

"How I Got My Husband"

Chicago Tribune's Synopsis on this all Important Subject—The Prize Winners.

The Chicago Tribune offered several prizes for the best bona-fide stories from women as to their courtship experiences. The first prize went to Mrs. Jennie Neff. Some of the contributions are appended.

FIRST PRIZE \$20.00 — ROMANCE OF MRS. JIMMIE.

We both worked for a furnace manufacturing firm. I was an ordinary stenographer. He was their crack traveling salesman. Before I saw him I heard his praises.

"Jimmie has a golden tongue," said one of the firm. "I believe he could sell blue sky."

"Better than that," said another, "he could sell furnaces in Central Africa or in Hades, he's a wonder."

When the "wonder" came into the office I observed him closely. He was keen-eyed, pleasant-faced, well made, and active. One envied the well-fitting comfort of his clothes. Every word and movement was decisive and businesslike. In her heart every woman cherishes an ideal, and in "Jimmie" mine was realized. But he took little notice of me or any other woman.

"Jimmie," said one of the men one day, "You're the highest salaried man here. Why don't you get married?"

Jimmie answered, "If I ever find a woman who can keep her appointments and catch a train, I'll marry her if she'll have me."

His joke set me thinking, for I was known in the office as Miss Punctuality, because I never kept anyone waiting a second and often had boasted of never having missed a train.

One day I was called into a private office to write some letters for him. At the end of the dictation he began hesitatingly.

"I'm afraid I'll make an awful blunder, I'm new at this kind of business, but — I love you and I want to ask you to marry me. You're the first girl I ever said this to in my life."

My heart was beating a happy tattoo, but woman's perverseness prompted my answer, "Thank you," said I, "but I prefer to marry a man who sees something more in me to admire than an ability to catch trains and keep appointments."

Jimmie flushed, and I knew it was that made me notice you first," he answered, "but now I like you well enough to wait all day for you and to think it all right if you missed every train that leaves Chicago."

"O well—Jimmie may have been 'new at the business,' but he had a golden tongue, and a willing heart is easily persuaded; so to-day, I am

MRS. "JIMMIE" NEFF.

MAN MAY "LOOK HER UP."

A girl may do no violence to her modesty by making the first advance toward interesting a certain man, but she invariably can attract his attention by having him hear — through a friend — a bit of flattery expressed by her. To express a desire to form his acquaintance would in nearly every case be fatal to her ends, but if she can in a few selected words comment on his style of clothes or his figure or the manner in which he is conducting his work or business, he will lose no time in "looking her up." She must

try more than once or twice before admitting defeat. Having made his acquaintance, infinite tact, a keep your distance" demeanor, will hold his attention. She must not be too indifferent — for a man can change his coat — but she must at proper times decline proffered favors. She must have one set of manners, be dainty as to person, and she must resent all familiarity. This defines the "nice" girl, the kind that men want for wives, and though men may seem attracted more readily toward the beautiful butterfly type of woman, they marry the sensible girl who can appreciate a pleasant home and a congenial husband.

S. R.

HOLD THE MAN'S INTEREST.

I was a working girl. I enjoyed teaching school, but find more pleasure in keeping house. The ambition of the average working girl is a home of her own. To realize this ambition she must marry. To marry she must meet the right man. That comparatively a simple undertaking, the difficult problem is to find, to interest, to keep the man, when she finds him.

I want to tell, briefly and plainly, some of the things I have heard men say on this subject.

There are two reasons why men do not care to marry. First, the financial reason. The average man on a moderate salary finds that his pay envelope contains barely enough to gratify his own tastes. He wants to live well, and feels that he would have to forfeit his bachelor luxuries for the responsibilities of a household. Women demand too much; they want to "legit" life where their parents left off. A man of pride hesitates to ask a woman to marry who is earning a salary equivalent to his own.

Second — The social reason. When a man detests an evening to a girl he wants to be entertained. Her company must take the place of the "club" or the theatre. If he enjoys the play he will go again; the same is true of the girl's society. A man invariably will go where he has the pleasantest time. If a girl's company is more to him than anything else he will seek it for life.

Judging by the two reasons why men do not marry, a working girl might safely assume that she would find a deserving husband by observing the following rules:

1. Help a man to save his money by not suggesting expensive outings or entertainments or accepting gifts. If you see a pretty cottage mention it, and don't point to a mansion as your "ideal home." Never boast of the amount of your salary or your ability to earn money.

2. Dress prettily and, above all neatly, but be unconscious of your clothes. Buy more late books and fewer dresses.

3. Spend more time learning chess, cards, tennis, games of all sorts, and music, if possible, than in doing up your hair or fancy work.

