

Factory Girls Earn Millions.

Factory girls in Russia earn from 200,000,000 to 400,000,000 rubles a month. Here's a case where the laborer is a millionaire.

Who Is To Blame for the Decline in Marriages?

Dorothy Dix

Says Men, Not Women, Are Matrimonial Pickers.

Girls Always Have Been Willing to Risk All for Love—And Still Are. But the Ambitious Young Men of Today Simply Don't Propose—Families Are a Drawback to Business Success.

I have a letter from a man who declares that the race is being ruined and men driven to immorality by girls refusing to marry men without money. Furthermore, he asserts that women in these days are not willing to marry poor young men and work up with them as their mothers did. To this my correspondent ascribes the late marriage and the ever-increasing crop of old bachelors. For, says my correspondent, by the time a man has gotten able to support the modern woman he has generally lost his taste for domesticity.

I do not think that the facts in the case will bear out the gentleman's contention. Women are to blame for many things but not for the decline and fall-off, as Mr. Wegg would say, in wedding bells. The female bachelors have always been willing. It is men who are the matrimonial pickers, not women. Women have ever been willing to risk all for love. It is men who have gotten cold feet when it came to taking the plunge into the holy estate when it was a case of shutting your eyes to future consequences and taking the fatal leap in the dark.

The theory that all men are anxious to marry early and take upon themselves the burden of a family, and that it is only women who lack the courage to sacrifice themselves for love is utterly and entirely false. You have only to look about you and observe the reckless marriages that girls make to see that women still consult their hearts instead of their heads when they decide the most important event in their lives. Girls who have been raised in the lap of luxury marry men who cannot even guarantee them the makings of the traditional bread and cheese and kisses menu of romance. Girls who have made good in business or professions, and who are getting fine salaries doing six or eight hours' work a day in a mahogany and plate glass office, give up their easy jobs to slave over cook stoves and washbuds for nothing in a two by four flat for the sake of the men they love.

No. When you see the kind of men women marry it doesn't look as if they were not willing to take a chance on matrimony or that they refused any suit who didn't rate in the millionaire class, or that they were willing to waste youth waiting for the men they loved to get on Easy Street before they tied up with them.

As for girls not being willing to marry poor but ambitious men and work up with them, that is also tommyrot. Ninety-nine girls out of a hundred are simply dying to do that very thing. But the cold truth is the men don't give them the opportunity to do it. For the ambitious man, the real go-getter, the man who has set himself a definite goal to reach, subscribes heart and soul to Kipling's dictum that "he travels the fastest who travels alone." He has no idea whatever of handicapping himself with a wife and children at the beginning of the race. They are luxuries he looks forward to having after he has attained success.

He sidesteps love just as carefully as he would the bubonic plague or the flu germ, and he has no more desire to marry early than he has to commit suicide.

The men who make early marriages in these hard-boiled times are the amiable affectionate easy-going class, without any ambition or any special desire to get anywhere. Just the jog-along sort. The ambitious man doesn't marry young because he knows that no boy can make enough money to support a family and save up anything to grubstake Opportunity when it knocks at his door.

He has seen too many young chaps of promise have their hopes, their energy, their enthusiasm buried under a mountain of bills that were the bare necessities of living for a family.

The man of ambition does not marry early because he wants to keep himself free to go where fortune beckons.

The married man cannot risk his meal ticket. He cannot jeopardize a steady job for the chance of a better one. He cannot go off on long trips for his firm, or to foreign countries, without the burden of dragging along his wife and children.

The ambitious man does not marry early because the untethered man has many chances of making valuable social connections that the married man has not.

The bachelor is welcomed in circles where very often his wife would not be received. Furthermore, women push the fortunes of the agreeable unmarried man, but they never bother themselves to help the married man.

Besides these reasons for staying single, the ambitious man has still another reason for not marrying. He is selfish and he wants to spend his money upon himself.

The salary that enables a single man to dress well, belong to a good club, live in a good location, and enjoy most of the luxuries of life, will doom him to shabby clothes, ugly surroundings, and a sordid flat full of crying babies, if he marries. So it is easy to see why domesticity has no charms for him, and why no woman is vamp enough to get him.

But it isn't fair to blame the women for men not marrying young nor claim that girls are not willing to marry poor men and work up with them. They don't get the chance to do it.

In all sober truth, it is the men who have the least to offer girls who often propose. And the girls take them. Does that look as if women weren't ready to take any risk for love?

DOROTHY DIX.

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40 CHILDREN ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS CLINIC

Doctors and Nurses Kept Busy Yesterday at Rectory Street School.

