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RULES FOR MARRIAGE.

AFTER three months of married life, Mrs. Ella Farnham, 20, has left the Brooklyn boarding house where she and her husband of 60 had made their home, has sued for divorce, and gone to work as clerk in a notion store.

She recommends the following "don'ts," based on her own brief experience, to all women contemplating matrimony:

"Don't marry a man who cannot give you a cozy little home of your own.

"Don't marry until you have spent at least five years in the society of men.

"Don't be afraid of being an old maid. It is worse to have your heart broken by a man unworthy of you.

"Don't marry too young and with too little knowledge of men.

"Don't take men too seriously. Most men's compliments are deceiving.

"Don't contradict those who tell you marriage is a farce.

"Don't forget that a good office job is better than a poor man."

All this covers broad ground. But broader still might have been covered by a single sentence: "Don't marry at all unless there is love enough to last longer than three months."

Love can overcome all adverse conditions, make a happy home anywhere, sweeten sorrows and disappointments, smooth the wrinkles of age and lend wisdom to the inexperience of youth, and cause all life's joys that are really worth while to hover about it and radiate from it, as fragrance surrounds the rose.

There are no fixed rules for happiness in marriage, and never can be any.

But it may confidently be stated as an invariable general principle, that lots of love is needed to prevent a wife kept in a boarding house from being like a fish out of water.

The great mass of happy wives who work in their homes, rear their children, cook the meals, mend the clothing and do the thousand and one unending tasks of the housewife need not envy those glittering butterflies who look upon marriage as opportunity for leisure.

The happiest women in the world are the wives whose love finds expression in work—not overtaxed drudges, whose lives are necessarily miserable, but the women whose time and hands and minds are ever occupied in making the home happier and life for all around them sweeter with wholesome meaning.

SUFFRAGE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW SEX.

ANEW sex is growing up; a third sex—women who deliberately abandon all feminine attributes and honestly do not care for love or passion.

This, according to Sir William Bell, member of Parliament for Hammersmith, in an article in the Academy, is the real reason for the growth of the woman suffrage movement. "The young woman of half a century ago who did wool work also wasted thousands of hours of valuable time in practising the piano," said Sir William, "in nine cases out of ten she had no taste or inclination for music, and is now as defunct as her grandmother who swooned in graceful attitudes on every occasion. Women nowadays are taking up a more aggressive position in the world; they travel unchaperoned; they ride alone in taxis, and live like bachelors by themselves in flats, if they think fit, without scandal. They want to live their own lives; they do not want to get married or expect it. They imitate men as far as they can in their attire. They smoke cigarettes, and lead useful lives as clerks, typists, telegraphers, actuaries, doctors, and take up a hundred other occupations which were formerly the sole occupa-

tion of men. They do not want men; they are learning to be independent of them.

"I do not pretend that all women who follow these occupations are of this class, but I maintain that there is a large and growing proportion of what is practically a third sex. Inasmuch as the proportion of men over women is increasing, I see no harm in it, but good. Spinsterhood is no longer the reproach it once was, and women lead far more interesting and brighter lives than they ever did before."

John Carmichael, aged 82, a few days ago applied to the county judge of Baker county for assistance to reach the little town of Grouse in Wallowa county, where a kind-hearted nephew had offered him a home. He was unable to walk without crutches, being a cripple, but it developed in his story that his heart and his sturdy independence were neither crippled, but were wonderfully vigorous. He had asked nothing from anyone, but, unable to stand, had on his knees worked a crosscut saw and managed to earn 50 cents a day by cutting cordwood. He maintained himself on this, until the nephew offered him a home. What a picture of sturdy independence and how grand the venerable gentleman, for he is that, appears beside the individuals who compose the army of Wont Works, strong young and able, but filled with self-pity and other people's food, and whining over their hard luck. Brave old John Carmichael. He deserves a good home the rest of his years, and if his relatives cannot provide it, Baker county or the state should. Such self-reliance as his should not go unrewarded and the example should not be permitted to be lost.

The report of the State Board of Health shows that in February there were 546 girls born in the state and only 408 boys. For the first three months of the year there were 937 males died and only 627 females. Can it be that this is the result of equal suffrage and the haughty dames have concluded to just eliminate we poor devils of he bipeds?

The returns from the primary election up to time of going to press indicate that Judge Bennett will head the democratic state ticket for governor, and Dr. Withycombe will be successful among the republican aspirants. Both are excellent men and are well qualified for the position of chief executive of the state.

A negro girl in Oklahoma 10 years old has a fortune of 8,000,000. It is safe to say that when she grows up she will be able to find a husband who will not draw the color line.

General Coxe's army started for Washington with 14 soldiers, but three have already deserted.

According to the latest reports, Huerta is taking the well-known advice to "go west."

