N. L. BUTLER.

A large number of weddings in fashionable society have taken place of late, and many more are to occur before the year closes. Throughout the city, and the country, indeed, marriages are frequent. The closing quarter of the year is always a favorite time for entering into wedlock, but this year the marriage rate is apparently higher

Statistics in regard to that matter, however, are very untrustworthy in nearly all the States, Massachusetts being a very marked exception. All its vital statistics are kept with great care, and they may be accepted as substantially accurate. From them we find that the proportion of marriages to the population was high last year as compared with the years before the revival of business prosperity; and there is every reason to believe that the movement has continued during

We may, therefore, assume that the marriage rate of the whole country has increased within the last two years, for every part of it has shared in the renewed prosperity. The drouth and the floods and the forest fires, it is true, have done the farm-ers serious injury, and because of it marriages between their sons and daughters may have been put off in many cases. Trade, manufacture and commerce, however, are generally active and suc-cessful. The people are making money, the de-posits in the savings banks have greatly increased, and wages are no longer low.

Engagements of long standing have at last happily ended in weddings, and many which were only made during the matrimonial campaign of last Summer have already been ratified at the

Yet the expenses of house-keeping are greater now than they have been for several years. The cost of nearly all articles of food is more, in some cases much more, than at any time within five years." The rents of whole dwellings and of apartments have been put up, and boarding-house keep-ers are charging higher prices than they have asked of recent years, both for the reason that their expenses are greater and because there is an unusual demand for their accommodations if they are at all desirable. It is not easy to now find in New York an attractive dwelling place; in a convenient and healthy situation; and when it is found, the rent asked for it is likely to be beyond the means of any except those who have handsome incomes.

Under such circumstances, how shall we advise

the correspondent who thus writes: Sir:—I am a young man claiming good birth and breeding, and have always been—as has the young lady whom I love—used to comfortable (if not luxurious) surroundings and association with people of refinement. I am not in receipt of a large salary, only \$7000, and feel that there is not a good prospect of an increase soon. Would I do right to marry, and thus bring the young lady, who, like myself, is without means of her own, to a much plainer life than that to which she is accustomed? Could we live comfortably on the sum above mentioned? Inquirer.

That is an old question. It is one which many thousands of people desirous of marrying have had to decide. An income of a thousand dollars a year is a comparatively good one. It is probably more than that enjoyed by the great majority of the men who are now leading brides to the altar. If people generally thought that they could not afford to marry without an income greater than that, or even equal to that, our marriage rate, instead of being high, would be lamentably and even perilously low. But what is comfort and even luxury to some men, and what is a modest sufficiency to others, would to still others seem unendurable poverty. To which of these classes do our corre-

spondent and his sweetheart belong?

If they are willing to live simply and economically, denying themselves all expensive luxuries, they will be able to get along on a thousand dollars a year. If love goes with them to their home and remains there, matrimonial bliss will be theirs, too, no matter if they are forced to give up some things to which they are now accustomed.-New York Sun.

# WOMAN'S ANSWERS.

An unknown writer gives the following on the intuitive methods of women:

In a talk which followed our definitions, I called the attention of our friends to a marked peculiarity in woman's way of answering questions; a peculiarity which even Mr. Howells—the finest, keenest and gentlest modern observer of feminine traits—has never noted, so far as I am aware. It is the constant habit of women, when asked a question, to make no direct response, but to reply by another question suggested by what they believe their interlocutor's intent or wish. I noted this five times yesterday in talking to your aunt, who, saving your presence, Clara, is the most intelligent woman I ever knew; and you shall have all five. In the morning I said, "Orsula, do you think it looks like rain?" To which she replied, "Why, do you think of inviting me to take a drive?" Soon after I asked her if she "thought Miss Windermere was as old as 20," and she responded by inquiring if I "thought the girl too young to be engaged." A little later I wanted to know if she had any brandy in the house, and she asked me where I felt sick. Toward evening, as I was dressing for dinner, I interrogated her as to the number of handkerchiefs I owned in the world, and she replied, "Why, Paul, can't you find a clean one in your upper drawer?" Finally I asked her if she had been really confident of the President's recovery, and with a tone of honest anxiety she answered, "Oh, is the last news bad?" This trait sometimes occasions, I remarked, great inconvenience to the more simple masculine mind. But on the whole it is charmingly feminine, showing as it does the quick sympathy of the sex, and their consequent desire to avoid unnecessary processes and get directly at the arriere pensee. They generally guess right, too. Your aunt did, three times out of the aforesaid five. It is when a man is in a hurry and really wants the information he asks for that he finds the habit a little exasperating.

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#### SELECTED VERSE.

A GRAY DAY.

Forth from a sky of windless gray Pours down the soft, persistent rain, And she for whom I sigh in vain, Who makes my bliss, now makes my pain, Being far from me this Autumn day— So far away.

