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MARRYING THE FAMILY.



RUTH CAMERON

"But I tell them I am not marrying his family. I am marrying him."

So writes a young letter friend of mine, who says her friends are waiting for her to marry a certain man because his family are not her kind of people.

She evidently thinks that the old answer is sufficient.

She hasn't a Chinaman's chance. It would be if it were true. But it isn't—not once in ten thousand times.

If she marries him, she marries the man and his family.

In the first place she marries his family because, as his wife, she will have more or less contact with them. She may think that since she can twist him around her finger, she can wean him away from his family. Perhaps she can in the first passion of his love for her. But no woman who has any principles or any ideals or any ghost of a claim to Christian feeling, will try to separate a man from his mother. And even if she should be heartless enough to do that, there will come a day of vengeance. For his sense of shame will some day awake and, turned into a boomerang of resentment, will wound if not kill his love and respect for her.

As the Years Go By.

In the second place, she is marrying his family in him. He may seem on the surface quite different from them, and he may be different in many ways. But within him are sure to be some of the family traits and the family points of view, and they will come to light inevitably as the years go by.

And they will come to light, moreover, not only in him—but in their children. Mind you, I do not believe in refusing to marry a man because there has been misfortune or black sheep in his family. There may be good people and bad people in one family. One of the steadiest, most dependable men I know, has a brother who never misses a chance to do the most terrible things.

But Know What You are Doing.

What I mean is that the general tendencies and prejudices and prefer-

ences and points of view of his family are likely to be mixed up in his character somewhere, and you ought to take this into consideration when you marry him.

For instance, if his people are shiftless, you are apt to find some form of shiftlessness coming to light in his character.

Or if her family (to put the shoe on the other foot, for a change) are narrow and prejudiced, even though she seems broad-minded and progressive, you will some day run up against a strata of narrow-mindedness and prejudice in her.

Of course we all bring faults into the partnership of matrimony and should expect to get others in exchange. But there are some faults we hate more than others, and I think we better our chances of happiness when we steer clear of these.

Digestion of the Eskimo.

The Eskimo of the American continent is little troubled with dyspepsia. He seems to defy all laws in this relation and to thrive. He eats until he is satisfied, and it takes much to satisfy him, if, indeed, he ever is satisfied. He eats as long as there is a shred of the feast before him. His capacity is limited only by the supply. The Eskimo, it further appears, can make no mistake in the manner of cooking his food for the very simple reason that he does not cook it. Nor, so far as the blubber or fat of the Arctic is concerned, is he worried about his manner of eating it. Indeed, he may be said not to eat it at all. He cuts it into long strips an inch wide and an inch thick and then lowers the strip down his throat as one might lower a rope into a well.

Notwithstanding all this, the Eskimo does not suffer from indigestion. He can make a good meal off the flesh and skin of the walrus, provision so hard and gritty that in cutting up the animal the knife must be continually sharpened.

The teeth of a little Eskimo child will, it is said by those who know, meet in a bit of walrus skin as the teeth of one of our own children would meet in the flesh of an apple, although the hide of the walrus is from half an inch to an inch in thickness and bears considerable resemblance to the hide of an elephant. The child of the Arctic will bite it and digest it and never know what dyspepsia means.

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I'm in a land enchanting, where springtime always dwells, and birds are gallivanting around me, wearing bells. Here no one ever freezes, no sunstroke threatens me, and here the soothing breeze comes sighing from the sea. It's like a dream of Eden, one flower-bespangled lawn, a land to rest and read in, and bid all woes begone. Here we should all be joyous, where tranquil springtime lives, where nothing can annoy us in all that nature gives. Yet here men dig up sorrow, and if no grief they own, they go around and borrow some woe o'er which to groan. This morning I was sitting beneath some tropic trees; a stranger with his knitting came up to share the breeze. I said to him, "O stranger, this is a wondrous day, and thoughts of grief and danger seem worlds and worlds away!" He viewed the distant steeples, the San Diego towers, and sighed. "The yellow peoples have spoiled this land of ours!" And then he raged and rumbled, and voiced his doubts and fears, he ranted and he gumbled, and shed a quart of tears. And all through his repining, and through his "Woe is me," a golden sun was shining upon the sparkling sea.

Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH.

I would not grumble or despair At burdens which my strength can bear;

If I can stand beneath the strain I would not whimper or complain, But proudly walk my way along, Grateful to God who made me strong.

Strength to perform my daily task Is all from Him that now I ask; If I can walk erect and straight, I need not grumble at the weight, Of burden which upon me lies, Nor be affrighted by its size.

I need not craven be with care Which I am strong enough to bear; I need not cry for help until, Broken in spirit and in will, I find my heavy load has grown Too great for me to bear alone.

Lord, teach me not on earth to seek The easier duties of the weak, Broken in spirit and in will, Stand up to life and play the man; Let me not turn and fly with care Which I am strong enough to bear.

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Royal Romance of Greek King.

King Alexander of Greece is reported in Paris, France, to have been married morganatically to Mademoiselle Manos, daughter of a former aide-de-camp to his father, King Constantine. The Greek Legation in Paris has refused to confirm or deny this report.

King Alexander's marriage is said to have been the culmination of a boyhood friendship, and occurred before he was in a direct line to the throne and while his chances for succeeding his father appeared most remote.

The romance, it is reported, dates back to early childhood, when Alexander became fast friends with the beautiful little daughter of Colonel Manos, then head of the royal stables. When his grandfather died, and Constantine ascended to the throne, both were in full youth and their friendship and close associations were known throughout Athens.

As George, the elder brother, was the heir apparent, no one was disturbed that Prince Alexander had a sweetheart who was not of royal blood. The war, however, brought many changes and Constantine and his heir were forced to take up their abode in Switzerland, with the result that Alexander became king.

Then, facing a great problem, King Alexander decided he would not give up his sweetheart and childhood friend, and a short time later they were married at the home of the bride by the Archimandrite of Athens. Alexander took his bride home to the palace, and it was not long before tongues began to wag. A veritable storm of criticism arose despite the fact that announcement of the King's lawful marriage were made.

King Alexander maintained his right to marry whom he pleased and to install her in the palace, but his wife became so angered at the gossip, that two months ago, with her mother and little sister she went to Paris to live.

It was not long before King Alexander became disconsolate, and some time ago, it is said, he informed Premier Venizelos that he desired to go to Paris to see his wife. It is also said that the Premier nodded his venerable gray head in assent, and that the King set about preparations for the journey. The announcement was made that he was going to Paris on a personal visit incognito.

King Alexander met his wife at the Majestic Hotel. It is not known how long he will stay, but it is understood that his wife will not return with him as yet.

Fashions and Fads.

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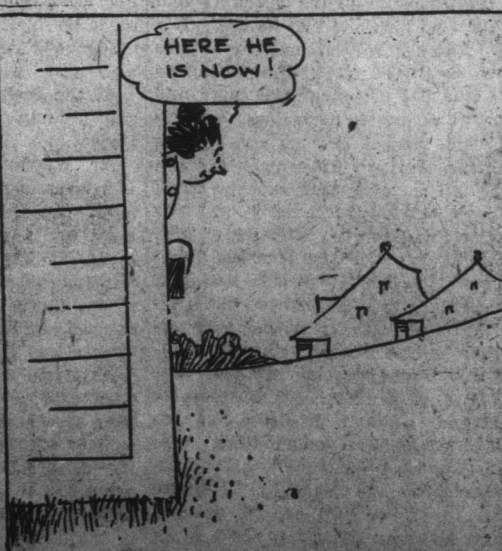
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