The Marriage Problem

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Economic Independence of Women Will End the Parasite Wife

MANY hundreds of heavy volumes have been written upon the Materialistic Interpretation of History. In a very few words I am going to attempt a far more important subject—the Materialistic Interpretation of Marriage.

It is especially marriage of a hundred years from now of which I write.

The entire character of our present-day life and civilization has been dominated and shaped by material discoveries and inventions.

The chief and compelling factor in bringing about the change in woman's place in her own home and out in the world is the materialistic revolution in which we are all inextricably involved.

The materialistic revolution, with its discoveries and inventions, has in two important ways already enormously altered the status of woman. In the first place, it has absorbed millions of women into positions that pay downward from a living wage upward to a splendid competency. In the second place, the revolution has altered every phase of woman's married life that touches the domestic economy of her household; to mention a few items, canned and preserved foods, kitchen household appliances, and the inevitable delicatessen store.

Out of this combination of moderately paid husband and of the well-paid and invention-supplied wife we have already evolved the so-called 50-50 marriage of today—those marriages in which the wife continues with her work and claims complete economic and personal equality.

Now I do not seek to underrate our splendid idealists of the past or undervalue the force of a great ideal that has been shaped into a conscious purpose.

I make no pretense of prophesying what these miraculous new inventions of 2035 are going to be. But I believe I can see the broad tendency of these inventions, these discoveries, this widening of materialism into a greater humanism, these amazingly further developments on the side of the femine sex, which will combine to affect the new marriage.

Briefly stated, these most important consequences of the materialistic revolution (invention, material discovery, industrial development, etc.), as I see them, and in so far as they affect the entirely new marriage relation of the future, are as follows:

First. The disappearance of the material home as we at present know it, viz, a certain number of rooms requiring daily personal care. Whatever the future substitute for the home may be, all this labor will be either eliminated or be performed by invention.

Second. The practical, if not complete, elimination of all household labor in the preparation and service of food.

Third. Woman accepted by the traditions of a century proceeding as a co-worker with, and rival of, man out in the affairs of the world.

Fourth. Equal opportunities with men in all occupations at which women are physically equipped to compete on equal terms. Equal pay for equal work.

Stated in a most general way, the foregoing is the basis of concrete fact upon which marriage of a hundred years hence will be founded. Upon this basis a long book could be written describing conditions of 2035. The book's outstanding points about the new marriage of that period are, of course, the points at which this present little article is directed.

In substance, the outstanding points of this book would be as follows:

First. That the thoroughly independent woman of this new era will not marry a man unless she feels for him something she believes to be love.

Second. That each sex will continuously be raising the standards required in the other for mating, which, of course, means raising the standards of and for the entire human race.

Third. That marriage will last only so long as love lasts—or while there exists some strong common interest, such as children.

Fourth. That divorce will be simple and easy—perhaps will result automatically when a couple separate.

Fifth. Alimony will be abolished, save where real disability or liability has been incurred through marriage.

Sixth. A great decrease in the number of that class of women who now seek marriage as a means to parasitic contentment. The parasite wife will be no longer favored.

In this summary of the marriage of the future I have omitted any discussion of the place of children in this new scheme—have purposely done so for the reason that children, in any such symposium, deserve a separate discussion.

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AN OVERSIGHT

Student (whispering to another in class): 'Oh, shut up! You're the biggest fool I ever saw.'

Professor (hearing the confusion): 'Young men, don't forget I'm still in the room.'

NEWS ITEMS IN AND AROUND GALENA

Mrs. James Mulford attended a postmaster meeting in Easton, Md., last Tuesday.

Misses Bernice Horsey, Kitty Hyland, student nurses returned to their duties last week. After spending a month with their parents here.

Mr. Earle Haley and family moved from the Ruth house on Main St., to the Burnie home near town.

