

# SOCIETY AND WOMAN'S WORLD



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**T**HERE are kindly, well meaning hearts that cannot detect a difference between an attachment and love, says Laura Jean Libbey. The woman who has welcomed a suitor for years, who has paid her assiduous attentions, without declaring serious intentions, is the most beclouded and bewildered of all as to whether his attachment is love.

Such a suitor may admire a certain girl, find her congenial company, enjoy her society more than that of any other, but not quite enough to propose marriage. He keeps calling upon her year in and year out, attached to her, and some time in the far off future may ask her hand in marriage, providing that he does not find someone in the meantime to suit him better.

A man must form an attachment for a woman in order to have the desire to wed her, but attachments are like some flowers that wither in the bud—never coming to fruit.

Attachment up to a certain stage is desirable. The trouble is it does not linger at this mark, but is sure to either advance or recede. When the latter takes place, the attachment has fallen short of love. Life has many phases and of love's phases there seems to be no end. The different kinds of attachments would occupy over three-fourths of love's book.

A man may be attached to his boarding house in which he has lived for years, but he is not so much in love with it that he will not marry and leave it—if the right girl comes along. A man may be attached to his mother and sister of whom he is the only support, but his love for them will not preclude the possibility of his loving some other woman sufficiently to wed her.

There are other attachments men form which they label "love," which they know to be out of the catalogue altogether, but that is another story. We are now treating of the kind which do no further harm than to confuse good women into uncertainty as to whether the attachment is the kind that gives promise of wedded bliss, or ends in regrets, for to love and not be loved is time lost.

The attachment of an overbashful man who watches a maiden wistfully at a distance, making no sign, too diffident to approach, is like an underground stream of no visible importance.

The man who is attached to his wife, but gives no love, is a cowardly soldier who has hidden behind the shadow of the altar, being the worst of deserters on love's battlefield. His affection is the kind that recedes after wedlock.

We might go still further on this slippery plank and overtake the father, whose attachment for his children has dwindled away with wedding a new spouse. In my opinion attachment is but a warm, close friendship; it should never be dignified by the name of love.

Now that we have nailed attachment down to where it properly belongs, we are able to classify it: The attachment between friends may be a link true as steel. The one would do all in his power for the other's aid, but there is not in either heart the prayer that this friendship shall last forever, the brightest jewel in life's crown, that it shall take the place which love and love alone was destined to occupy.

Love levels all barriers. It can with a simple wave of its magic wand, brush aside old attachments, as though they were cobwebs spun over the heart, and banish its spiders as well.

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Would the careful gardener waste years, the earliest and best of his

life, to nurturing and tending to a plant which showed no signs of ever bringing forth bud or blossoms? No! He would realize the uselessness of such endeavor, knowing it must be quite dead at the root.

Thus the attachment which refuses to grow into the sweet flower of love is dead at the root. Another gardener might know the secret of infusing life into the obstinate branch, but it is dead past all the skill of the first gardener, who knows how to thrill it into being.

Attachment, like all plants in life's garden, should be given the regulation time to develop; when it goes beyond that period, giving no sign of expanding into a proposal of marriage, should not be coddled.

Either marriage or a parting of the ways should be the motto of all women in regard to delinquent lovers. It is best and wisest to look all matters pertaining to the heart and its future happiness, or woe, squarely in the face and come to a firm understanding regarding the outcome of the attachment.

Such a course is the pruning knife cutting into the plant of attachment, either arresting dry rot, or discovering that there was no heart in it to save.

Women who keep on from youth to age nursing a dead attachment have only themselves to blame for a wasted life.

Friends have been apprised that the marriage of a prominent Marshfield young woman who has been teaching here the last few years will take place the latter part of June, the groom-to-be being an eastern man. The formal announcement is expected soon.

The Bridge club was entertained by Mrs. L. J. Simpson last Wednesday afternoon at her home in North Bend. In the absence of some of the members, Mrs. C. M. Byler, Mrs. W. T. Merchant and Mr. E. G. Perham acted as substitutes. It was voted to discontinue the club meetings during the summer months. After a pleasant afternoon delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. W. T. Merchant won first prize and Mrs. McPherson the consolation prize. Those present were Mrs. H. S. Tower, Mrs. Coke, Mrs. J. W. Ingram, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kaufman, Mrs. J. A. Matson, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Byler, Mrs. Will Merchant, Mrs. L. J. Simpson, Mrs. W. S. Tarpen, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Jr., and Mrs. Perham.

The students of the North Bend High school will give a dance this evening in Loggie's hall. It is expected that the Marshfield High school will be well represented. The patronesses are Mrs. Ed. Langenberg, Mrs. James Thomas and Miss Lena Kruse.

J. E. Oren, who is here this week, announces that he is building a new home at Bay Point and that Mrs. Oren and the children will shortly come west from Minneapolis to make their home there. All are enjoying excellent health.

The Drapers' self culture club was formally organized at the home of Mrs. Hiram Wright at a meeting

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held Friday afternoon. Mrs. Wright was elected president, Mrs. E. G. Perham vice-president, and Mrs. Chas. Stauff secretary. The object of this club is systematic preparation for child training. Papers will be read at the next meeting by Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Stauff. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. W. Bennett next Friday at 2 o'clock.

Miss Mildred Reed, a Coos Bay girl and a graduate of the North Bend high school, has just completed the conservatory course of the Albany College. Her sister, Miss

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