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The Wedding Ring.

Mystic significance has been associated with the rings from the earliest times. In its circular continuity it was accepted as a type of eternity, and hence of the stability of love.

The Greek and Roman rings are often inscribed with sentences typical of this feeling. "May you live long," "I bring good fortune to the wearer," were usual inscriptions.

Motto or "post" rings were very common in England from the middle of the sixteenth to the close of the seventeenth century and are alluded to by Shakespeare more than once.

The word "wed" is Anglo-Saxon and means "a pledge"; hence it has come about that the ring is popularly supposed to be the pledge given by the man to avouch that he will perform his part of the contract.

Used as a Seal.

But the wedding ring has a far greater significance than this. It dates from ancient Egyptian days, when a ring was used as a seal by which orders were signed; and the delivery of a ring was a sign that the giver endowed the person who received it with all the power he himself possessed.

The "ring" originated in a cylindrical seal made of agate, which had a hole bored in the centre through which a spindle was threaded.

It often had a handle and is known as the "garden roller seal," upon which the sign manual of the King was engraved in intaglio. The seal used to be rolled over wax which took its impression and in that way it may be regarded as the King's Privy Seal.

Gradually the "garden roller" resolved itself into a signet ring and as the ancient Egyptians were unacquainted with the use of locks and

keys, we find that they employed their seals for the purpose of securing the doors of their granaries and storehouses. A wooden belt was used which was ingeniously tied up with string, the ends of which were sealed. Our modern post bags are secured in much the same way.

Government storehouses were in charge of officials who kept them under their seal. Nebuchadnezzar (B.C.) for instance, proudly boasts that the treasury of the Temple of Osiris was kept "under his signet ring."

Made Keeper of Seal.

When Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand (Gen. 41: 41-42). It meant that Joseph was made Chancellor of the Exchequer, or Keeper of the Privy Seal.

In Egypt, the nation's little string of seals has its direct lineal descendant in our modern housekeeper's bunch of keys. At first, the man used to present his wife, on her marriage, with a seal which she was to use for sealing up her stores of provisions, etc. This she was accustomed to secure to her finger by a piece of string or wire. Gradually the wire and seal developed into the signet ring.

Thus, the placing of the ring upon the bride's finger came to symbolize the endowment by the bridegroom with all his worldly goods and the woman who had the ring could issue commands as her husband, and was in every respect his representative.

At the present day, in England, if the ring is not forthcoming at a wedding, the key of the chancel door can be used instead.

The ring is placed on the third finger of the left hand because it was

believed that a very delicate nerve ran straight from that finger to the heart.

No Wonder He Hurried.

He kicked off his wet boots, slid his tired feet into a pair of carpet slippers, lit his pipe, sat down in the easy-chair, and declared that nothing could make him stir from the house till next morning.

"Henry" said his wife, "you posted that letter I gave you this morning, I suppose?"

"I did my love," he answered, un-bushily.

"I asked my mother to postpone her visit for a while," his wife went on. "You see—"

Henry did so. His wife saw, too. What she saw was the tired man jump from his chair, kick off his slippers, put on his boots, and skip out into the murky street.

And when, five minutes later Henry returned with the tale that he had just been to see how the thermometer outside the post-office stood, she smiled.

His Boost.

Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., who celebrated his eightieth birthday the other day, can claim that, acting in accordance with humanitarian principles, he was never, in the course of half a century at the Bar, instrumental in securing the death penalty against a prisoner.

He tells of a young barrister, who came home from circuit and boasted that he had saved a man's life.

"You defended him on a charge of murder, I suppose," suggested Sir Edward.

"No," was the answer; "I prosecuted him."

Pointed Paragraphs.

Stiff hats cover a multitude of soft brains. Lots of men who claim to be gentlemen don't work at it.

Time is caught by the tail more often than by the forelock.

A girl loves to be loved by a man whom some other girl loves.

The microbe never bothers the man who is unaware of its existence.

Theories do very well for the mind, but cornmeal and cabbage is better for the body.

S. A. Farewell Meeting.

POPULAR OFFICERS TRANSFERRED.

On Tuesday evening a large gathering of Salvationists took place in the S.A. Citadel, Adelaide Street, to attend the farewell of Adjutant and Mrs. Tucker and Adjutant and Mrs. Woolf, who are being transferred from Newfoundland to Canada. The meeting which opened at 8 p.m., was presided over by Colonel Martin. After a brief address in which he eulogized the work of the officers being transferred, a Scripture lesson was read by Brigadier Prescott. The latter gave a short address and was followed by Commandant Sainsbury, who on behalf of the Field Staff wished the farewelling officers God speed. Adjutant and Mrs. Tucker, Adjutant and Mrs. Woolf, spoke briefly, thanking their friends for the many kindnesses shown them during their term as officers in Newfoundland territory.

A very pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by Bandmaster Moore of a gold watch pendant suitably engraved, to Bandmaster James Butler, who is leaving shortly for Toronto. Mr. Moore paid a high compliment to Bro. Butler's abilities as a bandsman and expressed regret that he was leaving. Bro. Butler made a suitable reply.

At the conclusion of the service the congregation sang "Glad we meet beyond the river," and the Colonel committed the departing comrades to the keeping of God in a dedicatory prayer. The best wishes of a host of friends go with the above mentioned officers who are very popular wherever known.

Personal.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Leo P. O'Reilly of the Reid Co. purchasing department who entered the General Hospital last week, has had a successful operation for appendicitis performed on Tuesday.

Friends of Mrs. E. A. Smith will regret to learn that she was taken seriously ill yesterday and removed to the hospital, where it is expected she will undergo an operation to-day.

"The Arabian Nights."

AN ENGLISH PRODUCTION.

For the remaining nights of this week, the Manhattan Musical Comedy Company will produce an English show, "The Arabian Nights," at the Casino. This will be one of the best productions they have yet attempted. There are some very interesting musical numbers in this show. Between the acts there will be some excellent specialties by Misses Edgar, LaRose and Ford and Mr. T. Wall.

Shipping Notes.

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