

Society

IF WE HAD BUT A DAY.

We should fill the hours with the sweetest things
 If the day were but a day;
 We should drink alone at the purest springs
 In our upward way;
 We would love with a lifetime's love in an hour
 If the hours were few—
 We should rest, not for dreams, but for fresher power,
 To be and to do.

We should waste no moments in weak regret
 If the day were but one;
 If what we remember and what we forget
 Went out with the sun;
 We should be from our clamorous selves set free
 To work or to pray,
 And to be what the Father would have us be,
 If we had but one day.

—Mary Lowe Dickinson.

AS A general thing the sophisticated woman appeals to a man as more enjoyable as a companion than desirable as a wife. The average man's ideal of woman is still Eve before she ate the apple, not the Eves who refrain from eating apples because the fruit is bad for their digestions.

He Weds a Girl During Her First Year in Society.

Thereupon the average man marries a young girl during her first season in society, firmly convinced that because he is the first and only man who has ever made love to her he will be the last and only, says Dorothy Dix. This depends on circumstances. The girl may be sufficiently in love with him to never crave the admiration of any other man, or she may be so situated as to be cut off from it, and so safe, but the path to the divorce court is kept hot by wives who were married when they were mere children, and before they found out how intoxicating is the draught of flattery and admiration and lovemaking that man offers to woman's lips.

If a woman acquires a taste for this after marriage, God help her husband, for there is no cure for a married flirt. She may not be a bad woman, or an actually immoral one, but her craving for admiration is like the hunger for opium. It grows by what it feeds on, and there is no limit to the depth of imbecility into which it leads its victims.

If you will trace back the stories of the infidelity of wives half of the time you will find that the woman was married when she was very

young, before she had experienced the thrilling delight of listening to a man's vows of deathless devotion, or had known the subtle sense of power with which a woman finds out that she can away men by her beauty or her charm. Few husbands ever make love to their wives, and so it is the woman's natural desire for this courtship and this adulation that she has missed that leads her into seeking it away from home and in forbidden paths.

Far otherwise is it with the woman who has been a belle before her marriage. She has had her fill of admiration and adulation from men, and it possesses none of the charm of novelty to her. She has heard the verb of love conjugated in all its moods and tenses until it is as wearisome as a school exercise. She has played at the game of flirtation until it has palled upon her, and as a married woman she would no more think of finding amusement in carrying on a surreptitious love affair than a Paderewski would think of grinding out ragtime from a barrel organ.

They Marry Women Who Have Never Been in Society.

Another mistake that men make is in thinking that the best way to assure themselves of getting a domestic wife is to marry a woman who has never been in society. Men marry to get a home far oftener than women do. The city man, at least, seldom commits matrimony until he is utterly weary of the deadly round of social gaieties. The mere thought of being dragged about in a wife's wake to balls and parties and first nights fills him with such terror that he feels his only safety lies in marrying some woman who knows nothing of them.

When She Enjoys a Little Gayety, Look Out.

Never was a more fatal error. There is no other woman in the world who is so absolutely crazy for every form of amusement as the woman who has never known any gayety, and who all of her life has been starving for it. She is like a man dying of thirst who is suddenly plunged into a river where he can steep himself to the lips. Perhaps she has never been to a ball before, and the intoxication of dancing becomes a frenzy with her that makes her mad to go to every party to which she is invited. Perhaps she has never been to a restaurant before, and the golden streets of the new Jerusalem do not appear so desirable to her eyes as to eat in a gilded public dining room.

Here, too, it is the woman who

has had experience who is the safe matrimonial chance for a man. The girl who has been in society all her life, who has been to parties and balls and theatres until they have lost all their charm of novelty, is glad enough to settle down to domesticity, and to find her pleasure inside of her home instead of without it. To the girl who knows her Europe as she does her native town, every excursion does not offer a temptation; having seen the best the stage affords, she does not yearn to see every silly play that is put on the boards; having wearied of balls and parties, she is glad to turn from them to the abiding pleasures of old books and old friends.

Pretty much the same rule will be found to apply to women and economy. Most men are afraid to marry a girl who has been raised rich, lest she be extravagant, and there is a theory that if a man wants a saving and helpful wife he should marry a poor girl. Quite the reverse of this is generally true. To the girl who has never had any money at all to spend the two or three thousand dollars that her husband earns seems as unending as the wealth of a Rockefeller, and she is generally reckless in throwing it away, whereas to the girl who has been used to thousands instead of hundreds the husband's small income seems so little that she feels that she must save every cent.

They Fail to Learn That Women Are Only Human.

In the end the question of a choice between the girl who had the things she desired and the girl who has never had them narrow itself down to the old one of human experience, and the reason that men make so many mistakes in deciding this important question is because they have never yet learned that a woman is a human being.

SILVER TEA.

The ladies of the Baptist church of Marshfield entertained at a silver tea at the home of Mrs. F. H. Storey on South 8th street on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Storey was assisted by her daughter, Miss Mildred Storey. There was a short musical and literary program consisting of several readings by Mrs. C. O. Gosney and Mr. Bassford and two musical numbers by Miss Mildred Storey, after which a social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostesses. Those present were Mrs. J. C. Rice, Mrs. C. S. Hoffman, Mrs. M. Hoifman, Mrs. J. C. Myers, Mrs. J. T. Byers, Mrs. J. C. Doane, Mrs. Olan Dixon, Mrs. Roy Carpenter, B. F. Patchett, C. H. Marsh, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. W. J. Hill, Mrs. D. D. Ross, Mrs. C. O. Gosney, Mrs. E. W. Lewis, Dr. M. B. Shaw, Misses Catherine Hoffman, Mildred Storey, Rev. Bassford and Master Kenneth Dixon.

BAPTIST LADIES.

The Baptist Ladies of North Bend held their monthly circle meeting on Thursday afternoon in their room in the Myers building. There was a short business session at which it was decided to purchase dishes and to secure new furniture and furnishings for the society's room. Mrs. E. H. Alderton was elected to the presidency to succeed Mrs. F. W. Wood, who has gone to spend the winter with her mother in Idaho. A pleasant social hour was enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served in cafeteria style. The following were present: Mrs. W. O. Ash, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. E. H. Alderton, Mrs. L. O. Anderson, Mrs. E. L. Gurnea, Mrs. A. H. McKay, Mrs. F. M. Elsiminger, Mrs. J. C. Doane, Mrs. A. F. Bassford, Miss Lucinda Parr and Rev. A. F. Bassford.

EASTSIDE CLUB.

The Eastside Sewing Club will be entertained next Thursday by Mrs. Wm. Steckel and Mrs. F. S. Itelbe at the home of the former.

MINNE-WIS CLUB.

The Minne-Wis Club will be entertained next Thursday by Mrs. D. A. Jones at her home in Ferndale.

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