

Character More Vital Than Eugenic Tests

By Annie Laurie.

And the first eugenic bride turns out to be a bigamist.

I wonder whether they found out about that—eugenically.

I don't know how the eugenic brides and eugenic husbands feel about it, but I'd rather be married to some one with four generations of consanguinity for a family history than to be married to a bigamist.

That's the trouble with all this eugenic theory. How in the world is it going to do anything important for the race when the only thing that is of much importance—character—is left completely out of the reckoning?

The healthiest and most physically perfect man I ever knew has about as much power as an angle worm.

He doesn't like to drink, he hates the taste of whiskey, and he says champagne makes his head ache—but he drinks, just the same, to please people who ask him to drink.

He's in love with his wife, or would like to be, and he has a little boy he's fond of, and a baby daughter that he adores. But any woman who will make eyes at him owns him completely for the time being.

This man is naturally clean, naturally decent, naturally wholesome—the very sort of person you'd pick out, eugenically, to marry your dearest daughter. And he's the worst husband I know, for reasons which have absolutely nothing to do with eugenics whatsoever.

I know a girl who was the leader of the basketball team at college. She can swim and row and ride and run.

She can dance thirty miles a night and be up at 8 o'clock in the morning looking as if she hadn't done a thing but sleep all night long on a perfectly good sleeping porch with a sweet breeze from the ocean whispering pretty dreams every minute of the hour.

This woman is pretty and fresh colored, and she has good manners and is very intelligent, but she's driving her husband to drink and making her children wish they lived in a nice, cozy, quiet orphan asylum.

Eugenically she's perfect.

Really, she's a born nagger, a shrewd, a scold, a woman with a genius for seeing every little fault her husband has through a double-lensed telescope, and telling him about it with a megaphone.

I'd rather have a boy of mine marry a girl with a hereditary tendency to inflammatory rheumatism, or anything else on the doctor's calendar, than to be married to that girl.

The inherited disease sometimes slips a link in the chain; the bad disposition never misses a trick.

And there is such a thing as sufficient strength of character to throw off the more tendency to almost any disease in the world.

I know two sisters born of a consumptive mother.

One of them is going into a decline this very day and hour, and the other is the picture of health.

The one who's going into a decline is a die-away sentimental-rhapsodist sort of person, who thinks it is interesting to be "delicate."

She won't exercise; she won't eat anything that she ought to eat, and she will eat all things she ought not to eat; she has fresh air, and says that a sleeping porch gives her the shivers; she reads novels and curls up over silly books when she ought to go out in the garden planting petunias.

Her sister is a bright, good-humored, sensible girl. She started in with a cough a couple of years ago, and she saved every dollar she could get hold of and had a sleeping porch built out of her room.

She called in a good doctor and obeyed his orders to the letter.

She ate what she ought to eat, and she let what she ought not to eat alone.

She liked to read too, but she threw her books away and cultivated a bed of violets.

Today that sister is perfectly well. The rooms were very attractive

and the other sister is anything but well.

It doesn't take much of a prophet or much of a student of eugenics to tell which of those girls is going to marry and be the mother of healthy, wholesome children.

Good health, a fine constitution, a liver that knows its business and does it, a heart that keeps union hours and a stomach that attends strictly to its own affairs—these are all magnificent assets in the business of life.

Splendid tools to help build what we call success out of even the sorriest material.

But I'd rather have an ounce of courage than a pound of health, and if I had to choose between a good constitution and what the old fashioned people called "sand," I'd choose the "sand" every day in the week.

Pluck, courage, strength of mind, determination, the will to do and not to be done—they are the sort of eugenics that count.

Now, when the examining board of physicians can tell by looking at you whether you are a man or just a neatly-mouthed muck of concessions, it will be of a good deal more practical use than it is today.

The first eugenic bride a bigamist—things up when we get to thinking that we know so much that it's really terrifying.

WOODBURN NOTES

Woodburn, March 21.—(Special)—Mrs. E. Hauffman of Hubbard was in town shopping Thursday.

Chas. Randall made a business trip to Woodburn Wednesday.

C. Thomas spent Tuesday in Silverton.

A. Schermer motored to Silverton Tuesday and spent the day with friends.

Mrs. G. M. Fry of Hubbard was in town Thursday shopping.

Mrs. Momer Allemen and daughter Laura left Friday for Salem where they will visit friends and relatives for about two weeks.