4. Find out what he likes, take an interest in it, and give him a chance to talk about it. Every man likes to be appreciated.

5. Never gossip or giggle or talk shop or moralize. Avoid sentiment and jealousy. Speak well of other girls and of men you have "gone with."

6. If you can, cook him something good to eat, and say the pleasant things in a pleasing way.

7. Speak to the workman when

he isn't dressed up, stand by the man in trouble.

MRS. G. C. WAREHAM.

HAPPY IN "DEAR LITTLE FLAT."

In answer to "Juliette's" query of "How did you get your husband?" let me say the chief fault of more girls not marrying lies with the girls themselves. By that I mean the majority of the working girls expect too much in a financial way from the men they would marry and so frighten them away.

There are two distinct types of girls. One who loves all the little vanities that money can buy, nine cases out of ten is living at home with no board to pay; or, if any, perhaps \$5, with the balance to spend as she pleases. The other, paying at least \$5 or \$6 at a respectable boarding place, together with laundry, and often a mother or someone at home to help out, has little or nothing left for herself.

The former girl would not marry unless she could have the same amount of money to spend on herself, keep a servant, entertain, etc., while, on the other hand, the latter girl would, if given an opportunity, marry a man on a moderate salary, keep up his home without the aid of help other than perhaps a washerwoman, wash his clothes, economize, save and be happy.

But the opportunity! That is the stumbling block put in the way by the more selfish type of girl, airing her ideas to the male sex of "what she must have when she marries," and so scaring the man away.

A spendid young man of my acquaintance told me of a girl friend of his expressing her unwillingness to marry on less than \$1,800 a year and so he was afraid to marry.

Girls, there are hosts of just such men afraid to let their money off their small salary, and there are few young men of to-day making more than \$100 a month, and many young couples start on less and are comfortable and happy.

So those of you who want a real home with love and happiness and are willing to make a few sacrifices in order to economize and save for a better future do not be afraid to let your male acquaintances know of your ideas, and I am confident you will gain favor — and more.

I have a kind and loving husband, a dear little flat and am happier than when I was working.

MRS. H. P.

GETS HUSBAND IN NEW JOB.

I got my husband through change of occupation. After twelve years of the hardest kind of work, that of a nurse, I decided to get employment where I could have regular meals and regular sleep, also have part of my wages. I secured a situation as cook in a country club. I had learned to be a scientific cook along with my work, gathering information in every home where I was employed from the cook or housewife. At the end of six months in my new position I had a raise in wages, had gained a better knowledge of the work, and, best of all, had learned that the old adage, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," was true.

While the soft coal fire was necessary to cook the food, the cool, breezy winds of Old Canada the spirit of love until the sea of matrimony became the soothing draft. I now have a real home different from the described bachelor girl's flat. Girls stay so long in one position that they take it for granted they are married to it and think it useless to propose.

MRS. D. H. BEAN.

MANY WAYS TO WIN HEARTS.

Man, a marriage, a home, and a go-cart! O, what bliss! What joy in reaching that end and aim of a woman's life! But what a great question mark sometimes confronts us when the prize is won!

My father says I began trying to win hearts when I was four years old, and that the way I went about it was to be especially liberal with hugs and kisses whenever I sighted pennies.

Now I am 22, my childish efforts, of course, seem crude, but I think man is just as susceptible to womanly tenderness and flattery to-day as ever, and while, of course, we cannot hug him, even if we think he is the right man, we easily and graciously can let him see that his attentions are welcome and his company appreciated.

I wouldn't like to say how sweet man is when he thinks he may need a little moral support, because in the first place she always is sweet, and in the second, both he and she read The Tribune — but it's a winning way.

Seriously, I think the man who is altogether worth while, the man who does things, likes to win better than to be won; he is a girl who has met her fate, and he does not seem fully to recognize the fact, I would say, get acquainted with some really nice widow and take lessons.

IRENE GOODMAN.

LIST TO THE WORDS OF A WIDOW.

How I got my first husband is hardly to the point, since we were boy and girl then, and ours was surely stumbling into love and marriage. My second marriage occurred when I was past 35. When I met this man I was settling up business connected with my first husband's estate. I had no thought then of marrying, but the man was so sympathetic and attentive that I sat and took notice.

I noticed that it was my personality which first attracted him. I saw that from the nature of his business as well as his social standing he had some experience in the world of women and that he was discriminating in his choice of them. The woman whom he would marry must be one he could be proud of. She must be womanly and refined. I noticed that he paid strict attention to every little detail of dress and manners in his business, as well as his social hours, and I realized that the woman who would neglect



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the least of these little amenities would have no show in his serious attentions.

