

What Kind of Men Should These Girls Marry?

Here is an opportunity to determine your type—Your future happiness may depend upon it

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WHAT kind of man should any girl marry? Just there you will find a great difference of opinion among people of experience.

Some women of wide experience stoutly maintain that single blessedness is best, and others of equal years as vigorously contend that any man is better than none.

Notwithstanding all the jibes of the humorous and the warnings of the unhappy, however, young people continue to marry. They have always done so as far back as human records go and very likely they always will. The lure of the Christmas mistletoe prepares the way for the New Year's resolution. There is an early spring revival in the jewelry business, and in June comes a fresh demand for orange blossoms.

It seems to be but the natural course of events too that the woman who is happily or unhappily married herself, and who at any rate really enjoyed the zest of the sport of "man-hunting," should still be an interested onlooker at Cupid's art, and should find a hand now and then in that great game of match-making adds zest to life.

Who can say how many lives are made or marred by match-makers? When John asks Mary the great Question, it may be that he really thinks the whole thing was his own doing. Possibly Mary really thinks she has led him on herself. Yet, how often, if the truth were told, the asking of this great Question is simply the natural result of the tactful management of some thoughtful matron!

A Question of Taste

OF course every girl wants to marry an ideal man.

But what is an ideal man? Opinions differ. Fortunate it is, too, for if all girls were agreed there would not be much chance for the most of us ever to find a life partner. Besides the ideal man depends upon the girl.

It used to be said that there was no accounting for taste. Yet even taste and personal preference becomes a matter for investigation to the man of science to-day. And observation, study, and analysis appear to have made clear the fact that there is, after all, some accounting for taste even in such a matter as the way of a maid with a man, that even that elusive and subtle attraction that impels men and women to form life partnerships in marriage operates according to some definite law established by nature for the welfare of the race.

If we ask a score of people why they married, we will find three motives: money, children, and companionship. If we asked again which was the strongest motive, the majority would undoubtedly say, money or companionship. It is hardly considered proper for folks to desire children—strange is it not? Yet if we turn to Nature and ask why Nature endows people with this strong and subtle attraction between the sexes with its magic power of endowing the most commonplace with all the idealism of fancy, Nature's answer is—Children. Happiness, real enduring happiness can be had here below only by obedience to Nature's laws, by harmony with Nature's purposes.

Professionally I occasionally commend young folks in their matrimonial plans. I do so because I believe everyone needs an intimate companion. First, because intimate association with someone whose chief faults and virtues are different from our own, helps round us out. There is no easier way to cultivate any quality of mind or character in which you may be weak than intimate association with someone who possesses that quality in a marked degree. Virtues are as infectious as vices. Second, because from a business standpoint, very few of us are possessed of all round common sense. Most of us need the companionship of someone with a somewhat different point of view to help us make wise judgments in the business affairs of life. Third, because I know of nothing that will do more to keep us all young and make life worth while during our second half century of life—and to-day all serious people are learning to plan life on the full century basis and know that this can be achieved by right living—nothing does more to keep us young and make life interesting the second half century than to see growing up around us a lot of wholesome children and grand-children.

Many people think that it is the business of parents to educate their children and entertain them, but the education parents give their children cannot begin to compare with the education and entertainment the children provide their parents. There was more sense than nonsense in the remark of the woman on the witness stand when she assured the opposing attorney that it was no use for him to try to rattle her with his fool questions, because she had raised four boys and had three grandsons keeping her in training.

Should "Likes" Marry?

HERE are three girls—all different. What kind of men should they marry?

It is conceivable that they might all want to marry the same man. It is even true that there are men so tactful, so well balanced, so efficient, that they might marry any one of these three girls and live a happy married life. It is a fact that a sufficient amount of the grace of God will enable folks to get along together quite happily in spite of marked lack of harmony in physical type, disposition or mentality—and I will even say that no

matter how perfectly matched a pair may be from the standpoint of all the rules I shall lay down, a good deal of that aforesaid grace is still very necessary. The grace of God finds it very difficult to reside permanently in any man who even occasionally absorbs alcohol, and it usually takes its departure from the man who habitually uses tobacco. Therefore, I usually regard either of these or any other drug habits as sufficient grounds for any young woman to "call off" negotiations.

Some folks think it is fine for two young people to marry who have exactly the same tastes. Just let us see how that would work out in the case of these three girls.

Suppose that Girl No. 1 married a man like herself, one who looked enough like her to be her brother. They

would be alike in their physical characteristics. They would require about the same amount of sleep, and exercise. They would both have first



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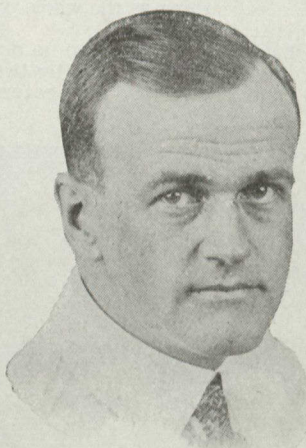


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class business ability, and a very strong love for music, art, and literature, as well as money-making. Both would have a good, but not excessive degree of independence. Both would like the same kind of food, both would set quality before quantity, both would insist on their meals being tastefully served. From these standpoints they would be splendid pals.

