the younger generation in Southern Serbia are in revolt against the old custom of buying and selling brides, but their efforts are making little headway against the peasant conservation of their elders. Nor have efforts of the authorities to abolish the practice met with greater success, for such transactions are carried on secretly and no one but the strojnik, or marriage broker, and the families interested need be the wiser.

The supporters of the old order cannot see anything wrong or immoral in the custom; they consider it right and just. Parents hold that in bringing up a daughter they have been put to a great expense, and that when she marries her husband gains a laborer for his household and should therefore compensate them for the loss.

The strojnik approaches the parents of the young people in arranging the transaction. Prices vary greatly. Sometimes a girl fetches as much as 30,000 dinars (about $600) and sometimes as little as 2,000 dinars. If the suitor cannot put up all the money at once, he pays on the instalment plan. If he should fail to meet the payments, he may lose both the maid and his money, being put aside quickly in favor of a wealthier husband.

When considering the value of a bride her health and strength and her knowledge of household affairs and farm work are the most important items, since the suitor is seeking a hard-working assistant rather than a pretty wife. Beauty, however, increases the bride's value. Most of the bartered brides are in their early twenties, as are the husbands.

Sometimes very young girls are betrothed, to be claimed by their bridegrooms when they reach marriageable age. The marriage of the former King Nicholas of Montenegro and Queen Milena was arranged when the two were children.

The custom of marriage by barter often leads to abductions and these in turn to blood feuds and vendettas. A disgruntled lover, rejected by his sweetheart's parents because his own people cannot or will not pay the required price, is sometimes tempted to take the law into his own hands and with a gang of relatives and friends to steal his bride from her parents. to have a daughter thus snatched away is considered a burning disgrace and humiliation which nothing but blood can wipe out.

Murder follows murder, and the desire of two young people to follow their hearts and not be forced apart by their elders brings about a series of tragedies. Sometimes these feuds go on for generations.

(From 'The Saving Journal')

In the room where Queen Victoria always dined hung a portrait of her done by Von Angeli. When it was first hung, she asked the Duchess of Atholl what she thought of it. The Duchess, a downright woman with a robust Scotch accent, replied: 'It is justice without mercy, Madam.'—The Golden Book.

THE LADIES OF CHINA MOVE FORWARD

'Chinese women students have gone through a 'new generation revolt,' just as American students have, but there was no 'flaming youth' movement.

'In our revolt of youth we went to other extreme. We put away our bright dresses and our jewelry and assumed a rather masculine attire in the belief that it helped us to establish ourselves in the business world. Now we are glad to be very feminine and are woman among women.'

Dr. Wu Yi-Fang, President Ginling College, Nanking, China.

COD-LIVER OIL IN CANDY FORM HAS A PLEASING FLAVOR

Cod-liver oil can now be taken in can-

Cod-lvier ol can now be taken in candy form. Fresh cod livers are being mixed with cocoa in such a way that the health-promoting qualities of the livers are retained without any objectionable taste or order. The mixture can be used in chocolate-coated confections, or even in making ice cream and egg shakes. It can be preserved for a year, it is claimed, without loss of food value. A small bar of candy made from it contains the equivalent of a tablespoonful of cod-liver oil.

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FLASHES FROM CHESTERTOWN HIGH

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Well, another favorable success can be marked down for the Boys' and Girls' Athletic Associations play, 'Little Lord Fauntleroy,' which was given last night, Friday, December 13th, at the college. The actors knew their parts to the tee and ful-filled allthe expectations that the audience may have had of them. And incidently, too, the treasury department of both the sporting organizations has been increased by the profits from the age-old presentation. The money will probably be used for greatly needed equipment.

Besides the honors bestowed upon the cast, due recognition should be given to those people who participated during the periods between the acts with their various talents. The singing of Christmas Carols between Acts I and II was particularly harmonious; it being followed by a Clown Dance enacted by Marian Thomas and Mary Jean Strong. The versed tap dancing done by Price Rolph, Jr., was also greatly enjoyed by the theater goers. Another dance entitled 'A Rainy Day Flirtation' by Ellen Bordley and Elizabeth Wheatley, between Acts II and III, deserve to be mentioned, while the speeches of Margaret Quinn, Johnnie Benjamin, and Yetta Gordon were equally as important. The interlude was completed by additional singing of the Glee Club.

The December monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association was held at eight o'clock last Monday at the High School. Very little business was discussed.

I regret to write that very inadequate attention has been given the Season Athletic Tickets which were long ago issued by the Boys' Association. They sell for one dollar and entitle the bearer to admission to all the basketball games played at home here. The tickets were primarily put out to be a saving factor towards the entrance fee of the games and to help pay for the equiptment absolutely necessary to carry on the work of the cagers. This is the first time that any such offer has been given to every one so let's take immediate advantage of it and buy now! Any high school students can secure them for you.

