

Two Happy, Handsome Wives, One Husband In One House.

His Arrest for Another Crime Results in Exposure of His Bigamous Venture

IF ALL reports are true, Charles R. Sager, of Madison, Wis., is a remarkable man. For no one else but a remarkable man could shelter two wives in the same household, as he is accused of doing, and enjoy, all the while, an atmosphere of peace and contentment.

Sager is not the first man charged with the possession of two wives and no acquaintance with the divorce court, but he is the first, so far as known, who has successfully harnessed such spouses tandem, so to speak, under the same roof.

By the unique arrangement which he put into effect the first, and, as asserted, the legal, wife, the mother of his two little children, acted as general servant, while the other woman posed as the feminine head of the household.

So harmonious was the arrangement and so little did the two wives jar that Sager lived in happiness with both. When he was arrested both wives asserted their unalterable fidelity to him; together they visited him in jail, wife No. 2 pushing the carriage in which the baby of wife No. 1 reposed, and each declared her willingness to give Sager up to the other in order to avoid making trouble for him.

This arrangement, it appears, might have gone on indefinitely but for a little police difficulty into which the man tumbled. Even this prosaic happening, however, cannot remove him from the list of truly remarkable men.

IN HIS choice of wives Sager gave evidence of versatility and ideals that ran a wide range.

Both women are young and handsome, the first, however, being a tall, blue-eyed blonde and the other a chic, spirited little brunette.

Trouble assailed Sager in a heap when he was arrested, one night recently, charged with stabbing a man in a personal controversy. This incident was not of momentous importance, and would not have revealed to the world the queer domestic life of the insurance solicitor—for that is Sager's business—had he not voluntarily made astonishing acknowledgments on the witness stand at his preliminary hearing.

In extenuation, he is said to have declared that he and his first wife did not get along well together, and that he had intended to secure a divorce, but had overlooked that legal formality.

Last May, he married wife No. 2. During the following summer he lived with her, but the two women frequently visited each other.

Some time ago Sager took a house in a good section of the city, just around the corners from the residence of the Governor of the State, and set up his strange household.

The first and legal wife, it is asserted, took a part of the house and went there to live with her two children. She also offered to act as servant for her husband.



Charles R.
Sager and
Mrs. Sager
No. 1.



I Really Don't Know Which I Like the Best" Declares Sager



Mrs. Sager No. 2.

quarrel with her. I am sorry for her," she said, "and do what I can to help her."

Now the situation has changed, however. As he stands as a wife has been questioned, she has gone back to her quiet rural home amid the picturesque hills of Sauk county to await developments.

Before going home she said: "I first met Sager two years ago. He was always known to me under the name of Charles William Stewart. We went together all the time, he asserting to be a single man, and finally I married him under the name of Stewart. I never knew he was married before."

"I often visited his first wife. I knew her only as a friend of his, and I was so lonesome, so I often called on her. After she came to live with us I suspected something, but did not know that they had really been married."

"If I could make Sager go back to his first wife I should like to see him do so, but she says he is so taken with me that I would have to go a long way off and hide myself or he would follow me."

Miss Mulholland's father states that Sager visited his daughter under the name of Stewart, and that he had been driven from the place twice at the point of a shotgun.

At last, finding that the young people were determined to be married, he withdrew his objection, but told them to have the ceremony performed while he was absent from home.

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Mrs. Sager No. 2 Cared for Mrs. Sager No. 1's Baby While She Did the Washing

considered ourselves as good as divorced. I found out he was going with another woman, from letters in his pockets, and tried to make him give her up, but he couldn't. I knew the girl could not escape him, and that he would follow her to the end of the world, and so I finally let him have his own way and marry her.

"We still met, and remained friends, and as I was a friend of his second wife I saw no harm in going to live with them when they invited me."

"It is true that I have been doing much work for this second wife, but it was necessary for me to do something. I did not know where the dreadful thing would end, but I loved Charlie and hated to give him up, and yet at the same time did not dare to speak some way. I am sure I cannot help it."

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LOOKING BACKWARD

WILLIAM OGDEN is said to have been the first professional bookmaker. He made a book on the English Derby in 1783.

Newspaper advertisements made their earliest appearance in 1652.

In ancient Rome men only grew beards as a sign of mourning. In Egypt all went clean shaven; but they seem to have only the slaves and peasants shaved.

The first steamer to make a voyage across the Atlantic Ocean was the Savannah, of 350 tons and 100 feet in length. She sailed from Savannah on May 24, 1819, and arrived at Liverpool June 20. The first steamer to sail from Liverpool for New York was the Royal William, 407 tons. She sailed July 5, 1828, and was nineteen days on the trip.

Before the Norman conquest Winchester, not London, was the capital of England.

Bank holidays were introduced in England in August, 1871.

The bloomer costume was first worn by Mrs. Bloomer in New York in 1851. From 1852 to 1858 Scottish bankrupts were compelled to wear a soft of convict dress, half yellow, half brown.

The fife was used in military bands as early as the year 1650 at the siege of Pavia.

Buttons appear to have first come into use in the reign of Edward I of England. The first were made of wood.

In 1888 75 per cent. of English people lived in towns.

The first catalog of stars was published in 1506 by Tycho Brahe, containing 1,000 fixed stars. The number now visible to the naked eye is over 6000.

The omnibus made its appearance in Paris in 1822, and charged a fare of about 5 cents.

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Elephant's foot takes longer to cook than any other dish. It must be baked for thirty-six hours.

The capacity of the reindeer for team work is remarkable. His hoofs are very broad and do not penetrate the snow crusts. His average weight is about 400 pounds. He will swiftly draw a sled carrying 800 pounds, and with this load can cover thirty, fifty and even ninety miles a day. Reindeer teams now carry the mails from Kotzebue to Point Barrow, Alaska, a distance of 850 miles—the most northerly post route in the world. No food is carried for the deer. At the end of his journey, or at any stopping place, he is turned loose, and at once breaks through the snow to the white moss which serves as food.

Light blue eyes are generally the most powerful and next to those are gray. The lighter the pupil the greater and longer continued is the degree of tension the eye receives.

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