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UNCLE SAM'S DAUGHTERS

YOU WILL DO WELL TO READ
AND HEED THIS WARNING.

An Ex-Diplomat Discovers Upon the Marriage of American Women to Fitted Foreigners—Most Unions of That Sort, He Says, Are Unhappy.

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The decision of Lady Randolph Churchill to refrain from taking any notice of the scurrilous reports that have appeared in various English and American newspapers regarding her alleged differences with her somewhat erratic but brilliant husband, is just what my acquaintance with her sound, good sense and her thorough knowledge of English life would have led me to anticipate. She is aware that, notwithstanding her transatlantic birth, her social position and prestige in the Old World is established on a far sounder basis to be affected by such scandalous gossip.

Whatever else may be said of Lord Randolph, he is certainly a fool, and he is quite shrewd enough to appreciate the enormous assistance which he has derived from his clever and popular helpmate. Any one who claims that the transatlantic character of the marriage between husband and wife at the Great Western railroad terminus on the morning when Lord Randolph left London for south Africa could so at once be a matter of the rumors to the effect that the couple had found marriage a failure.

I am all the more glad to be able to place this on record, since as a general rule the marriages of American girls to titled foreigners have resulted in disappointment and misery, more or less bravely and silently borne by the wives. During the course of my diplomatic career I have had abundant opportunities of observing both in Great Britain and on the Continent the condition of the American wives of Englishmen and foreigners, and what I have seen leads me to express myself in the strongest manner against these so-called international alliances.

There are many reasons why it is almost inevitable that they should result in unhappiness to the bride. In the first place American girls are objects of dislike and aversion to English and Continental women. There is no use mincing words about the matter. These unfriendly sentiments on the part of the fair sex of the Old World to their transatlantic sisters—always exists, though sometimes concealed—are only natural under the circumstances, and reflect no discredit upon the American girl. No woman, be her character ever so perfect, is entirely exempt from jealousy, and it is in this respect which is at the root of the whole trouble.

Aside from the question of mere physical beauty, the American girl possesses as part of her birthright a breadth of view, a freedom of intellect, a sense of the value of the individual, and an unrestrained originality of mind, which invariably attract the European men and generally monopolize their attention. The European, and particularly the English, woman has been brought up on lines that are far narrower, and with much more regard for the strict observance of those social conventionalities which, although possessed of certain advantages, necessarily impair the development of the feminine mind of the Old World. It therefore stands to reason that the men of Europe find much more amusement in the society of the American girl than in that of her European sister, who cannot be expected to regard this preference accorded to the former with much equanimity.

Conventionalities of the "separate sex" of the feminine world in Europe, and even those great ladies who presume upon the loftiness of their birth to disregard its provisions so far as their own conduct is concerned, demand its strict observance on the part of all those who do not possess similar advantages of ancestry and blood. Under the circumstances it is not surprising that the American girl who weds a foreigner and takes up her residence abroad should find all of her feminine surroundings ungenial in the extreme.

Even with the best intentions on the part of her husband's female relatives, the latter cannot entirely overcome their deep rooted prejudice to everything that comes from across the ocean, no matter whether it be from the United States, from Canada or from Australia, for the prejudices of womanhood in Europe are by no means confined to Uncle Sam's daughters, but are spread over the entire globe. Perhaps even more so, against the English and French, and the most intelligent and untrammelled minded Australian and Canadian belles. This will, I think, suffice to show that the sentiment is not so much one of race or nationality as one of manners and conventionality.

As a rule the European husband, after the first few months of wedded life with his American bride, begins to become again influenced by the sentiments which he finds more or less covertly expressed among all his sisters, his consins, and in fact among all the feminine world in which he has been brought up from his earliest childhood and in which he has moved until his marriage. By degrees the novelty of his wife's freshness and originality of mind wears off, and especially if he be a man of average intellect himself, he begins to wish that his wife were less clever, less free, and more like the women to whom he has been accustomed. The latter show that they look upon man as a superior being, whereas the American girl makes no pretense of concealing the fact that she regards him generally as an inferior, or at the very best as an equal.

Then, too, he finds himself wishing for a wife who would not antagonize him with the women of his own nationality, especially when, as is often the case, some of them have it in their power to advance or mar his prospects in life. The result is that the American wife finds herself gradually losing the affection and admiration of her husband, and no longer finds in him the support which she needs to encounter the feminine ill will and hostility by which she is surrounded on every side. He becomes blind to her superb qualities, and observant only of those little peculiarities of speech, manner and thought which during the courtship he professed to consider so charming, but which his womanhood, now that his enthusiasm has waned, succeed in persuading him are solecisms and "bad form." Prompted by his feminine surroundings, he endeavors to reduce his American wife to the level of the average Englishwoman—to break her into British matrimonial happiness and to eradicate her faults. This process of education invariably results either in breaking the spirit of the belle Americaine or else in estranging her from her husband, and in shattering the most beautiful affection which she bestowed on him in the first place.

For I doubt that American girls, shrewd, bright and clever as they are, can ever experience what is called true and heartfelt love for the foreign suitors upon whom they bestow their hands. In almost every case of international marriage on record the European bridegroom

has been a dollar hunter. Take for instance the Duke of Marlborough, of Manchester and of Decazes, the Princes of Hatzfeldt and of Colonna, Lord Arthur Butler and two or three hundred more. Their blasons all required regaling, and while they considered themselves lucky in getting beauty along with wealth, it was the latter rather than the former that they were in search of. Men such as this it is impossible that woman—the incarnation of the love—can accord that full measure of esteem that is indispensable to true love. Their marriage is therefore handicapped from the very outset, and under these circumstances, added to those above described, it is not surprising that the American wife ends by feeling that she has made a cruel mistake, and that she would have been better off with her heart, her beauty and her dollars are far too dearly bought, being at the best but grudgingly accorded, and that she would have been ever far happier and better off if she had married among her own kith and kin.