A very enjoyable whist party was given Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Binkley on Cleveland street, by their daughters Mrs. W. T. Jenkins and Misses Nellie and Gladys Binkley. Eight tables of whist were played at which Mrs. H. M. Austin won first prize for ladies, Mr. C. B. Corbitt first prize for gentlemen, and the consolation fell to Wayne Gill.

The rooms were decorated in pink and white blossoms and English ivy. After the game a buffet lunch was served by Mrs. Jenkins. The Misses Binkleys assisted by Mrs. H. M. Austin, Mrs. H. Allemen and Miss Mildred Drake.

After lunch an hour was pleasantly spent in toasting marshmallows over candles and an impromptu program was given at which L. S. Robbins got the majority of votes for giving the best speech. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Allemen, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhodes, Misses Mildred Drake, Ruth Gilbertson, Carrie Christensen, Ethel Donney, Cola Knowles, Janeth Christensen, Lida Jerman, Lois Beebe, Avon McKinney, Della Beck, Florence Cumback, Nettie Broyles, Sadie Richard, Nora Beck, Gwendolyn Warner, Messrs. Gilbert Cole, C. B. Corbitt, Fred Chase, L. S. Robbins, Willard Cole, Glenn Parr, W. C. Grousel, Carl Allemen, Ray McKinney, E. C. Riches, Wm. Nyler, Al Beck, Wayne Gill and W. M. Jenkins.

Mrs. Joe Kennedy and Mrs. J. T. Fitzpatrick were joint hostess Tuesday when they entertained at a St. Patrick's bridge party at the home of the former on Harrison street. Eight tables of bridge were played and the highest prizes were won by Mrs. H. M. Austin and Mrs. Blaine McCord. Mrs. James Harrow of Portland receiving consolation.

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SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS.

THE little poem beginning
Baby-by,
Here's a fly,
shows the spirit with which the house fly used to be regarded and even appreciated as a domestic ornament and baby's plaything. They did not realize that baby's life lay with the filthy insect who "ticked baby's nose" and who was most probably just from some consumptive's or typhoid patient's sick-room or from a neighboring stable.

As soon as the fly has emerged from the shell it is ready for its deadly work. It starts out from the stable or the garbage can in search of more filthy food. Around it flies from one insanitary place to another. It enters the sickroom and gathers there the death dealing bacteria. It gets typhoid germs on its legs and flies away to some table and wipes them off on the food. It gathers tuberculosis germs and crawls into the sugar and over the butter and often ends by tumbling into the milk.

It is hard enough for grown persons to fight off the contaminating flies, but helpless babies are wholly at the mercy of their worst foe. The flies swarm about them, settle down on their faces, walk over their nursing bottles and leave only when driven away by the baby's rescuer.

Flies Breed In Filth.

IF at first you don't succeed swat swat again!

A mild winter and spring prelude the early arrival of our litterest enemies—flies—in vastly increased numbers. Immediate, well directed efforts must be put forth if the threatening dangers are to be minimized. The time to fight flies is before they become flies—when in the egg or when they are maggots.

The problem of elimination of flies is one of elimination of filth. No filth, no flies.

Flies breed in filth, play on filth, eat filth and distribute filth—the filthiest kind of filth too. If we do away with the breeding places of flies there will be no flies.

Therefore the way to swat flies now is to clean up the fly breeding filth. Clean up, keep clean and see that your neighbors keep likewise, and you will have few, if any, flies to contend with. Of course have your swatter ready for the first arrivals.

Fly Man's Greatest Enemy.

FIVE trillion five hundred and ninety-eight billion seven hundred and twenty million is the normal number of flies a single fly will produce from April 15 to Sept. 10, according to the statement of Dr. L. O. Howard, United States government expert.

IF one energetic fly can produce by Sept. 10, 5,988,720,000,000 flies, how many flies will one pile of manure produce?

FLIES are the most dangerous insects known to man. He should be their most persistent natural enemy.

It is all important that the winter fly be assassinated. You are doing a work of humanity by killing him now. Don't miss a single chance.

SMASH FLY IN SPRING!

One fly destroyed in the spring will prevent the development of more than 5,000,000,000,000 before the end of summer.

in their decorations with St. Patrick emblems, white carnations, ferns and green shaded candles. A lunch then followed was highly commented on by the ladies present. Those assisting in serving were Misses Della and Nora Beck, Madge and Mary Scollan.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Whitely of Hubbard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitney Sunday.