Forty children and their mothers attended the Rectory street school Christmas clinic held yesterday afternoon, when a party for the mothers and children was the big feature. Christmas decorations, including a small but pretty Christmas tree, were used to brighten up the room where the party was held.

A number of the members of the mothers' clubs were present, including: Mrs. C. Keene, Mrs. Styles and Mrs. Hogarth from Rectory street; Mrs. W. Rider and Mrs. Spalding from Lorne avenue; Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. J. C. Hodge and Mrs. Willis from Hale street; Mrs. Goldby and Mrs. Burnham from Boyle Memorial Club. Dr. E. Spence and Dr. J. Lindsay were the doctors in charge.

London Hunt Club Is Scene Of Happy Coming-Out Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harley Brown introduce their charming daughter at Enjoyable Christmas Dance.

The London Hunt and Country Club was the scene of a happy Christmas dance last night when Mr. and Mrs. J. Harley Brown entertained in honor of their debutante daughter, Miss Margaret Harley Brown. The bright red and green colors of yuletide were found everywhere, while great masses of flowers, gifts to the fair debutante, were placed in delightful array about the dance room. The dance reached its height when serpentine confectionery was thrown about the room, and the hundred and sixty guests danced out of the maze amid a riot of lovely colors. Attractive orchestral music added its charm to the evening.

The youthful hostess wore a charming French frock of shell pink chiffon velvet, bordered in silver. Silchiffon velvet, bordered in silver. Silver leaves were becomingly arranged

in her hair, while silver slippers and a quaint silver bag completed her costume. Her flowers were an armful of exquisite pink roses, the gift of two cousins.

Mrs. Harley Brown wore a handsome gown of black lace, caught at the side with a rhinestone ornament, while her hair ornaments were silver.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Hugh McCrimmon is visiting in Niagara Falls.

Miss Margaret Jordan will be the hostess of a tea, given at The Grange during Christmas week.

Miss Dona Waller is spending the Christmas holiday with the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baldwin in Toronto.

Mr. Massey of Montreal will be a Christmas visitor in London with his sisters, the Misses Massey, Marley Place.

Mr. George Styhon of Montreal will spend Christmas in London, the guest of Mrs. J. D. Wilson, Huron street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Braddon will be Christmas guests with their son, Percy Braddon and Mrs. Braddon, in Windsor.

Mr. Bert Mitchell of Waterloo will spend Christmas in London with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mitchell, Mill street.

Julius Hart, of the Hart School of Music, Hartford, Conn., will spend Christmas in London with his sister, Mrs. Arthur Gleason.

Mr. J. Hawkins, Huron street, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence C. M. Turner, has returned from a visit in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Le Prestre of New York will spend Christmas in town with Mrs. Le Prestre's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ashplant.

Miss Jessie Bell is home from Whitby College and is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Walter Bell, Oxford street.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott of St. Thomas and Dr. and Mrs. Aitken of Shedd will be Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whitman, Waterloo street.

F. W. Ross, who is attending Western University here, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ross of Oxford, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Croden are entertaining at a small dinner party this evening, the guests going on later to the R. C. R. birthday dance at the barracks.

Pearson Greene, of Ridley College, St. Catharines, is spending the Christmas vacation in London with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greene, Cheapside street.

Mr. G. A. Reynolds of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Mr. E. B. Reynolds, manager of the Imperial Bank, Sandwich, will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in the city.

Miss Ida Sherlock, who has been attending the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sherlock, Ontario street.

Miss Helen McIntosh, of the College of Education, Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Rev. W. R. McIntosh and

Danny Meets Egret, Cousin of Longlegs the Great Blue Heron

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Danny Meadow Mouse was feeling more and more at home. There were so many wonderful things to see that most of the time he forgot he was lonesome. In fact, the only times he remembered his lonesome were when he curled up for his nap. He saw Mocker the Mockingbird often, and still more often heard him singing. Almost every day he saw Hummer the Hummingbird. These glimpses of old friends made the Sunny South seem less strange than it would have otherwise.

Danny had kept away from the bank of the river since the day when he made the acquaintance of Gator the Alligator. It made him shiver every time he thought of that mouthful of great teeth he had seen. But he had learned that Gator was not to be feared on land unless one came too near him. So one morning he again ventured over to the bank of the river.

Standing on the edge of the water, just as he had seen Longlegs the Great Blue Heron standing on the edge of the Smiling Pool so many times, was a bird, who at first Danny thought must be Longlegs himself with a changed coat. This bird's coat was snowy white. Yes, sir, it was snowy white. Danny was almost on the point of asking the stranger if he were not Longlegs, when he noticed that this bird was not quite as big as Longlegs.