An Ex-DIPLOMATIST.

A HUSTLING REPORTER.

Mrs. Tania H. Symonds, of the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, who is a member of the city staff of the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, is not by any manner of means a typical newspaper woman. She is a reporter, pure and simple, with all those hustling qualities well developed that go to make up the good newspaper woman. For the week that she does it utterly foreign to the usual work of newspaper women.

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Which would you rather be, a man's woman, or a woman's woman?

Hysterics has usually been considered a disease of weak minded women, but perhaps both physicians and women may find food for reflection in the fact that in an eminent financier has been attacked with hysterics in an aggravated form. In the case of women of course the disease comes from weak mindedness and perversity. In the case of the great financier, though, it comes from overwork.

Oh, yes!

It is rather a curious commentary on the present order of things that women are not considered capable of voting, but that Charlotte Smith was taken through Ohio in a special car to make political speeches in aid of Governor Campbell.

Chicago keeps her handsome bondsmen for carriages by a curious city ordinance. It is that no vehicle in which a lady would not ride can be driven on these streets.

It is a strong inducement to a woman to live in single blessedness to reflect that she may live to be a widow and be spoken of as somebody's "relict."

The daughter of Congressman W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, is studying law and will be her husband's father's partner.

A New York woman journalist says that about all women are allowed to furnish to the daily papers of that city is fashion gossip and society tit-bits. This is unfortunate.

Eleven years ago Nellie Hayden was a Boston dry goods store. She was economical and saved \$400. She invested this in real estate in Denver, in the same way as so many others did who lost all the money. But Miss Hayden did not lose. She made a handsome profit and reinvested her profits. Again and again she repeated the process. Now she is said to be worth \$1,300,000.

The Mexican swell rides on a saddle worth a fortune. It is loaded with silver trimmings, and hanging over it is an expensive blanket, which adds to the magnificence of the whole. His queer shaped stirrups are redolent of the old times.

His bridle is in like manner adorned with metal in the shape of silver and gold. The cowboy, with an dozen half silver plates, and to his bit is attached a pair of knotted red reins, which he holds high up and loose.

He is dressed in a black velvet jacket fringed and embroidered with silver, and high and creased, and perched on his head is tilted over one ear. His legs are encased in dark tight fitting breeches, with silver trimming down the side seams, but so as to be a summer weather to summer from the knee down and flap aside. His spurs are silver, big and heavy and costly, fitted to his boots round his heels, and his left leg is fastened a broad blade and beautifully curved sword, with a hilt worthy a prince of the blood.

The west of this exquisite is the perfect pattern of a clothes pin. Leaning against the candle, he stretches his legs forward and outward, with heels depressed in a fashion which reminds one of Sydney Smith's saying that he did not object to a clergyman's wife, if only he could see her and turned out his toes. It is the very converse of riding close to the horse. In what it originates it is hard to guess, but it is a habit of the cowboy, with an short and long stirrups, keeps his legs where they belong, and if his leg is out of perpendicular, it will be so to the rear—Colonel T. A. Dodge in Harper's.

Victories of an Oarsman.

My first great race was also my first great victory. When I arrived at Philadelphia in 1876, there were assembled all the great oarsmen in the world. I became a leading stock for them because of my style of rowing and my rigging. The prevailing rigging for sculls then was the 8 inch sliding seat, 10 feet 5 inches long, with blades 35, inches wide, and footboard having an angle of 30 degrees. I went there with 25-inch sliding seat, 9 1/2 feet long, with 15-inch blades and an angular footboard at a 40 degree angle. When the race came off I won by several lengths.

Since then this rigging has advanced the speed of racing a minute a mile. I then went to England, and they laughed there at my kind of rowing. All England then used my rigging. I met Trickett, England and won \$500,000 for my friends on this race. Then I defeated Laycock in the same way. I then went to Australia and was defeated by Deach through a collision with a steamer. The Australian climate was unkind to me, and I was defeated several times there, but I could never get the Australians to meet me in neutral waters—Edward Hanlan in Ladies' Home Journal.

A City Victim.

It is not always the countrymen who are victimized by unscrupulous confidence men. I lately became acquainted with the case of a young married lady who has resided in this city all her life, but whose knowledge of the ways of the world is so warped by her husband's abuse that she is a victim of her own credulity. Her husband's business compels him to be away from home for long periods of time, and during his recent absence she was visited by a very gentlemanly appearing person, who persuaded the servant to allow him to use the parlor by the statement that he had called on important business.

When the lady of the house came down she whispered to her in an impressive manner that he was a private detective, and that in the course of his professional duties he had gained possession of some facts about her during her husband's absence which would distress that gentleman.

The racialist then detailed the particulars of his story, which, however false, was cleverly constructed and showed that he had made himself in some measure acquainted with the friendships and the social visits of his victim. Of course she should have had the fellow arrested at once. But she was thoroughly frightened at his manner and horrified by what he said. She hurriedly gave him all the money she had at the time, and not until he had gone did she realize the complete folly of her act.—New York Recorder.

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