

AFTER MARRIAGE.

One of the First Lessons to be Learned is Mutual Confidence.

The only possible secrets between two married people should be those which are common to either one of them by others. While some people, who call themselves worldly wise, will laugh at the idea of such perfect confidence as this implies, others still, especially the newly married, who have had small worldly experience, will be shocked that I should suggest the keeping of any kind of secret by either wife or husband from the other. I am not prepared to say that these last are not the wiser of the two. Only, in that case, when any confidence is proffered to either husband or wife, the recipient of it should make his or her position clearly understood, says a writer in the *Domestic Monthly*. No personal secret can fitly belong to one only of the two people of whom love and law have made one flesh. The very ideal of marriage had been realized by that old judge who had knelt for so many years to say a last prayer at night beside his wife, that when at last she had left him his lips were dumb, and without her he could not even open his heart to God.

One frequent cause of trouble in married life is a want of openness in business matters. A husband marries a pretty, thoughtless girl, who has been used to taking no more thought as to how she should be clothed than the lilies of the field. He begins by not liking to refuse any of her requests. He will not hint, so long as he can help it, at care in trifling expenses—he does not like to associate himself in her mind with disappointments and self-denials. And she, who would have been willing enough, in the sweet ignorance to please of her girlish love, to give up any whims or fancies of her own whatever, falls into habits of careless extravagance, and feels herself injured when, at last, a remonstrance comes. How much wiser would have been perfect openness in the beginning!

There are thousands of little courtesies also that should not be lost sight of in the cruel candor of marriage. The secret of a great social success is to wound no one's self-love. The same secret will go far toward making marriage happy. Many a woman who would consider it an unpardonable rudeness not to listen with an air of interest to what a mere acquaintance is saying, will have no least scruple in showing her husband that his talk wears her. Of course the best thing is when talk does not weary—when two people are so unified in taste that whatever interests the one is of equal interest to the other, but this cannot always be the case, even in a happy marriage; and it is not better while to take the small trouble of paying courteous attention to the one who depends on you for his daily happiness than even to bestow this courtesy on the acquaintances whom it is a transient pleasure to please?

Ideally is a good house-mate. That love lasts longer, as well as reaches higher, which idealizes its object—yet there is one dangerous direction which idealism may take. If it deceives us into the belief that we are wedding perfection, then the revelation of human infirmities, which is an inevitable consequence of all marriage, comes upon us with a shock which is sometimes perilous to contentment. The best antidote for this rude shock would be a little wholesome self-examination. The vainest of us can scarcely cherish a secret belief in our own perfection. We realize in ourselves, when we look within, the very faults of which we are most intolerant in others. Above all things, let those who would find in earthly marriage heavenly delight and life-long sweetness, learn that to love—which includes all good things—includes forgiveness of sins and gentleness of judgment.

School Days of Long Ago.

No more interesting character of our times now lives than Gen. F. E. Spinner of Treasury fame. Although nearly ninety years old he preserves all his faculties, and in "College and School" he tells in an entertaining manner of his schooldays in Mohawk Valley. The schoolboys and girls of the present day will be able to contrast their happy lot with Gen. Spinner's.

"And now 'the master,' he was, as a rule, selected from the hands who worked on the farm in the summer and taught school in the winter; not for the quantity or the quality of his brains, but for his superior muscular development.

"His equipment consisted of a stout pair of coarse cowhide boots wherewith to discipline the big boys, a lot of rods, a heavy ferule and a two-bladed pocket-knife, the larger blade used for the cutting and trimming of rods and switches, and the smaller one wherewith to make pens from quills out of the wings of a goose. A goosel fit emblem of all that pertained to an old-time common school in the Mohawk Valley.

"Teaching in those early days was principally by induction, and it was induced by rod and ferule. Old King Solomon, 'the wisest of men,' made the law that governed the old-time common schools in the Valley of the Mohawk.

"Spare not the rod," was the edict at the home and in the school. 'Spare the rod and spoil the child,' came from the pulpit, the school-room and the nursery.

"Perhaps this is the reason why I did not spoil, and that I am now, at the age of eighty-eight years, so well preserved. The rod was never spared on me at home or in school, and now, with grown-up great-grandchildren, I can truthfully say I have never, in all my long life, struck a child a single blow.

"I was licked enough to last through the whole four generations of self and my posterity. I have found it safe through life to practice the reverse of what was taught me to do.

