

## WHY MARRIAGE IS THE GREATEST LOTTERY

Marriage is essentially a partnership, the closest possible association known to humanity, and as such necessarily implies community of interest between man and wife. In all legendary myth woman is said to have been created as mate for man; and in Genesis we are told that the Lord God, saying: "It is not good for man to be alone," made Eve as "a helpmate for him." "And they twain shall be one flesh"; the halves of one harmonious whole. For which cause no marriage can be a happy one in which there is not complete and thorough sympathy between the two who are joined in the "holy estate." Neither does this statement imply that the two are to be replicas merely each of the other; on the contrary, even as variety is the spice of life, a little difference is wholesome for the better union of the two. Not too much, however, the "just enough" is here, as elsewhere, that which is wanted.

It has passed almost into a proverb that like is unwise to seek like in matrimony; "opposites attract," which sweeping assertion has helped no little in complicating the mystery of the baffling ways of love. In point of fact, the marriages which result most happily are those between men and women possessed of the same standards of life; whose characteristics agree, although they may not be identical, and whose tastes are similar. Yet the average man almost instinctively looks for a different temperament than his own, whenever he dreams of a wife, or allows his thoughts to stray towards love; while, as a rule, both men and women frequently are most strongly attracted by those most dissimilar to themselves.

It is a popular theory that every man and every woman has his or her complement somewhere upon this planet; that usually the two who are intended to combine into the perfect whole will have at least a chance of meeting. Sometimes, like ships that pass in the night, they come within measurable distance of each other, yet exchange no word nor sign of recognition; but as a rule they sooner or later stand face to face, and are given the choice whether or no to fulfill their mutual destiny. The theory is beautiful, no doubt; but like many another it will not hold water, as the saying is. It is possible that "every Jack has his Jill," but the rest of the proverb is untenable, since statistics prove indisputably that the number of women in the world is in excess of that of the men, wherefore if the whole world were to attempt mating there would be left several millions of superfluous women without husbands.

There also is much talk of affinities. But these, although they undoubtedly exist, comparatively are rare, and are in most cases not born, but made; that is to say, they are developed, rather than found all ready and charming. For what are affinities? People who think and feel and act in perfect sympathy, perfect harmony; between whom attraction reaches the maximum, and who, heart and soul, are in complete unison. It is improbable that any man and woman could meet for the first time and instantly discover such a bond of utter responsiveness. Such a condition is too near to heaven to be found in earth. In the first place, men and women have different points of view, which often are at cross lines; and in the second, it would be difficult to find a man and woman who had the same conditions for the formation of character and inclination. People must make their affinities. They must find the proper material and mold it to their liking, which by no means is an easy task.

The contrariness of men and women goes far to stultify the realization of perfect happiness in matrimonial matters. Often and over it happens that bystanders and lookers-on in the game of life see women who appear to have been created expressly as wives for certain men of their acquaintance neglected, scarcely noticed, by those men, who pass on to marry other women far less suited to their needs. Equally, women flout and reject men who would make them excellent husbands, and cling to ne'er-do-weels, against the advice of all their friends.

It is not so much that love is a trickster as that men and women conspire to thwart their own best interests. How is it that the man who would be made as happy as possible by sensible Mary, who would gladly marry him, elects to woo and wed her feather headed sister, whose character is the opposite of Mary's

and whose chances of becoming a satisfactory wife to any man who wants more than a plaything are slim indeed? The "little god of love" is as scatter brained and short sighted as the old Greek represented him to be.

In spite of the saying that "There is no fool like the old fool," middle aged men often secure the best matrimonial prizes, simply because they keep the question of suitability before their minds when they go a-courting. Instead of being swept off their balance by a pretty face and a piquant manner, they stop short to investigate deeper, to inquire whether behind the veneer of good looks there exist the solid qualities which a sensible man desires in his wife. When a man of 40 or 50 years of age sets forth, purposefully, to find the right kind of wife, instead of allowing himself to be pounced upon by the first fascinator who may choose to exhibit a preference for him he is apt to succeed in his quest, especially if he is amenable to the advice of friends whom he knows to be sensible and prudent.

It is not the least of the many advantages that men possess over women that it is so much easier for a man to make a suitable choice in marriage than it is for a woman to do so. Not only has the man all the benefit of his wider experience, but, owing to the operation of social laws, he has the opportunity of seeing the woman at home in her daily life, which few women can secure with regard to man. It is cause for wonder that so many marriages turn out well, rather than that some are failures, when one reflects how often a young girl stands at the altar to utter the words which bind her for better or worse, for good or evil, with only the most superficial knowledge, of any, of her husband's past; of his real character; his true disposition. If only women knew men as men know men, and if men knew women as women know women, there might be fewer weddings, but marriage would cease to be a lottery, and be a pleasant game in which all prizes and no absolute blanks would be the rule.

### Hop Pickers Wanted.

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### MAY BE PARDONED.

Efforts Made to Secure Freedom of James Colwell.

