



Uniform Marriage Law to Control the Divorce Evil.

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A UNIFORM marriage law is more important than a uniform divorce law. The sane regulation of marriage will in a large measure control the divorce evil. THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE NATION DEPENDS UPON THE PRESERVATION OF THE HOLY INSTITUTION OF MATRIMONY AND THE IDEAL HOME LIFE. THE REGULATION OF MARRIAGE IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION OF THE CORPORATIONS.

In many respects our laws upon marriage are more crude than those of any other great nation of the world.

With a record of some 50,000 divorces a year we lead any other nation in proportion of divorces to population. The law should so safeguard the sacred institution of matrimony that we would be spared the disgrace and scandal of the SILLY SECRET MARRIAGES that are of almost daily occurrence in this country.

While the state may and indeed should step in and regulate marriage in many wholesome ways, yet happiness or unhappiness, honor or dishonor, depends chiefly on each individual. The great lesson to be learned by each of us is to perform our duty and our obligations and to do both of these things well in the sight of God.

THE SHIRKING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTHOOD IS THE CAUSE OF MUCH UNHAPPINESS, NOT TO SPEAK OF ILL HEALTH. IN DOING THIS THE PEOPLE "KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO." NATURE'S LAWS CANNOT BE TAMPERED WITH IN ANY ARTIFICIAL MANNER WITH IMPUNITY BY EITHER THE MAN OR THE WOMAN. MORE RIGID LAWS REGARDING THIS SHOULD BE PASSED. IF THE PEOPLE COULD BE INSTRUCTED IN THIS ALL IMPORTANT MATTER, THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NERVOUS PROSTRATIONS, SOFTENING OF THE BRAIN, INSANITY AND EVEN CONSUMPTION WOULD BE VERY MARKED.

HEALTHY COUPLES SHOULD HAVE LARGE FAMILIES. The "one child" family is better than none at all, but a single child is unfortunate for the child itself as well as for the parents. Usually the one child grows up to be selfish, vain and with exaggerated if not perverted ideas of life. Where there are one or more brothers or sisters to sympathize with, to make sacrifices for and to love it makes better rounded and sweeter characters.

APPETITE OUR BEST GUIDE.

It Will Not Lead Us Astray in the Matter of Overeating.

It is the systematic practice of civilized people to thwart, pervert, defy and then abuse their appetites—with lamentable consequences. Let me briefly describe what this admirable guide of ours will do for us if it be given a chance.

The appetite of the properly brought up child is simply invaluable. A child needs a great deal of sugar, and if its appetite for this substance be regarded as reasonable and not a symptom of original sin the child will take just so much sugar as it needs, neither more nor less, and will not gorge itself with sweets when it gets a chance.

I am not talking at random, for I observe daily in a small child of my own, and it is the experience of all parents endowed with sufficient sense. The food which the child dislikes, such as fat, is the food which the child's stomach has the most difficulty in digesting.

In adult life, if the appetite be not cheated by the cook, it is our constant mentor and guide and friend. When we are taking much exercise it is abundant. When we take little exercise it diminishes, as it should.

As old age comes on much less food is required and appetite correspondingly diminishes. In short, at every period of life and in all circumstances a properly respected appetite will guide us in the fashion for which appetite was designed.

But we are much too clever to be run by our instincts, are we not? We deprive the child of the sugar which it craves and then find it a little nuisance and a pig because it makes itself ill with sweets. It is we who should be scolded and should squirm.

When our own appetites fail we never dream of asking ourselves whether this is a morbid failure due to illness or is a normal diminution telling us that we do not need food at present or that we are not in a fit state at the moment to digest it.

When warm weather comes most of us use every device of cookery in order to produce an artificial appetite, which we will then satisfy. Thereafter we will complain of the heat. But since we have just piled unnecessary fuel on the furnace, can we wonder that we find hot weather oppressive?

Then, as the years go on and we obtain more leisure and free cash, perhaps we are able to devote ourselves more and more to the pleasures of the table, seeking ever new devices to promote that hunger which is the best sauce—the sauce which all other sauces are designed to produce. All doctors know the results.

If we turn to the lower animals and observe how wisely and well their unvitiated appetites guide them we begin to see the point of the saying that "ignorance is bliss."—C. W. Saleeby, M. D., F. R. S. Edin., in London Mirror.

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Excited by the woman's exclamation, everybody in her immediate neighborhood put forth various conjectures as to the mysterious disappearance of the flag.

"They took it down ten minutes ago," volunteered a man finally. "Didn't any of you folks see them haul it in?"

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