

Stick to One Vine.

By E. A. Brininstool.

When we boys were little shavers—father used to make us go
In the berry-pickin' season where the black-caps used to grow;
With our tin pails full of luncheon we would start at break of day,
And till milkin' time at evenin' in the old woodlot we'd stay;
I remember father's sayin', "Now, when you start in to pick,
If you want to fill your pail up to the brim, an' fill it quick,
Git a bush an' freeze right to it, till you've stripped it clean an' bare,
Don't go rangin' through the bushes, pickin' here an' pickin' there;
Tain't the chap who picks a little, from each bush there is in sight,
Who will have the largest pailful when we leave the patch to-night,
But the boy who picks a bush out, an' sticks to it, will not fail
In the end, to have the biggest lot of berries in his pail."

Since my boyhood days I've noticed often, time an' time again,
That ol' sayin' of my father's is as true to-day as then,
You will never get the best things of this life unless you stay
Anchored to a single purpose, let it be whate'er it may;
Don't go stragglin' through life's pasture, tryin' this an' tryin' that,
All the while not really knowin' where, or why, or what you're at;
Find a bush and stay right with it, don't be drawn aside, to go
Where the pickin' looks more pleasant 'cause the berries thicker grow;
Don't have irons in the fire that you have no time to tend,
For you'll surely burn your finger an' regret it in the end,
Stick right to one honest purpose, an' you'll find you'll seldom fail
To be pretty sure of getting all the berries in your pail.—Ex.

The Sundowner.

I lie a mere log on the tide of life,
Afloat on the fitful river,
Unmoved by the din and shouts of strife,
That rise from the ships for ever.

Secure with my friend the river I glide
O'er placid pools and shallows;
Beneath the silver fishes hide,
Above us flit the swallows.

Constant the live-long summer's day
The sunshine woos the river,
And laden winds with spoils of May
Float by returning never.

No troubles I fear, the river's my friend,
In calms or through rapids dashing,
When whirlpools we flout as we descend,
To emerge in the sunbeams flashing.

So onward we go to the quiet sea,
With the ships dismantled lying,
Where storms or rapids no more be,
But peace and the spent winds sighing.

—Peter Sinclair.

The Ingle Nook.

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WEDDING QUERIES.

For a wedding about the middle of September, what style of hat would be most suitable for a bride to wear? (I mean, would a winter hat do?) What color would you advise with white-satin dress? Also, what color of shoes or pumps? The bride is dark complexioned. Can you advise any simple remedy to remove tan or freckles? Should hat be worn while ceremony is being performed? Would same hat do to wear with blue suit for travelling? How should hair be dressed? Should gloves be worn during ceremony? If so, what color? Does it make much difference if there is not a wedding-march played if it is inconvenient? What salads and

dishes, also courses, I may say, for a luncheon about twelve o'clock?

How should bride and groom be taken to station? There will be no bridesmaid or groomsman.

Please fill out an invitation form and an announcement.

The bride's parents' house is not very large. Would it be quite suitable to have ceremony performed in room where luncheon is to be served? Should guests be seated at table, and how? Bride and groom, parents, minister and relatives, or invited guests. Kindly state how they should be seated.

Not to take up too much time and space, I'll close, thanking you for the many favors. FAIR BEAUTY.

Sorry to have kept you waiting so long, but it is not possible always to answer questions immediately, they have to be taken in turn. "First come, first served." However, as you do not intend to be married till September, this should be in time to give you the information desired.

First of all, the only "essentials" for a wedding are the bride and groom, the clergyman, and the license; even the ring is not indispensable, as something else can be, and has been substituted for it on an emergency. Everything else is a mere matter of means, personal opinion, and good taste.

The conventional white-satin wedding dress with train, will call for veil, white-satin or kid slippers, and long, white gloves. Anything else would be incongruous. If the dress is short, any pretty, light, summer hat could be worn; and the wearing of gloves, though preferable, is a matter of choice. A winter hat would not be suitable to wear so early in the season. The gloves should be worn during the ceremony, and the left-hand one quietly removed at the giving of the ring. With a blue going-away gown, a pretty fall hat would be suitable. Wear your hair just as usual. You don't want to look or feel unnatural or "fixed up." If you have a friend who could play the Wedding March for you, it would be very nice, but it is perfectly immaterial, and can be omitted without making the slightest difference. If your house is small, how would it do to have an open-air wedding, on the lawn? This would be very pretty, and could be easily arranged (only one would have to be prepared for the accident of bad weather), and a buffet luncheon might be served in a marquee on the lawn, or in the house. This is much more sociable, and easier to arrange than a formal wedding breakfast. The refreshments should be prettily arranged on side tables, and the gentlemen of the party can help to hand around the sandwiches, ices, etc. Some seats should be provided, but most of the guests will probably prefer to partake of refreshments while walking about chatting with each other. The bride and groom are usually driven to the station, but this detail is the province of the groom to attend to. A simple buffet luncheon would consist of two or three kinds of sandwiches, thin bread and butter, several varieties of cake, salads, ices, jellies, ice cream, tea or coffee, or both, either hot or iced, and lemonade. In the event of unfavorable weather, when the wedding would have to take place in the house, the buffet luncheon would be much the better plan, as so much room would not be required as for the setting of a large table. The generally-accepted forms for invitations and announcements are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

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and

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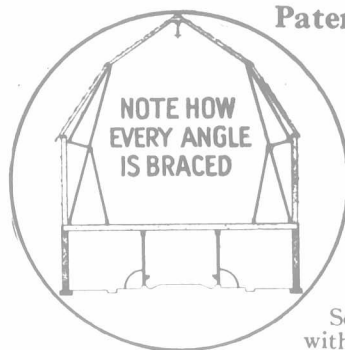
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