An application was made yesterday for the pardon of James Colwell who is serving time in the state prison for manslaughter.

He was sent to the penitentiary from the district court of Malheur county, having previously been tried and convicted in Harney county. He was jointly indicted with George S. Miller, for murder and was tried first with the result stated. Miller secured a change of venue to Crook county and was acquitted. As Miller was the principal in the killing and Colwell was only an accessory, if that, his pardon is being asked for by a large number of people.

### IDIOTS MADE IN SCHOOL.

Secretary of California Board of Health Issues Warning.

A dispatch from Sacramento, Cal., says: The next monthly bulletin of the state board of health will contain a warning by Secretary F. K. Foster against the cramming method of education now in vogue in the public schools. Secretary Foster asserts that the health of the children is being ruined and that in many instances they have been made hopeless idiots because of the course of study forced upon them.

### The End of the World

Of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Ia., of all usefulness, came when he began taking Electric Bitters. He writes: "Two years ago Kidney Trouble caused me great suffering, which I would never have survived had I not taken Electric Bitters. They also cured me of General Debility." "Sure cure for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, Blood Diseases, Headache, Dizziness and Weakness or bodily decline. Price, 50c. Guaranteed by J. C. Perry's drug store."

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## MILL TOWN BURNS

Parkersburg on the Coquille River Totally Destroyed by Fire

A dispatch from Coquille, Ore., says: Parkersburg, a sawmill town on this river, 10 miles above the mouth, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. Fierce winds have prevailed for several days, and it is supposed the fire was blown from the burning sawdust and siab pile to the roofs of near-by buildings. Only two buildings are left, one being the residence of J. L. Kronenberg, the superintendent and part owner.

The store, wharves, mill, lumber and every wooden structure were swept away. The books and money from the postoffice were saved, but all money, books and stock in the company's store were lost.

No lives were lost, but several men were greatly endangered by trying to save some of the property.

The property was owned by the Coquille Mill & Tug Company, of San Francisco, and it is thought that no insurance was carried.

The loss is variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

### Galveston's Sea Wall

Makes life now as safe in that city as on the higher uplands. E. W. Goodloe, who resides on Dutton St., in Waco, Tex., needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years, and it keeps me well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now it's gone." Cures Chronic Coughs and prevents Pneumonia. Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed at J. C. Perry's drug store. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

### STOLE A WHEEL.

Harry E. Sims Charged With the Theft of Roy Buckingham's Bicycle.

A young fellow, who says his name is Harry E. Sims, and that he is 17 years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon near Lincoln on the charge of having stolen a bicycle from Roy Buckingham near the store of Fuller & Douglas. Deputy Sheriff Minto went to Lincoln, where the young man had a job on a farm, and made the arrest.

Sims was brought before Justice of the Peace Webster this morning, but his examination was postponed until Thursday morning.

Sims when arrested had in his possession several gold rings that he is believed to have procured in a dishonest manner

### Rheumatism.

When pains or irritation exist on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment gives prompt relief. E. W. Sullivan, Prop. Sullivan House, El Reno, O. T., writes, June 6, 1902: "I take pleasure in recommending Ballard's Snow Liniment to all who are afflicted with rheumatism. It is the only remedy I have found that gives immediate relief." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. For sale by D. J. Fry, Salem, Or.

## FRENCH SUBSTITUTE FOR SILK

There is no manufacture for the production of Chardonnet silk in Lyons. A factory at Besancon, about 148 miles northeast of Lyons, has been manufacturing Chardonnet silk the last 15 years. The output has been increased from 220 pounds per day to nearly 4000 pounds per day. Chardonnet finds use more specially in passementerie and corded goods, but is also used for ladies' dresses, and cannot be distinguished from real silk except by the closest inspection of a skilled expert. It is but little used in Lyons, but finds ready purchasers in many of the smaller cities of France. Its best market is in the United States. It is manufactured in Germany and Hungary, and a factory is about to be put up for its production in Italy. As alcohol enters very largely into the making of this material, the high internal revenue tax in the United States has thus far prevented its manufacture there.

The factory at Besancon employs from 1500 to 1800 hands, exclusive

of clerks, bookkeepers, traveling men, etc., and has an office in Lyons. I am told by a chemist that the genesis of Chardonnet silk is gun cotton, which is made by treating ordinary cotton with a mixture of nitrate and sulphuric acid. When this gun cotton is dissolved in alcohol it forms collodion, and this makes a solution of cellulose, which is the basis of Chardonnet. A viscous solution of cellulose is injected in infinitesimal jets into the preparation, giving it a brilliancy and tenacity. The alcohol then evaporates from the filaments, and from these filaments Chardonnet silk is produced. If the article were left in that condition it would still possess all the explosive properties of gun cotton, from which it was made. To remedy this the fibre undergoes a chemical treatment, by which the substitution products above spoken of are removed, and the cellulose from which it was originally formed is restored and the fibre loses its explosive properties. It has become normal cellulose.—Consular Report.

