

SECOND MARRIAGE SOMETIMES WISE

(By Helen Oldfield.)

A shrewd old lawyer, whose clever and caustic speeches were remembered long after his death by those who heard them, used to quote the saying: "Advice is the worst vice there is"; and he added: "Few people ask advice because they want counsel." Generally they hope to be confirmed in the course upon which they have already decided; when the contrary happens they rarely take the advice, and in any case they resent it, so it is wise to be chary of your opinion concerning other people's affairs.

Especially is this true with regard to love affairs. In this land of liberty and era of personal freedom most persons are at liberty to marry as they choose, provided that both Barks and Peggotty are willing, and excepting when parents and guardians feel themselves in duty bound to interfere, the best course is to let them alone. Strangers above all have no right to make or to meddle.

As to second marriages, there is nothing to differentiate them in this respect from first marriages. Indeed, since the persons concerned usually are older, and presumably wiser, they have still greater claim to be permitted to "gang their own gait" without hindrance. True, some men and women come to years of discretion at 17, and other fall to arrive at 70, but that has nothing to do with the case. The marriage bond is "Hil death do ye part," and the man or woman who has buried one spouse is at full liberty to take another if he or she is so disposed. "The law allows it, and the court awards." The question is one which each individual must decide for oneself.

Observation and experience abundantly prove that a large proportion of second marriages are happy. Poets and novelists to the contrary notwithstanding, only the few love once and forever. The love of romance which is born in a moment to last eternally, which is unimpaired and unaffected by time, circumstance, or condition, has no counterpart in the experience of everyday life. Not that true love does not exist, but that, like all other best things, it requires favorable influences, and is perfected by growth and culture. Whether it survives after death depends entirely upon the man and woman who have shared that love. There are some who never forget, some who cannot be forgotten. As says one among the host of homely philosophers who appear in the fiction of the hour:

"There's men would marry once a year if their wives would die fast enough, and there's men that seems to want to live alone."

So also with women, as some one has said, there are those who like dogs are faithful unto death and after, others who like cats purr contentedly under whatever hand strokes them gently and provides them with cushion and cream. It is a matter of temperament rather than of anything else.

The laws of ancient Sparta forbade second marriages, but for reasons so cynical as scarcely to be logical. They held that if a man or woman had had one good wife or husband it was all he or she had the right to expect, wherefore it was their duty to thank the gods nor tempt them further. If, on the contrary, the first marriage had been an unhappy one, only a fool would wish to run the risk of another, and under the Spartan laws fools were not permitted to marry.

Nowadays experience goes to prove that people who have been unfortunate in their first choice are

more likely to marry again than those who have been fortunate. There is a bit of the gambler in the nature of most of us, and the man whose pockets are full is more willing to quit the tables than he who is losing; one seems always to hope that the luck will turn.

Dr. Johnson pronounced a second marriage to be "the triumph of hope over experience." Others, who are less epigrammatic, affirm that to take a second partner is the highest compliment which can be paid to the departed first. In some cases the real romance of marriage only awakes with the second wooing. It by no means follows that must be a prosaic, practical transaction. Mature love will naturally lack some of the undisciplined fervor of younger days, but it will probably go deeper and last longer. It should be controlled but not cooled by experience. Prudence and foresight must not be confounded with cold blooded calculation. An important consideration in the remarriage of parents with children under age is, or ought to be, the welfare of those children.

The widow who writes, evidently hoping to be told that it is her duty to her two boys, aged respectively 15 and 13, to give them a stepfather is advised to read David Copperfield. She says that she is unable to control the lads, who need a stronger, firmer hand than hers. This may be, but it is well to be sure that the hand is gentle and tender as well as strong and firm. Plenty of excellent fathers and mothers testify that it is not always easy to be patient with one's own children! It is infinitely harder to be so with the children of another. A stepfather is a dangerous experiment, unless he be a man of uncommon fiber; and he and the boys ought, if possible, to be chums before the fact.

The man whose wife dies, leaving him with small children, is in a most pathetic position, and if he loves a good woman who loves him and who for the sake of that love will mother the little ones the best thing he can do is to marry her. Let him be sure he is right and then go ahead; the fact that his deceased wife's relatives object to his remarriage does not entitle them to forbid the banns.