Then I began to look for his little weaknesses — they all have them. His was business. I found that he liked to be known as a man who sacrificed himself to business. If he pleaded business cares for an excuse I warned him against sacrificing his health to work. I was sincere in this, and my sincerity was flattering. A man likes to have a sensible woman interested in him. I found that he was falling in love with me because I had the good sense to be so much interested in him. I catered to all his tastes.

This I found easy since our tastes are so much alike one another. When I found any fixed habit of his which I had a decided antipathy for I looked at it this way: Doubtless I have some weakness which he is too polite to show his aversion for, and so we balanced matters.

I do not think it unwomanly to meet a man half-way in courtship. To be too independent or modest throws a cold blanket on a man's best intentions. A little friendly solicitation with just the right show of independence is necessary to encourage him. And some encouragement is due, if we want a man's attention.

M. E. BLACK.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

HARWICH COUNCIL.

Harwich Council met in the Town Hall on Monday, July 8, 1907, for general business; all members present.

Minutes of meeting of June 10th were read and approved.

Matthew Wilson, K. C., enclosing by-law, etc., re appeal of former proceedings on the Taff Creek drain. Wilson Pike & Co., enclosing by-law, etc., re appeal of former proceedings on the Taff Creek drain. Also giving authority to fill in certain blanks.

W. P. Huff in reply to Clerk, stating that he had withdrawn watering privileges in 1903, and was thus not entitled to the cheque in his favor, and now standing to his credit.

Jonas Gosnell, County Clerk, giving notice of appeal of Wallaceburg against the county equalized assessment.

A. E. Robinson, Clerk of Raleigh, stating that Raleigh had passed the C. W. & L. E. by-law without amendment; also stating Raleigh Council had taken no action re the bridge over Howard drain.

Jonas Gosnell, County Clerk, enclosing copy of by-law setting county rate, giving Harwich's share as \$5,732.17 general rate, and \$355.53 special school rate.

Kingsmill & Co., barristers for M. C. R. Co., stating they would have an examination re line fence, on highway and John Newcomb's property, about 2-1/2 miles east of Fargo, and would report to the Clerk.

Ontario Municipal Association, giving notice of annual meeting.

Richard Young, ex-Reeve, reporting John McKay having completed a section of special E. T. L. graveling; also that Wm. Graham had completed floor on Base Line bridge.

S. Fagan, Tile Drain Inspector, filed a report that W. & A. Gardner had finished satisfactorily \$1,362.70 worth of tiling, and were entitled to a tile loan of \$500.

W. R. McGregor, filing petition for drain under the drainage act.

John Johnston made application for repair, under section 75, of the Drainage Act, of the Mull drain, from the "branch" to the outlet.

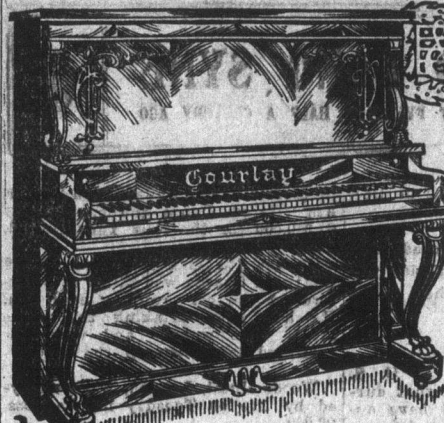
Joseph Buchanan made application to have the Buchanan drain repaired under the same section.

Wm. Hamilton filed a new application to have the Taff Creek drain repaired and improved under section 75 of the Drainage Act.

Wm. Muckle filed a petition signed by 27 Harwich and 8 Howard

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ratepayers, requesting that a new union school section be formed out of portions of four sections named, and that the Council take the necessary steps to procure the same.

John W. Drury filed a petition signed by 47 ratepayers, asking that a public watering trough be established at Kent Centre—Bridge End—the cost not to exceed \$35 per annum.

S. B. McCully and A. Huffman filed their report on the audit of the accounts from January 1 to June 30th.

The Treasurer, John Whittington, filed a guarantee bond for \$2,500, as per by-law.

The Reeve reported that a preliminary hearing re Howard appeal on Taff Creek drain assessment had come before the Drainage Referee on Saturday, June 15th, with the result that the decision was given in favor of Howard with costs.

Moses Scott and Barchiel addressed the Council re some road work in front of Mr. Scott's place.

G. Griffith asked for repair of roadway.

Joseph Cooper asked concerning certain drainage.

