

The Marriage Problem

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Divorce Will Decrease as Marriage Becomes Freed of Commercialism

THE last decade has seen such prodigious changes in our social structure that many persons are beginning to believe that marriage as we now know it is an outworn institution, soon to be tossed on the universal scrap heap, along with such anachronisms as hoopskirts, handwringing modesty and Spencerian morality. Certainly the rising tide of divorce would seem to support this belief.

But before we turn our thumbs down on the ancient rite, let us inquire somewhat into its purpose. Why do people marry? Not to gratify desire; there are simpler and less expensive methods of accomplishing this result. Not even to produce children; in spite of a theory to the contrary, most children are apt to be deplorable until their actual presence causes them to be loved.

What, then, is marriage's real reason for existence—the maintenance of the wife, or the care and education of the children?

We might as well admit the truth. The latter should be the purpose of marriage—the former too often is its real raison d'être.

Marriage in the past has been a game of match-making, in which the mother, with her native shrewdness, and the daughter, with her little bag of parlor tricks, have angled openly for the man who, coupling with the maximum of material luxuries, is becoming clearer every day that the marriages of the future will not be made on any such basis.

There are many women, unfortunately not deep thinkers, who argue that nurseries and schools maintained by the state can successfully supplant the mother. They may be right in the case of such mothers as they themselves would make.

But those who would do away with the home as a place in which to bring up children forget completely the intangible factors which play such a tremendous part in existence. Most intelligent men and women today agree that the whole future of civilization depends on the training given our coming children in the home. For thousands of years the family has been the unit of our social structure, and in the writer's opinion it will continue to remain so.

But marriage must be freed of commercialism. It cannot, in the future, be a matter of revenue only. Women in increasing numbers are entering the paid occupations—becoming self-supporting. Such women, not brought up to regard marriage as their only means of livelihood, will not marry the first man who comes along, ready to provide them with a "nice little home." They will select their life-mates more intelligently, more critically. And because they do, the writer believes that divorce, while easier of accomplishment, will become far less frequent. The reason for this is not far to seek.

When marriages are more intelligently entered into, when the basis is no longer a purely commercial one, fewer of them will turn out to be failures. The professional alimony collectors who now clog our divorce mills will go out of business. Men and women seeking mental and physical companionship, will pick their mates with less regard for financial qualifications, more for those which make good fathers and mothers, good husbands and wives.

Women of today, thank God, are human beings, possessing brains as well as ankles. The silly mystery of sex, used for so long as an enticing veil, has been torn away. The would-be husband no longer pretends on bended knee that his innamorata is an angel out of heaven, immeasurably too good for him—to be turned in a year into a household drudge. Nor does the blushing bride pretend that she has never been kissed, and faint away if somebody mentions the possibility of children.

Instead, thoroughly sophisticated men and women, in the days to come, recognizing each other's weaknesses, will mate with very little thought of money matters, and very much of others that really count. Women will offer more than a technical virtue—men more than a ready check book. Children will be anticipated, expected, provided for. Both parents will share in the task of their proper upbringing. That is what marriage should be, will be, in the future.

Canada Uses Snowplanes
Snowplanes as comfortable and almost as speedy as automobiles are now being used in northern Canada. The vehicles are being made with closed bodies seating from three to six passengers and the cars, streamline in design, have glass windshields, mechanical brakes, lights, heaters and other conveniences. The bodies are of welded steel tubing covered with aluminum runners have carbon steel shoes and the push-type propeller is operated by an automobile engine.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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VISITORS TO AND FROM GALENA

MULLEN—WEST

A very pretty Nuptial Mass was solemnized in the new St. Dennis Catholic Church in Galena on Tuesday May 12, when Miss Agnes P. Mullen, daughter of Mr. John Mullen, of Galena, was married to Mr. Clement F. West, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel West, of Chester, Pa.

The bride wore a gown and train of white lace with white hat and accessories, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

The Maid of Honor, and only attendant, Miss Margaret G. Mullen, wore blue organza with pink hat and shoes, carrying pink roses and sweet peas. Mr. Mike Derickson, of Chester, was best man, the ushers being Alfred A. Walsh, and Harry L. Walsh, of Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. W. Holt Woodall played the wedding march. Several solo's were sung by Mrs. Ann Riley, of Chester, Pa.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the immediate families and close friends at the home of her father near Galena. Mr. and Mrs. West left for a motor trip through the north.

Miss Carrie Dempsey, of Murphy School, Dover, Del., spent last Tuesday with relatives in town.