Yet there would be something lacking.

They would be more brother and sister than lovers.



Fig. No. 1.

They would be pals, yet they would lack the power to inspire one another.

Every girl learns sooner or later that there is a peculiar "pins-and-needles" sensation she experiences when she



Fig. No. 2.

touches the hand of some other girl's brother, whom she admires, that she does not experience with her own.

Sooner or later both would discover the lack. Sooner or later she would discover that she was hankering for the company of some other man. No. 2 for example—while he would find himself happier in the company of some other woman. In spite of all they had of common interest and taste, they would find growing up a certain indefinable mutual repulsion.

Nature's Law of Attraction

BACK of this mutual repulsion is one of Nature's laws—the same law which is partially recognized in our legislation preventing the marriage of near relatives.

The purpose of this law is to give the children a chance by offsetting a weakness in one parent by extra strength in the other. The law is analogous to that which makes cold water pleasant to one who has been overheated from sun or exercise, and hot water agreeable to one who has had a chill. It is similar to that law by which two bodies charged with opposite kinds of electricity attract each other while those charged with similar electricity repel.

For every climate, for every condition, there is a normal type, a type best suited to that condition of life. In the south the type is darker than in the north. In the mountains, the normal type is more muscular, with larger lungs than by the sea shore. Everywhere the law holds that the strongest attraction is between those who, point by point are on opposite sides of the medium, of the normal for the climate and condition.

When parents are of similar type, as they would be if Girl No. 1 married a man just like herself, and as is often the case when near relations marry, the peculiarities tend to be intensified in the children. The children in this case, if they survived at all, would be intellectual prodigies so far as natural mental brilliancy and nervous energy go, but lacking the physical vitality and endurance to support the large and over active brains.

Only by the most careful and abstemious habits of life could such children survive.

From the standpoint of companionship, again, the tendency of intimate association of two such people would be a further intensifying of mental and nervous activity, and neglect of physical development. Theirs would be the tendency to make money, to make a lot of it through brilliant creative business ability, and then to have to spend it again recuperating at frequent intervals. Both would lack the endurance, the staying power for continuous successful and efficient effort.

From the business standpoint again, both would be too fond of variety, of change. Both would work with great intensity for spells, yet both need the balance of someone of more conservative disposition, someone who would not wish to change a plan or a policy just for the pleasure of changing. Both would tend to tire of the same line of business, of the same surroundings, and would often make changes to their own disadvantage.

The Man for No. 1

THE right kind of a man for this girl to marry would be a man more of the type of No. 1.

Because she is so refined and intelligent herself, it would be fatal for her to marry a man lacking in intelligence. He must in fact, have a good deal of refinement and a high order of intelligence in order that they may be congenial at all. His intelligence, however, might well be more of the scientific and philosophical type. She has enough business ability for two, provided he has the physical strength and endurance to provide the power, and the conservatism, the consistency to hold to a good idea and carry it through to a finish once he is started on the right line. A man of the dark type, of muscular build, with a high square type of head, square face and broad prominent chin, though financially he might be a failure in business for himself, with such a wife should make a first class business success. While their tastes and interests might be different, there would be a very strong mutual attraction, and the children would have every chance of combining the mother's intelligence, refinement, and business ability with the father's solidity and capacity for consistent sustained effort.

The Girl Who Needs A Money-Maker

GIRL NO. 2 is quite a different type. She too, is idealistic, artistic, ambitious. But though she has physical strength and activity she is in disposition, conservative. With all her ambition and talent she lacks business ability. It is hard for her to look after the dollars. If she married Man No. 1, they might well find a common interest in the out-of-doors, but they would both need to be stirred up occasionally to prevent them from living in a rut, the mutual attraction would lack intensity, and what love there was in their home would probably be frightened out of the window when the traditional wolf came in at the door.

Man No. 1 lacks business ability, or at least he lacks the interest in money which is the first consideration in making it. He needs the financial sense of Girl No. 1 to keep him down to business. Mated with Girl No. 2 he would be likely to duplicate the fate of the famous musician, Mozart, whose wife apparently had as little business sense as himself. You will remember how they used to keep themselves warm by dancing when they were too poor to buy fuel.

For Girl No. 2 a round faced man, with blue eyes and fair, perhaps curly hair—your born salesman or financier, if you like—full of vitality, and the instinct for catching the nimble and elusive dollar on the fly would be the proper mate. Such men sometimes in spite of their talent for money-making, fail to accomplish much in life for lack of ambition and purpose. Girl No. 2 would provide the purpose and the ambition. Man No. 2 is ambitious, but still would make an excellent match for her. He is sufficiently refined and artistic to

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