

## IN THE YEARS TO COME.



"If you're not good, a great, big Jap will eat you up."

—Cincinnati Post.

### PLEA FOR EARLY MARRIAGES.

English Scientist Advises Men to Do Love-Making While Young.

In the first of a series of lectures on "The Evolution of Man," delivered at University College, London, Prof. Chalmers Mitchell referred to the modern tendency to defer the age of marriage, and said that this was physiologically undesirable. People should get over their love-making early in their history. Then, when they have become sane, they should turn to the more serious problems of improving themselves and doing the work of the world.

"There is no doubt," said Prof. Mitchell to a London Graphic interviewer, "that our statistics show that early marriages are out of fashion, except among the poor. Economic and social conditions generally prohibit most men from marrying before they reach the age of 30. To my mind this is a bad thing for the well-being of the nation."

"The social philosopher Metchinkoff has endeavored to prove that the age of maturity may be considerably prolonged, and that the life of natural decay may be considerably postponed. There is no reason he thinks, why, in the future, a man may not produce his best work up to the age of 90 or a hundred, instead of becoming senile so early as he now does. At present, however, according to our pathological knowledge, very few men are in a perfect state of health after the age of, say, 35. They have traces of gout, of anaemia, of blood troubles, and the effects of smoking and drinking. It is, therefore, inadvisable that they should marry when they have reached that stage of life. It seems to me far better that they should do so when they are practically children, and get over the disturbance of love so early that they may use their full powers for the other business of life, when they are in the finest physical condition."

"We have got too much into the belief that the various states of life are fixed. But experiments with frog-like creatures and other animals show that the reproductive age may be rushed either backward or forward. I am not at all sure whether the state should not endeavor to push the marrying age of men and women forward, helping young people to marry early. If they are physically sound, by giving a bounty on healthy children of a high standard, while handicapping, if possible, the physically unfit."

"There is no doubt," continued Prof. Mitchell, "that love absorbs a great

deal of the energies of any man and woman of a good intellectual and moral standard. Biology teaches us that love has a profound influence upon the body and brain while the passion lasts. And personally I think that the 'grand passion' is essential to the highest birth supply. In that way the novels which do much to foster this psychological turmoil have a healthy influence. I do not approve of the man of 35, who, meditating over his pipe, comes to the conclusion that it is time he should marry, and calmly looks round for a wife. That is not love in the highest sense. The 'grand passion' is a fever which, as I have said, should be got over and done with in youth.

"But all our social economy and our educational system is pushing the age of marriage steadily backward in life. Our polytechnics and evening classes, and university extension lectures, and all that sort of thing, tend to keep young men and women still unmarried. Of course, my theory reduces itself to the somewhat startling suggestion that boys should have married before they go to college. Then comes in the question of children, and that raises a big economic problem; but I fancy some of our best thinkers and social scientists are of opinion that some alteration in our social code is necessary to promote healthy parentage."

#### Singing in the Cotton Fields.

Singing is a part of cotton picking, says a Texan, and when you find a negro who begins to sing and holler as soon as he bends over the row you may know thereby that you have a good hand. The negro as a rule works by music. In no other line of activity is the fact so noticeable as in the cotton patch. Here is where the negro must sing if he would meet with any satisfactory measure of success. It is no loud, discordant howling, either. It is music, the like of which you cannot hear at any other place, or under any other circumstances, a low, soft hum, delicately intoned, rhythmic, mellow, soothing, and all the while the negro's body swings to and fro over the cotton row as with his nimble fingers he pulls the long white locks from the boll. I have known a great many cotton planters who would not hire a negro cotton picker unless he was satisfied that the negro sang as he worked.

There is more money in keeping a cow than in keeping a boarder, and it is possible to get one of the former that doesn't kick.

## SHOOT BIG BEAR IN CAVE.

Three Hunters Have Lively Experience on Mount Hood.

Shooting a 400-pound black bear in the darkness of a cave twenty feet in the side of Mount Hood was the experience last week of three Portland plumbers, says the Portland Oregonian, who have returned to the city with the pelt.

The hunters are Fred H. Schindler, Jesse S. Hayes and Roy C. Maxwell. It was three days out from Portland that the party stumbled upon the bear's den. Just after lunch they saw, behind a large rock, an opening about six feet deep. Maxwell dropped inside, the others following. A candle was lighted and fresh bear signs were discovered. After going in fifteen feet they found that the cave widened out and pitched downward. Hayes was in the lead.

By this time the hunters were in darkness, except for the flickering light of the candle. Hayes was sure he had heard a bear moving about, so the trio proceeded with fear and trembling. They had come all the way from Portland to hunt bear, but to steal along in the semi-darkness of the interior of Mount Hood was not on the program as arranged.

When the party had walked 300 feet from the entrance and were down in the earth at least 200 feet, at the same instant all three heard the sound of claws on the rocky floor and saw two green eyes glaring at them, the bear fearing to approach nearer to the light. Hayes fired instantly. The report was deafening, but as nitro-smokeless powder was used there was no suffocating smoke. There was a half-stifled roar from the bear, and the hair of each man went straight up. Fearing an onslaught, all fired a volley of three shots each and awaited developments on the part of bruin. But the bear was dead. Half the shots had been wasted.

Not only the pelt was secured, but twenty-five pounds of meat as well. Bear meat at this season, however, is almost useless for food. No attempt was made to explore the remainder of the cavern.

### WHAT REAL SELF-CONTROL IS.

Not Merely Repression of Outward Expression of Wrong Feelings.

To most people self-control means the control of appearances and not the control of realities, says a writer in Leslie's Magazine. This is a radical mistake and must be corrected if we are to get a clear idea of self-control and if we are to make a fair start in acquiring it as a permanent habit.

If a man is ugly to me and I want to knock him down and refrain from doing so simply because it would not appear well and is not the habit of the people about me my desire to knock him down is still a part of myself and I have not controlled myself until I am absolutely free from that interior desire. So long as I am in hatred to another I am in bondage to my hatred; and if, for the sake of appearances, I do not act or speak from it, I am none the less at its mercy and it will find an outlet wherever it can do so without debasing me in the eyes of other men more willing than I am to be debased. My selfish desire to injure the man I hate is counterbalanced by my desire to stand well in the eyes of other men.

There can be no true self-control so long as either form of selfishness dominates my actions. The control of appearances is merely outward repression and a very common instance of this may be observed in the effort to control a laugh.

#### Number of Words in Bible

The precise number of words in the old and new testaments is 773,692, and by reading something like ten minutes a day at the pace of 200 words a minute one could read the bible, through in a year.

#### The Best Kind of Charity.

The best kind of charity is not that which makes a man easy in destitution, but uneasy in it—uneasy enough to struggle out of it by the aid of a friendly hand.—Zion's Herald.

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The rest was easy.—Chicago Tribune.

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