All of which carried, were: Clerk and McColl, accepting the bond of the Treasurer.

Clerk and McColl, instructing the Clerk to notify the Maple City Oil Co. that the terms of their agreement were satisfactory to the Council.

Corlett and McColl, that in the opinion of this Council it is deemed advisable to accept and adopt the plan with concrete floor of F. W. Flater, C. E., for a bridge over the Howard drain on the Harwich and Raleigh Townline; and whereas the Council of the Municipality of Raleigh have taken no action re the said plan, resolved that a committee of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve be appointed to meet a committee from Raleigh Council and confer together and if possible arrive at conclusions whereby the work of construction may be commenced as soon as possible.

McCull and Corlett, that a special grant of \$20 be made to each of the 4th and 8th concession roads on condition that the commissioner expend \$10 on each of said roads for repair of same.

Clerk and McColl, that the Reeve and Counsellor W. J. Corlett be appointed a committee to meet a similar committee from Raleigh Council to consider the best means of repairing and improving the W. T. Lins opposite or near the property of A. Huff.

Clerk and McColl, that the report of S. Fagan, Tile Drain Inspector, on Gardner drains, be accepted.

On motion of Clerk and Corlett, the petition of W. R. McGregor was accepted, and the Clerk instructed to notify the engineer, F. W. Flater, to make survey, etc., and report to the Council.

On motion of Walters and Corlett, the application of John Johnston was accepted, and the Clerk instructed to have the engineer, F. W. Flater, make the necessary survey, etc., and report to this Council.

Moved by McColl and Clerk, that whereas a petition presented by Wm. Muckle and 27 other ratepayers in Harwich requesting that a new union school section be formed out of portions of sections named in said petition, resolved that the Clerk notify the owners and ratepayers of the various lots and parts of lots as named in said petition, also the trustees of the different school sections affected by the proposed new union section, that this council will consider the said petition at the next regular meeting, August 12, at four o'clock p. m.

Moved by Clerk and McColl, that the auditors' report from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1907, be adopted and entered in the minutes of this meeting.

To the Reeve and Council of the

Township of Harwich:

Gentlemen.—We are pleased to report to your honorable body that acting under your appointment of the 10th of June we have completed our audit. This audit consists of two parts. First, from the 1st of Jan., 1907, to the 31st of May of the present year, comprising the time when Mr. James Leslie, deceased, your late treasurer, was acting; second, the interim the month of June, during which time the Reeve and Clerk have been carrying on the work of treasurer jointly under two resolutions of the council, namely, the 27th of May and the 10th of June, thus including in the audit all receipts and disbursements made of the corporation by the treasurer up to the 30th of June, the time when your new treasurer will be acting.

We have examined the municipal cash book, bank books, treasurer's orders, vouchers and cheques of the late treasurer with care and diligence from the 1st of Jan. to the 23rd of May, the last payment under his hand. The receipts and payments of all monies for and in behalf of the corporation during that time we hereby certify to be correct and all properly accounted for and paid to the credit of the township in and through the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Further, that the small amount of cash on hand mentioned in the last annual auditors' report has been deposited to the credit of the township, and there remains to the credit of the late treasurer a balance of salary. The interim the month of June we have examined all receipts and disbursements and find the same to be all correctly made and accounted for. Also we report that we have examined the ledger, debt-note book,

etc., pertaining to the treasurer's office and find the work all brought forward and correctly entered up to the 30th of June.

Attached hereto will be found a short certified schedule showing monthly balance with outstanding cheques taken from the municipal cash book; also a certified monthly balance sheet prepared and certified to by the Bank.

In conclusion, we may say we appreciated the courteous assistance of the Clerk where information and explanation was necessary.

All of which we respectfully submit to your honorable body for your consideration.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1907. S. B. McCULLY, A. HUFFMAN.

By-laws were finally passed, signed and sealed, granting the franchise as per agreements, forming part of said by-laws, to Wm. R. De Gruy to lay gas and oil pipe lines.

The Blenheim and South Kent Telephone Company to construct a telephone system in Harwich.

The C. W. & L. E. Electric Railway to build their road along portions of W. T. L.

A loan as per statute was made to S. S. No. 2 1-2 of \$2,000 for four years, first debenture to be due Dec. 1, 1908.

A by-law was finally passed, signed and sealed, repealing and annulling all former proceedings for the repair of the Taff Creek drain, and engineer George A. McCubbin was instructed to make a new survey, etc., and report to the council. Mr. W. Hamilton having filed a new application.

There were a number of accounts ordered paid.

GEO. W. RISEBOROUGH, Clerk.

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