

Girl to Wed Man From Society's 'Inner Circle' Worries About Future

BY MARTHA LEE

CAN the barrier that divides the "inner circle" from the mediocre, the commonplace, be cleared with one bound, that being the marriage of a member of the one set with a member of the other? Is it ever successful?

Can a girl of refinement and spirit and sensitiveness put up with the sights and subtle insults that are apt to have to be borne? These are things that should be considered seriously before such a marriage.

When every one else is talking about Deauville and Paris and Nice and who they saw there and what they did at Cape Cod last summer and you know nothing about those things at all excepting that there are such places to be gone to, it makes things rather bad. Where are your points of contact with persons like that? You can no more speak their language than they could take down a letter in short hand. Some day things may be so that you can, but what about the intervening time?

If a girl has been self-supporting, has had a career of some sort, has all her life been busy and occupied, it is pretty hard to find nine or ten hours a day with nothing to do but amuse herself, try to find something to occupy those dragging hours. There is probably not much housework, and managing servants is something that has not been gone into very seriously. And what is left?

The companionship of the friends of the husband and his family. Persons with whom the girl has nothing in common, their pleasures and amusements, that she knows nothing about—golf, horseback riding, tennis. She has worked all her life and has had no time to learn these games; or if she has learned them it is probably in a desultory way.

And if, as I said before, she has spirit and sensitiveness she is apt to be miserably unhappy before she becomes orientated. I have a letter from a girl today who has such a problem to solve.

Dear Miss Lee—I am engaged to marry a young man whose family is very wealthy. They are socially prominent and well established in the town where we live. They are very respectable people, but all our lives we have been in poor circumstances. I have been working since I left school and although my work could not in any sense be called a career, I like it immensely.

The young man's family seem fond of me. There are no objections there. But in my own mind I cannot picture our life together. We are not friends. My fiance and his family are not my kind of people. They have all had everything they want, gone every place they wanted to go. Lived lives of ease and luxury. I have worked. I have had no time to learn to play, and I am afraid now that I will not be able to be interested in the things that will be expected of me after I become the wife of a rich man. I have no house to attend to, nothing to occupy my time excepting the pleasures of my fiance's sisters and brothers. And they are not pleasures to me, because I cannot play golf or ride horseback. Would it be better for me to break off the engagement?

Yours very truly,
M. G.

W. C. T. U. of County Will Meet

The Marion County W. C. T. U. will meet in annual convention Wednesday and Thursday at the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church. The key note address on "Prohibition" will be delivered by Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, State W. C. T. U. president.

Dr. E. S. Shumaker will be a speaker and Mrs. Felix McWhirter recently returned from abroad, will talk on the World W. C. T. U. conference and act as honorary chairman of the resolutions committee.

Other members of that committee are Mesdames F. A. Symmes, E. A. Kemp, Phoebe Link and Estella Ballenger.

Mrs. W. C. Reedy is chairman of the committee on platform and law enforcement, assisted by Mesdames Robert McKay, H. Scott, Alice Free and William Paulsell. The membership committee consists of Mesdames J. W. Davidson, H. Hizer, Mary Mitchell, Gladys Bell, Lydia Speckleman and Carrie Hausing.

Guests at the convention will be Mrs. Stella Stimson, Terre Haute, national citizenship director, and Mrs. W. A. Doty, State evangelistic director. Invitations are extended to women of churches, civic clubs and other organizations to attend.

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