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MAKING LOVE MATCHES

AN EXPERIENCED WOMAN TELLS HOW IT IS ACCOMPLISHED.

The Surroundings Have Much to Do With Results—Match-Makers Must Know How to Secure Cozy Effects in Parlors—An Incident From Life.

Women are born match-makers. This characteristic in many becomes a positive mania, like unto the craze for five o'clock teas, Russian cigarettes and other oddities.

Some times the match-maker shows a total lack of discretion the selections that she makes, giving outsiders a wild desire to incarcerate her in a permanent asylum for weak-minded females.

But these are exceptions, for the woman of society, whose personality has brought her into prominence, has sufficient tact and knowledge of human nature to show her who shall meet who.

Matchmaking is the easiest sort of thing if you just know how, as it is simply a case of propriety, propriety, continued association with the charming surroundings in which Cupid so delights to revel.

As impossible for a worthy chapron of any perception at all to do ought but match make at a summer resort as for the sun not to shine when the clouds have rolled away.

Last summer one of the loveliest and most picturesque lakes in the North-west, in the prettiest little cottage imaginable I dwelt for many long weeks.

Trees were so conveniently arranged that the hammock swung dreamily all day long; old Sol's two ardent rays were kept from view by the trees, green foliage and flowers, and the water, which was so calm, rocking the boats to and fro, and all was ideal except for the lack of a scheme. So I planned to do a little un-

derstand the first thing I did was to send this note:

My Dear Mr. Spies—Do come down for a visit to my cottage. I know you will feel the usefulness of my plan to you, but I promise you a cordial welcome and incidentally an introduction to my charming little friend, who is a visitor at my home for a few days.

My affairs will cause you to forego the little jaunt, I am yours most sincerely.

MARY WASS.

A few short hours and this telegram came:

Will be with you early Sunday morning.

FRANCIS SPIES.

On our way to service the next day I said, "Well, Francis, it is really time you were over to see me, for I really worry which has lasted you two years."

"I have entirely recovered," he said, "but women are not at all difficult to manage as you think."

"With a quiet smile, I determined otherwise. Lunch over, I saw Gwendolene, who had been spending the night away, drive up. An introduction followed, and at the end of ten minutes' chat a sail was proposed. I am dreadfully afraid of that numerous person, and I was obliged to go with her, and she departed on due. Querer that, with no interest in women, Francis should have found Gwendolene such a fascinating creature, and so on.

It was a moonlight week, so serenely beautiful, that the little girl was there that even the twinkling stars kept time to the pretty mandolin strains.

Francis and Gwendolene were never more than a few feet apart, and on Friday came the declaration and announcement to me, then his departure the next day, only to be followed by daily letters, and requests for telegrams.

As a sequel, the wedding is to take place June 12 at the same pretty church in which I planned the match.

What a man can marry the woman of his choice if he has perseverance. This is a sweeping assertion, but one made by a man who knows. The first thing to do is to be sure to secure the co-operation of a woman friend. The cozy nook now arranged in so many homes where a soft light blends dreamily with the party clouds, the low rocks, the warm fur rug just adds the necessary touch of comfort—all these are responsible for much of the havoc wrought by the love god.

I feel it dangerous to continue to match-make unless positively certain of the choice of the man and woman to be united. Even then someone may in the future cordially detest you for your part in the match.

But, perhaps, it is the excitement and delightful uncertainty inside of life that makes every woman a born match-maker.

MARY WASS, St. Louis Republic.

Brief Sermon on Human Nature.

"It has always been my aim in life," said the dark-skinned man, "in all my business transactions to seek the happiness of the other party rather than my own."

"What is your business?" asked the man with the long nose.

"I am a smuggler, that is to say, I sell domestic goods by convincing my customers that they were smuggled."

Her Weak Points.

A Hiawatha woman has twenty hens which she claims have laid 2,400 eggs since last January.

We don't believe what any woman says about her cows and chickens.

In Baby-Time.

Benelick (3 a.m.)—My dear, can't you do something to quiet the child?

Yes, sir.

Well, I might had him over to you!

Also on the Life.

Teacher—Tommy, would you say that a man lies, or lies easily?

To—Yes, he lies on the man.

The Affections of Animals.

Curious Attachments of a Foxhound to Cat, Pig and a Duck to Rooster.

A farmer and naturalist of Gates, N. Y., Henry Carey Dinwiddie by name, writes about curious affections which he has observed among animals.

"My foxhound, an intelligent fellow, took a fancy to a small pig, and would spend hours in the barnyard cutting up and eating the pig's manure."

"I was overjoyed when his portly friend would condescend to play at tag or pounce out in most furious manner from the darkness of his pen."

"Fovls often show a decided liking for whomever feeds and cares for them, but I well remember a pallet which was constantly at my heels as soon as I entered the poultry-house or yard—not for food, but because of a fancy. I had a very portly hen, yet as soon as I came in sight she left the others and followed all the time uttering a peculiar low, trilling sound only heard when hens are selecting a nest with the male bird."

"The ducks, and as this duck contained forty or fifty of all ages and both sexes, this peculiarity was quite conspicuous. Did she imagine me an unusually large sort of 'shanty-cooker'?"

"I did not consider her attentions complimentary."

"A duck raised with others on the place greatly admired a fine white leg, and as it was everywhere the rooster went the duck was sure to go. She

SHIPS PASSING AT SEA.

HOW THEY TALK TO EACH OTHER ACROSS THE WATER.

Age of Marine Signaling—How It Was Done Centuries Ago—Its Progress Through the Ages—The "Wig-Wag" System—An International Code.

Marine signaling is at least 25 centuries old. Among the Greeks and Romans the polished surface of a shield was used as a mirror to reflect the sunlight from one tower to another.

They used no firearms there was no smoke to interfere, and the flashes of sunlight could be easily read. In this way it could not be done, for whole squadrons of warships are sometimes enveloped in smoke. However, smokeless powder may in a few years so alter conditions as to make some similar system possible in battle.

The use of firearms introduced a new mode of signaling only as regards night conditions, and as a means of saluting other nations. In actual battle the cannon are useless as signals, because each nation is firing indiscriminately, and the number of guns to be fired is a matter of chance. Any foreign vessel of war entering a harbor of another country with which it is at peace hoists the flag of that country at once.

The semaphore has been very successful. For a long time it has been used on long ball, about 2 feet in diameter, which is manipulated on a flagstaff or hoisted by a line. It is used almost exclusively on vessels acting in squadrons.

For long messages the balls are raised to certain elevations on the staff, which carry certain meanings. Suppose the order is "up anchor," then one ball at the top and one at the bottom would be the signal.

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