

HOW IT FEELS TO BE THE WIFE OF A MORMON

Jules Huret, One of the Most Famous of French Critics, Tells the Result of His Investigation of the Mormons in the Following Article, Which He Wrote for Figaro, the Leading Newspaper of Paris:

For a long time I had wished to meet some Mormon women, and especially such as are members of a polygamous family. The opportunity came to me when one day Mrs. Wells arranged a 6 o'clock tea at her home, to which I was invited. Mrs. Wells was a respectable Mormon woman, gray haired, with a trace of gentle firmness stamped on her fine and regular features, and even pretty in spite of the fact that she was sixty years old.

She told me in a gentle voice that she had invited several of her friends to dine with her, having selected them from among the best known and most respected women of the sect. One of them, I was told, was the daughter of Brigham Young, that extraordinary man who succeeded Joseph Smith to the presidency of the Mormon exodus from the Mississippi valley to Salt Lake across the Rocky mountains in the middle of winter and with the Indians continually harassing their line of march. She told of the wonderful impression Brigham Young left in the minds of those who had ever known him, how everybody obeyed him like a king or even like a god.

Presently the women arrived, exulting themselves for being late. There were seven of them. I scrutinized them as closely as I could without seeming rude, but with an intense inward curiosity.

Exaltation, Mysticism, Energetic Faith.

At first there was little about them to distinguish them from other women except, perhaps, their simplicity of dress. Their hats were without feathers and their dresses had little trimmings on them. All in all they reminded me of some English bourgeois. But on observing them more closely, however, and especially when they spoke, it was easy to detect a certain intense exaltation of thought, a kind of mysticism, an energetic faith which no opposition could shake.

When I explained the motives of my curiosity I immediately became aware that I was the object of curiosity. They regarded me with a curious look in their eyes and the peculiar smile on their faces of those who are astonished at the astonishment of others.

I confessed my ignorance of the Mormon religion and morals and begged them beforehand to excuse the indiscretion and perhaps harshness of my questions.

They smiled with an air of condescension at what I said, and Mrs. Wells assured me that it would not be necessary for me to put my self under any restraint, for which assurance I was duly thankful.

I then explained to them the difficulties the Europeans have in comprehending how any woman, outside of those of the oriental nations, could be induced to share the love of a man with an indefinite number of rivals.

Mormon Wives Love One Another.

"But," responded Mrs. Wells, "they are not rivals. The wives of a Mormon should all love one another. It is a fact that people having similar tastes are attracted towards one another, and for that reason we would expect that the wives of a Mormon would, in principle, sympathize with one another."

"Be that as it may," I answered, "but you say in principle. As a matter of fact, doesn't this sympathy cease the moment one woman takes

from the other the love of the man which she believes is hers to enjoy alone?"

"No," she answered. "Not if the man knows how to distribute his love equally. But to do this requires power and tact, and in this respect not all men are worthy of plural marriage."

"Now," I answered, "you contend that the man and woman are equal. If a woman, therefore, gives herself completely and without reserve to a man, isn't it natural that she should demand an equal surrender on his part? And if a man divides his affection between several women, what then becomes of this equality?"

Defense of Plural Marriage.

This objection seemed to make Mrs. Wells hesitate a bit, but one of the other women present took up the word.

"As for me," she said, "I would prefer to be the tenth wife of a superior husband than the only wife of an inferior husband."

"I understand what you mean madam," I answered, surprised at the energetic way in which she replied to my question, "but wouldn't you prefer to be the only wife of a superior man?"

"Certainly," she responded. "But it is a fact that in a family of twenty children—one of ten girls and ten boys, for instance—the girls are generally superior to the boys. Now since there are more superior women than superior men, it becomes necessary for the women to share with one another the superior man."

I had not expected this sort of answer, which I was not able to verify, and was at a loss to know what to say.

"It might, perhaps, be necessary to prove that your statement is true," I finally ventured.

"It is true! It is true!" they echoed in chorus.

"Nevertheless," I said, "if you are of a loving and sensitive nature you would not suffer the object of your undivided affection to divide his. In France the woman who would tolerate that with indifference would be looked upon as not loving her husband."

Mrs. Wells, who had been reflecting, now resumed her conversation.

"Of course, it is necessary that the man should know how to divide his love equally."

"It becomes necessary, then," I responded, "to ignore completely the element of jealousy."

At this point one of the women, who had thus far taken no part in the conversation interposed a remark.

"If one suffers one should not show it. It is not necessary to show it."

Discipline Prevents Jealousy.

"But how can that be done," I objected. "If your suffering is violent? This is a question of sensibility."

"It is a question of discipline!" she answered.

