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MOST MEN ARE MORMONS AT HEART

There is no characteristic in which men and women differ more radically than in the comprehensiveness, what may be called the elasticity, of their affection. A woman, as a rule, is in love with but one man at a time. She may hold and inactive the ancient doctrine of her sex that the more strings to her bow, or beaux to her string, the better. Admiration may be to her as the breath of her nostrils and she may care as little for the sufferings of her victims as an enthusiastic angler does for those of the trout which it is his delight to play and capture. She even may doubt seriously which of two men she would better marry, but it is seldom, if ever, that she does not prefer one of them to the other, that she is not aware fully of her preference. Indeed, it safely may be said that no woman ever really and truly loves more than one man at once and the same time, and when the "not impossible he" appears upon her horizon he dwarfs all other men in her eyes and reigns, for the hour at least, her king and master. True, the woman may change, and often does so. Few things, not even mutual and tender love, endure forever in this world of change. Love dies, like other things and—

"Not to the dead may the living cling, Nor kneel at an empty shrine. The king is dead! Long live the king. Who rules by a power divine!" But though one king may cease to reign, and another monarch rule in his stead, the kingdom, having once tendered allegiance, is loyal while he occupies the throne. It has passed into a proverb that a woman who loves, loves much and rarely; she may transfer her affections, but she does not scatter them, a little here, a little there.

On the contrary, although there are many exceptions to the rule, most men are Mormons at heart, and apparently find no great difficulty in loving two or a dozen women simultaneously. The sailor with a sweetheart in every port, who yet claimed that "his heart was true to Poll," was a fiction strictly founded upon fact. Bigamy in every land where it is a legal offense also is a usual one. And that not only among the "masses;" every now and then society is startled by the discovery that some man of wealth and high repute, who has seemed a devoted husband and father, has played the same role to another woman and her children.

As for the number of men who, Isachar like, crouch between two bales of hay, it is such as cannot be counted. The dilemma of the poet Gay:

"How happy I could be with either Were 't'other dear charmer away!" had nothing novel in it then, and his sentiment finds a ready response in the hearts of many men today. Most people, whether men or women, have a more or less dual nature, and some men especially have so many sides to their characters, such as they are, that they may be said to be faceted. There, moreover, are some men who forever are falling in love, or what they think is love. Every time such a man sees a pretty girl he proceeds to fall head over heels in love with her. He admires almost every passably attractive young woman whom he sees, and is always making love with no serious intentions whatever or intentions that are serious for the moment only.

But men who are less susceptible to the charm of femininity not infrequently meet two women who appeal simultaneously, more or less strongly, to the two sides of their dual nature. When this happens the man probably will be in a veritable quandary. He has artistic tastes, he is fond of music, he reads, and likes to talk about what he has read. He meets a woman who shares these tastes, who participates in them with intelligence and pleasing sympathy. They make love in poetic quotations, her singing delights his soul, and his pulses quicken as their hands meet over their favorite volumes. He feels that life with her would be "forever one glad, sweet song," that her sympathy and appreciation would stimulate him to better endeavor and render him capable of great things.

But, alas, he is not strong enough to keep up to her level, and he meets pretty little Mamie, who is ready to love and admire him as a king among men. She fits in with the other side of his nature. She does not stimulate him, but flatters him and is what he calls "restful." She makes no demands upon him and has a soothing influence upon him. Besides, she is thoroughly domestic and will be fully able to minister to his "creature comforts," a direction wherein he greatly doubts

the other woman's ability. He feels reasonably sure that it is his to choose between the two women, Mary and Mamie, and he really is puzzled as to which one it will be wisest for him to marry.

The result usually depends upon which side of his character is the stronger. If he truly be of the stuff of which great men are made and sees much of Mary, he marries her, and with her help he makes of his life a better, higher thing than could have been possible otherwise. Nevertheless, he who takes the easier course is not unwise always. If he has felt before marriage that Mary's standpoint was too high to be maintained comfortably, too great a strain, emotional and mental, he would better content himself with the woman who will make him comfortable physically than endeavor to rise to the level of his soul companion. The simpler nature will demand less of his nerves and sensibilities, and the ease loving temperament, which is probably strong within him, will be satisfied. His marriage scarcely will be a failure. He will never rise to great heights, but he will have material compensations. He perhaps occasionally may think with regret of the esthetic delights which he has lost, but he has to work for a living, and Mamie keeps his home bright upon small means.

