

IN SOCIETY

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TO WED or not to wed, that is the question. Whether 'tis better, after all, to marry. And be cajoled and bullied by a husband. Or to take up stenography or clerking. And slave, alas! for SOME ONE ELSE'S husband? To love—to wed—and by a wedding end. The struggles and the thousand petty cares. That "slaves" are heir to—'tis a rare vocation. Devoutly to be wished for! To love! To wed— perchance DIVORCE! Aye, there's the rub! For in that dream of bliss what jolts may come. When we have cast aside our little jobs. Must make us wary. There's the sorry thought. That makes so many spinsters hesitate. For who would bear the long, eternal grind. Th' employers' jokes, the chief clerk's contumely. The insolence of office boys, the smoke of last week's stogies clinging to the hair. When she herself might quickly end it all. **By GETTING MARRIED?** Who would not exchange. A dinky office for a kitchenette— A keyboard for a cook stove or a cradle— But that the dread of something worse to come. After the honeymoon—that life of CHANCE. From whose dark bourne so many have returned. By way of Reno—fills us with dismay. And makes us rather bear the jobs we have. Than fly to evils that we know not of. Thus cowardice makes spinsters of so many!

I OFTEN think that mothers are the worst press agents on earth, and that they do far more to queer their daughters' fortunes than they do to boost them. Practically every woman who has girls, is on a still hunt for husbands for them, says Dorothy Dix. She wants to see them married off and settled in homes of their own, with their shopping tickets assured for life. To this end she attempts to present her daughters in an attractive light to the masculine eye, and it is the blunders that she makes in this direction that are so appalling and so pathetic, for nine times out of 10 instead of casting a rosy halo about the girl, mother succeeds in robbing her of whatever charms she has. For instance, the other day I was at a dinner given in honor of a woman from the middle west and her very pretty and attractive daughter. There were several delightful young men present who were just beginning to get their feet well planted on the ladder of success, and any one of whom would have been a good match for the girl, for they were all men with fortunes.

But mother calmly announced: "Mable told them all at home that she was going to New York in search of a millionaire, and that no pickers need apply." Possibly the speech was intended as a jest, but it was an expression of a desire so sordid, so mercenary, so vulgar that it felt like a wet blanket over the entire company, and, push it aside as we might, none of us could see the girl as anything but a miserable little fortune hunter, willing to sell herself to the highest bidder.

"That lets us out, doesn't it?" one of the young men said with a scarcely veiled sneer to the other men, "we can't qualify in the millionaire class by about \$99,999.75."

Left Her Alone. Furthermore, not one of the young men who was invited to the dinner to meet this girl paid her the slightest attention while she was in the city, although they would have liked her, and been nice to her, and made her have a good time had it not been for her mother's assertion that she was in search of a husband with money. The girl's most malicious enemy could not have done her a worse turn than her mother did by her idiotic speech.

Nor is this type of mothers rare. I have known hundreds of women married to men in moderate circumstances who made no bones of proclaiming to any one they knew that they didn't intend that their daughters should marry poor men and have to work and economize as they had had to do. A mother of this sort is as good a scarecrow to keep suitors away from her daughters as human ingenuity can invent.

The man who has his own fortune to make certainly does not want to marry the daughter of a woman who had not the courage to do her part in assisting her husband, nor the affection to make her feel that it is a privilege to help bear the burdens of one you love, so the level-headed man, who wants a wife who will be a helpmate instead of a hindrance, keeps away from girls that have been brought up by such a mother. Nor

does the man who has money yearn to marry a girl whose mother has taught her to look at his check book before she looks at the man. Even a millionaire likes to think that he was married for himself alone, and that the woman would have said "yes" just as quickly whether he had offered her a Harlem flat or a Fifth avenue mansion.

Another mother who is a hoodoo to her daughters is the woman who brags about how helpless her daughters are, and how tenderly she has reared them.

"I never let Mable be awakened in the morning. I always let her sleep until 10 or 11 o'clock until she feels like getting up."

"I always keep everything that is unpleasant from Gladys. She's such a sensitive nature I feel she must be shielded."

Sadly couldn't sew on a button to save her life. I always do that for her. She really doesn't know how to hold a needle in her hand."