Upon the waters void and gray No floating sail appears in sight-The dull rain and the humid light No wind has any heart to spite, This dreary, weary, Autumn day, With love away.

Where she is, may skies not be gray, But sunlight thrill the vital air-Ah! were she here, or were I there, Skies might be dull, or might be fair, And I not heed, so she this day Were not away.

No gulf wings out 'twixt gray and gray-All gray, as far as eye can reach; The sea too listless seems for speech, And vaguely frets upon the beach, As knowing she this Autumn day Is far away.

Ah! like that sea my life looks gray-Like a forgotten land it lies. With no light on it from her eyes, Lovely and changeful as those skies 'Neath which she walks this Autumn day So far away.

But they shall pass, these skies of gray; And she for whom I sigh in vain, Who makes my bliss and makes my pain, Shall turn my gray to gold again, Being not, as now, that future day, So far away.

# -Philip Rourke Marston,

#### TEMPTATION.

A mighty angel on the jasper wall, Sitting serene o'er sin and death's control, Heard a great voice through the white space call-"Haste to the succor of a tempted soul!" He spread his pinions and adown the night Flew to that somber room where you and I Stood, trying with faint lips and faces white To say that sad, that awful word, "Good-bye!"

Without, the strong tides sobbed upon the shore, Like some great soul convulsed with mortal pain; The sea wind shook the mournful sycamore Upon the terrace, black with Wintry rain, Within, the fire was dead, and like a pall Silence and gloom hung over hall and stair; The pictured faces on the carven wall Frown down upon us in our dread despair.

Cold is the way of duty, hard and cold, And sweet is love," you murmured-"must we part ?" I felt your kisses in my hair's warm gold; Weak, unresisting, I lay on your heart, Until the angel touched me. Then my eyes Were opened, and I saw the pit below Our failing feet-the hell in Heaven's guise-Joy's phantom semblance, hiding deadly woe.

And ah! these coward lips grew strong to slay My heart and yours. The dread word of farewell spake unfaltering; I put away The clasping hands, that held me like a spell; I buried deep-yea, out of mortal sight-The love that was my life, and watched you go Through the dark shadows of that bankrupt night: The rest-my sad soul and the angel know!

O friend, across the distance lone and for-Call not to me; I cannot heed nor stay; The feet that walked by duty's pale, cold star Will turn no more nor falter on the way. Then call no more! My weary eyes are wet, But 'twixt us, keen and bright, as at the door Of the lost Eden, lo! a sword is set -There stands the faithful angel evermore! -Etta W. Pierce.

# DREAM MEMORIES.

When the Spring creeps up through the golden glades. And the woodlands sleep in their daffodil bed, In the dreaming time, ere the daylight fades, Will you think of a dream that was long since dead? Will you think of the Spring when first we met, And of April suns that forever have set?

When the world is red with the Summer rose, And sweet with the music of mellow June, Will you miss some light when the sunset glows, Till the song of the Summer seems scarce in tune? Will you say how swiftly the June days went In the fullness of last year's sweet content?

When the reapers rest in the ruddy gold Of the ripening fields of the breezy down; Will you think of the time when our tale was told, And our hopes were ripe for the reaping down? When the fields of life that flowered of late Were stripped and swept by the scyfhe of Fate !

When the world is awaiting the Spring's sweet prime, And the snow lies soft over forest and field, Will you think how we wept in the Winter time, Ere the pain of our parting was numbed and healed? When the "love of your lifetime" was just new born, And your "life-long-sorrow" was scarce outworn?

A life-long sorrow | I mind me yet When we stood in the glow of the golden grain; Twere better, you said, that I should forget, "For the greater half of a love is pain." Ah, true! He who loves most, the most endures: But the "life-long sorrow" is mine - not yours!

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#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By Virtue of an Execution to me directed, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomath, upon a judgment rendered in said Court on the 10th day of February, 1880, in favor of Corbett, Failing & Co., Plaintiffs, and against Shal. P. White, Defendant, for the sum of Seventy-six and 80-100 Dollars (\$76.80), with interest at the rate of 19 per cent per annum, and costs of suit and accruing costs, I did, on the 17th day of November, 1881, levy upon the above-named Defendant's real property, situated in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, to-wit: All that portion of the Donation Land Claim of Mathew White and his wife Juretta, Notification No. 47, described as follows: Commencing at the West corner of said claim on the East bank of the Wiflamette Slough, thence following the claim line North 40 deg. 35 min. East 80 chains, thence North 43 deg. West 39 and 75-100 chains, thence East 46 and 48-100 chains, thence South 36 and 48-100 chains, thence, leaving claim line, South 88 deg. West 28 and 77-100 chains to a point, thence South 37 deg. East 11 chains to a point, thence South 47 deg. East 11 chains to a point in Southeast side line 28 and 43-100 chains to meander line on East bank of Willamette Slough, thence Northwesterly along said southeast side line 28 and 43-100 chains to meander line on East bank of Willamette Slough, thence Northwesterly along said meander line to the place of beginning, containing 275 acres, more or less.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, on Friday, the 16th day of December, 1881, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House door in said County, I will sell at public auction the above-described real property of said Defendant to the highest bidder for cash, in U. S. Gold Coin, to satisfy said execution, costs and accruing costs.