Mr. Robert Pennington, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Eugene Hungerford, of Sharptown, Md., spent a few days with their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wamsley in Georgetown, Md.

Mr. Walter Davis with a party of friends, from Clayton, Del., motored to Lakehurst, N. J., on Sunday to see the Zep.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll and family, of Dover, Del., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hayden, of Wilmington, Del., Mr. and Mrs. William Statts were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton.

Mrs. Wilson Cochran had the misfortune to sprain her ankle one day last week, and is confined to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cochran and family visited their mother, Mrs. Wilson Cochran over the week end.

Miss Martha Whitaker, of Chestertown, Md., spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hicks.

Mrs. Laura Matlack left last Wednesday after spending the winter months with her brother, Mr. William Petticoat she returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Wilson in Middletown, Del.

Miss Helen Wilford spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Burgess Schriber.

Mrs. Julian Cochran and Mrs. W. Holt Woodall, Jr., gave Miss Eva McCauley a variety shower, last Saturday evening at the home of the former.

Mrs. Lawrence Reed, of Wilmington, Del., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston the latter returned with their daughter for a weeks visit.

Little Kay Heighe Ahern is a patient in a Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. James Davis and Mr. Elmer Boyles, of Claymont, Del., visited their parents here over the past week end.

Miss Ethelle Prettyman, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Ida Prettyman.

Mrs. William Payne, of Washington, D. C., visited her sister, Mrs. Carl Dill several days last week.

Miss Margaret McCauley, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the past week end with her father, Mr. Alvin McCauley.

Mrs. Lula Gale, Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Caldwell, of Chesapeake City, Md., spent last Sunday with the formers son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale in Millington, Md.

Mr. Edward Kreuser, Mr. William P. McCarthy, Miss Eva McCauley, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the week end with the latter's mother and sister, Mrs. Eva McCauley and Miss Mary McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Burns, Miss Marie Burns and friend, of Baltimore, spent last Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Holton Parr and daughter, Catherine, and Miss Millie Mitchell, of Baltimore, Md., spent last Sunday with the formers aunt, Mrs. Harry Todd the latter returned with them for several weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and son, Harry, of Salisbury, Md., spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Scotten.

Miss Margaret Burns, of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days last week with Mrs. William Weller.

Those on the sick list are: Mrs. Walter Hadley, Mrs. Eva McCauley and little Nancy Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stevens spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jarman.

Mrs. Richard Redding, Miss Nellie Dempsey, Mrs. Linda Walls attended the funeral of Mr. Harry Clark in Betterton, Md., last Wednesday. Mr. Clark formerly lived near Galena on a farm and was well known in and around this community.

The Always Faithful Sunday School Class held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Irving Spry last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Schriber and daughter, Anne spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Miss Betty Jones, of Cecilton, Md., visited her cousin, Amy Lee Deshane over the week end.

Mr. William Johnson, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Billy Dodd son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Boyd in quite sick in Elkton hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. Elwood Fowler spent the past week end with his cousin, Mr. Ernest Fowler in Wilmington, Del.

WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Williams were given a shower at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams Friday evening many beautiful gifts were received those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. James Coeman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cruickshank, Mrs. Blanche Loller, Mrs. R. A. Loud, Mrs. Barney Cooper, Mrs. Chas. Joiner, Mrs. Julia Matthews, Miss Julia Cruickshank and Harold Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Matthews and son, Sheridan, of Clarendon, Va., are the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews, Sheridan was given a birthday party Saturday afternoon about twelve little guests were present, namely, John Hadaway, Tommy Williams, George Gilbert Money, Jimmie Coleman, Betty Ivens, Kathryn Mulligan, Ann and Louise Clark, Francis Lee Markley, Julian Lee Crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steel were the guests of his mother, of Newark, Del., last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Rouse and daughter, Ann, of Aberdeen, visited her mother, Mrs. Henrietta Rasin over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Romie Morris and family have returned home after spending the winter in Miami, Florida. Mr. Morris' health is some what improved.

George Gilbert Money, of Kennedyville, spent several days last week with his aunt, Mrs. Henry Rasin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, of Wilmington, spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Charles Joiner and family.

Members of the Sunday School will present a Children's Day Pageant 'God speaks in everything.' Sunday evening, May 31st. Everybody welcome.

Mr. George Wheat, Miss Naomi Myers, Mrs. M. W. Hadaway and daughter, Betty spent Saturday in Wilmington.

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