

AFTER THE WEDDING.

HOW TO BE REAL HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED.

Ellie Wheeler Wilcox Knows How to Make the Married State a Heaven on Earth. A Bride's Idea of Wedded Bliss—A Good Man's Motto.

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SUPPOSE you are very happy, dear," said a lady to a bride-elect a few days before the wedding.

"Oh, yes, so happy. I am to have the loveliest creature you ever saw," responded the loving maiden. "Mamma is giving me everything I want."

"And the lover—of course he is the most perfect man in the world," continued the lady, trying to lead the girl to talk of her happiness.

"Yes, he is a right nice fellow. You know, he has his eyes so much mislaid, he says he will surely go abroad in the summer. Isn't that lovely?"

The lady turned away with a sigh. Alas! this was the extent of a girl's happiness on the eve of the most important event in her life—a lovely trousseau and a trip to Europe!

And how would the "right nice fellow" seem in her eyes should some misfortune cause his salary to be cut down, and if, unlike her mamma, he could not give her everything she wanted? Were she deprived of her trip to Europe, would marriage seem a delusion and a snare to her? One would think that marriage should be regarded more seriously than this, and yet hundreds of men and women enter into the sacred relation with anything but sacred ideas or motives.

I know a woman whose whole life was imbittered by the discovery that her husband had married her because his aged mother needed a companion. Servants were unreliable, and he liked to be free to go and come as he pleased, so he married a wife who gave her a comfortable home and left her to find companionship with the aged mother while he followed after his own pleasures. It never occurred to him that he should sacrifice time or inclination to bestow attention upon the woman he had married.

Marriage ought to mean something quite different from this. It seems to me a woman who takes the wifely vows ought to reason in this wise:

"I am now going to make the greatest object of my life to establish a happy home for this man whose wife I am. No matter what personal sacrifices are necessary, what distasteful duties I may have to perform, I will persevere until I make my home an ideal one for the man who is to be content with the turmoil and strife of the business world."

That terrible warfare which men wage for dollars he meets with discord, selfishness, jealousy and deception. He shall come to his home as a haven of refuge where peace, love, appreciation rest, await him. He shall be king of his domain, and every one within the kingdom of home shall find it a delight to consult his tastes and cater to his comfort. He shall always go forth with fresh courage and strength to meet the daily battle of life."

At the same time the man who takes a wife unto himself should reason in this wise:

"I will make this woman happy, whatever curbing of heretofore ungoverned appetites and passions, whatever conquering of selfish habits, it may necessitate. I will remember that she may sometimes tire of the home which is a novelty to me after my day's work, and I will plan a theater, a drive, a journey, for her often enough to give her life variety. I will remember that a delicate minded woman is never so humiliated as when obliged to ask for money, and I will place a sum at her disposal, each week or month."

"If the household arrangements occasionally seem troublesome and ill ordered, I will be considerate, remembering that matters in my office sometimes become mixed despite my systematic methods, and I should not like to have my wife reprove me for lack of business qualities at such times."

"I will remember that the physical woman is a delicate machine, and if she sometimes seems strangely nervous and sensitive I will be considerate and not reproach her. I will remember that she needs to be told in words as well as actions that she is dear to me, and that a word of praise gives her new joy and courage in her efforts to please me, and I will not neglect the polite attentions which every woman appreciates from the man she loves. To keep her in love with me and proud of me shall be my chief object."

"There may be a great many men and women who reason in this wise as they enter married life. I trust there are. I know at least three couples who set forth with these resolves, and I know that they have made home a place which is as near a heaven as can be found on this care-burdened earth."

But such heavens are "not reached at a single bound." Patience, sacrifice on the part of both, self control and common sense are necessary to establish harmonious relations between two people who have been reared with entirely different surroundings. A wife may be tired of the house and long for recreation, but if she sees her husband come home with an especially fagged expression of face she should have the tact to realize that this is the time to keep silent about her wishes and to settle down to a quiet evening at home. And the husband for whom such a sacrifice is made needs to be on the watch to give such a wife a happy surprise or live in the way of pleasure."

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FOR LONESOME LIVES.

ONE USE FOR WOMEN'S CLUBS NOT OFTEN MENTIONED.

Friendless Simply, but Not Disliked—An Case Paralleled by Thousands—An Alien In Her Native Land—A Talk With a Business Woman.

