

WHY DON'T THEY MARRY?

I don't intend to do it, Mr. Editor. The Chronicle may editorialize, statisticians may theorize, poets may idealize, and women may use their eyes, but they may all count me out. Why should I marry? Home comforts, do you say? I am 30 years of age. I have good health, some good looks, (enough for me,) and a good income, (enough for me.) I have a comfortable room, and some pleasant friends; and when I can't make myself comfortable at home, I can go outside and look for comfort. I can go where I like to eat, and I can take what I like to drink; and there is no one to say, "why is this thimble" to me; and I can stay out all night if I so elect, without having the papers in a divorce suit served to me next day by my lunch. I can wear my old shoes if I like, or I can buy six pairs of new ones if I choose; and who shall say "oh, why?" to me? I can cover my features with the beard of manliness, or go shorn like a Norman priest; and I can, without fear of hysterics, or a vision of a mother-in-law, snub any one who shall make remarks upon my capillary eccentricities. I can have all my chamber windows open top and bottom, and sleep cross-wise upon my couch, or I can read till 4 o'clock in the morning, and smoke until a fire alarm from box No. 67 is turned in; nor shall anybody ask me "How long is it going to last?" I can turn around in my walks abroad and gaze reflectively upon a passing "Oxford tie," and my ribs shall not suffer from the nudge of admonition, nor shall I be put to shame before my kindred. I may take my seat in the front row of the orchestra chairs. Yes! I can ensconce myself in the stage box, and behold therefrom the drama spectacular, and no Saratogas shall be hastily packed in and removed from my residence next day; nor shall a hack with a bonnet bag inside of it drive hurriedly away from my front door-step, and earnestly say thus much, O, married man with your "home comforts." Posterity, did you remark, my Bohemian journalist? I expect posterity to do nothing for me, and I don't intend to do anything for posterity. Let posterity look out for itself. I am not responsible for vital statistics, and my dreams would be severe, no matter how much awry the averages might be. My sons will embezzle no public funds; nor will they be sent to Congress; no daughter of mine shall "contract a matrimonial alliance" with a foreign Count; nor shall any of mine make me regret the day she saw the light. Let others provide for posterity, and rear their handsome and sea fruit to turn to ashes in their aged and toothless mouths. Calmly shall I descend the steepening hill of age, foregoing willingly the "faint smile" in my security from paternal loss. Let others increase their risks, and multiply their dangers—my own are enough for me, few as they are. I see hours—and dry goods; angels—and hear the clink of the coin; the gleam of the household hearth—and the skeleton's closet stands ajar. It is enough. I am a bachelor. I shall remain one. Go thou and do likewise. Never mind what rough things the papers say of thee; when the day shall come upon which thou shalt deem it necessary to strike a final balance, my reward shall be thine, our approval and the in-spoken words, "Your head was level," which will be better than a room full of family, and a lapsed Life Insurance policy. What do you think about it?—Bohemian.

Some New Definitions.

A writer in the *Schoolboy Magazine* has gathered together the following dictionary words as defined by certain small people here and there:—
Back-biter—A flea.
Burr—A thing to brush the warm off with.
Fins—A fish's wings.
Ice—Water that stayed out in the cold and went to sleep.
Mist egg—The egg the old hen chooses by to make new ones.
Pig—A hog's little boy.
Snoring—Letting off sleep.
Snow—Rain all popped out white.
Stars—The moon's eggs.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has filed his final account as Executor of the last will and testament of H. B. Bones, Dec'd in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, and that THURSDAY after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1875, at 10 o'clock a. m. has been set for the final hearing of said matter.

S. A. HOLCOMB.

Notice of Administrator.

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THOMAS W. SAIN.

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Cheese, 3 b, 20 @ 25
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