Mrs. Cunningham of Woodburn is visiting friends in Portland this week. L. Malo and daughter Katherine of Gervais were shopping in town Thursday.

Mr. C. L. Oglo left for Eugene Wednesday where he was called on account of the illness of his son (Clair), who was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis and will be operated on Friday. Clair is a student at the University of Oregon and his friends both in Woodburn and Eugene are anxious for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. A. T. Humphrey and children of Eugene are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumming of Washington spent a couple of days the first of the week as the guest of his sister, Mrs. John Gore.

Mrs. Theo. Clark of Salem, was the guest Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McKee.

Mrs. Al Mishler returned to Salem this week after staying two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Wampole who was very ill but is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. P. H. Thompson entertained the ladies of the Lutheran church Wednesday. The time was pleasantly spent in sewing and visiting. Lunch was served later by the hostess.

Miss Yoder, a teacher in the Woodburn school went to Hubbard Thursday to visit with her brother Chauncey who


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was operated on for appendicitis at the Hubbard hospital a few days ago.

A very pleasant party given by the younger set was that of Miss Olive Haskell to a number of her friends at her home Friday. The evening was spent in music and games after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Ida Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Drake entertained the members of the 500 club Friday evening at their home on Hayes street. The rooms were decorated in green crepe paper and flowers. The high scores were won by Mrs. L. M. Blitney and Mrs. Fred Dore. Mrs. R. H. Scott and Dr. O. P. Overton received the consultations. A delicious lunch was served by the host and hostess assisted by their daughter, Miss Mildred and Mrs. Alice Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts returned last week from a two months trip through California and report a most delightful time and trip but are glad to be at home again.

A number of Miss Milly Branigans friends greatly surprised her Tuesday by dropping in to spend the evening with her. A very joyful time was spent in music and games after which dainty refreshments were served.

W. L. Bentley returned Tuesday after several days trip in western Washington.

Fred Yergen of Aurora has bought the property of Mr. C. M. Boney on Lincoln avenue, and has remodeled the house which is now up to date and modern.

Capt. Eugene Mosberger and Lieut. F. A. Livesley went to Portland Wednesday to attend a meeting of the officers of the third regiment.

Mrs. J. W. Harrow of Portland is the guest of Mrs. F. W. Settlemier this week.

D. H. Hawley was a Portland visitor Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Marrow of Portland was in Woodburn Tuesday on business.

Mrs. M. Wolfer of Silverton spent Wednesday with her sister Mrs. H. Broyles.

H. D. Mares of Gervais spent Wednesday in Woodburn on business.

F. W. Settlemier transacted business in Portland Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Hall is visiting friends and relatives in Dallas this week.

Miss Sadie Richard who has been clerking at the 5-10-15-25 cent store, is taking a month's vacation. Miss Nettie Broyles is taking her place while she is absent.

Mrs. E. M. Drake delightfully entertained several children at her home Wednesday, in honor of her son Miles' sixth birthday. At noon a four-course lunch was served by the hostess assisted by her daughter Mildred.

Mrs. B. F. Melroe is visiting friends in Silverton this week.

Mrs. J. B. Kennedy was the guest of friends in Portland Thursday.

Miss Anna Asboe spent the week-end with her parents at Marquam.

Mrs. F. L. Marsh entertained a number of her friends at her home Saturday afternoon. In a very interesting guessing game of different kinds of cloth Mrs. W. A. Chapman received first prize and Mrs. T. C. Poorman second. Miss Isabel Eason, sister of the hostess assisted her in serving the refreshments. Those invited were: Mrs. F. W. Settlemier, Mrs. A. E. Austin, Mrs. P. A. Lursday, Mrs. E. L. Guiss, Mrs. John McKinney, Mrs. O. W. Love, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. J. M. Poorman, Mrs. L. Lawrence, Mrs. T. C. Poorman, Mrs. James Livesay, Miss Isabelle Eason and Mrs. Wm. Waterbury of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waterbury of Salem spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Woodburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Feller entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. John Garbide and their daughter Mrs. W. M. Grover, of Portland, whose birthdays come on the same date and they have celebrated in this fashion for several years. Mr. Garbide is eighty-two but fully enjoyed the celebrations as much as the younger people. There were twenty relatives and close friends present who enjoyed the sumptuous dinner which was served on a beautiful decorated table with large bouquet of carnations and ferns. Besides the immediate family, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grover and son and daughter Wesley and Geraldine, Mrs. J. Cloe and Miss L. Lucas of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kraus and daughter Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schewer of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barkman, Chas. Feller, Jr., and A. E. Feller of Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Feller and son Kenneth and daughter Iva.