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AFTER all that has been said and written of women's clubs, their uses, their benefactions and their salutary influence in the home, there is one excellent feature of them which has seldom or never been mentioned or estimated at its full value by outsiders—the opportunity which they afford to those busy women who are engaged in so-called "men's work" and so have no time for ceremonious calls and visits to become acquainted with the members of their own sex. This was brought out forcibly the other evening in a talk with a woman who has for years been engaged in newspaper work.

"I have lived one of the loneliest lives in the world," she said, "especially as regards women friends. I was reared by a stepmother who believed that the place for children and girls is home—a very good idea when not carried too far. But in all my girlhood I never thought of stepping into a neighbor's house (it was in a small village) without asking her permission, and when I grew tall enough to be rather ashamed to ask I staid at home. I could count on the fingers of one hand all the parties, balls and festive gatherings which I was allowed to attend while I was a girl at home. The result of this seclusion was that when I left home to make my own way I was almost a stranger in the village where I had lived nearly all my days. I knew my schoolmates of course, but the parents of many of them I had never addressed in my life."

"I was one of the earliest newspaper women in my native state. Indeed in the small city where I began work I was for years the only woman so employed. Office hours were many and my salary small. I worked from 9 till 6, with an hour at noon, and often did two hours' work in the evening. I had no time to make or receive calls, and I presently found that I was making no woman acquaintances whatever. The few whom I met at my boarding house, not all of whom were congenial to me, were nearly all I knew. But the office in which I wrote, being that of the chief literary paper in town, was a sort of headquarters for most of the intelligent men residents, who dropped in frequently to comment on the news, consult the really good library or speak of a new book."

"At the same time most men are not inclined to give their wives the sympathy and appreciation in the management of the home which they need. 'If I had a daughter,' said a man to me one day, 'I would take her on my knee and tell her what a fearful strain money making means for a man, and I would instill into her mind sympathy and appreciation for her future husband in that way.'"

I thought this a very beautiful sentiment, but almost in another breath I heard him say: "I often think it must be delightful to be a woman. They have such an easy, care free time of it, with nothing to do but stay in the shelter of home and keep the house."

"It is indeed a great privilege to be a woman," I replied, "because we are thus permitted to be loved by men. But the keeping of the house is in its way as wearing as the outer strife. You men are struggling with a brutal giant—'Business'—who tries to throttle you to overcome him requires all your strength. We women are set upon by an army of gnats—the petty cares of housekeeping. They sting and pierce us to distraction night and day, small as they are. We need your sympathy as much as you need ours. Neither should sneer at the other's toil."

A husband once asked me to talk to his wife and endeavor to make her more thoughtful in regard to his care and worries. "She does not seem to realize the strain of a business career," he said, "and I think you might present it all to her in a way that would set her thinking."

I felt sorry for him, yet I knew him to accept the invitation of a gentleman to dine at the club one evening without sending any word home to his wife, who waited dinner two hours, compelling her servant to lose an evening out and bringing discord and trouble generally into the domestic regions by his thoughtless selfishness. How could he expect his wife to sympathize with his cares when he showed such a lack of sympathy for hers?

However petty may seem a woman's work to a man, he should not tell her so. The care and anxiety and annoyance which go into the preparation of a dinner are in their way as taxing to the nerves and vital forces as the strain of the counting room and office. Especially are they so when the man for whom the dinner is planned regards it as more than child's play, just as the brutal blows of the business world seem harder to bear when a man's wife, for whom he toils, speaks of "the good time he has had all day while she has been shut in the kitchen."

The best man I know once said to his wife, "Married people ought to think each morning. Now let us treat each other today in a manner that would leave no remorse for the one living were the other to die tomorrow."

With such a motto and with mutual sympathy, thoughtfulness and appreciation and self control married life can, to my positive knowledge, be made a heaven on earth.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

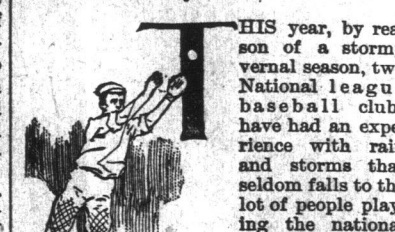
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THE REAL RAIN HOODOO.