Everybody seems to have jumped onto that road bond proposition.

10 o'clock he was met at the train by 1,500 of his townsmen and a brass band and as he alighted from the car he was picked up by his enthusiastic friends and carried a brook to the hotel where he was given a genuine ovation.

Four persons were injured at Medford Thursday when an auto skidded and went over the grade at the approach to the Bybee bridge. Dr. Lawrence Hill suffered a compound fracture of the skull, his son, John, broken ribs and internal injuries; Mrs. Lawrence Hill, three ribs broken, and Mrs. John Hill, slight scalp wound. The doctor and his son are in a precarious condition.

The oratorical contest between the universities of Washington and Oregon held at Seattle Thursday night was won by Washington.

The girls in the LaGrande high school have agreed that none of them

Facing Second Boer War In Which Topography of Mexico Will Fight Back Troops

By Mrs. HARRIOT STANTON BLATCH, President of Woman's Political Union

If you were on bad terms with a family down the street and you didn't want to get into a row with them you wouldn't go down and STAND IN FRONT OF THAT ILL HUMORED NEIGHBOR'S DOOR WITH CLINCHED FISTS, would you? I tell you we women know what's wrong in Mexico and what's wrong in this country.

IT WAS ONLY THE MEN WHO WERE ASTONISHED WHEN THERE WAS BLOODSHED AT VERA CRUZ AND WHEN CARRANZA GAVE US WARNING THAT ALL MEXICANS WOULD STAND TOGETHER. WE WOMEN KNOW OUR MEN CHILDREN. WE KNOW THERE WAS NEVER A TIME WHEN A PERSON INSULTED ONE MEMBER OF A FAMILY THAT ALL THE FAMILY DIDN'T PITCH IN TO RESENT IT, HOWEVER MUCH THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES.

I'll give you a woman's insight into what we are going to face if we go ahead. We are GOING TO FACE A SECOND BOER WAR, in which the very natural topography of Mexico will fight back our hundreds of thousands of soldiers and will keep them all at bay.

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graduating this year will wear a dress costing more than five dollars. A sensible movement, and it is safe to bet they will look as sweet and pretty as though they had a hundred dollars worth of trimming and decoration in the shape of laces, gawags and such stuff.

More girls were born in Oregon during the month of February than in any month in the history of the state in which a record has been kept. The report of the Oregon state board of health shows there were 546 girls born in that month as against 408 boys.

Lane county has 11,887 voters registered, and of these it is estimated that not more than 9,000 will vote. The election will cost \$10,000, and so each vote will cost more than \$1.00. In some precincts it is estimated that the votes will cost as much as \$9 each.

The Multnomah grand jury is investigating the matter of the interstate bridge at Vancouver. Just what kind

of a scandal has already ripened is un-known, but it seems rather early for it.

Professor Clarence Melville McKel-lips has resigned from the faculty of the O. A. C. He was professor of pharmacy and had held the position for 16 years.

Astoria stores will all be closed all day June 3, that being the day when Hill begins work on the construction of the Hill terminal docks at Warrenton.

E. E. Starbuck, of Portland, fell while attempting to board a Eugene and Eastern car at Beaverton Thursday, and was caught by the wheels. He lay in such a position that the cars could not be moved without crushing him, and it was an hour and a half before jacks could be propped and the car lifted off him. At the hospital one leg was amputated, and it is stated that he will probably recover.

A fire at Astoria on the water front Thursday did damage estimated at \$75,000. Two men caught in the burning building were critically injured, and four others were severely burned.

Mrs. Eliza Morris, an Oregon pioneer of 1851, died at her home in Palouse, Wednesday. She was 80 years old.

Field Perils

The farmer plants his field of corn—the kind that doesn't pop—and hopes that on some autumn morn' he'll start to shuck his crop.



And shuck his crop he often does, which is exceeding queer, for blights and perils fairly buzz around it through the year. I think it strange that farmers raise the goodly crops they do, for they are scrapping all their days against a deadly crew. To plant and till will not suffice; the men must strain their frames, to kill the bugs and worms and mice, and pests with Latin names. The cut worms cut, the chinchbugs chinch, the weevil weaves its ill, and other pests come up and pinch the corn and eat their fill. And then the rain-works go on strike, and gloom the world enshrouds, and up and down the burning pike the dust is blown in clouds. And if our prayers are of avail, and rain comes in the night, it often brings a grist of hail that riddles all in sight. And still the farmers raise their crops, and nail the shining plunk; none but the kicker stands and yaws, and what he says is bunk. If all men brooded o'er their woes, and looked ahead for grief, that gnat would starve who gaily goes to thresh the golden sheaf.

The race isn't always to the swift; it often depends on the jockey 'up.

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