W. T. Binkley and daughter Mrs. W. T. Jenkins went to Portland Friday on business.

Mrs. S. Halfrey will leave Sunday for Chicago where she will visit with friends and relatives for about two months.

Chas. Franklin left Friday for Spokane where he will work for several months.

SALEM IN SECOND PLACE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, March 23.—Following are the scores in the state gun shoot: Joseph 122; Salem 112; Condon 107; Grants Pass 113; Corvallis 95; Eugene 116; Bend 110; Donald 117. The average of all shoots to date is: Joseph 116; Salem 110.5; Condon 100; Grants Pass 113.3; Corvallis 103.6; Eugene 116; Bend 110; Donald 117.

MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Cleveland, March 23.—The city's department of finance today revised bids for \$1,197,000 worth of street improvement bonds. On April 13, \$500,000 worth of municipal electric light bonds will be knocked down to the highest bidder.

No woman can be convicted of murder, says a Chicago judge. Not if she is young and handsome.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult.

Beach, The ne'er do well.
Bunyan, Pilgrim's progress.
Churchill, Crisis.
Deland, Iron woman.
Dickens, Oliver Twist.
Duncan, History of Music.
Fabre, Life of the fly.
Ford, Janice Meredith.
Fullerton, Problems of power.
Gordon, The doctor.
Harraden, Ships that pass in the night.
Hart, Essentials in American history.
Howard, House fly—disease carrier.
Keller, Out of the dark.
Nicholson, Rosalind at red gate.
Porter, Freckles.
Porter, Girl of the Lumberlost.
Reed, Lavender and old lace.
Rinehart, Circular staircase.
Sinclair, Lure of the dim trails.
White, Arizona nights.

Juvenile.

Altshefer, Forest runner.
Baldwin, A popular girl.
Bryce, Aldine primer.
Carroll, Around the World.
Chamberlain, How we are fed.
Cooke, Nature myths and stories.
Elson, School history of the United States.
Gordy, Stories of American explorers.
Haines, Luck of the Dudley Graham.
Howard, Banbury cross stories.
Lang, Blue fairy books.
Lang, Sleeping beauty in the woods.
Mighels, Adventures with Indians.
Pyle, Strange stories of the Revolution.
Pyle, The wonder clock.
Mason, Tom Strong, Washington's scout.
Quirk, Baby Elton, quarterback.
Segur, Story of a donkey.
Stoddard, On the old frontier.
Wrad, Gypsy Breynton.
Wyss, Swiss family Robinson.

COLONEL MILLER FILES

PORTLAND MAN IS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR ON DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Colonel Robert A. Miller, of Portland, filed for the office of governor on the democratic ticket Saturday afternoon and made the following statement:

"Will work for State and National progress.

"Will encourage all of the industries of Oregon.

"Will work for the moral and educational uplift of the people.

"Will have economical and honest administration of the affairs of State.

"Will encourage immigration, the homeseeker and the homebuilder.

"Will foster the arts, the sciences, and the ideals of the people.

"Will work in unison with all the forces that make for peace, happiness and prosperity, and for State and National greatness.

"I want the words 'Faith in the people, hope for better government, and charity for all,' placed after my name on the ballot.


Colonel Miller graduated from Willamette university in 1878 and was city editor of the Salem Statesman in 1880. He was twice member of the legislature from Jackson county and was the democratic nominee for congress in 1890. He was appointed register of the United States land office at Oregon City in 1893. In 1906 he ran for attorney general.

ARGUMENTS PRESENTED IN OPPOSITION TO HOME RULE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, March 23.—The anti-home rulers main arguments are that Ireland is incapable of supporting its own government, financially, that its parliament is likely to waste the money England will have to provide it with, that its rule will be under Roman Catholic domination and oppressive of the protestant counties in the north; and that it is liable to be made, with its peoples consent, the basis for military and naval operations by some foreign power particularly German—against England.

The home rulers scoff at all these assertions, maintaining that the real objection is that England landlords want to continue exploiting the country and that Ulster, the richest county on the island, has never paid its fair proportion of taxes and is afraid an Irish parliament will compel it to do so.

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