

England's Oldest Admiral.

Great Britain has as senior admiral of her fleet a man, Sir P. W. P. Wallis, K. C. B., whose name on Thursday last had been on the pay roll of the navy ninety-five years. It need hardly be said that Admiral Wallis' personal service has not been of so long a continuance, for at the time his name was put upon the rolls he was only a little over 4 years old, having been born in Halifax, N. S., April 12, 1811. But at that time it was customary for those who had influence, and who desired to secure promotion in the navy for their sons, to enter their names on the pay roll for a subordinate position, where the pay was merely nominal, but still sufficient, when the question of promotion was taken up to make it appear that they had seen quite a period of professional service. Admiral Wallis was sent to sea when he was 13 years old—that is, in the year 1804—and for a long period served his country in an efficient manner. It seems hardly credible—the time is so far back in the past—that the present head of the English navy was the first lieutenant of the frigate Shannon when she had her fight with the American frigate Chesapeake, in which the latter vessel was captured. But such is the case, and as ranking officer, after the captain of the Shannon was seriously wounded in the engagement, it was Lieut. Wallis' duty to bring the two vessels to the port of Halifax, and it was his gallantry in this action that started him on the line of promotion which placed him in the position that he now holds as father of the English navy. To show the changes that have taken place in recent years, it is pointed out that Admiral Wallis has not served on board of an ironclad or on any of the ships provided with the great modern weapons of offence or defence. He did his chief service at the time when Nelson, Howe, Hardy and others were winning renown for England upon the high seas, and his practical experience was with the ships and guns that they used to such good advantage.

Men as Lovers are not Amusing.

As human beings of contrasted sex men and women intoxicate each other and drive each other mad. Love always brings less than it takes. Friendship gives; love bargains, and if it is a man's love it wants the best of the bargain. It is almost impossible to classify lovers. It is fatal to take one as a type of a class. The man who is devoted, patient and interesting as a friend, is exacting, cranky and tiresome as a lover. A friend can exchange ideas with you in every direction. A lover has only two ideas—himself and you—and that is no exchange. If you don't care about him, discussion of himself is a bore. For yourself, having lived with yourself all your life, you look for no news of yourself from him.

The actress thinks it useless to set rules for the behavior of girls to whom men make love. What settles one man upon another. The stony air of disapproval that freezes one, fires the next. Passive endurance that disheartens one encourages another to new efforts. The bombshell delivery that suggests that you mean your "no" inspires the next with an idea that you mean "yes." The gentleness that in one case wins consideration and respect fires another man to go further and say more. Exactions and caprices that weary one develop in another untiring meekness and patient devotion. Invektive that shoots one off into a rage reduces another to a palpitating pulp of passivity against which no woman of any heart can exert herself. All you can be sure of, is that the man who loves you to-day is probably a bore, the one who loved you yesterday is a brother, and the one who is likely to love you to-morrow will be both. The moral drawn by Miss Sheridan is that a girl must set to work and find some more satisfactory interest and amusement than men.

Woman's Trust.

"Good wife, what are you singing for? you know we have lost the hay, and what we'll do with horse and kye is more than I can say; While like as not, with rain and storm, we'll lose both corn and wheat!" She looked up with her pleasant face, and answered low and sweet: "There is a heart, there is a hand, we feel but cannot see, We've always been provided for, and we shall always be!"

He turned around with sudden gloom; she said, "Love, be at rest; You cut the grass, worked soon and late, you did your very best. That was your work; you've naught at all to do with wind or rain, And do not doubt but you will reap rich fields of golden grain. For there's a heart, and there's a hand, we feel but cannot see; We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

"That's like a woman's reasoning—we must because we must." She softly said: "I reason not, I only work and trust; The harvest may redeem the day—keep heart whate'er betide, When one door shuts I've seen another open wide. There is a heart, there is a hand, we feel but cannot see; We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

He kissed the calm and trustful face; gone was his restless pain. She heard him with a cheerful step go whistling down the lane. And went about her household tasks full of a glad content, Singing to time her busy hands as to and fro she went: "There is a heart, there is a hand, we feel but cannot see; We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

Days come and go—'twas Christmas tide, and the grate fire burned clear. The farmer said: "Dear wife, it's been a good and happy year; The fruit was gain, the surplus corn has bought the hay, you know. She lifted then a smiling face and said: "I told you so! For there's a heart, and there's a hand, we feel but cannot see; We've always been provided for, and we shall always be!"

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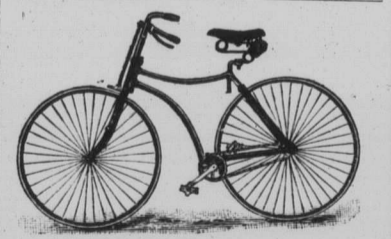
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