"Gwendolyn has never put her foot inside of the kitchen scarcely. She couldn't boil water without scorching it. I don't want my daughters to work as long as I can keep them from it. There'll be plenty of time for them to learn to cook after they get married."

Insane Talk. These are familiar utterances of mothers and daughters, and with daughters that they are anxious to marry off, too. Isn't that an insane line of talk to hand out as a recommendation for wives? As well had a clothing salesman say to a man:

"Sir, I'd like to sell you this suit of clothes which I can conscientiously recommend to you as a misfit that you will regret taking—if you do take it—to the longest day you live. It's true it's pretty and good to look at, or at least it will be good to look at until it fades, which will be soon, but it's utterly no account, and useless, and it will rip and tear at the first strain, for it hasn't got one thread of genuine wool in it, and it's shoddy through and through, because the woman who made it made it that way."

What inspires any woman to think that a man that's got sense enough to be out of a feeble minded institute would deliberately marry a girl who has been trained to be lazy, and selfish, and incompetent, and worthless, and who is neurotic to boot, passes comprehension. But mothers go about advertising these disqualifications for wifehood in their daughters, and then are surprised because they have a lot of old maids left on their hands.

Another Mistake. Then there are the mothers who think that the way to catch husbands for their daughters is to pile finery they can't afford on the girl's backs. They think that attracts men, whereas it scares men off. When a sensible man sees a poor girl dressed like a millionairess he sets her down as heartless, selfish and frivolous. He says to himself that she's working her poor old father to death to get good clothes to flaunt herself about in, or she's going in debt for them, or she's willing to starve the family to adorn herself, and none of that for him, thank you. He wants something in a wife with more to it than a fashion plate.

Of course mother means well. She's doing the best she can to boost daughter, but she doesn't understand her business as a press agent because it never seems to occur to her to say that Sallie is a nice, strong, healthy girl, who knows how to work, and isn't afraid of it, and is ready to help any young man that she falls in love with hustle for a fortune. Yet that's the dope that would go with men.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING. At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stephens, 1010 Savier street, Portland, Oregon, Saturday, June 14th, the marriage of Louis H. Keating and Miss Allie E. Stephens was solemnized. Rev. Frank James officiating. The rooms were beautifully decorated in Oregon grape and roses. The bride was beautifully gowned in white and wore a white embroidered veil and carried a bouquet of bride roses and Maiden Hair fern.

Mr. Keating, the groom, is well known on the Bay, as he is a brother of Mrs. V. Pratt and Dan Keating, and resided in Marshfield, where he was agent for the steamship Breakwater prior to his transfer to Portland in that capacity.

Among those attendant at the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stackland, Mr. Chas. B. Sanders, and Mrs. V. O. Pratt and daughter, Miss Della of Marshfield.

WEDDING AT EUGENE. The following dispatch from Eugene tells of the marriage of Ben Chandler, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chandler, of Marshfield.

SPIRELLA CORSETS may be obtained in Marshfield from Mrs. Annie Holland, Corsetier, 152 So. 5th St. Phone 200X.

and Miss Cecile Wilcox, who visited here last year.

Winning a Bachelor of Arts degree in the forenoon and a bride in the afternoon, Ben Chandler, for four years one of Oregon's most popular athletes, made the most of the last day of the University Commencement, and left Thursday for a honeymoon trip to Alaska. He married Miss Cecile Wilcox, of Independence, a member of the class of 1912. The wedding was the climax of a college romance. It was held in the Episcopal Church at 4 in the afternoon. Members of the two families and members of the respective fraternities, of which the bride and groom are members, were the invited guests. Sidney Henderson, of Portland, fraternity brother of the groom, acted as best man; Miss Geneva Wilcox, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Miss Lucia Campbell bridesmaid.

"Chandler is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity; he has played upon the Oregon baseball team for four years, of which he has headed the batting list for three, and been captain for two; he has played upon the Oregon football team, and he has been a member of the student executive committee. His home is at Marshfield.

"The bride is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and during her four years in college was prominent in student social circles. At the wedding she was accompanied by her father, W. D. Wilcox, of Independence.

The two will go to Seattle to sail for a two weeks' trip in Alaska. They will then return to make their home in Marshfield.

ENGAGEMENT.