"Anyway, he must belong to the same family," thought Danny. "I wonder if it will be safe to speak to him. I never did dare get very near to Longlegs. I have known him to snap up a Meadow Mouse in the same way he does frogs and fish. Perhaps this fellow doesn't eat Meadow Mice. Anyway, I can keep at a safe distance."

The big white bird was motionless, with head drawn back on his shoulders and appeared to be asleep. Danny could see his long yellow bill, but he couldn't see his eyes. Had he seen them he would have found that they were anything but sleepy-looking.

"Do you belong to the Heron family?" squeaked Danny.

The stranger straightened up suddenly, and fixed a bright eye on Danny. "I

Mrs. McIntosh, at the King street manse.

Mrs. W. Leff, treasurer of the Hadassah Chapter, entertained all those who assisted at the harvest festival given recently by the chapter, at her home in William street, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. Rogerson Lawrence, Maitland street north, entertained Wednesday evening at dinner followed by bridge, in honor of her guest, Miss Grace Peebles of Montreal, and Mrs. Frank Judd of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton and Mr. Wilfred Dalton, all of Detroit, will spend Christmas in London with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dalton, 311 Hyman street.

Mr. Gordon Henderson, who is attending Queen's University, Kingston, is spending the Christmas vacation in London with his mother, Mrs. Herbert Henderson, 684 Waterloo street, bringing with him as his guest, Mr. Francis Brydon, of Regina, Sask.

The Rev. Dr. D. L. McRae is in Toronto this week, attending the annual meeting of the grand executive board of the Sons of Scotland Association of the Dominion of Canada. Dr. McRae was elected grand chief of the association at the grand camp meeting held last June. The association is the largest organized body of Scotsmen in Canada.

Sir John Martin Harvey and Lady Martin Harvey are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith this afternoon at the Hunt Club, returning later for tea at "Tueslyn" in South London. If the weather permits they expect to enjoy a game of golf on the Hunt Club links. Mrs. and Mrs. Smith, who are old friends of the distinguished English actor, will also have as their guests other members of the company, including Col. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill and Sir Martin Harvey's son.

BELIEVE NURSERY COURSE WILL PROVE POPULAR

Numerous inquiries regarding the new nursery course to be given by the University of Western Ontario next year have reached the Institute of Public Health here. Officials believe the course will be very popular, many persons having already applied for information in connection with qualifications necessary before taking the training.

Sleeveless Arm. London, Dec. 20.—The sleeveless arm is wearing a fanciful ornament these evenings. It sometimes takes the shape of a big cabochon set in a slender arm, or of jewel with drop ends and slender chains, such as was worn by an American woman recently at the Berkeley.



"Certainly I'm a cousin," said the stranger; "but who may you be?"

"Certainly do," said he. "I certainly do. Why?"

"Then you must be a cousin of Longlegs the Great Blue Heron. I just wanted to make sure," replied Danny politely.

"Certainly I'm a cousin," said the stranger; "but who may you be?" "I'm Danny Meadow Mouse," replied Danny. "And I've come down from 'way up north to see what the Sunny South is like. My, how handsome you are!"

"I stretched his broad white wings and fluffed out all his feathers. He stretched up to his full height. 'I'm glad you think so,' said he. 'Will you should see me in the spring. Then I am handsome, for it is then that I have on my back the most wonderful plumes. I am too handsome. Yes, sir, I am too handsome. There are only a few members of my family left, and all because of those wonderful plumes. My name is Egret.'"

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The next story: "Danny Listens to a Sad Tale."

WOMEN and THE HOME



MRS. BEVERLY PARK, formerly Miss Jean Marr of Ridgeway, whose marriage to Mr. A. B. Park of Chatham, took place recently. Mr. and Mrs. Park are now home after a delightful honeymoon in New York and Montreal.

CHALMERS CONCERT SPLENDID PROGRAM

Annual Christmas Entertainment Proves One of Best in Years.

Pronounced the best program in years was that given last evening by the Sunday school of Chalmers Presbyterian Church at its annual Christmas entertainment. Mrs. George Bryce and Mrs. Allen had general oversight of the program, each teacher being responsible for his or her class. Every class in the school contributed splendidly to the program, and the result was a great deal of enjoyment for both the youngsters themselves and the older members of the school and parents who were in attendance.

The program was as follows: Chorus, primary department; recitations by Peggy Lloyd, Nellie Tite, Billy Weames, Donald Kelman, Jean Stanfield, Billy Graham, Madeline Campbell, Hubert Thorne, Jessie Duncan, Alma Bell, Harold Scott, Gertrude Durham, Nan Kelman and David Duncan; a hoop drill by Mrs. Richardson's class; a horn drill by Mrs. McPherson's class; dialogue, "Willing Workers," by Mrs. Chapman's class; dialogue, "Good Night," by Mrs. Stanfield's class; a camp fire scene by the Trail Rangers and choruses by the primary and beginners' classes, Mrs. Stanfield's class, Mrs. McPherson's and Mrs. Stanfield's classes, the Mission Band, Mrs. Weames' class, Mrs. Kelley's class, and Mrs. Dye's class.

