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Trial Marriage.

By HUTH CAMERON.



"And further," she declared, "I believe that when a man had found his true mate, such a union would be for life—it could not be otherwise. And the man holding his mate by the excellence that was in him instead of by the aid of the law would be placed lover-like on his good behaviour, and be a stronger and manlier being."

—Elbert Hubbard on Mary Wollstonecraft.

If your marriage were a trial marriage and to-morrow the day to decide whether to make it permanent or not, would you marry your husband or wife again?

Isn't that a thought provoking question? And here's another quite as worth thinking about—

Would your husband or wife marry you over again?

Of course, because of the third party to every marriage, the little unborn soul that may find its chance of existence through this union. (Trial marriages are out of the question. But I fancy that if they were practical there'd be a great deal more self-control and thought for others and appreciation in our homes and somewhat less discontent and chafing in our hearts than we now have.)

Only I suppose to make the idea worth anything, the trial part of the marriage could not be over at the end of a year as is usually proposed. To keep the atmosphere right, we'd have to make the union like a perpetual trial marriage—say like the lease of

a house, taken for twelve months at a time and renewable at the end of each year with the approval of both parties.

I once read an article on this subject in which the author brought out the idea that if this were tried we should have a great many surprises in finding out how few couples would remarry.

Do you know, I have a kind of a notion that we'd be just as apt to be surprised the other way.

When two married folks are looking forward to a life union with each other, they may see each other's faults and annoying habits in the foreground, but if these same people were brought face to face with the possibility of a separation, don't you think the perspective would change in the twinkling of an eye, and the virtues and attractions that first drew them to each other come back into prominence?

It is an old story that no matter how keen our gratitude when we first receive them, we soon cease to be grateful for the blessings which we are accustomed to and feel sure of.

Who knows but that a renewed appreciation of each other, as well as renewed efforts to stand well in each other's eyes, might not be the result, if there were any question about renewing the lease at the end of the year?

Yes, I know that some of my reader friends are holding up their hands in horror at my even speaking of this subject. Forgive me, my friends. I know it's totally impossible and I haven't the vaguest idea of advocating it. But all the same, I think it would be a thought provoking exercise for some married folks to consider the two questions I asked at the beginning. Especially the second.

—Huth Cameron

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Wedding Bells.

On January 29th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Leary, Portugal Cove, Trepassay, a very pretty wedding was solemnized when their daughter Minnie, was united in matrimonial bonds to Francis, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sutton, Trepassay. The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of white with veil and wreath, and was attended by her sister Norrie, her cousins B. Kennedy and A. O'Leary and M. Sutton, sister of the groom, while Alexander Sutton, brother of the groom, acted as best man, assisted by Samuel O'Leary, brother of the bride, P. Sutton and M. Butler, cousins.

At 6.30 p.m. when the wedding guests, numbering 150, had assembled the ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Renouf, who after having tied the nuptial knot, very appropriately adjoined the happy couple, first tendering them his sincere and hearty good wishes for their future welfare and happiness. He then very clearly pointed out to both the necessity of fulfilling the important duties of wedded life, and impressing upon them the responsibilities which daily life laid before them, both for their temporal and spiritual welfare, and concluded by again offering his hearty congratulations in which he was joined by the whole assemblage. Immediately after, the wedding supper was announced, and all in turn were seated in their respective places, and partook of a sumptuous repast, after which music and songs were rendered and dancing was indulged in during the night and the wee sma' hours of the morning, when the guests dispersed well pleased with the event of the night. The bride was the recipient of many costly and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton left for their home at Trepassay on Sunday, where they were warmly welcomed by the groom's mother and near relations, and where, we trust, they will enjoy many happy years of wedded life.

—S. O. E.

Dady Knows

Let us dry our tears, now laddie,
Let us put aside our woes;
Let us go and talk to daddy,
For I'm sure that daddy knows.
Let us take him what we're breaking,
Be it heart or hope or toy,
And the tale may hide unspoken,
For he used to be a boy.

He has been through all the sorrows
Of a lad at nine or ten;
He has seen the dawn of morrows
When the sun shone bright again;
His own heart has been near breaking,
O, more times than I can tell,
And has often known the aching
That a boy's heart knows so well.

I am sure he well remembers
In his calendar of days,
When the boy-heart was December's
Though the sun and flowers were
May's.

He has lived a boy's life, laddie,
And he knows just how it goes;
Let us go and talk to daddy,
For I'm sure that daddy knows.

Let us tell him all about it,
How the string of it is there,
And I have not any doubt it
Will be easier to bear;
For he's trodden every byway,
He has fathomed every joy,
He has travelled every highway
In the wide world of a boy.

He will put aside the worries
That his day may follow through,
For the great heart of him hurries
At the call of help from you,
He will help us mend the broken
Heart of ours or hope or toy,
And the tale may hide unspoken—
For he used to be a boy.

—J. W. Foley, in "Youth's Companion."

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Fashions and Fads.

The one-buttoned coat is growing in favor.

Sash effects appear on skillfully draped skirts.

A great many buttons still fasten the one-piece frocks.

Turquoise green relieves some of the dark blue gowns.

Some of the newest handbags are of pinstriped in Nell rose color.

Some of the new spring dresses are actually of wool brocade.

Blonde, chantilly and maline laces will be more used than ever.

Briche taffeta ribbons are much used for hair bows and sashes.

A new black satin girde comes below the waist like a basque.

After the middle of March, straw millinery is the rule in Paris.

Collars of colored linen are seen on the new serge dresses for spring.

Even dressing saques this spring, are things of curves and draperies.

A yellow charmeuse gown is edged with brown or taupe dyed marabout.

Dresses trimmed with bright red have their buttonholes also piped with it.

Sashes in colored satin or velvet are an attractive note on the evening gown.

The small hat seems to be having its own way all along the line this spring.

Scarfs of lino, encrusted tulle will be worn with lingerie and crepon dresses.

Vests in colored silks are richly embroidered in Rumanian and oriental colorings.

The Russian blouse and smock are traceable in a great many of the new costumes.

Travelers' utility cases are being made of cretonnes in colonial and chintz patterns.

Many of the new serge frocks are brightened with sashes of vivid green or terra cotta crepe.

Rich materials and metal tissues still reign supreme among all the plain materials.

Brassieres can be turned into corset covers by adding a fitted extension to the waist line.

A hand colored tagal hat decorated

with very large chiffon roses in dull smoky blue is delightful.

A new semi-precious stone launched in Paris is called heracinite, a cross between rose and amethyst.

Nearly all the bodices of evening gowns are draped in tulle or lace, and outlined with strass stones.

A charming long sleeve is kimono above, with a long tight undersleeve of richly patterned brocade below.

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St. Isidore, Que., 12 May, '98.

Fervid Football Fever.

They were very poor, very poor. But there could be no doubt at all that, with the men of the house at least, football was the ruling passion.

It was Saturday night. The wife sat and wept on a kitchen chair. Here her husband found her when he returned.

"My dear, my dear!" he cried, touching the weeping woman on the shoulder. "Come, tell us what's happened."

"Happened!" she exclaimed; and her tears dried fast in the heat of her excitement. "Just look there," pointing to a yellow envelope on the kitchen table. "There's a telegram from our Fred. He's broken his left leg in that wretched football match, and you out of work and all. O-ho-o-ho!" And the poor mother threw her apron over her head, and commenced to cry anew.

Father, meanwhile, had picked up the telegram, only to throw it down again with a sharp exclamation of disgust, while he remarked emphatically:

"Yes, that's all right; but he's mighty selfish. He's forgotten to say what the score was!"