

SOCIETY AND WOMAN'S WORLD

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JUST A GIRL.

I would a faithful lover be,
True to the one who'd cling to me,
And for her die, or live and work;
No favor asked me would I shrink;
And everything that I possess
I'd give to bring her happiness,
For her I'd be a gent or churl,
But I haven't got the girl.

I'd like to be a man possessed
With but a home—a place to rest—
A home where everything is pent,
To make man happy and content;
A place where I could cause delight,
By bringing toys on Christmas night—

Where all my joys I could unfurl,
But I haven't got the girl!

I'd like to be a hero brave,
With but a chance my state to save—
To charge into the cannon's breath,
And suffer everything but death;
Then, mounted and with escort grand,
Return unto my native land,
And see the flags for me unfurl,
But I haven't got the girl!

—Selected.

WHAT is the right age to marry? When is a girl old enough to know her own mind, or rather, to decide that she won't require one for the rest of her life?

At what age is a young man able to assume the economic and mental responsibility for two?

A bill was introduced into the New York legislature which might settle this difficult problem. This measure forbids the marriage of men under 21 or girls under 18 years of age.

Feminine opinion seems to be divided as to the wisdom of this proposed law to muzzle Cupid, says Mixola Smith. He has been licensed several years. The Woman's Republican club has gone on record as opposed to the measure and has decided to send the Legislature a letter setting forth its objections.

Mrs. Richard Bent, chairman of

the legislature committee, has been particularly active in opposition. Her objections are based on the plea that the proposed bill is contrary to public policy and that the law's present requirements are sufficient.

"Today," she says, "if a girl under 18 weds a man under 21 the consent of all four parents is necessary, and this provision furnishes adequate protection for foolish young people."

Mrs. Margaret Holmes Bates, first vice-president of the legislature league and the author of "Paying the Piper," an interesting and realistic novel of the present season, and of a dozen other books, does not agree with Mrs. Bent and the Woman's Republican club.

"I think the proposed law would be a downright good thing," said Mrs. Bates, who has the rare combination of the old-fashioned woman's charm and the new woman's good sense. "It would save parents a lot of bother and worry and would prevent a great deal of the unhappiness which results from premature marriages. There should be a provision making it a misdemeanor for persons to perform the marriage ceremony in the case of a boy and girl under the legal age, and marriages contracted between such children should be regarded as null and void, just as if two little children of eight and ten years of age should decide to get married."

"I have known some early marriages that resulted happily, but in the great majority of cases where a boy of 20 or so marries a girl of 17 or 18 the man develops to a point way beyond the woman. His brother life gives him every opportunity to do so, and happiness is the inevitable result. How many professional men can talk over with their wives the things which interest them—the doctor his difficult cases, the lawyer the fine points of his argument?"

"I think 25 is the earliest age at which a man is fit to decide the question of his permanent happiness in life, and even at 25 he has to be very sure or he will live to regret it. On the whole, 30 is a better age."

"Some girls are sufficiently mature mentally at 21 to marry with a great chance of happiness; others should wait till they are 25."

"But," I objected, "many women marry at 19 men whom they would never think of at 25 when the critical faculty is more developed."

"Girls of 25 may be more critical," Mrs. Bates agreed, "but they are also

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more tolerant. They understand men better and are more apt to appreciate a good husband and a nice home."

"In other words, they are grateful," I suggested.

"Yes, there is no other word that describes it so well," Mrs. Bates smilingly assented. "Of course, there are a great many women in our cities who are comfortably self-supporting and who would be very foolish to marry at all except to better themselves. I mean stenographers making from \$18 to \$25 a week. I know one very handsome woman of 40 who has never married because the offers she received were all from men who earned about the same salary she did. Any woman who marries for love and doesn't regret it betters herself. I don't mean that women should marry only for financial betterment. But they should weigh and decide whether the step they contemplate is going to add to their permanent happiness."

"A girl of 18, a boy of 21, is not capable of deciding such a matter. The worry and responsibility of their love affairs is now entirely upon the parents. It would be much better if the state assumed it by passing the bill which would make such marriages impossible."

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Mrs. E. F. Morrissey, Mrs. W. F. Miller and Mrs. F. M. Parsons were hostesses at a delightful bridge luncheon Wednesday at the Morrissey home in West Marshfield complimentary to Mesdames Brownlee, Roberts, Dixon and Deford who are visiting on the Bay. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion and a sumptuous luncheon was served. At cards, Mrs. Deford won the first prize and Mrs. Dixon second prize. Besides the guests of honor, those invited included Mrs. Chas. Van Dusen, Mrs. A. T. Haines, Mrs. Wm. Warwick, Mrs. Dorsey Kreitzer, Mrs. E. S. Bargelt, Mrs. L. W. Traver, Mrs. W. P. Murphy, Mrs. P. A. Sandberg, Mrs. R. M. Jennings, Mrs. F. K. Gettins, Mrs. A. L. Houseworth, Mrs. Eugene Crosthwait, Mrs. Effie Farringer, Mrs. R. T. Street and Miss Eugenia Schilling.

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Mrs. W. S. Chandler has been entertaining a number of Marshfield friends at her summer home on South Coos River. She is rapidly recovering from the injuries she sustained recently by a fall. Miss Doris Sengstacken has been her guest for the past week.

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Last Wednesday, Mrs. C. H. Worrell of North Bend entertained at an outing party as a compliment to Mrs. Worrell of Vancouver, and Miss Grace Worrell of Portland. The weather was fine and the outing most enjoyable, rowing, bathing and fishing preceding the serving of a sumptuous picnic luncheon. Then followed trips to interesting points along South Coos River and the bay.

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It is interesting to note how marvelously beautiful the lines of women's dress in East India and that of the revolutionary period have been woven into the new styles for Fall and Winter. Perhaps the recent Coronation festivities may have had something to do in drawing upon East India, England's proudest possession, for inspiration for the new styles for women. But certainly every one of fashions votaries will be enraptured with the new style creations as have been conceived and handed down to American women by such artists as Decoll, Paquin, Callot and Poiret. We invite your inspection of the new suits.

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