Caylor Says Louisville Is the Storm Attractor.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS LOST.

Recent Rains Have Cost the Cleveland and Louisville Clubs About \$9,000—How the Empire's Lot Has Changed in a Decade. The New York Cyclone.



THIS year, by reason of a stormy season, two National League baseball clubs have had an experience with rain and storms that seldom falls to the lot of people playing the national game. The two clubs are the Louisville and the Cleveland.

Cleveland club's nine scheduled games, from the 8th to the 17th of May, inclusive, all but two were postponed by reason of inclement weather. The storm seemed to follow the "Spiders" around on their circuit. The rain hoodoo appears to be the Louisville and not the Cleveland club, because we find that of the former's first 30 scheduled games the only two were played.

The other 10 were prevented by rain. Seven of the 10 had their postponement in Louisville, and I presume the unsettled condition of the city's new grounds had a great deal to do with some of the postponements. Under the rules this year a postponed game in the National League cannot be played off "double" before the second or last game of the season.

Cincinnati is midway between Louisville and Cleveland, and yet during all this time when the Louisvilles and Clevelands were being persecuted with rain the Cincinnati had not one game on account of bad weather.

It is hard for those who do not make a study of the expenses and resources of a National League baseball club to understand what amount of money is represented by these postponed games.

If some of them are played later in the season, it must be as two games for one admission, and therefore most of the Cincinnati fans who never returned to the stadium to see the game, their salaries must be paid, or under the rules players are credited beyond a certain period.

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WOMAN'S WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Boston Ladies Who Have Just Struck a Blow For Independence.

The women of Boston have just struck a large, significant blow for independence. At least a dozen of them have appeared on the streets in trousers. Some call them divided skirts, others bloomers and others Syrian trousers, but they mean all the same thing. Mrs. B. O. Flower, wife of the editor of the Arena, is among the prominent women who have adopted the costume, and the other day, when she went into a millinery store on Washington street for the purpose of buying a new bonnet, she came near causing a blockade around the premises, so great was the curious crowd.

Now the latest is that Mrs. May Wright Sewall and Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery have appeared at the World's fair in the same full Syrian trousers and short skirts. Just the other day in a New Jersey village a woman was turned out of church simply because she wore these garments. Think of the courage it takes to defy Dame Fashion! These women stand for a principle, the right of the woman to wear what she pleases.

Success to them! Why should a woman be compelled to drag around in the burden of yards of superfluous dry goods if she doesn't want to? If anything will drive a woman to bloomers, it is the present idiotic skirts, with their pounds of hair cloth lining and useless widths of goods and trimmings.

A woman applied for a divorce the other day on the ground that her husband had not allowed her a new bonnet in 17 years. Picture the arid waste of a woman's life unblest by a new bonnet! "They also serve who only stand and wait," but think of waiting for 17 years! Think of the phenomenal patience and forbearance of that woman when she saw her husband bring home his new beavers and derbies! She ought to have a monument if any woman ever did. Better late than never, but if your case had been mine that little legal document would have gone in at the end of the first year, for, mind you, it was not entirely the question of a bonnet, but it is plain that woman never had one cent she could call her own. It was a clear case of freeze out on the "domestic front."

Her husband treated her worse than the state does its criminals serving out sentences in the penitentiaries, for they are allowed to earn a little money by working extra hours.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton says, "If you want to keep young, get an idea." It is a significant fact that the women who have the liveliest interest in the world's work have always younger faces than those who live in narrow ruts. The first thing Susan B. Anthony did after being appointed by Governor Flower one of the managers of the New York State Industrial school was to discover that 17 girls stood over the washbasins and ironing trays six days out of the week doing things in the good old fashioned ways of our grandmothers, when they could just as well take the clothes over to the boys' laundry, which was fitted up with all the modern appliances of machinery. It took quite a little while to convince the authorities that this proceeding was right and proper, but they finally consented, and now a less number of girls do the work in two days and have leisure for other and pleasanter occupations. The keen eyes and clear brains of a few more women of the Anthony stamp might work wonders in certain other institutions which could be mentioned.

Miss Frances E. Willard was refused as a delegate to the general conference of the Methodist church simply because she is a woman. Will some small girl who knows her arithmetic take her slate and reckon up just how many hundred years those Methodist dignitaries are behind the present age? But Miss Willard had her report concocted ready. She said if future conferences did not reverse that decision it would be well for Methodist women to found a church unto themselves.