Mrs. Mary Browning yesterday announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Anna Melrose Browning, to Mr. Frederick Witter Payne, the marriage to take place in the early fall.

Miss Browning is one of Marshfield's most accomplished and charming young women. She came here two years ago from Washington, D. C., and last year was a member of the Marshfield High School corps.

Mr. Payne has been a resident of the Bay for about three years, coming here from Minneapolis to take a position in the general offices of the C. A. Smith Lumber Company. He is one of the most prominent Marshfield young men.

CHARIVARI PARTY.

Monday evening a number of girl friends of Mrs. Arthur Blanchard united in a little charivari party and treated her to a surprise in return for the surprise which her nuptials gave them. After all the delights of the charivari they were invited to the F. M. Flye home where refreshments were served and a delightful few hours spent. Among those in the party were Misses Elizabeth Arlandson, Etta Brooks, Sylvia Davis, Beatrice Smith, Eliza Ayre, Ruth Matthews, Myrtle Miller, Clara Sargeant, Myrtle Downer, Ivy Hill, Alpha Mauzey, Edith Hildebrand, Cora Dies, Helen McLaughlin and Beate Flanagan. Messrs. Madoc Guloovson, Norman Johnson, Henry Lecocq, Bartlett Flanagan and Mr. Dewey, aided the girls in the charivari and participated in the social time following.

QUIET WEDDING.

The marriage of Arthur S. Blanchard and Miss Bessie Flye at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Flye, in South Marshfield last Saturday evening was a pretty little home wedding. The Rev. R. E. Browning, pastor of the Marshfield Episcopal Church, officiated, and only immediate members of the family were present.

The bride is a well-known Marshfield young woman and for some time had been chief operator of the Coos Bay Home Telephone Company in Marshfield. Her charming ways have endeared her with a host of friends who will unite in congratulating Mr. Blanchard upon winning her and will join in wishing the young couple all the happiness and success that time can bring.

Mr. Blanchard is identified with the Oregon Power Company and is one of Marshfield's most prominent young men.

The only witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Flye, the bride's parents, Mr. Blanchard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blanchard, of Newport, were unable to be present. The house was prettily decorated in roses and greens for the occasion and the bride was becomingly gowned in old rose silk poplin. After the services a wedding supper was served.

They have postponed their honeymoon trip until next month and after a short tour will make their home in Marshfield.

TO WED SUNDAY.

On Sunday, June 22, at the home of the bride's parents at Umatilla, Oregon, the marriage of Miss Eva Brownell and Fred Miller Hofer, formerly of Marshfield, will be solemnized. Mr. Hofer was a member of the graduating class of 1902 from the Marshfield High School and of the class of 1906 from Oregon Agricultural College, where he met Miss Brownell, the sister of his roommate. His numerous friends here will unite in wishing him and his bride every happiness. Mrs. Hofer left Salem for Umatilla yesterday to be present at her son's wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Hofer will live in Larson, Idaho, where Mr. Hofer is engaged in the mining business.

PRESBYTERIAN SILVER TEA.

The ladies of the Presbyterian auxiliary held a very successful and pleasant silver tea at the home of Mrs. M. A. Sweetman at Ferndale, with Mrs. M. A. Sweetman, Mrs. D. A. Jones and Mrs. A. E. Seaman as hostesses. Misses Virginia Clarke, Lillian Soaman and Maxine Jones assisted in serving. In the order of business, final plans for the picnic to be given Tuesday, June 24th to North Coos river were made. The

Alice H. has been chartered and will leave the Market street dock at 8:30 a. m., taking all who wish to go. Plans were also completed for a cooked food sale, to be held Saturday, June 28th at the Perry and Nicholson store. Mrs. L. W. Langdon, Mrs. A. L. Butz and Mrs. Mary Thompson were named to be in charge of the sale. Among those present Tuesday were:

Mesdames Harry Mohr, Hugh Long, G. W. Dungan, L. A. Whereat, E. Savage, Mary Thompson, O. W. Briggs, E. A. Harris, Harvey Smith, E. Gammill, F. S. Dow, R. N. Fenton, A. E. Diment, E. F. LeMieux, A. L. Butz, B. H. Smith, Robt. Ward, J. Motley, H. Bishop, F. M. Parsons, A. T. Haines, E. W. Wilson, C. H. Walters, J. Wright Wilson, D. Ferguson, I. S. Smith, G. T. Coleman, J. A. Cox, L. W. Langdon, D. A. Jones, A. E. Scaman, W. F. Miller, S. C. Small, W. S. Nicholson. Those from out of town were: Mesdames H. O'Mara and Warren Painter, of North Bend; Mrs. A. Wilson, of Coquille; Doris and Lorna Wilson, Merlie Coleman, Raymond O'Mara and Warren Painter, Jr.

