

QUEER SPECIMENS RUSH TO REGISTER 'Wrist-Bracelet Man' and 'Old Beau Flirt' Companions to 'Mrs. Know-Her-Mind.'

PLAID WAIST IS PATIENT Husbands Tell Wives Their Politics, Women Dodge Their Ages and Giggly Girls Look Wise in Cafeteria-Like Line.

BY LEONE CARB BAKER. That poet who sang of "woman's infinite variety" must at some time have held down a job as clerk in the registration office at the County Courthouse. For women's infinite variety and man's woeful lack of anything that even smacks of variety is nowhere so abundantly emphasized as at that long, never-ending table where the population of Portland files up to register as a long, patient, slow-plodding line, each awaiting turns. It's a long registration line that has no turning, but this one looked to me as if, like somebody's brook, it just went on forever. It had all the esthetic atmosphere of a line in waiting at the stamp window at Christmas, with that none of the attendant holiday spirit.

you're what I am, you're a ——" and then he names the party they affiliate with as a combine.

Men Fear Wife is Cheated. That is the way it is done. And how does watch while the clerk writes down the wife's age, name, color, weight, shoe size, bust, measure and favorite actress and breakfast food. He is so afraid the city is going to cheat his wife, and he is there to show them he can't be done.

They stand with their mental backs to the door of the closet where lies the family skeleton. If only married men and women stuck to their ways as they stuck to each other in that long registration line, I know one court that would have considerable less use for an alimony bureau. That is one spot where man, mere man, has his innings, all his just deserts. The great little Mrs. who shares his name and politics may scoff at his religion or lack of it; she may insult his intelligence, his relatives and his friends; she may absorb his time and his income and pry into his secrets and his pockets, but there is one place where he reigns a king. That is in the line at the registration desk.

When an occasional woman discovered she knew as much as her life critic who patronized her, struck her dumb, but not with admiration. As for the men, they wrote their cards as cautiously as though they were writing for fame, or publication and posterity. It was certainly a great old place for any unmarried girl to grab a peering knowledge of men, without having to go through the matrimonial inquisition to get it.

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One woman glibly related that she was 28 and had lived in Oregon 27 years. One dear old German man, when asked about his party, beamed and brokenly replied that he quite a party, six children. My onion girl said she wouldn't call that a party, she'd call it a visitation.

Two out of ten people raised their left hands instead of the right when taking the oath and then giggled nervously and variably asked: "Do you have many make that mistake?" Watch-Bracelet Man There. Watch-bracket man got peeved and dreadfully and went away in a huff because he couldn't tell the cross streets he lived between.

"Plaid" and "Onions" Impervious. But the chat of those who registered did not interrupt the work going behind the counter any more than the plinking of steam pipes. The observation of some of the would-be George Adams were like unto cheap perfume, offered in quantity, not quality. When one beetle-browed man with a high collar—why, oh, why, is this combination inevitable—wagged a fat forefinger, clad in a green stone ring, in what he fondly believed was a respectful manner at my plaid-waist-girl and inquired if she couldn't tell he was not over 40, I waited in fear and trembling to hear what she'd say.

Trillions of Cards in Stacks. Oh, those cards! Millions and trillions of them, they lay in nice little heaps before the clerks. As fast as they got to the great low someone stacked up a lot more. Everybody was handed one of them and told to write his or her own name at the bottom line. The cards were lit with lights filled out the entire card with enthusiasm and a lead pencil, only to have my onion-girl or my plaid-girl curb their ambitious by leaving the card in twain and remarking cheerfully: "Now we will fill this out again, please, with pen and ink, please." The only sign of personal individuality nine out of 10 married women displayed at the counter was the color of their eyes and a few sundry moles or freckles beyond that they radiated reflected and spelled the consciousness of their wedding rings.

Shall I put down the Mrs.? became the bromide question of those who were allowed by law to ask it. It was a sort of triumphant, chirpy question. Bachelor Girls Revenged. The unripped sisters had their silent revenge when they looked at the usual husband, who accompanied the usual wife, and realized how the usual wife must have loathed working for a living to have wedded.

Man is not, by any stretch of imagination, the noblest work of God at the registration booth. Also, you might as well appear to the high honor of a cat looking on the cream when it foams in the cream jug as to appeal to the sense of humor of a woman when she is giving her age at the registration booth. That is one place where figures do lie. The tenderest spot in women's make-up is how many snows and Wintners they have winded. But it is easier to hide your most brilliant light under the proverbial bushel than to keep your age dark by asking to "please be put down as over 21."

Age Fear Baffles Psychologists. Why it is so, psychologists and paragraph writers have never really stumbled in on answer, but woman's sense of honor suffers an awful blow the minute someone mentions her age. And right along in the same line, it is the registration book and the kodak evil that teaches us women that truth is truly stranger and more wild than any fiction. As an ally, one woman is as helpful to another in making out a registration blank as is kerosene to a fire-fighter.

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