

woman should, first of all, marry a man of nearly the same age as herself. He should be of the same temperament and refinement of mind and manners. Two positives repel; a positive attracts a negative. Wealth and so-called position and title should never be considered, but much attention should be given to the capacity for work. It is the natural law of marriage that a man should work for his wife and children. But, you say, what has this all got to do with your question? Everything, Lucy. The lover who nearest fills the measurement laid down is the one to marry.

Six intimate friends, three young men and three young women, two years ago, agreed among themselves that one should not marry unless the other did. A year later one of the young men and one of the young women became engaged to each other, but as the others were yet apparently heart free they could not marry. Six months later another couple agreed to join their lots for life, but then came trouble. The third young man was willing to marry, but the third young woman was not. This drove the other two couples nearly wild, and they frantically reproached the reluctant maiden for keeping them out of happy matrimony. Finally she yielded, and the three couples were married.

If you ride in a street car and the conductor forgets to collect your fare, is it right or wrong of you to leave him in ignorance of the fact and get off without paying the five cents of your own accord? That is a delicate question in street car ethics, but before deciding to keep still and save your money it would perhaps be wise to reflect on the experience of a lady who boarded a car a few days ago and rode without paying a cent for the ride. "If that conductor does not know enough to ask me for the fare," she said to herself, "it is certainly not my business to look out for the interests of the company. I consider it a matter of principle not to give up my five-cent piece."

So she reasoned with herself, but alas for such reasoning! The conductor out there on the back platform was by no means a fool; on the contrary, he was a student of human nature, particularly of feminine human

nature; and if he had not asked the young lady to give him the regulation five cents it was not, as she supposed, because he had overlooked her, but because he wanted to get some fuller knowledge as to the workings of her conscience.

All the way down the street, four good miles, the horses carried that lady, and then she, all serene, prepared to leave the car without paying. The conductor sighed, and his barometer of human nature sank way down. The struggle had been fought and the battle lost. However, he reflected that was no reason why the company should lose five cents.

"Excuse me, madam," he said, politely, as her patent leather boot touched the lower step, "did I get your fare?"

There was a merry twinkle in his eye as he said this.

Ah! that was a terrible moment for the young lady. To say "yes" would be to tell a lie; to say "no" would be to admit that she had been cheating. So she told a fib, only a little one, however, and merely to save the situation.

"Why, didn't you?" she asked, innocently, raising a pair of blue eyes, in which there was no guile. "Oh, I am so sorry," and with that she dropped a nickel from her daintily gloved fingers into the conductor's outstretched hand.

"Pretty well done, that, wasn't it?" said the back platform philosopher to a passenger who had watched the transaction. "These women folks do beat the deuce for looking innocent. You wouldn't have thought that girl had been calculating on my tackling her for that five cents, but she had, just the same. Did you see how she had the nickel all ready there in her glove? Oh, yes, we have lots of them like her every day. But, I say, she's a daisy, ain't she?"

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PERE GRINATOR.

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