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**A MATRIMONIAL ASSOCIATION**  
By HELEN R. OGELSBY  
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Miss Matilda Weathersby on opening her morning mail read a circular letter, as follows:

You are invited to be present at a meeting of bachelors and spinsters for the purpose of organizing a matrimonial exchange for elderly persons.

Because that period at which persons usually marry has passed there is no reason why marriage should be entirely given up. The exchange is intended for those who have before them a lonely old age, that they may be thrown together with a view to forming matrimonial copartnerships for their mutual comfort.

Miss Weathersby thought the matter over and concluded to attend the meeting. She was fifty-two, but did not consider herself old enough to entitle her to a membership in the exchange. Nevertheless she was very lonely and ready to catch at any straw that might bring her companionship.

On entering the room where the meeting was held Miss Weathersby received a shock. Men and women whose hair was either sprinkled with gray or had turned white were chatting together, any one of whom, she thought, must be older than herself. She was received by the chairwoman of the ladies' reception committee and made bold to express the opinion that those she saw present were entirely too old for marriage. To her astonishment the lady informed her that most of the women present were her juniors.

A gentleman was presented to Miss Weathersby, whose name she did not hear, who began to chat with her, naturally choosing for a subject the purposes of the exchange. Miss Weathersby declared that she had come simply from curiosity; that she was perfectly satisfied with single life and would not marry on any account.

"Perhaps," said the gentleman, "years ago you loved some young man from whom fate separated you."

"Rather say his own innate wickedness."

"And you were obliged to send him away?"

"I certainly was."

"Sometimes in such matters the woman is partly at fault."

"That was not so in my case."

"I was dismissed by a girl I loved. I was but twenty-two years old, she nineteen. She considered herself very badly treated by me. I felt sure that she was in error, therefore if I yielded to her I would not only make a mistake in that instance, but be obliged to continue yielding to her, right or wrong, throughout our married lives. Therefore I refused, and she dismissed me."

"My case was very different," said Miss Weathersby. "I was entirely right, and my lover was entirely wrong. I had a brother who needed my care. I insisted on his living with me after my marriage. My lover very selfishly declined the arrangement. I naturally clung to my brother and let my lover go."

"Was your brother worthy of the sacrifice of the happiness of two persons?"

"He was."

"Affectionate, unselfish, honorable?"

"All these."

"Is he still living with you?"

"No. He died twenty years ago."

There was a pause in the dialogue, during which the gentleman looked thoughtfully at his companion and with a tinge of melancholy in his eye. Then he said:

"What would you think of your action if it could be proved to you that your brother was unworthy of the sacrifice you made for him—a sacrifice that involved your lover's lifelong happiness?"

"No such supposition is possible."

He drew forth his pocketbook and took out a paper which he handed to her. She read it, and every vestige of color left her face. It was a confession written many years before to her lover by this same brother that he had stolen money from him, the confession being made on condition that the debt was canceled and the theft kept a secret. When Miss Weathersby looked up she gasped:

"And you are Tom?"

"I am Tom."

"Why did you not tell me of this at the time it occurred?"

"I preferred that you should choose between me and your brother rather than between me and a criminal. A lover, a husband who is willing to be second to any one is a weakling."

From the time of her entrance into the world to the present moment Miss Weathersby had been one of those women who are best described by the words, "She knows it all." This trait was strengthened by a strong will. The paper that trembled in her hand had produced in her a revolution. It came late, but it left in her not one trace of her former fault. From a Honess she had become a lamb.

"I beg your forgiveness for showing you that paper," resumed the man. "I had an object in doing so. For two decades I have lived in a foreign country. Returning, I received an invitation to join this exchange and accidentally learned that you were a member. I came here with one object, to meet you, and that we should meet understandingly I preferred to explain the past."

At the next regular meeting of the exchange the president announced that the first match had been made. Mr. Thomas Harrington and Miss Matilda Weathersby were engaged.

**BOOKS NEED CLEANING.**

How to Care For Libraries So Volumes Will Be Preserved.

Books are frequently ruined through carelessness. This is less in the handling often than upon the shelves. Many a reader who would scorn to bend a book back when open will put it to worse strain on the shelves.

Books should not be packed tightly on a shelf. It ruins the backs and causes them to tear loose with the strain of putting in and pulling out. Often it forces the leaves to sag to the shelf when pushed unduly.

It is just as bad for books to be too loose on a shelf, as they warp and the spreading leaves encourage dust. A bookcase with the contents at every angle is not a pleasing sight.

There are some housekeepers who think a yearly dusting of books at housecleaning time sufficient. This is bad enough when they are kept under glass; when on open shelves it means ruin to valuable books. It takes little longer to dust the backs and tops of books on each shelf every day. Use a soft cheesecloth or silk duster and shake it frequently.

Many valuable books are ruined at housecleaning time. This should be done twice a year and is not a burden if systematically done a shelf at a time. The old plan of heaping the contents of a library indiscriminately has nothing to recommend it. See that shelves are dried after washing, as books are ruined by dampness.

In dusting the book itself clap the backs lightly together, then dust the outside. Never use a damp cloth on a book. If it has been wet absorb most of the moisture with a blotter and soft cloth, then dry under pressure to prevent warping.

Forbid young people to handle books until they know how to protect them. It is well to use covers to protect a book when held by grimy young hands. These can now be bought in different sizes to fit almost any book and can be used repeatedly.

**How to Care For Onion Beds.**

Be sure that your onion beds receive plenty of water and with regularity. After the ground has been irrigated till it will not absorb any more wait until the surface soil has dried out somewhat and then give the plants a little surface cultivation, just enough to keep the soil sifted and to prevent any possible caking around the roots.

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