It safely may be taken for granted that the average man is not seriously in love with more than one woman at a time. Nevertheless, propinquity has great weight with most. It is not impossible for a man who sincerely and honestly is attached to a woman at a distance to find himself unable to withstand the fascination of the girl at his side. The woman whose charm and beauty can make a personal appeal to a man's senses and emotions decidedly has the advantage of her who can reach him through the medium of letters. The French are not without wisdom in their saying that "the absent are always wrong." It was a Frenchman, also, Tallyrand, who likened the effect of absence upon love to that of the wind upon a fire. If the fire be feeble the wind blows it out, if strong it fans it to a conflagration.

HILL COMMENTS ON RUMOR.

No Knowledge of Harriman's Plans But His Own Arrangements Are Made.

New York, June 6.—There have been stories recently from Oregon that the Hill and Harriman interests were reaching an amicable agreement regarding the disputed trackage rights along the north bank of the Columbia river. J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, made characteristic comment on this report in these words:

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Mr. Hill expressed indignation today over a recent alleged interview, in which he was quoted as saying that he and his friends would build the Vancouver-Winnipeg line with their personal means; that the Great Northern had no interest in the road, and that the two lines were distinct enterprises.

"That is not true," said Mr. Hill. "It is a Great Northern enterprise. The line will be owned by the Great Northern, which will provide funds to construct it."

"There is no intention to issue any bonds, but there will certainly be a stock issue. The public will not be asked to put up the money, so it is not the public's business how the necessary funds will be raised. But the Great Northern will provide them."

Mr. Hill regained from commenting on the Pennsylvania railroad investigation, but he said: "The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific would be glad to be investigated. Every book and every account of these railroads is open for inspection. We would welcome any investigation."

Germany Wants Our Manufactures.

Washington, D. C., June 7.—Consul Ozmun of Stuttgart, Germany, has sent an able presentation of the German trade situation and the introduction of American manufactures in that country. Our boots and shoes find favor, owing to their superior style and finish, which the Germans have not been successful in imitating, as they have with American stoves and machinery. German manufacturers have not only supplied themselves with American shoe machinery and imported American foremen to supervise the shapes and see to the proper putting together of the shoes, so that the form and work-

manship will appear like that of the American article, but they are now actually importing in great quantities the American dressed leather. But, somehow, while the best German shoes have improved, they still do not have the "chic" appearance of the American article. The German manufacturers will not incur the great outlay necessary to have a large number of lasts and employ experts to study new and catching designs. The American manufacturer spends large sums in that direction willingly, for he knows that success there means great sales. There are really no competitors, so far as design is concerned, with the American shoes. The total exports of shoes from the United States to all countries shows the enormous increase from \$4,702,000 in the first eight months in 1904 to \$5,970,000 in the same period last year. American leather exports to Germany were also greatly increased.

Consul Ozmun also states that European manufacturers anticipate an invasion of their markets by the automobile manufacturers of the United States, in which he forecasts great success if the Americans do not ship flimsily built machines, as was done during the bicycle era, to our permanent detriment.

In Honor of Tench Tilghman.

Annapolis, Md., June 7.—In the presence of several hundred representatives of the various state societies of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, members of the national board of the D. A. R., members of the Tilghman family and of Col. Winter and his Minute Men of Washington, the bronze tablet to Lieut. Tench Tilghman, which was placed in the old senate chamber to commemorate the ride from Yorktown to Philadelphia, which Lieut. Tilghman, then an aide de camp of General Wash-

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The Poor Fool.

(From the Boston Transcript.) He (angrily)—So there was a man after you when you married me, was there? She—Yes, there was. Poor fool! I wish to heaven you had married him. I did.

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