A Closing Party Given By Pupils

Cathedral School Takes Decorations to Day Nursery.

The Christmas closing at the Cathedral School, held under the direction of Miss K. A. Matthews, was a happy event in the lives of the small pupils. Christmas pictures were shown on the lantern, and Christmas cards were the order of the day. A huge bran pie, into which the small children delved for their gifts, was also an interesting feature of the closing party. But it was by no means a party just for themselves. For did they not each bring a pair of warm stockings for some needy child? And on the day before, did they not all march down to the Day Nursery with Christmas decorations, made by their own tiny fingers, for the Christmas party there?

WEDDINGS

NICHOLLS—PLANK. A quiet wedding took place Tuesday at 1 o'clock at Ridout street Methodist parsonage, when Ruby Pearl Plank of Strathroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Plank, was married to John Wesley Nicholls of Mount Brydges, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholls. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Agnew. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls will reside in Mount Brydges.

WILL CONSIDER PLANS FOR TORONTO SUBWAYS

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The board of railway commissioners will sit in Toronto, Tuesday, Jan. 8, to consider proposals for a large system of subway construction through the western part of the city. The scheme contemplated involves some ten or twelve subways.

It is probable that while the commissioners are in Toronto a hearing will be arranged on the question of express rates.

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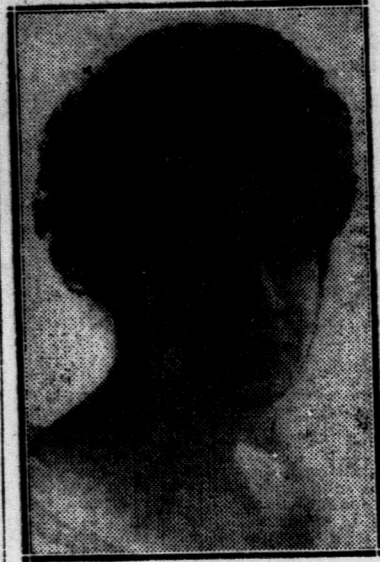
Pupils of St. Joseph's School Receive Gifts From Great Christmas Tree.

St. Joseph's Mothers' Unit spent this afternoon at school with the teachers and children, about a wonderful Christmas tree which they had provided. And when the gifts were distributed it was found that every child received a toy, not to mention quantities of fruit, candy, cake and ice cream. Several ex-pupils of St. Joseph's School who are now attending other schools were special guests of the occasion and shared in the fun.

The mothers and visitors also came in for their share of the party when they were the guests of the Mothers' Unit at afternoon tea, served under the convenship of Mrs. Craft. A unique program was given by a number of the pupils. Mrs. E. A. Pocock, the president of the Mothers' Club, was in charge, assisted by members of the executive committee. The unit is planning a card party to be held on January 4.

Rapid Strides in Engineering.

In the past few years America has made rapid development in engineering affecting industry, transportation, fuel, army ordnance, hydro-electric power, aeronautics, timber conservation, textiles and many other fields.



MISS MARIE HUESTON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hueston of Thorndale, whose marriage to Mr. George Shaw of this city takes place on Christmas Day.

Three Strands Beads. Paris, Dec. 20.—Three strands of beads are worn about the neck at present, the longest strand being only of medium length. In two strands the beads are very large, but the third is likely to be made up of small units, seed pearls being often used.

Fashions By Wire

Special to The Advertiser. Copyright. Paris, Dec. 20.—Doubtless it is the result of the holiday season, but a veritable holly-red is one of the favorite colors seen on smart women just now. It is not used in brisk touches to lighten a sombre gown, but whole frocks are made of it.

Women at Savoy. London, Dec. 20.—Women lunching at the Savoy are wearing their hair so that the ears are exposed. This is a fair indication of the coiffure style for the winter.

The New Silks. New York, Dec. 20.—Some of the new silks shown here today have oyster or ivory background, against which enormous flowers of bright hues are printed. There are only three or four flowers to the yard.

Making Up Brows. New York, Dec. 20.—If you make up your eyebrows, remember that the very arched brow is not so new today as the one which is straight. There should be the merest downward curve at the outer edge.

The Newest Turban. New York, Dec. 20.—The newest turban today is an affair of gracious lines, all soft, but piled fold on fold to make a high crown. The effect is somewhat that of a tam falling gently over one ear.

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