

Strange Wedding in "Simple Life"

The strangest bride and bridegroom in the world are now preparing in Chicago for the most curious marriage ceremony in the history of civilization.

The bride is Under Fyfe. The groom is Richard Wunder. Both are members of The Architects, a "Simple Life" religious-philosophical sect founded by Dr. Aker Gluck, with headquarters at 1171 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago.

Of all the strange colonies which have originated in Chicago The Architects is the most fantastic. Viewed from the standpoint of existing social customs, Under Fyfe was a country school-teacher before she joined The Architects, and Richard Wunder was a portrait artist.

They are engaged to be married. Yet—

They have never kissed each other. They have never held each other's hands.

Richard has never put his arm around the slender waist of his fiancée. Indeed, he has never ventured even to smooth her dark brown tresses in the manner that sweethearts love.

But these are only a hint of mutual deprivations yet to come.

Only as Parents Can Kiss.

They will not exchange a single caress until long after they have been married. In fact, until they are the parents of the two perfect children to which the colonists look forward with all the fervor of their sect—the two perfect children which Dr. Gluck declares, in dedication of Theodore Roosevelt, are all that any family should have.

For the whole aim of this prospective bride and bridegroom, in common with The Architects colony under the tutelage of Dr. Gluck, is to produce human beings that shall be absolutely perfect.

Dr. Gluck is the originator of this strange sect. He is an Austrian physician, philosopher and inventor, who abandoned his profession and his country and came to Chicago as the city offering him the best opportunity to carry his strange theories to fulfillment.

Child to Be Born Grown Up.

Dr. Gluck declares that if the betrothed couple in his colony follow the rules of life as laid down by him, their

first child—the first perfect child to be born into the world—will be able at birth to talk, walk, reason and plan; that its faculties and powers will be fully developed; that it will be absolutely happy, healthy, brilliant and capable, and that at the age of 5 years it will have the stature and brain development of an adult.

But the regimen before the young couple would demand any one in the world but an ascetic, devoted to his religion. Here is a partial list of what these two young people must do during their probation of a year, which is the time imposed by Dr. Gluck before they will be pronounced fit to marry:

Pre-Natal Child-Training.

Work, eight hours; study, eight hours; sleep, eight hours each day—although if they wish they may have part of their study hours for recreation.

But as they believe that every moment taken from study hampers the perfect development of their future child, they will take very little time for recreation.

They must eliminate from their diet all intoxicants, tobacco, cooked delicacies, pepper, salt, ice, candies, meats, tea and coffee.

Never may they use in any way, neither for food, clothing or comfort, any animal product, such as leather, fur, feathers or the like.

All their garments must be of exactly the same pattern as those of the other men and women of the colony—of linen, the clothing prescribed for both men and women being double-breasted coat, negligee shirt, wide trousers, slippers and hunter's cap—all of linen.

The bridegroom must not shave; the bride must not do up her hair, but let it hang loose and flowing down her back.

No Money and Need None.

Neither bride nor bridegroom will ever handle money again. The Architects do not believe in money. They are a cooperative community. Any money of which they may be possessed when they enter the colony they deposit in the society treasury. Money which they earn in the colony—for they labor for other people—is also put into the treasury. They receive all their bodily necessities, food, shelter, clothing. Their lives are

bounded by the walls of the society house. They have no need of money.

Miss Fyfe and Mr. Wunder, together with the other members of the colony, must fast one day out of the seven. Dr. Gluck fasts regularly from Sunday midnight until noon Tuesday.

Make Child What They Will.

But the most important part of the training of the future bride and bridegroom will be in their daily eight hours of study.

First, they will lay out plans and specifications for their child," says Dr. Gluck. "If they wish him to be an artist they must study art; if a musician they must study music, and so on. The more they study the more their child will know."

The young couple will also be given lessons in the care of their bodies, in physiology, and in many other matters pertaining to the scientific birth and rearing of a child.

The eight hours of study will be the only time during which the young couple may see each other, for the women and the men of the Architects' colony are strictly segregated.

Even these hours of study will be in the presence of other members of the colony. Not so much as a stolen hand-clasp will this strange set of affianced couples be allowed, although, indeed, so devoted to their cult are they that they do not wish it.

Honeymoon of Two Hours.

Only once in many years will they be left together alone. For two hours following the simple marriage ceremony, which will be performed by some member of the Architects' society, the young husband and wife will be left alone in a beautifully fitted up room, through the silk draperies of which will penetrate sweet strains of music. Then they will be summoned back to the colony, the bride to return to the women, the groom to the men.

The most mystical and fantastic feature of all the cult taught by Dr. Gluck is one he has not yet dared to unfold in its full meaning to his disciples. It is this:

New Phase of Transmigration.

If a mother wishes to do so she may include in the specifications for her daughter the wish that she herself may be born again a perfect being in the child. If she does this and makes the proper preparation her mind and soul will slip into that of the newborn babe and her body will slip out of the world. The husband may do this with a son if he so wishes. Dr. Gluck does not think his colonists are quite ready for this phase of the cult, however.

So Under Fyfe and Frederick Wunder are passing through their arduous probation, and all the architects are waiting with rapturous anticipation the coming of the perfect child two years hence.

Other Good Results of System.

Dr. Gluck says that his new method of life will not only produce perfect children, but it will do these things:

Promote longevity, even to several hundred years.

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"We intend to have many such colonies all over the world," says Dr. Gluck.

Gluck's Developing Machine.

The colony is not in full working order yet. True, there are two dozen of them living in community fashion at No. 1171 Milwaukee avenue, but they have not yet received their costumes nor settled altogether down to the new life.

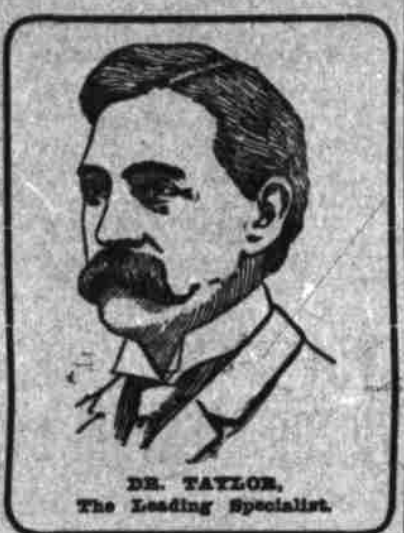
These men and women are dwelling in perfect harmony so far. They expect to continue doing so forever.

One of the most peculiar features of the society home is the curious machine invented by Dr. Gluck for the scientific development of the human body. The machine cost the inventor a small fortune to perfect and is the result of years of study and achievement.

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With the hereditary instinct strong for the delights of courtship, will they forego all the delicious manifestations of first love? And after their brief honeymoon will they renounce willingly and contentedly all the joys of domestic life?

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