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FANNIE HURST DEFINES MARRIAGE

How to Be Happy Though
Wedded, Her Theme—
Conventional Conditions
Productive, She Says, of
Unrest in Many Cases.

(N. Y. Evening Post.)

Fannie Hurst, novelist and short story writer, will celebrate tomorrow the fifth anniversary of her marriage on May 5, 1915, to Jacques S. Danielson, pianist. Mr. Danielson is in Boston, but is expected back for the anniversary. Miss Hurst—who says she was born Fannie Hurst and expects to die Fannie Hurst—explained that she and her husband entered into an agreement from the beginning to work out their matrimonial salvation along lines of their own and that for this reason they had decided to keep their marriage secret until it had survived the "five-year acid test."

When asked this morning if she had made the statement in all seriousness that nine out of ten of her married friends were only stoically enduring their misery, and in that case, if she would name them for possible interviews, she insisted that her affirmation was not for rhetorical purposes, but was her real conviction. But she would not specifically name her friends.

"Oh, yes," she affirmed, unhesitatingly, "of course I meant that. In fact, I should prefer to change the proportion to ten out of every ten. They are all chafing under the restrictions of the marriage relation—of the traditional marriage. Why shouldn't they? Look at the limitations that the actual ceremony imposes. Yes," answering an unspoken question, "I was married that way myself, as regularly as possible."

"But think of the restrictions that are placed on the individual by marriage, and then you will not wonder that it is not a success. It means now a surrender of personality and independence for both parties. Imagine," Miss Hurst's face expressed her horror of the revelation she was making, "any one asking you, 'To whom were you talking today?' and things like that, yet that is something I have overheard time and again."

"I am not a pessimist," affirmed Miss Hurst, "yet I see unrest everywhere to-day among married people. Men pulling and straining at their bonds and women restive and unhappy. As an institution marriage has not worked out well and the rebellion against it is widespread."

Perhaps the escape from unhappiness and restive misery was not so prominent in Miss Hurst's thought when planning her arrangement of two independent households and complete freedom of life for herself and her husband as the fear that the ordinary arrangement might prove detrimental to her creative powers. She expressly stated that she had accepted the idea of separate studio apartments and absolute freedom in her married life as a solution for the problem of how marry and not become "sedentary," a "fathend" and limited in creative output. Yet naturally, the question occurred to the interviewer as to how successful such an experiment would be if the husband and wife were not financially independent so that there was no need for any pooling of resources.

Some way the conclusion that the last word in the matrimonial situation had been spoken was impaired by the realization what such an apartment as Miss Hurst's implies in earning capacity and income. There are married people living under the old regime of "seven breakfasts together each week" who are not able to deduct enough from the family income for Peekingese dogs, Oriental rugs and all the artistic accessories and furnishings that grace Miss Hurst's establishment. When questioned as to this phase of the two-household problem, Miss Hurst was willing to admit that economic independence was quite necessary for the plan as she had adopted it.

"I said that this working out of the problem was only for highly specialized professional people," she explained, patiently. "But with the new economic status of women which is fast approaching, the idea can have a wider social scope and prove helpful to a larger and larger number of households."

Asked whether this social unrest, this threatened disintegration of families that Miss Hurst sees constantly about her, is accountable for the plots of much modern fiction, as well as the motifs of many recent dramas, Miss Hurst answered in the affirmative.

"Of course, the fiction of any period must hold up a mirror to that time," she said earnestly. "Literature today naturally reflects present day conditions, or it would not be vital. The chemistry of all the forces of the age that we live in seeps into us—we can't invent conditions upon which to write about them. This unrest and dissatisfaction with marriage under the present conditions is so widely felt that it must be reflected in fiction or drama that is truly representative of today or concerned with problems of the modern man and woman."

Yes," Miss Hurst paused reflectively, "I should certainly say that this wrong interpretation of marriage and the revolt against it is responsible for much modern fiction."

As congratulations came pouring in over the telephone and visitors arrived in person with their felicitations, Miss Hurst, whose becoming costume was lured like the spring that does not arrive this year, looked much more like the conventionally accepted idea of a bride than that of a married woman already distant five years from the wedding ceremony that has proved no hindrance on her creative output or no barrier to her development of her own life in the terms of individuality and independence. As the demonstrator of a theory, Miss Hurst must be acknowledged to have won, and it is doubtful if she would have revealed the secret of her successful solution of how to be happy though married if, she says, some one else was not about to make the revelation on his own account as in interesting news item.

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An enjoyable dance was held last evening by the employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Ltd., in their recreation hall, Chipman Hill.

The first prize was awarded to Miss Nellie McCavour and Miss Nan Monahan, who represented a bride and groom, the second prize went to Miss M. Butler and Miss T. McKel, who were dressed as Hiram and Hannah. The consolation prize was won by Wesley Colwell. Previous to the dancing the following programme was very much enjoyed: Piano duet, Miss Wheaton and Miss Colwell; reading, Miss Dickerstater, Miss Good, Miss Good, Miss Nugent and Miss Wheaton. Following a delightful programme of dances, refreshments were served and the gathering broke up about midnight.

The affair was in charge of the following committee: C. D. Fitzgerald, chairman, J. R. Brown and N. R. Betts, Misses H. Driscoll, M. Morrison and G. Travers.

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