Two weeks ago I mentioned the idea of buying a radio for use in the school here. At that time the acceptance of the students and their willingness to contribute their sum of money was in question. The interrogative idea is now, however, a declarative one, with every one in Chestertown High willing to cooperate. The radio will be ordered and each person has been asked to bring in his fifteen cents. If by any chance too many back out of their bargain, which a few against the majorities' will, may do, the pecuniary values that were paid in by those energetic and progress pushing people will have to be refunded and the entire project dropped. Let's put this silly ultimatum aside, though, think of the advantagous points of the extra installation, and decide that this is an improvement which will register favorable results.

The first meeting of the year for those girls wanting to participate in basketball was held a week ago Friday, December the sixth. Miss Bryan, director of girls' athletics, took charge of the yearly election which resulted in the following: Dora Patrick, the school manager; Miriam Newcomb, the Senior manager; Katherine Strong, the Junior manager; Francis Kreeger, the Sophomore manager; and Elizabeth Wheatley, the Freshmen manager. The turnout was unusually encouraging with more than one hundred girls present, so the varsity team should have fine material with which to work. Because of the great number interested, different practicing days will have to be used with the major team using Thursdays, the Freshmen and Sophomores, Mondays and Wednesdays and the Juniors and Seniors, Tuesday and Fridays. We're rootin' for you girls, so don't disappoint us!

The place where the Reflector's Christmas Bazaar was to be held has been changed to the 'Old People's Bank Building.' With the affair to be inside, an interesting display will be set up. Come one, come all, patronize our bazaar, and help the funds of our school paper, the Reflector.

A meeting of the Safety Patrol was held December 4th, its purpose to reorganize because those already holding positions were found not living up to their duties and rules. All the officers were decided to be replaced with the exception of James McGregor, who will remain as Chief. Consequently, Gerson Bonnett and Ralph Thornton are the new Lieutenants. The remaining squads are chosen by the respective officers which are divided into morning and afternoon shfts. Mr. Blades and Mr. Stenger spoke a few words of advice and the latter suggested that the former officials return their belts and badges. The meeting was then concluded.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony gave a turkey dinner on Sunday in honor of Miss Betty Scotten's birthday. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Hary Scotten and daughters, Misses Bernice, Betty and Sara, Mrs. Etta Davis, of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lynch, of Newark, Del.

Mrs. Harry Jewell, of Lynch, spent Monday with Mrs. Olivia Fowler.

The Christian Endeavor Social was held at the M. P. Parsonage on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John Atwell, Mrs. George Ringgold and Mr. and Mrs. Ray King spent Wednesday in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Henry Caldwell, of Felton, Del., is spending a few days with Mrs. James Weer and family.

Mrs. Dempsey's Class had charge of the programme in Sunday School on Sunday, it was very interesting.

Mr. Lloyd Kennedy is on the sick list.

The Men's Bible Class had charge of the service in the evening at the M. P. Church last Sunday. Their speaker being Mr. Leon Harbutton, of Dover, his subject, 'The Kind Of Man, God Can Use.' The orchestra from Wesley Chaple furnished music and was very much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn and son and wife, of Rock Hall, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll spent Sunday with Mrs. Olivia Fowler.

Mrs. Vernon Fowler and children returned home from Philadelphia on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Tucker, Mr. Robert Hill, Mrs. Harry Johnston and baby and Mrs. James Weer and children spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Johnston, near Middletown.

Miss Marie Miller spent the week end with Miss Virginia Primrose.

Mrs. Vernon Fowler and family returned home after a pleasant visit with relatives in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve A. Tucker returned home to Washington, after spending some time with Mrs. James Weer.

Master Joe Weer spent the week end with his aunt, Miss Sue Johnston in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Crew are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby boy in Chestertown Hospital.

Mrs. Harry Scotten, Miss Betty Scotten, Mrs. William Anthony and son, Billy spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Louis Parsons returned to her home on Wednesday her mother, Mrs. Mary Miller is very much improved.

The Sunday School held an oyster supper in Urie's rooms Saturday evening.

Louise Groves spent the week end with Virginia Atwell.

Mr. James Kirby spent a few days in Baltimore during the week.

Mr. William Hill and friends, of West Chester, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Huslock.

Mrs. Walter Hill and daughter returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. George Raisin has returned home from a visit with relatives at Millington, Md.

Rev. Mr. Burk, of Princeton, preached at Grace Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening.

Service at Grace Presbyterian as usual on Sunday evening at 7.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood, of Still Pond, visited their aunts, the Misses Scottens.

Miss May Pennington who has been spending some time with Miss Marian Pennigton, has returned home.

Mr. William Archibald visited his mother here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redmile spent last Thursday in Wilmington, Del.



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