

MARRIED LIFE IN UNITED STATES A MOST INTRICATE GAME, FOREIGNERS THINK

Some European Students Are Amused and Some are Indignant Over American Wives.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Have we evolved a national philosophy of conduct between the sexes?

Is it an edifying and unvarnished American woman that they must keep their eyes on? Or all the married sisterhood manage to hold their husbands' love play the same according to the rules? And do the issues fall to abide by them?

For just as it may, foreigners continue alternately to be amused or angered at the outer aspect of married life in the United States.

Princess Antoinette Plésson, wife of the Hungarian attaché at Washington and daughter of Margot Asquith, whose name looks about personages in England, received a storm of criticism, has some ideas of her own about men and women of America. She says:

"American men are charming, but it's just because they are so charming that the women aren't wise. They are utterly spoiled and good for nothing."

"Nevertheless American women as a general thing are more intellectually ambitious than English women."

"Same on you, Princess, for 'spoiled and good-for-nothing'! You are almost as witty as your mother, Margot."

Remarks of Professor Einstein.

Get so long ago, another European, Professor Albert Einstein, whose theory of "relativity" which made him

famous and which is understood, he says by only twelve people in the world, made some observations about us of America.

"Women dominate the entire life of America. The men interest themselves in nothing except work. They think of nothing except work—and to an extent I have never seen before."

"As for the rest of the men, they are nothing but the little play-dogs of the women, who spend their money in a reckless manner and veil themselves in a mist of extravagance. They do everything for the women that is in vogue or the whim of the passing moment."

Now, as always, the problem of what a man should do, what a woman should be, how husbands and wives should treat each other, is an engrossing one. Recently in Philadelphia the New Century Guild, a woman's organization, got together in heated congress and declared if a woman could catch a man there is no reason why she could not keep him caught.

All of which leads him up to the set of rules of conduct the guild formulated for the guidance of distraught women.

Philadelphia Guild Tells Men Folk.

Retrospective remarks were made to some masculine ears to burn all about the City of Brotherly Love. Men got theirs. Note this:

"Men try to make women think they are doing them a great honor in marrying them, and then, if the women do not keep themselves looking up to par, always sweet and dainty, and ready to be kissed, no matter how much they are battered about, they will soon be neglected."

With that as a start, the guild gives these inside tips on the marital race.

"Don't be shocked if friend husband emits an occasional dam; it doesn't mean anything."

"Don't scramble around on the floor hunting for his shirt stud; let him look for it; it will do him good."

(There's a loophole for European criticism.)

"Don't ask him to shine your shoes. (Wouldn't this surprise Einstein?)"

"Never antagonize him, but always keep him guessing."

"Let the man do the proposing, and when he does be responsive. Being too coy is dangerous for some men won't ask the second time."

"Make the man think he is 'it.' In brief, let him swear and think he is 'it,' but keep him guessing as to your love and as to the whereabouts of his studs. Thus does woman join the collar button as ally, both designed to drive men mad."

But America is not alone in setting up rules for marital felicity. England herself recognizes the importance of promoting love and peace in the home, and such well-known men as Arnold Bennett, the writer, and the Rev. Bernard Vaughan have given their attention to the subject. To husbands the noted English divine says:

British Minister's Advice.

"Be kind and thoughtful to your wife. Bear with her little feminine ways. Never attempt to check the flowing tide of her talk. This is a cardinal rule."

"Whatever else you may try to check in your wife never check her chatter. A woman needs many safety valves and outlets for her temperament."

"Be patient and tender with her. Don't say sharp and cutting things. Consider the sensitive character of a woman's disposition. Honor her in every way."

"Dear yourself with the manliness which will never cause a woman pain."

"Most women have a passion for finery in some form or other. Give her what you can, even if it costs you some sacrifice. Let her feel it is from you, and that you have not given her what has cost you nothing."

"If anything goes wrong in married life I usually put the blame on the man. He is the stronger and he should overcome himself and preserve the wife of his heart, lending her a strong arm on which to lean."

Some Admonitions for Women.

And to the women this advice:

"Keep your home in good order. Man appreciates a beautiful home more than woman does, because he is in less."

"Let the sun stream through your windows upon rooms tastefully arranged and bearing from kitchen to attic the traces of a true wifely devotion to the house."

"Keep a good table. Let it be impossible for any invidious distinctions to be drawn between 'meals out' and meals at home. The dinner may be simple but let it be good, hot and daintily served."

"Let a wife remember always to be neat and smart even when she is quite alone with her husband. A man likes to see his wife well turned out, and it is her business to be pleasing in his eyes."

"Let her consult his taste rather than that of her modiste."

"Do not get into the habit of contradicting all your husband's cherished views from mere perversity, but study to qualify, within reasonable limits, his whims and fancies."

"Be frank and above board in everything."

"Do not keep him waiting while you change your dress."

"Never preach, never nag, never scold in public, and never 'voyn on purpose.'"

"Have I spoken only of the trivial little things? Believe me, it is these trifles that count for more in marriage love."

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than the big things. When marriage ends in tragedy it is more often than not due to small bickerings and misunderstandings.

Arnold Bennett's Springs Surprise.
So much for a man who has spent a lifetime in observing and guiding humanity. Now for the views of another of his countrymen, Arnold Bennett, novelist and essayist.

Mr. Bennett believes much of the trouble in marriage, the misunderstandings, the little inequalities, are due to too many love matches. He would abolish to some extent the marriage based entirely upon love. He says:

"At which expression of opinion many readers will be angry, and some very angry. What! Abolish love in marriage? What! Adopt the heartless continental system of the deliberately arranged marriage, the marriage of convenience! Well, nobody wants to abolish love in marriage and nobody could. But we must understand what we mean when we say 'love.'"

Meet British Fencers

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