

AN IMPENDING EVIL.

Observations Upon the Annual Decrease in the Number of Marriages.

A social reformer, who is as precise in his statements of facts as he is expert in the manipulation of figures, reports as the result of the investigation that the number of marriages is decreasing every year. We have just cause for alarm if the report is true. Certainly the choice of a wife is a subject full of piquant attraction to a romantic young man who has sown his wild oats and is saving his earnings and longs for the comfort and slipped ease of a home of his own.

The rule of woman in masculine attire and common sense shoes is not a pleasant spectacle to contemplate. But if the girls of the Republic are not married off in some way, old maids, of the most virulent type, in various stages of physical decline, will be clamoring for their rights with exceeding vigor and persistence, and who knows whether there will be enough green tea and scandal left to go around?

For no other reasons than the above, human ingenuity should devise some method of facilitating proposals and tightening the love knot so there can be no escape. Cycles scold at the marital relations. Idle flirtations are destroying the confidence of young people of romantic temperament in one another.

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WHAT A FORTAGE STAMP WILL DO. Now read this carefully, and note every word, for it may lay the foundation for your future happiness.

These carrying outsiders: Simpson—Well, Muggins, how is business? Muggins (our artist)—Oh, ripping! Got a commission this morning from a clergyman.

A Story From Chicago. The woman who remarked that with one servant your household work is done, with two it is half done, and with three you have to do it yourself, doubtless thought she had said a neat thing.

—What am I likely to draw if I buy a lottery ticket? asks a rural subscriber. We never succeeded in drawing anything but a long breath.—Chicago Rambler.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—Wall paper is so beautiful and artistic now as to be easily mistaken for fresco.—N. Y. Mail.

—The Marquis de Mores, the millionaire cowboy of Montana, has leased a house in New York for four months, paying \$24,000 for the rent of the house and furniture.

—Pierre Lorillard's toboggan slide at Tuxedo Park, near New York, is exactly one mile long and the descent is frequently made in just one minute of time.—N. Y. Tribune.

—Here is a lesson from a boy that some older person might well heed: "Why did you not pocket some? No body was there to see you." "I was there, and I never intend to see myself do a mean thing."—Albany Journal.

—Jim Brown eloped from Tin Cup, Col., with a woman who was described in a local paper as a "fat blonde." Friends telegraphed the fact to the fair creature, and she returned and smashed a pitcher over the editor's head.—Denver Tribune.

—William H. Warner, a Connecticut murderer and suicide, left a document ordering that his body should be held for one week after his supposed death, and that he be buried face downward, all of which directions were religiously observed by his friends.

—Railway Conductor—"Can't you do something for this passenger?" Doctor—"Has he appeared sick long?" "No, he got out and took his meals at every lunch-station we stopped at from San Francisco to Omaha." "Humph! Hadn't he any provender with him?" "I believe not. What do you think ails him?" "Starvation."—Omaha World.

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—Fifteen years ago G. L. Larne was scalped by the Sioux Indians in the western part of the then Territory of Colorado. Monday he wandered into Waco, Tex., sick, weary and without money. He had been roving about in the mountains for fifteen years.

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