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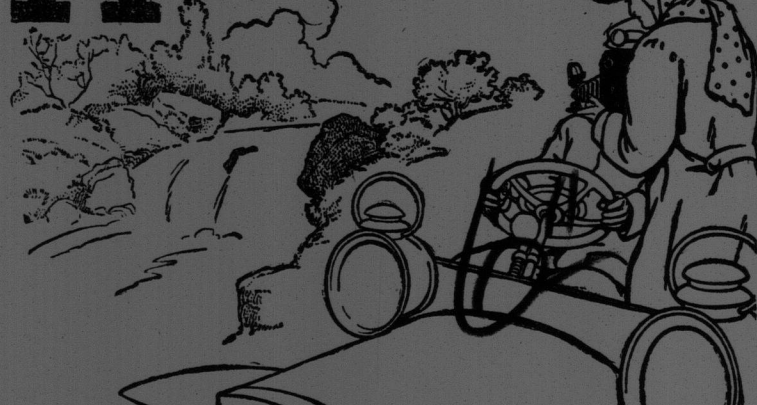
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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

A SOCIETY for the prevention of married flirts—though it doesn't call itself by just that name—is the latest thing in the way of new organizations.

The aim of this society is to try to further the custom of the wearing of wedding rings by married men.

"We believe that young girls will not flirt with married men if they know the men are married," says the leader of the eighteen Pittsburgh women who make up this unique organization. We will ask our husbands to wear a plain gold band ring as a token of being married, and we hope the custom will be adopted universally.

Although I do not believe with the cheerful optimism of the Pittsburgh ladies, that the abolishment of the married flirt is to be accomplished by any such simple method, I hail the formation of this society as a step in the march of progress towards one of my great desires—a single standard of morality for man and woman.

For centuries the married woman has been set apart by the seal of the ring and the label of the prefix "Mrs."

Wherever she goes she is indubitably marked as a married woman, unless she deliberately tries to evade such a status.

The married man on the other hand, as soon as he passes out of the small group of people who know him and his personal affairs intimately, becomes an unknown quantity to those about him as far as his married or single condition is concerned.

He may not take advantage of this state of affairs, but he is perfectly free to do so if he wishes.

Of course, someone is going to protest that even if a married man wore a wedding ring it would be perfectly impossible for women to tell if it is off.

Yes, and so it would be for the married woman, and yet she certainly doesn't do it very often, and neither would her husband if the custom became as universal for men as it is for women.

Of course the deliberate, hardened, married flirt wouldn't mind taking off his wedding ring any more than he would telling other lies, but such men are the exception, not the rule.

Besides, it isn't so much for what it would accomplish in individual cases that I want to see the double ring service become universal. It is more because of what it symbolizes.

It seems to me that it would be a recognition of the absolutely equal obligations for man and woman implied in the marriage contract, and as such be a step towards the single standard of morality.

I suppose what I am going to say next will be hailed by some as ridiculous, but I am going to say it just the same. I wish there might not be wedding rings for men but also engagement rings.

I think there is quite as much need for them. Indeed, I fancy there are a good many more cases of unsuspecting hearts broken by engaged men posing as unattached, than by married men under the same conditions, because the pose is easier for the engaged man to maintain.

Many men do not like to wear precious stones on their hands very well. The engagement ring could be simply a gold ring unadorned or set with a cameo or one of the matrices that men are wearing so much now. And it would only be worn until replaced by the wedding ring.

Do not instantly hail this as ridiculous simply because it is a new idea. Only fools call things absurd merely because they are new.

The first few men who wear wedding rings were doubtless looked upon as rather freaky, but that custom is not now unusual enough to cause the slightest comment, and the engagement ring would be in the same class a few years after some brave man had had the courage to do something never done before.

I should be glad to see women get together in every city in the United States to pledge themselves to work for a single standard of morality, and two of their lines of action might well be to make universal the double ring wedding service, symbol of equal marriage obligations, and to inaugurate the double ring betrothal.

first thing a drinking man will do to walk straight out and get drunk again.

"Of course if a man is a habitual drunkard there's nothing to do but to send him to the workhouse. But I'm in doubt whether that is a remedy. There is a man in Cleveland who has been sent to the workhouse in Cleveland a hundred times and he still drinks. There was a woman who before she died was sent there seventy times for the same cause. However, I'm not speaking now of that class, but of people who are not drunkards."

"Another extremely common result of an arrest is that the man loses his job. The story of his arrest gets around; he is absent from work, and as a result he perhaps gets drunk after he is discharged and the result is that he finds some one else in his place who will go back. That is a heavy price for a man to pay for having been arrested on a charge on which he is not held by the court."