LOSEPH BUCHTELL, BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION TO ME DIRECTED,

satisfy said execution, costs and accraing-

Dated Portland, November 17, 1881.

#### SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON for Multnomah County, ss.—Thomas G. Davison, Plaintiff, vs. Mary E. Davison, Defendant.—To Mary E. Davison, Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you Defendant: In the name of the State of, Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint-filed against you in the above-entitled suit within tendays from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served within Multinomah County, or if served in any other County in this State, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summens upon you, or if served by publication of summons, or otherwise, then by the first day of the next regular term of the above-entitled Court next following the expiration of six weeks' publication hereof, to-wit: Monday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 182; and if you fail to answer, for the want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: for a dissolution of the marriage contract existing between Plaintiff and Defendant, and for such other and further relief as equity demands.

The service of this summons upon you by publication is made in pursuance of an order made by the above-entitled Court on the 6th day of December, A, D. 1881, directing that it be published once a week for six consecutive weeks in the

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Attorneys for Plaintiff.

#### SUMMONS ...

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
I within and for Multnomah County.—Mary A. Vacquier,
Plaintiff, vs. Henry Adolph Vacquier, Defendant.—Sult
in equity to dissolve the marriage contract.—To Henry
Adolph Vacquier, Defendant: In the name of the
State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to
be and appear in the above-entitled Court on or before the
first day of the regular term of said Court next to be held
after the expiration of six weeks from the first publication
of this summons, to-wit: on or before Monday, the lath-day
of January, A. D. 1882, and answer the complaint of Plaintiff filed against you, or for want of such an abswer the
Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in
such complaint, namely: for a decree dissolving the marriage contract existing between Plaintiff and Defendant
and awarding Plaintiff the custody of Sidonic and Sylvain
Vacquier, minors, son and daughter of the parties.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the
Hon. Raleigh Stott, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State
of Oregon for the Fourth Judicial District, made and entered at chambers this 28th day of November, A. D. 1881.

HENRY E. McGINN,
Solicitor for the Plaintiff.

# SHERIFF'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION TO ME DIRECTED, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, upon a judgment refidered in said Court on the 14th day of September, 1881, in favor of G. T. Wells, Plaintiff, and against R. 8. Perkins, Defendant, for the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$20.00), and the further sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), with interest at the rate of one per cent per month. the rate of one per cent per month, and costs of suit and accruing costs, I did, on the 15th day of November, 4881, levy upon the above named befordant's real property, situated in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, to-wit: The South half of Lot No. Eight (8) in Block No. One (1), in the City of Portland, Multnomah County and State of Oregon.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, on Saturday, the 17th day of December, DSI, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House door in said County, I will sell at public auction the above-described real property of said Defendant to the highest bidder for cash, in U. S. Gold Coin, to satisfy said execution, costs and accruing costs.

JOSEPH BUCHTEL,

Sheriff of Multnomah County, Oregon.

Dated Portland, November 17, 1881.

# SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREgon for Multnomah County, ss.—Mary E. Rodabaugh,
Plaintiff, vs. T. S. Rodabaugh, Defendant.—To T. S. Rodabaugh, the above-ramed Defendant: In the name of the
State of Oregon, you are required to appear and answer the
complaint filed against you in the above suit on or before
Monday, the 16th day of January, 1882, that being the first
day of the term of the above Court next succeeding the expiration of six weeks from the first publication of said
summons. You will take notice that if you fail to appear
and answer, the Piaintiff will take judgment and decree
against you for the dissolution of the marriage contract
now existing between Plaintiff and Defendant, and for the
custody of the minor children of said marriage, and for custody of the minor children of said marriage, and for their maintenance and the costs and disbursements of this

This summons is published by order of Hon. Raleigh Stott, Judge of said Court, made on the 29th day of Novem-ber, 1881. LEANDER HOLMES, del 6t Attorney for Plaintiff.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREgon for the County of Multinomah.—W. J. Van Schuyver,
Plaintiff, vs. W. R. Keith, Defendant.—To W. R. Keith, said
Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are
hereby required to appear and answer the complaint flied
against you in the above-entitled action on or before the
third Monday in January, 1882; and if you fail so to answer,
for want thereof, the above-named Plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-five
and 68 100 Dollars (\$165.68), together with costs and disbursements of said action. And you are hereby notified that on
the 4th day of November, 1881, the above-named Court duly
made an order for service on you in said action by publicamade an order for service on you in said action by publica-tion. WILEIS & SMITH, novi06t Attorneys for Piaintiff.

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