"Farm hands in those days received \$8 a month and board. When employed in the winter as teachers they sometimes managed to get a little more, but they were obliged to 'board round' with the parents of their pupils.

"The board usually consisted of johnie-cake for breakfast, corned beef and cabbage, or pork and sauer kraut, for dinner, and seapawn and milk for supper. The lodging a 'shake-down' in the garret.

"Webster's Spelling book, Columbian Reader, English Reader, Daboll's Arithmetic and Lindley Murray's Grammar were the books mostly in use in those far-off days.

"The routine of the school exercises of that day was to commit to memory passages from the books, the meaning of which the pupil had no more conception of than Goldenrod had of the second birth."—*Golden Days*.

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He Also Had Rules.

He had opened a resturant in Buffalo, and after two or three weeks he called at a bank to get the cash on a small check received from some one in Philadelphia.

"Have to be identified, sir," said the teller as he shoved it back.

"But I am Blank of the new restaurant around the corner."

"Must be identified."

"This is payable to me or order, and I've indorsed it," protested the restaurateur.

"Can't help it, sir. Rules of the bank."

The man went out and brought some one back to identify him, and the money was handed over. Three days later the teller dropped in for a lunch at the new restaurant. He had taken a seat and given his order, when the proprietor approached him and said:

"Have to be identified, sir."

"How! What?"

"Have to be identified before you can get anything here, sir."

"Identified? I don't understand you," protested the teller.

"Plain as day, sir. Rule of the house that all bank officials have to be identified. Better go out and find some responsible party who knows you."

"Hang if I do!" growled the teller, and he reached for his hat and coat and banged the door hard as he went out.—*New York Sun*.

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The Girls' Study—the Boys Frolic.

We are gradually finding out that thoughtful men—men of education and fine feeling, and especially those who have attained to public distinction—are disposed to give women their just dues. Professor Taylor, of Vassar College, who has had unusual opportunities to measure the ability and possibilities of girl students, announces his conviction that "if boys and girls were placed together in the same college, with exactly the same chances and opportunities, the girls would not only compete with but would surpass the boys, not only because of equal brain ability but on account of superior application on the part of girls. Girls will, as a rule, devote the evening to study, while boys are frolicking."

Hotel Colfax, Colfax Springs, Iowa.

This popular resort (on the site of the famous "Old M. C." Mineral Spring) has been put in complete order for the Grand Opening, Saturday, June 7, for the season of 1897. The fact that the management of this hotel has been placed in charge of the well-known caterer, Frank Stewart (Supt. Dining Car Service on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R.R.), is a sufficient guarantee that it will be conducted in a first-class manner, and that guests will receive every possible attention and comfort. The prospects for a "ull house" are already very flattering.

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ABBOTSFORD fully maintains its popularity as a show-place, and it is evident that Sir Walter Scott has not lost his hold upon the public, either in Europe or in America. The library and the four other rooms which contain Sir Walter's books, curiosities, personal relics, and articles of vertu, are open on certain days during several months in the year on payment of a small fee, and during last year the net revenue which Mrs. Maxwell-Scott, the owner of the place, derived from this source was £419.

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J. C. SIMPSON, Marquess, W. Va., says: "Hall's Catarrh Cure cured me of a very bad case of catarrh." Druggists sell it, 75c.

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THERE are three men in the Oregon State Prison, each of whom cut off a hand to avoid work. They are confined in solitary cells. Two others cut off the ends of their fingers.

He Was a Good Boy.

A boy who was trying to get a box into the top of a shade tree on Charlotte avenue was asked by a pedestrian what his object was, and he replied:

"It's for a robin's nest."

"But why not let her make her own?"

"Oh, this will save her the time and trouble."

It was a soap-box filled with feathers, and while that boy may wonder as the days go by why the robins don't nest again, his goodness of heart will some day make a great man of him.—*Detroit Free Press*.

The Old Way.

Old Emperor (up in heaven)—Any news from earth, St. Peter.

St. Peter—Yes; I've just heard that the young German Emperor has called a Labor Congress.

Old Emperor—Labor Congress? What's that?

St. Peter—It appears that the labor market is overstocked—more men than jobs for them.

Old Emperor—Bless my stars! Doesn't that young fool know enough to get up a war?—*New York Weekly*.

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