## WHERE PEARLS GROW IN AMERICA

A rush of wholesale pearl merchants from New York to the Wabash, Wisconsin, and other western rivers, has taken place in the last few days, so that all of the prominent firms are now represented by one or more members or agents. The cause is ascribed to a recent increase in the number of gems that are being found in the mussel beds and to the discovery of several unusually fine specimens.

The most valuable American pearl brought to New York this season, a round, white gem, weighing 68 grains, was bought several days ago by Maurice Brower of 12 John street, and it is said to be held now at \$15,000, although it was sold by the original finder for 75 cents. The earl came in a shell the size of a silver dollar, which was taken out of the Mississippi river on the Wisconsin bank.

Another pearl offered for \$5000 in the Malden Lane district last week by I. E. Anthony of Comanche, Ia., is a 99-grain pear-shaped gem of a pink color.

Other tinted beauties of various sizes up to 100 grains have also arrived from Vincennes, Ind.; Prairie du Chien, Wis., and other centers of pearl-hunting activity. But the New York buyers, after seeing the early discoveries, set out for the rivers in order to buy on the ground, as otherwise the prices multiply many times on the way from the man who first sees the pearl to the buyer in this city.

Mr. Brower, before going west, said that he intended to buy pearls to the value of \$200,000 for the market in this city and in Paris. The high water in western rivers in the first part of the season interfered with pearl fishing, but now the fishermen are having an unusually successful season. An increased demand from manufacturers of buttons and novelties for the mussel shells has helped the gem part of the industry by attracting a much

larger number of fishermen. The search for pearls is not profitable except when the shells are sold to advantage.

The greater number of gems found in the present season, according to this merchant, have come from the Wabash river, within 200 miles of Vincennes, but New York is receiving supplies from the Mississippi, Wisconsin, Ohio and some other rivers.—New York Times.

### In Self Defense.

Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attacked, four years ago by piles bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says: "It cured me in ten days, and no trouble since." Quickest healer of Burns, Sores, Cuts and Wounds. 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

### Irrigating His Hops.

E. C. Croisan is irrigating his 40-acre hop yard south of Salem, near the river. It is an experiment with Mr. Croisan, but he believes that the increase in the yield will be more than sufficient to pay for the expense of putting the water on the growing crop.

So far as is known here this is the first experiment in irrigating hops in the Willamette valley on anything like an extensive scale. It is believed that the yield will be increased at least one-third in seasons when there is little or no rainfall, such as this summer, for instance.

### A Mystery Solved.

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me," writes John N. Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

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## State News

Famhill County Brass Band  
to Tillamook to take part in  
carnival.

15-year-old son of H. W. Gid-  
dett, of Blodgett, was accidentally  
killed while out hunting Sunday.

Sarah Zigler, a pioneer resi-  
dent of Roseburg since 1852, died at  
home there Saturday evening.

C. Wheeler, of Pleasant Hill,  
county, lost his new barn by  
Monday evening. It contained a  
quantity of oats and hay.

Southern Pacific Railroad com-  
pany erecting a monster oil tank at  
junction of the two West Side  
at St. Joseph. It is 66 feet in  
diameter and will be about 40 feet  
high.

H. Wallace has been arrested  
Sumpter, charged with having  
signed a check for \$80, purporting  
to be signed by H. B. Griffin, the ho-  
man of Sumpter. The check is a  
forgery.

D. Handley, a pioneer resident  
of The Dalles, died at that place Monday.  
Mrs. Handley was the widow of Major  
Handley, one of the proprietors of the  
The Dalles house.

C. Sether, a representative of  
Menasha Wooden Ware Company  
of Wisconsin, has purchased 3000  
acres of fine timber land in Coos  
county. This will mean a new manu-  
facturing plant at one of the coast  
points.

The residence of William Murphy,  
near the Corvallis & East-  
ern Railroad at Munker's Station, was  
destroyed by fire Sunday evening. The  
warehouse close by also caught  
fire, and was a total loss.  
The fire was caused from a lamp ex-  
tinguisher.

### Cures Sclatena.

Dr. W. L. Riley, LL.D., Cuba,  
N. Y., writes: "After fifteen  
years of excruciating pain from scla-  
tena, under various treat-  
ments, I was induced to try Bal-  
lard's Snow Liniment; the first ap-  
plication giving my first relief and  
the second entire relief. I can give  
unqualified recommendation. 25c,  
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### Must Serve Time.

An application for the pardon of  
James Taylor, sent to the peniten-  
entiary from Umatilla county for arson,  
made its periodical appearance yester-  
day. Taylor was convicted of hir-  
ing a man to set fire to a neighbor's  
house. Taylor has spent thousands of  
dollars in trying to get a pardon.  
Governor Chamberlain told the man  
yesterday that he would not interfere  
with carrying out the sentence and  
advised Taylor to keep his money for  
his family and not waste it on efforts  
to get out of prison.

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