I shook my head. These women spoke strangely. If their love received its inspiration from a source other than that of their cold reason and mystic imagination their eyes would burn with a different light from that the glacial expression which is the sign of their virtue as well as the secret of their passive resignation. I did not understand these women who had allowed themselves to be so completely hypnotized by the infantile fables which comprise the Mormon religion—a religion whose discipline and coldness are so great that even the idea of jealousy seems strange to its votaries. Therefore I gave the conversation another turn.

Being convinced that the women accepted polygamy in good faith, I was interested to know why they, most of them reared and educated outside of the Mormon faith, and ever been induced to believe in plural marriage. In the case of the women of the oriental nations, where the harem has been an institution for centuries, it is easy to see how they submit to it. But these women, many of them descendants of English, German or Scandinavian ancestors and reared and educated in the austere Protestant faith, by what means had their early training and prejudices been overcome so

completely that they would change their original morals?

I asked them for an explanation of this unaccountable circumstance.

Mrs. Wells took upon herself to enlighten me on this point. She spoke seriously, so seriously, indeed, that I almost imagined that she was mocking me.

"Polygamy is a necessary institution to the Mormons, both men and women, in order that their glory in the other world might be enhanced. As a matter of fact, of course, all virtuous men will attain to glory in heaven, but the greater the number of their descendants, the greater and more imposing will that glory be. They will reign over their numerous descendants throughout the ages. Think of the humiliation of a virtuous man in heaven without any descendants! The first wife of the chief apostle, Joseph Smith, was sterile. What humiliation would he not have been compelled to suffer if polygamy had not been made a part of the faith?"

I could scarcely believe my ears. Poly Wives and Daughters of Gentiles.

"Furthermore," continued Mrs. Wells, "the descendants of a Mormon are stronger. There are fewer infirm, and deformed children are of rare occurrence."

"Then," I asked, "you do not envy the lot of Gentile women?"

Her answer was sarcastic.

"Their lot is far from being enviable. They are deceived by their husbands, who live a double life and give them the lie. When the women are conscious of this it causes untold suffering. Why not, then, make it lawful for the men to be polygamists? If this were allowable, as it is with us, this condition of affairs would be prevented."

One of the other women added:

"The wives of a polygamist are much happier than other wives. They rapidly rise in superiority above their sisters in single marriage, because, as they are not required to slave continually for their husbands, they have leisure time for cultivating their own minds—time for self-improvement. When the husband comes ill humored, also, it is an advantage to be one of several wives, because his anger, like his love, will be shared. Moreover, as husband and wife see less of one another's company, their love will not become dulled and the joy of loving becomes more intense and at the same time more pure."

There is a great charm about the girl who agrees with you, all arguments to the contrary notwithstanding. The girl who argues with you may be the girl who keeps you up to the mark mentally. But there is a certain soothing something about the girl who agrees with you that is delightful.

A strange mixture of vague religious sentiment, of childish transports, and of credulity, it is, indeed, and makes one hesitate whether to pity, admire, or smile! But after all the smile asserts itself.

JULES HURET.

BLESS YOU
BROTHER
BLESS YOU

If those women who preside over "household departments" and write long-winded articles on domestic economy—"how to make a \$100-rocker chair out of an old salt barrel," or "how to live on 30 cents a month"—if these writers are not headed off p. d. q., the human race will have nothing to eat in a few years. Every one of these women has an especial aversion to some particular article of food, and one by one our good old standbys go to the dogs, as it were. Not long ago one of these dyspeptics began a crusade against potatoes, and not content with that sacrilegious onslaught, actually laid her unholly hands upon beans. Both these old-timers were held up to

ridicule by the daughters of Eve and denounced as unfit for human food. It is safe to say she doesn't know beans or potatoes either, for that matter. Of course, pork, bacon, meat, etc., have been disposed of long ago, but the worst was yet to come, for now a Witch of Endor has discovered that eggs for breakfast is no good after this. We are expecting every minute to hear a magazine warr-whoop against maple syrup and buckwheat pancake as nothing is sacred from their scurrilous pens. We feel like hiding some of our favorite dishes before they are quarantined by these Amazons. If we should ever meet some of these writers we would doubtless find dyspepsia written all over them. Reared in a large city, attending "pink teas" and midnight "dinners" they are excusable to a great extent, and the reader should consider where it comes from. If they would go out to their cousin's farm and help do the churning, washing and keeping a garden, they would find no objection to ham and eggs for breakfast with mashed potatoes on the side.—Aurora Borealis.

Georgia Minstrels.

When Richards & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels appear at the Grand Opera House tomorrow, (Wednesday) both afternoon and evening the public will see the most expensive colored show ever organized. If any doubts of the absolute truthfulness of this statement exists it will be forever dispelled when the performance is given.

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agement about their being able to make the giving of so vast and expensive show with any profit, and as a matter of fact the business ordinarily done by any other show would not have been profitable, but it was immensely profitable, and packed house rule everywhere.