To bring about a recognition of women and men as occupying an equal plane in the household of God. This is a hint which the next general conference would do well not to ignore. After allowing women to pay church dues, to attend the affairs and festivals, lead the prayer meetings, teach in the Sunday schools and sing in the choir, they might naturally expect that the exercise of so much liberty would embolden them to ask for more. If anywhere under the sun there is a spot where men and women ought to meet on an equal footing, it is the Christian church.

ALICE E. IVES.

Blotting Book.

A neat blotting book may be made of two large rough edged cards of heavy water color board and sheets of white or tinted blotting paper cut to fit between them. A row of holes is punched along the top with a cutting punch, and cover and leaves are fastened together by a lacing of heavy silk cord matching in color the prevailing tint of the decorations on the outside.

This decoration should be a water color design, simple, but graceful. A suitable design may be traced and transferred and painted in three or four flat tints. It should be illuminated by very broken lines of gold paint here and there among the stems and foliage, and the monogram initials in the right hand corner may be done entirely in gold.

ISAELLA PROCTOR.

FOUR BASEBALL CAPTAINS.

They All Command Teams In the New England League.

Captain Frank Pennelly of the Fall River (Mass.) club of the New England league is an old timer on the diamond. He has played with the Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Washington and Providence clubs and for



CAPTAIN CUDWORTH. CAPTAIN PENNELLY. CAPTAIN SLATER. CAPTAIN ROGERS.

four years captained the Cincinnati Reds. In 1889 he took charge of the Brooklyn association team. Burrill, late of the New York club, called for Fall River.

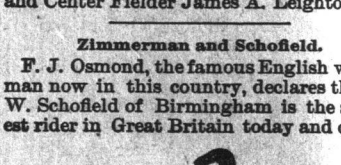
Captain James A. Cudworth of Lowell is also a player of experience. He has done good service with the Worcester, New Haven, Providence and Troy clubs. Last year he fractured his leg and was in retirement for 10 weeks. Henry Barnes is Lowell's star pitcher.

Captain Rogers of the Portland (Me.) club is an all round athlete of decided ability. He plays first base and was the best batsman of the league last season. He has played at Lynn and Portland and is as graceful on the diamond as he is talented. Maine's ex-Cincinnati twirler, is one of Portland's pitchers.

The Dover (N. H.) club is captained by H. E. Slater, who is an excellent disciplinarian, a hard worker and a first class player. The Brockton (Mass.) club has Alfred G. Doe for captain, and among the players in the Lewiston (Me.) team are "Smiling Mickey" Welch, for years one of New York's pitchers, and Captain, Manager and Center Fielder James A. Leighton.

Zimmerman and Schofield.

F. J. Osmund, the famous English wheelman now in this country, declares that J. W. Schofield of Birmingham is the swiftest rider in Great Britain today and conse-



quently the most formidable competitor A. A. Zimmerman and W. C. Sanger, the American riders who have gone abroad, will meet in the British races.

It is said that Schofield can do a half mile in 1 minute 8 seconds without exerting himself to his full capacity and that his mark for a mile is very close to the world's record of 2 minutes 54 seconds, held by W. W. Windle. An experienced Englishman is confident that there is no athlete astride a bicycle today who can meet Schofield at scratch and defeat him. This may be a rosary view of the situation inspired by national pride, but enough has been heard of Schofield on this side of the Atlantic to warrant the prediction that when he meets either Zimmerman or Sanger, the avowed Milwaukee rider, the contest will be a most interesting and exciting one, with wheelmen on both sides of the Atlantic.

J. W. SCHOFIELD.

Checkers Problem No. 229—By H. M. Brennan.

Black.

White.

White to move and win.

Chess Problem No. 229—By W. Meredith.

Black.

White.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Checkers Problem No. 219.

Black.

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White to play and mate in three moves.

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SPORTS AND

Westminster Lacrosse Team.

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Last Day of the Meet—Two Cr.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

—Thirty minutes of lacrosse game here in Milton town and the brilliant plays of a very "rag" national game, but the interesting, Vancouver a good second in the pennant, a have enough to spare the efforts of W. H. O.

warning the players against rough play behind the flags at Morphy at the other.