"Then there is the expense. There is the loss of time of the prisoner and witnesses from work. There is the expense for counsel, for which \$5 apiece is a very low average. That alone would make \$100,000 for the 20,000 who went free in this city in 1908 and who under the old regime would have been brought into court."

"The 10,085 persons who were brought into court by the police in 1908 cost the city \$52,500 in jury and witness fees. At that rate the new policy saved the city \$100,000 on the 20,000 that went free. There's \$225,000 that would have been paid out under the old regime without any benefit to society or any good to any one. On the contrary it would have landed a good many of the prisoners, and would have caused distress, humiliation and disgrace to a large number of innocent persons."

"When we need to be arresting so many persons the police courts were crowded with cases and ran all day. Every morning from twenty to thirty women would be down there, some with babies in their arms and three or four little kids hanging all day, waiting for the case to be reached. And then after all in 80 per cent of the cases the man would be discharged and all that distress and worry and humiliation was for nothing."

The result of the conference was that Kohler tried his plan. As an example of the way in which the chief went to work to cut down the unnecessary arrests may be related the experience of a Cleveland newspaper man who was going home very late one night.

On the way he encountered a policeman who was stopping over a man prostrate on the sidewalk. The policeman was trying to find out whether the man was drunk or injured. Finding that intoxication was the trouble he called the newspaper man, as a citizen, to witness that he searched the man's clothes merely to find his address if possible. In one pocket he found a card containing the address of a house close by.

The prostrate one was not large, the policeman was. He shouldered the drunken man and carried him to the address named, the newspaper man trailing along to see the end of the incident. There was a light in the house. Some one was waiting for the man. The policeman rang the bell, a woman came, they parleyed, the policeman carried the man in and put him on the bed.

That sort of thing goes on all the time in Cleveland. If the man's residence had been at a distance the patrol wagon would have been summoned to carry him home. If no address had been found he would have been taken to the station house and left to sleep.

At 4 or 5 in the morning he would have been awakened, made to tell his name and address, warned, admonished and sent home, having first signed a waiver in which he agreed not to sue the police for false arrest. If he refused to sign this and preferred to go to court that would be his privilege, but it is a privilege rarely exercised.

This is the "sunrise court" of Cleveland. They also use "sunrise" as a verb in Cleveland and talk about "sunrising" on.

They sunrise twice as many persons as ever get into the police court in Cleveland. The chief's object is to warn and scare the man without bringing disgrace on him or his family. There is no evidence that the method reduces drunkenness, but

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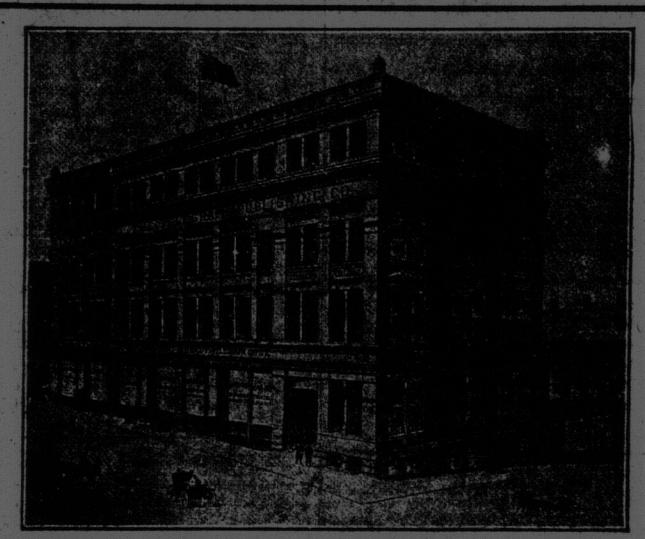
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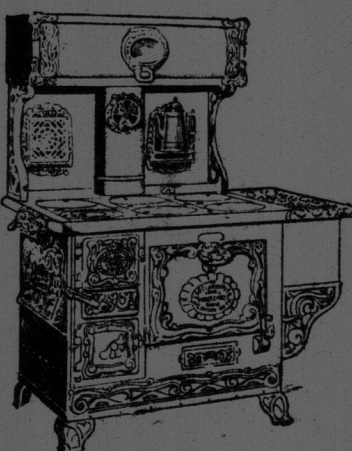
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Randolph as a dividing line between slave and free states brought the phrase into general use, and it continued to designate the line between freedom and slavery till after the Civil War.

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