The next silver tea will be held July 16th at the home of Mrs. L. W. Langdon on South Broadway. The hostesses will be Mrs. L. W. Langdon, Mrs. A. L. Butz and Mrs. Henry Bishop.

There will be no regular meeting on the second of July, it being so near the Fourth.

AT HOME.

Mrs. E. O'Connell and Mrs. B. M. Richardson have issued cards for an "at home" of auction bridge, Tuesday, June 24th, for Mrs. Wm. Ford.

BRIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. L. J. Simpson was hostess to the Marshfield Bridge club members last Wednesday afternoon at the beautiful summer home of the Simpson's "Shore Acres."

The interior of the house was lovely with masses of beautiful flowers and greens. Pink snap dragons

formed a part of the color scheme, and other lovely blossoms were bunched in profusion until the whole looked like a beautiful flower garden. A bridge luncheon was served in the early afternoon and a bowl of gorgeous red roses decorated the table.

Four tables of Bridge were played and the game resulted in Mrs. Boyd M. Richardson winning the first prize and Mrs. Perham the second. The guests present were: Mrs. D. C. Green, Mrs. William Ford of Portland, and Mrs. Claude Nashburg.

The club members present were: Mrs. C. M. Hyler, Mrs. B. M. Richardson, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. J. S. Coke, Mrs. H. Lockhart, Mrs. J. H. Flanagan, Mrs. William Horsfall, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Toye, Mrs. E. G. Perham, Mrs. W. S. Turpen, Mrs. W. M. Blake, Mrs. H. S. Tower and Mrs. G. W. Kaufman.

This is the last meeting of the club for the season.

SEWING PARTY.

Miss Frances Williams entertained at sewing Thursday afternoon, complimentary to her cousin, Miss Alma McIntosh of Oakland. A very pleasant informal afternoon was spent with music and needlework, followed by refreshments served by the hostess and Miss Madge Barry. Among those invited were: Misses Hazel Powers, Una Marsh, Isis Marsh, Maude Bowron, Elvira Frizeen, May Preuss, Ruth Allen, Nora Tower, Florence Alken, Grace Kruse, Helen Rush and Madge Barry, and Mrs. D. E. Maloney.

SECOND OF SERIES.

Mrs. I. S. Kaufman is entertaining informally at cards and sewing this afternoon for her sister, Mrs. Helen A. E. Mogen, on North Heights. The afternoon was spent at sewing and refreshments served. Present were Mrs. M. Robt. E. Browning, Mrs. J. A. Lennan, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Mrs. W. Kaufman. This is the second of

a series of informal afternoon parties given and followed by a third next week.

CARD PARTY.

Mrs. W. F. Miller was the hostess for a card party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. K. Jones. Her home was very prettily decorated with flowers and greenery. Mrs. Small acted in service. Present were: Mesdames Kaufman, McCormack, Mingus, Small, Parsons, Haines, Connell and Miller.

MINNIE-WIS.

The Minnie-Wis club met Tuesday with Mrs. Mary Thompson. A social afternoon was held after which the hostess, Mrs. Wilma Haugland and Mrs. Anna Witter, served refreshments.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. F. H. Dresser.

Those present at Wednesday meeting were: Mrs. A. T. Haines, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. E. G. Perham, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. W. Kaufman.

FRIDAY MEETING.

The Loyal Women's club met Friday, June 27, with Mrs. D. E. Carty.

NORTH BEND SILVER TEA.

The Altar Guild of the North Bend Episcopal Church gave a successful and delightful silver tea last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. A. E. Mogen, on North Heights. The afternoon was spent at sewing and refreshments served. Present were Mrs. M. Robt. E. Browning, Mrs. J. A. Lennan, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Mrs. W. Kaufman. This is the second of

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