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Divorced Life

by Helen Hessong Fuerste

Marian's Views on Matrimony

In these days when a woman is expected to be a social success, it is not surprising that she should be a divorcee. Marian decided to part with her engagement ring rather than to accept Ann Stewart's invitation to visit her at her studio. Marian had purposely avoided her social friends, rather than become the object of their sympathy and curiosity as a result of her divorce. But she felt differently toward the fascinating landscape painter who wanted her to come.

Visiting a pawnbroker's is a habit and must be developed. The surge of flame and eagerness that invades the sensitive woman on her first few visits to the counter of the money-lender, makes these episodes gloomy and depressing events of life. Marian shrank from the task, but set out on her mission courageously. She had gone to a similar destination once and could do so again, thankful that she had something of value to carry home.

The loan shark bent his hooked nose over the glittering stone, and peered at its shining facets through a microscope.

"At you want for it?" he demanded thickly after a moment.

Marian knew that Frank had paid \$300 for it. After a swift mental calculation, she replied, questioning: "One hundred and fifty dollars."

The money-lender threw up his hands in dismay. "I couldn't do it," he answered, shoving the ring back across the counter toward his visitor. "I couldn't get half that for it. Times have been bad. People ain't buying diamonds these days like they used to. I ain't got one call for a stone in a week, I'll give you forty dollars for it."

With a wave of disgust, Marian turned the ring, and left the place. Forty dollars! The fellow's offer was a insult. She proceeded up the street, the same thoroughfare with the dilapidated flat which she had passed through heretofore, and looked right and left for the sign of the three gilt spheres that denoted the place of the money-lenders. She paused in front of one place, its display windows gleaming enticingly with precious stones, each representing a tragedy of life not unlike her own—who could tell?

This time she was offered \$45 for the ring, and again she left without

striking a bargain. Three different shops she entered, to play the unwanted role of haggling with the money-sharks. Never had the nice applicability of the term "shark" impressed her as now. She laughed in the faces of the men behind the counters when they made absurd offers for the ring. Did their gasping greed, she wondered, typify the business principles of the world? Never had she had a more striking object lesson of the fundamental business rule of buying cheap and selling dear. The cold, harsh, heartless, masculinity of trade offended her feminine spirits. Like an evil ghost, it rose before her, determined to exact much, willing to yield but little.



Wary of haggling with the loan shark she finally accepted his pitiful offer of an offer.

At last, weary of haggling further, she resolved to part with her engagement token. In exchange she received \$45. It was the best bargain she was capable of driving. The money in offensive-looking bills, was peeled off a greasy roll by a pair of caressing claws of hands, and she made her escape, glad at any cost to obtain funds and flee from the atmosphere of the loan banks.

Departing, a prettier vision flew into her mind—that of a gentle, quiet artist's studio, tucked away among the abodes of a snowy village. Like a pleasant haven it called to her. She longed to be on her way.

(To be Continued.)

\$8,000 For One Log Of Wood.

Four Feet Square; Twenty-four Feet Long.—Twas African Mahogany. Though, and Price Was Not Considered Out of the Way.

Eight thousand dollars seems a big price to pay for a log of wood even though it is a mahogany log four feet square and twenty-four feet long. That doesn't make it such a whopper among logs anyway. Many larger ones have come from Africa, where this particular specimen as a rule is less beautiful in grain, says the New York Sun, and less fine in texture than this piece, which set the world's dealers bidding against each other.

When a New York firm secured it for \$8,000 the price wasn't considered extravagant, even though the log was then in London and had to be brought over to Stapleton, Staten Island. Somehow Stapleton seems a queer place to look for exiles from the mysterious Orient. But they are there all right enough: teak wood from Burma and Java, vermillion wood from the Andaman Islands, walnut from Africa and the West Indies and Mexico.

Veneer, thin as silk. These are only a few of the rare woods which are sawed into boards and sliced into veneers almost as thin as silk in the Stapleton mill. And the smell of the place! Spicy and sweet and aromatic with now and then a sour whiff from some African cottonwood or rank breath from a surface newly stripped of bark. For a good tree, though sweet at the core, often wears an ill-smelling coat.

There are fashions in woods as in everything else. For several years Circassian walnut had been riding the crest of the wave; then the French walnut took first place in exclusive work. The French walnut is a soft grey; a wonderful shade, considering it is a natural one. Circassian walnut is a peculiar velvety brown rather sensationally marked with much darker swirls. These two are the fashionable woods at present.

But the two which in the long run need fear no rivals are fine mahogany and good old English oak. Santo Domingo mahogany, the finest of its race is almost extinct. And old English oak grows rarer every year. Even England hasn't a big supply of centuries old oak, and many of those she does possess will probably never be cut for commercial purposes—a fine log with angular lines, worth as much as any of the fancy woods and quite as beautiful.

English Oak Supreme. The English oak is alone in the beauty of its color, is an indescribable warm, "sweet" brown. Native oaks are white, rather a dirty white. French oak is white also; and Spanish oak—which comes from Cuba is incomparable not only in its color, but also in its markings and its texture, which has a peculiar flexible softness like that of leather.

Now that the supply of San Domingo mahogany is practically negligible, the best of that wood comes from Cuba, Honduras and Mexico; but no giant logs like the \$8,000 African one. Cuban mahogany as a rule is a tall and spindling tree. It grows singly here and there, jumping up out of the lower tangle of the tropical jungle. The natives cut the trees, square the logs roughly with their axes and haul them out of the forest.

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Many Like Him.

(From Tit-Bits.)

Blanc sat disconsolately in the smoking room while all the other guests at a ball were tangoing like mad.

"Why, Blanc, what are you doing here? Why aren't you out on the floor tangoing, man?" his host asked.

"I don't tango," Blanc answered.

"You don't tango? Incredible! How on earth is it that you don't tango?"

"Well," Blanc said sadly, "I'd like to tango, and I would tango, only the music puts me out and the girls gets in my way."

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Field Perils.



The farmer plants his field of corn—the kind that doesn't pop and hopes that on a s o m e autumn morn' he'll start to shuck his crop. And shuck his crop he often does, which is exceeding queer, for blights 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 rainworks 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 punk; none but the kicker stands and yawns, and what he says is, bunk. If all the men brooded o'er their woes, and looked ahead for grief, that gent would starve who gaily goes to thresh the golden sheaf.

—Dana M. Munn

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Long Distance Runner Broken. America has probably lost its best cross-country and long distance runner, for Billy Kramer the great athlete of the Long Island A.C., has broken down and may never again be able to don another racing suit for the three mile race at the Monument A.C. games at Celtic Park. Last Sunday he injured the achilles tendon of the left foot and is now scarcely able to hobble around. The injury is not new, as Kramer first strained the tendon while training on the steamship Finland on his way to the Olympic games in Stockholm. While it still pained him severely he started in the 5,000 meter race in the Swedish Stadium, but was compelled to quit before half the distance was completed.

An Interesting Fight.

(From the Westminster Gazette.) In the Canadian Parliament the Opposition is to submit an amendment to the Budget defining the fiscal policy of the Liberal Party in Canada. The present aim is to bring about a working arrangement between the low tariff element in the older provinces and the wheat growers in the West, who are generally for the dropping of all duties. The Times correspondent tells us what he thinks will be the fiscal programme at the next election. The Liberal platform will be:

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(2) Lower duties on manufactures.

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