Modern Marriages.

WHY SO MANY FAILUREST engagements, which became during the war, have convery common after it, h the war-time necessity for

has disappeared. great disadvantage lies in fact that they give the parties so opportunity for studying one character, with the result after marriage, little undreamtof temperament begin to which, unless there is muive-and-take, tend to make life puble harness" a misery.

everyone, unfortunately, sonally of marriages which gh they may never come to upture, are simply one continu-And, in most cases, this state of things need never urred, had husband and wife a moderate degree of symeration towards each om the start. Blame for doriction is difficult to apporoth parties are often to blame.

common mistake both to make is in forgetting that erson they married was an ideal. what they observed during their intanceship each drew a sketch other's personality, and filled blanks from imagination. When start the searching intimacy of together always, each should nared for a few revelations. is to be said for the wife who arts comparing the angelic-temperwith her husband when, mowing he is already late for busiess, he loses his collar-stud? The If who makes no allowance for alcircumstances, and tells him he is shocked at his display of temis not only unreasonable, but in fair way of being told so. The husand makes the same mistake when starts contrasting the vision whom remembers, the night of their first ance, with his wife as she looks at nch-time after a "rush" forencon. One of the most frequent cases of usbands "falling out of love," it is ometimes said, is that after marflage their wives incline to become areless of their appearance, and, Mile most men have sense enough know that housework and dainty ses are things far apart, it is a ise wife who takes care always to ear as presentable as possible.

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" For Husbands.

Fand, there are sevhard should keep his flances has beit does not mean he many little attentions ing days; if he does, he risk of leading her to affection for her is dimin-

men, too do not realise how irgely sentiment figures in a wohi's life, and how great is its valin giving her pleasure. Numbermarriages could be made hapby a little more thoughtfulness the husband's part. A little gift some date of import to himself and wife-perhaps the anniversary of eir first meeting or their engagement-along with a casual remark to how he has not forgotten it, has a onderful power of reviving mem-les that are becoming faded, for it Wonderful what just such a little dession to feminine sentiment

ans to a woman. Carrying business worries into the me is another frequent error in estic strategy. How many husds, arriving back after a trying crossly remark on the worrying de they have had, and subside into ody silence for the evening! Too in, if not enlightened, a wife is apt to think this attitude of her and's is due to discontent with ts domestic, or else to pure un-lonableness. So even if it is a of an effort-even if he thinks she understand-it is still well th while for a husband to talk his difficulties with his wife. is at least sure of sympathy, and is removing the possibility of mis-

standing. husband, too, ought never to Ant his masculine authority over his

stand, and one of the shortest of cuts expression—the consummation — of in fact, ought to be the most beauti-Is Marriage Worth While! ful and inspiring event in existence and it is surely worth some effort to

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expression—the consummation — of loved one's defects, can yet excuse the life of the individual. Marriage, and forgive them, is the foundation of Steam Constantly Issues. all really happy marriages.

To acquire it is an ideal worth

striving for, for, once given it, the of Stromboli there is an opening from way is open to a perfectly united and which steam constantly issues and est unit of all human happiness.— the mountain Ordinarily it is possible pose, offers one of the best examples to climb up to the opening and look of the continuously active volcano.

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the length of time between the flashes. unaware of time fact, they were carry-Stromboli in this respect maintains its ing out the practice of a primeval individuality, for its glowings are very faith—sacrificing a human being to irregular, varying between one and the Earth-god.-Scotch Paper.

The Guardian Angel. "MET BY APPOINTMENT."

Considerable interest has been croused in Norwich by the statements of a clergyman, who claims to have seen and spoken to an angel.

The Rev. G. Maurice Elliott, Rector of Shitterby, Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincoinshire, has written a work on "Converse with 'Angels." Addressing s meeting at Norwich, he described a remarkable experience.

"It was," he said, "at the time of a serious illness of my wife's. It was a case of making a life-or-death choice in regard to whether an operation should take place or not. Medical opinion was divided as to the cause of the illness, and also as to whether an operation was necessary. My wife and I prayed that an angel might be sent to tell us distinctly whether an operation was required.

"The angel came to us. We both saw him. He was of the male sex, bright and shining in appearance, and dressed in white. He spoke to us, and was in bodily form.

"He said, 'In answer to your prayer the Lord has sent me to tell you that the specialist who advises an operation is wrong in his diagnosis, and that such operation would be fatal.'

"I said to this guardian angel, 'Will you now lead me to some medical man or surgeon who will prove to me scientifically that you are right?" "The angel replied 'Yes.' and told

me to take my wife to Brighton. "The angel said he would meet us at the station.

"We went to Brighton, and the angel was our heavenly guide. "He led us to a certain hotel and

told us to take rooms there, and said that seated next to us at table would be a leading London surgeon, and that after dinner he would go up into the drawing-room alone, and that I was to follow him and engage him in conversation until I extracted the promise from him that he would examine my

"That night all this actually happened. The surgeon, who was a Harley Street man, examined my wife, and assured me that no operation was needed, and that everything would come all right.

"I then told him that I was told to speak to him by a guardian angel, to which he replied:-

"'I am not in the least surprised, because, before I left London to come down here for a few weeks' rest, I knelt down and asked God to lead me to someone to whom my knowledge and skill could be of real help."

Pagan Traditions.

Scotland is full of pagan traditions. and no part more so than the sacred island of Iona. Even the stories told of the saintly Columba himself are tinctured strongly with the colours of an earlier faith. One of these may be cited as a sufficient example. When the saint and his disciples were building the first Christain place of worship on the island they encountered a serious obstacle. However much their work progressed during the day, it invariably fell to pieces during the night. Columba was reduced almost to despair when in a dream it was revealed to him that his building would never prosper until a living human being was buried under the foundations. The difficulty seemed insurmountable till Oran, one of the disciples, offered to be the individual sacrificed. He was accordingly buried under the wall, and the work went on. But Columba's conscience was uneasy. Unable to sleep, he arose, took a spade, and went to the scene of operations. Sure enougt, the walls were standing undemolished. But Columba was unhappy. He dug into the foundations till he came upon his disciple Oran.

To his surprise that personage was still alive-alive and communicativefar too communicative. The things he now knew, and was only too anxious to tell, were certainly not fit for mortal ears. After his first shock of horror, Columba quickly made up his mind. Shovelling in the soil again, he left Oran to his fate, and no more has been seen of that personage, with his fearful stock of information to the present hour.

The legend of St. Gran-for he has been canonised and his name is commemorated in that of the oldest building on Iona, St Oran's Chapel-is, of course, a relic of the ancient worship of an Earth-god. Strange to say, too, that Earth-god worship survived almost to our own time if it does not even yet exist. The direct sacrifice of a human being long ago became impossible, but in certain districts, till quite recently, a means was found of overcoming the difficulty. The builder of a new house went about with a be followed again by the bright red shadow in the shadow of a man or In this respect it resembles the woman. The straw was then buried flashing lighthouses which are com- under the foundation of the house, reality it is used by sailors in the the person whose shadow had been



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