



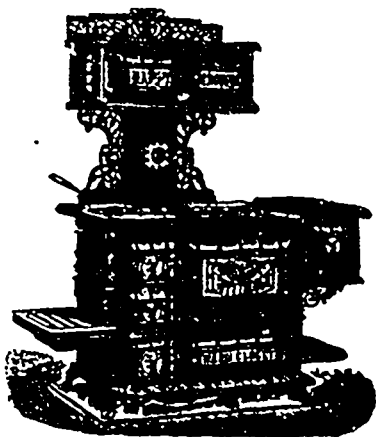
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The question has been recently discussed: Is marriage a failure? Would marriage ever be a failure if husbands and wives continued in their wedded life the chivalrous conduct and polite manners of their courtship?

It is sad that the tone of intercourse should often so soon be changed, and changed to something akin to brutality. A man frequently speaks to his wife as he would not speak to his servant, yea, to his dog. And how often does a woman reserve all her amiability and charm of speech and conduct, even her washed face, for strangers rather than for her own husband!

The woman who speaks of her husband as if he was the best in the world is apt to be laughed at as a simpleton, but she is the woman very likely who makes marriage a success—who does not have her husband come in at night to a low fire, a dirty home and squally, unwashed children, or put his tea into a half-washed cup, or set him down to a filthy, crumb-covered and tea-bespattered table-cloth. "The most disgusting thing on earth," says Talmage, "is a slatternly woman—I mean a woman who never combs her hair until she goes out, and looks like an Indian until somebody calls. That a man married to one of these creatures stays at home as little as possible is no wonder. It is a wonder that such a man does not go on a whaling voyage of three years, and in a leaky ship. The reason that so often a man ceases to love his wife is because his wife ceases to be lovable. Great elaboration of toilet before marriage, and utter recklessness of appearance after marriage."

"There is no one half so pretty as you, my darling," said a millionaire to his lady-love; and you have such a pretty lisp." They were married six months or thereabout when the husband said: "What is that you say? I cannot catch a word with that confounded impediment of yours." Before marriage "a pretty lisp!" After marriage—"A confounded impediment!" A young man trod accidentally on his young lady's toes. "Oh, my duckie," he said, "have I hurt your tootsey-wootsies?" A while after, when the novelty of wedlock had had time to wear off, he committed the same awkwardness. He turned round angrily and exclaimed; "Good gracious! woman, can't you keep your hoofs out of the road?" You laugh; and no doubt there is a funny side to the stories. But remember, my gentle reader, that these utterances were not originally jokes—the words cut like daggers; and because of them, and similar words, in two cases, marriage, which ought to have been a great comfort and pleasure, was made a veritable Gehenna or hell.—Rev. A. F. Forrest, Glasgow.

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