

Modern Marriage Is "Notorious Failure" Says Noted Novelist

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Los Angeles, Dec. 24. — (United Press)—The "notorious failure" of modern marriage is causing a gradual but sure demise of this ancient social institution, according to Joseph Hergesheimer, noted novelist.

"Marriage is fundamentally dishonest," declared the writer. "Modern wives and husbands are notorious cheaters, the exceptions only proving the practice."
The ordinary husband is a "jackass," asserts the author, and "women no longer have to endure him."
"Men are natural polygamists," he continued. "There's no use pretending they are monogamists. And they're such ridiculous liars about it."
"The wives used to shut their eyes to the lies and pretend to believe them, but nowadays they don't have to."
"Consequently, even women are getting away from monogamy. It was sort of wised on them in the first place, I guess."

Hergesheimer declared marriage would be an obsolete relic of the social order within the next two or three generations if the present trend continues.
The novelist came to Los Angeles to write for the movies. While "most men are fools," the women are getting their social patterns from the novels and movies, he maintains.

"Women are copying all the wrong things in the novels and the movies," he continued. "They haven't discrimination. They wear fashions which are absurd, they adopt customs which they don't understand, and they run their households beyond their means."
"Women are not honest in their marital responsibilities. They are slaves to fashion and to customs they think are socially correct."
"They have absolutely no conception

of the fact that real aristocracy comes from a complete freedom of mind and action.

"The average husband of today sees twice as much of his secretary or his stenographer as he does of his wife. When he and his wife are together, the husband usually stalks half a block ahead of his wife like an Indian ashamed of his squaw, or they sit in silence without an attempt to talk."
"Our social pattern is breaking down. Our standards are all wrong in America. What we need is simplicity."

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