One bit of advice may be safely given. No man or woman who is of a strongly jealous disposition ought ever to undertake to play the role of No. 2. It is inevitable that they will be compared, in thought if not in word, with No. 1, nor need the comparison necessarily be painful. It is not generous of No. 2 to try to banish all traces of the predecessor. The man or woman who lightly can abandon all memories of the partner of youth is not so likely to be an ideal companion for middle age as the one who cherishes a tender regard for the dead, side by side with an honest love for the living.

ANSWER LILLIAN RUSSELL

Chicago, Oct. 9.—The Methodist Rock River conference decided to co-operate with those who are advocating uniform divorce laws throughout the country, and to make marriage more stable. A special committee reported and "repudiated the idea that true marriage can be a temporary experiment in conjugal compatibility, and believe there can be no infraction of the marriage bond, otherwise than death, without sin." In these emphatic passages the Illinois Methodist assert their disagreement with statements made by Lillian Russell Saturday when she, said out of her varied experience, "that divorce was the greatest of blessings."

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MUST MAKE GOOD

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To Control Tobacco Crop. Madison, Wis., Oct. 9.—Plans for controlling and marketing the Wisconsin tobacco crop and for storing the crop, if necessary, to secure fair prices, are being considered at the meeting here today of the state tobacco growers' department of the American Society of Equity. Delegates will be elected to the national convention of tobacco growers, to be held at Shelbyville, Ky., October 30. Officials of the state union report that the tobacco growers of the North are now almost as well organized as those of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, and that they will soon be in a position to wage a successful warfare for better prices and treatment at the hands of the "tobacco trust."

The Fortune of a Peer.

The Marquis of Bristol died recently at Ickworth, Bury St. Edmunds. He was 73 years old. Lord Bristol was Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk and a great landowner, possessing nearly 40,000 acres in Suffolk alone. He was a noted sheep breeder, capital shot, and an enthusiastic yachtsman.

In January last Lord Bristol brought a singular, but unsuccessful action against the vice-chancellor of Cambridge university, claiming the right to a vote in the election of a member of parliament for the university.

The successor to the marquise is Captain Frederick William Fane Hervey, R. N., Unionist member of the house of commons for Bury St. Edmunds. He is a nephew of the dead marquis.

Captain Hervey, who will inherit an income of about £40,000 a year, is already immensely wealthy. He married an heiress, Miss Alice Wythes, daughter of the late G. E. Wythes, who made his money in partnership with Mr. Basse, the railroad contractor. Mr. Wythes left his daughter an income of £30,000 a year.

Captain Hervey has had a distinguished naval career, and is a famous gunnery expert. He passed head of the list into the navy in 1877 and among his comrades on the Britannia were the late Duke of Clarence and the Prince of Wales.

A by-election at Bury St. Edmunds is, of course, necessitated by Captain Hervey's succession to the peerage. —London Express.

FORGOT TO THINK OF PORTLAND

The Telegram is sore and will chastise the war department, because the latter ignored Portland, in sending troops to the Philippines. It says:

Once again the United States war department has issued orders detrimental to the port of Portland. And Portland is going to go after the war department because it didn't watch out.

General orders have been issued for a grand transfer of troops to the Philippines to begin the first of next year. The Fourteenth Infantry, now stationed at Vancouver, is to start for the islands January 5, and the order read that this fighting unit shall "proceed to San Francisco, Cal., and will make report to the commanding general, department of California, in time to sail for Manila, January 5, 1908."

Seated behind his handsome desk in the offices of the war department at Washington, Adjutant-General Benjamin Alvord, who issued the order quoted, displayed remarkable ignorance of geography by ordering a regiment of soldiers 800 miles to take a transport when there is a first-class seaport within a half dozen miles of the barracks where the troops are now stationed.

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The officers and men of the Fourteenth were agitated when they read the order. They were unable to understand why the department had to send them on a railway journey nearly 800 miles long, when they could reach a transport by a 30-minute ride on trolley cars. They declared it was putting them to a great deal of needless bother and expense to send them to the Bay City, when the transport could come to the Rose metropolis much easier than they could go south.

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