Mrs. L. E. Bakeoven and grandson, Nelson, of Elkton, Md., visited her daughter, near town over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford, daughters, Helen and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholon and son, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mulford spent last Sunday with the formers daughter, Mrs. Burgess Schrieber in Chestertown, Md.

Mr. Laura Burris, of Smyrna, Del., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Jones, Jr.

Miss Marian Pennington is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Horace Gambrill, of Baltimore, who has cottage for two weeks at Crystal Beach Manor.

Mrs. Kate Hyland returned home last Friday after spending two months with relatives and friends in and around Dover, Del.

Mrs. M. A. Burris, of Paltimoe, Md., is visiting her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mr. James Mulford.

Mrs. James A. Quinn spent last Thursday with friends in Ocean City, Md.

Miss Smith, of near Georgetown, Del., spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Leo Parker.

Miss Ethelie Prettyman, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Ida Prettyman, Miss Pretyman had returned from a motor trip through Canada during her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll and children, of Dover, Del., spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mrs. Charles Ruth, of Washington, D. C., returned home last Friday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parr and daughter, Catherine, of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days last week with their aunt, Mrs. Harry Todd.

Mrs. John Coxe and grand-daughter, Grace and Theresa Coxe, of Smyrna, Del., spent a few days last week with her son, Mr. Heston Coxe.

Mrs. Kilbourne and daughter, of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days last week with friends here.

Miss Ella Mae Hicks returned home last Sunday after spending a week with relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Martha Whitaker left on Thursday for a cruise to Boston, Mass., she will return to her duties at Washington College next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hayden, of Wilmington, Del., were Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. Harry Bolton.

Mrs. Annie Moore is spending this wek with her grandson, Mr. Walter Hadley in Claymont, Del.

Mr. Warren Gilespie returned home on Tuesday after spending 5 weeks at College Park, Md., attending University of Maryland.

Miss Mary Scott, of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. G. W. Zeiders spent the past week end wit relatives.

visiting the Misses Brooks at Quaker Neck Wharf.

Claude Mullen, Jr., the son of Mrs. Walter Starr, was badly bitten on the ear by a dog belonging to a neighbor. The wound was dressed by a doctor.

Mrs. Merle Roemer, of Wilmngton, Del., has returned after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Hulett.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hadaway are entertaining the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Wrightson.

The Bond M. E. Church fish fry held on Wednesday was a success in every way.

Work has begun on the running of the Electric power line from Mr. B. E. Wallace's gate to Cliffs.

Mrs. Elvira Titter, of Aberdeen, Md., has been visiting her parents, at Cliffs a few days.

IN THE PICTURE



"Strange, Ann should invite that horrid grass widow to her wedding; she has such a disagreeable past."

"Yes, my dear, but she's rich enough to furnish a very agreeable present."

Couldn't Fool Him

Dentist—Now, open wide! I'm not going to hurt you.

New Patient—Cut out the professional guff, old man. I'm a dentist myself.—Stray Stories Magazine.

QUAKER NECK ITEMS IN BRIEF

Miss Nora Mast, of near Towson, Md., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Edward Greenwood and on Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. Edward Greenwood entertained at a large dinner about 25 present.

Mr. Wilson DeFord, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Deford recently.

Miss Virginia Reed a nurse of Johns Hopkins Hospital, returned to her duties on Tuesday after a short stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard I. Reed, Pomona.

Mr .and Mrs. Royston Walbert, of Washington, D. C., were guests of their parents here last week end.

Miss Dorothy Davis, of Winterthru, Del., returned home on Sunday after spending sometime wih her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Maslin, Mrs. Maslin has also as her guests now Miss Irene Dayton, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. C. H. B. Long's mother was brought home from Easton Hospital on Monday where she has been suffering from a broken hip. She has a nurse with her and will have to remain in bed for some weeks. We hope she will soon recover.

The Quaker Neck Neighborhood Club held its regular picnic at Quaker Neck Wharf on Tuesday afternoon and had the pleasure of having Mrs. Evelyn Toby, of New York, with us she is

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