

TO REFORM A MAN.

MATRIMONY IS NOT ALWAYS THE BEST METHOD.

Mrs. Frank Leslie Exposes Some Popular Delusions—A Man Must Reform Himself, but the Woman May Help Him. The Lady or the Tiger?

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REFORMED rake makes the best of husbands.

It is a curious thing, and one which many other time honored assertions, is simply a venerable fraud; and again, like many other often exposed frauds, it is just as effective for mischief today as when it started out in the days of Cain, who may have been taken in hand by some antediluvian enthusiast who preferred the honor of converting him to the monotonous contemplation of Abel's virtues.

Generations on generations of women have tried the experiment and failed in it, but the generation of today is pursuing it with just the same credulous belief as did when Joan of Arc perished in the flames because she thought she could reform Charles VII and his France.

One very singular point in this repetition of history is that men pick up the very same blunder that their fathers have thrown aside, and use it with exactly the same success as if it had never before for their personal use and under their own patent, while the woman, accepting the weapon and the man at his own valuation, enters with the ardor of a discoverer or an inventor upon the well worn path of defeat, and travels it to the very same end.

The method is so trite that almost every one can repeat the formula; the man is usually an attractive one personally, handsome, manly, and with a certain air of world worn expression, a languid voice, a cynical smile, a courteous patience of manner suggesting at once the fact of his being infinitely bored by his surroundings, and his determination to accept them without complaint.

He often is a man of accomplishments and information, and can make himself very agreeable if he chooses to exert himself, but more often he is a man who piques his female admirers by gently evading all their efforts to show him off, or as the slangy younger brothers say, to "trot him out."

Finally, some woman, pluming herself on her subtle powers of reading character, discovers that this charming but moody Manfred cherishes some secret vice, which he is determined to discover and soothe; in point of fact, it is very likely that his liver is disordered by too much tobacco, late hours and more drink than appetite, and every one knows that a slight pipe, or a cigar, really pensive, gloomy and given to dark and ominous hints as to the worthlessness of life, the small value of the game as compared with the candle, the folly of struggling against fate, and the various other astrate utterances which, although as timely and as timely as "when this you see remember me" or any other rhyme, strike the woman as reformer and savior, as something original and significant of a deep mutual understanding between herself and the speaker.

The next step is tender pleading upon the woman's part that the object of her care should take more care of his health, limit his smoking and his vigils, take out of door exercise and perhaps some good stirring rides in the early morning with his pet dog, and, in short, something about the healthy mind in the healthy body, and intimates that the blue devils only arise from a debilitated state of physique.

This leads to further confidences, and the subject in half boastful, half despairing tone announces that there is no prospect of his ever returning to that state of innocent well being of body and mind to which his gentle friend has endeavored to bring him, and at about this point of the game he introduces the phrase: "If I had met you sooner," or "before I saw you I never thought of all these things as I do now."

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Castoria advertisement for infants and children, including text about its benefits and a small illustration.

Elys Cream Balm advertisement for hay fever and colds, featuring a large illustration of the product box and text describing its uses.

The Examiner's Art Album advertisement, highlighting special premiums given away and the value of the subscription.

Advertisement for Dr. Gregg's Electric Belts and Appliances, describing their benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for the Gregg Electric Cure Co., located at 501 Inter Ocean Building in Chicago.

Advertisement for Patent Medicines, including a list of products and their benefits.

Advertisement for Scientific American magazine, mentioning its subscription information.

Advertisement for Koenig Med. Co. of Chicago, Ill., featuring various medicinal products and their uses.