The program is a lengthy one, and made up of great variety. The street parade at noon is a novelty, two bands in daily parade.

A special "Bargain Matinee" will be given at 2:15 o'clock when the same performance will be given as at the night show, but the prices will be greatly reduced. The program this season is made up with the special idea of pleasing ladies and children. Seats on sale for both performances at the box office Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Real Estate Sales.

W. A. Zimmerman and wife have sold to Earl Jump 75 acres of land in T. 10 N., R. 3 W., for \$2000.

Mary J. Paxton, of Henry county, Indiana, has sold to J. N. Skiffe, lot No. 5, in the A. F. Waller addition to Salem for \$75.

Eveline Herren, of Independence, has sold to Mary E. Herren, the west half of lot No. 6 and lots Nos. 7 and 8, in block 58, Salem, for \$1.

Will Stage the Ameer.

William Bernard, of the Baker Theater Company, at Portland, Oregon, has been secured by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, of that city, to stage "The Ameer" for the club. This club is the swell organization of Oregon, and gives a comic opera each year. Last year Mr. Bernard staged "The Wizard of the Nile" for the club in addition to his work with George L. Baker's stock company.

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BIG RALLY WILL BE ARRANGED

Young Men's Republican Club
Will Hold Campaign Meeting
Soon

The executive committee of the Young Men's Republican Club held a meeting last night, at which it was decided to hold an open meeting at the city hall next Monday evening, to which all the Republicans in the city will be invited, and especially the members of the club will be urged to attend. At this meeting arrangements will be made for a monster rally, to be held in the near future, and for this purpose committees will be appointed to arrange for the program and entertainment of the crowd.

At last night's meeting a committee consisting of W. E. Richardson, J. W. Reynolds and J. C. Graham, was appointed to make arrangements for the meeting, and a good program will be prepared, including speeches by prominent members of the party, and music. It is expected that the gathering will be a large and representative one, and that the enthusiasm that is said to be ready to burst forth will at this time make itself manifest.

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When a patient is under the doctor's care for some months, with constantly varying symptoms, but ever increasing weakness from the loss of flesh and strength by the ravages of disease, all doctors will agree that the first gain of flesh indicates a change for the better. Weak, thin, fleshless people, know they feel better as soon as they gain flesh. The best flesh and blood maker is Dr. Gunn's Blood & Nerve Tonic. For pimply, pale and sickly people, both old and young, a better medicine was never made. It turns the food you eat into strong, red blood making solid flesh and muscle at the rate of 1 to 3 lbs. per week. It is sold by all druggists for 75c per box, or 3 boxes for \$2. To overcome the effect of over-indulgence or dissipation use this medicine.

To The Public.

Sedgwick post of the G. A. R., has a lot in the City View cemetery where are buried some 30 of our comrades. To improve this lot the post has expended nearly all its available funds and no monument stands there to mark the last resting place and to honor the memory of the unknown dead.

To procure this a committee has been appointed to solicit aid from the general public; and it is hoped that the response will be so liberal that a plain and simple monument may mark the spot selected.

Respectfully,
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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION TO MEET IN PORTLAND APRIL 14

Primaries April 2 and County Conventions
April 7.--361 Delegates to State
Meeting

Appointment of delegates for the next Republican state convention.	Wheeler	4	
County.	Yamhill	11	
Delegates.			
Baker	14	Total	361
Benton	7	Republicans will hold their next state convention at Portland, Thursday, April 14.	
Clackamas	18	Each county will be represented by one delegate at large, one for every 150 votes cast for Judge Bean at the last election and one for every fraction of 150 larger than 100.	
Clatsop	10	The total number of delegates will be 316. In 1902 the total was 343 and in 1900 326, on the same basis of apportionment.	
Columbia	7	The State committee recommends to county committees April 2 for primaries and April 7 for conventions.	
Coos	9	Conventions of the two Congressional districts are usually held the day before the state convention.	
Crook	5	The nominations will be:	
Curry	3	Supreme Judge.	
Douglas	14	Dairy and Food Commissioner.	
Gilliam	4	Four Presidential Electors.	
Grant	7	Eight delegates to the National Convention at Chicago, June 21, four at large and two each Congressional district and eight alternates.	
Harney	4	The date recommended for the primaries and county conventions are not binding on the county organizations.	
Jackson	12		
Josephine	7		
Klamath	4		
Lake	4		
Lane	19		
Lincoln	5		
Linn	14		
Malheur	5		
Marion	23		
Morrow	5		
Multnomah	71		
Polk	9		
Sherman	4		
Tillamook	6		
Umatilla	10		
Union	10		
Wallowa	8		
Wasco	12		
Washington	13		

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