

## 'NO,' SAY MANY IN CONTEST ON WORKING WIVES

Negative Letters in Lead, but Affirmative Side Also Is Strong.

The negative side is far ahead in number of letters received in the Times contest on "Should Wives Work?" but there's a strong affirmative contingent, too, in the race for the two prizes of \$10 each, one for the best "No" letter and the other for the best "yes."

The contest closes Thursday night at midnight, and all letters posted before that time will be given consideration by the judges.

Four of the letters are reproduced here today. The first, in the affirmative, written by Miss J. — — — — — follows.

Long has been the discussion of "Should Wives Work?" Yes, of course, if they choose to do so if circumstances made it advisable. It is the right of every human being to work in his or her chosen field, whether married or unmarried, whether the wife goes out to work of necessity or whether she works merely to buy finery.

Work is a gift from a kindly Providence to troubled humanity and knows no sex, no condition, no circumstance.

I can not see the destruction of the social fabric. In the old days, so happily gone by, women did crucifying work in the field and in the home. There was no objection then. And now that the work pays money, and is performed in shop and factory, they still have followed it.

Should Work in Some Cases

Mrs. Edgar Frazier, 2426 North Illinois street, presents the following views:

It is a wife's privilege and duty to work where the husband's salary does not provide sufficient necessities and the man of today seldom earns enough, at the age when he is desirous of marrying.

When there is an invalid husband or the wife has dependent relatives, she should have a job. Unless the husband was richly blessed, no woman wants her husband to take the responsibility of earning, when she has an aged parent or other relative to care for.

But where there are just the man and the wife (or children also), if the man's salary is large enough to allow comfortable living, the wife should be content with her home duties, as most women would be.

Very few are working for the fun of it, or for the finery they may buy. A real wife rather would make a real home than a "career" any old day.

One for the "No" Side

Here's a negative, from Miss Clara E. Faust, 813 North Bancroft avenue:

Wives should not work outside the home, unless absolutely necessary for maintenance of the home. The wife's place is in the home, managing the domestic affairs.

From the time of creation, it has been an unwritten law that the wife spend the greater part of her time in the home, thereby making it sunshiny by her presence, and a cheerful and inviting refuge for her husband and children after the day's toil.

Her children need her careful attention and direct training, to become upright citizens. Generally speaking, the father is busy with his office, and has very little time with the children. Thus the responsibility falls upon the mother.

This training would be totally lacking if the mother's time were taken up in the office. This particular neglect of attention of the last two generations accounts for a greater per cent of the criminals today.

The wife, by spending her time and study in the home, could save as much money by properly managing the domestic affairs as she could make in the office. There would not be so many unemployed men; money would be more evenly distributed; her children would receive careful training; her husband would take a deeper interest in the home, and become more attached to it; her countrymen, who have been unemployed, have jobs, and, last, but not least, she would be more satisfied, performing the ever honorable task of home-making.

Look After the Children

And here's another, written by Mary E. Blue, 4619 Carrollton avenue:

Wives should not work outside the home, unless widowed. If they have children, they should be in the home rearing them, instead of leaving them to a stranger who has no interest in them.

The trouble these days is that the wives want to get rid of the children, and shove the responsibility on someone else. If they have no children, they should not work to help make the living, for if they do what is required in the home, they will be contributing their share toward the income, and the husband won't be so apt to get discouraged and give up, as he is when he has a wife with a pay envelope.

No, the wife by working outside either encourages laziness in the husband, or robs him of that quality of feeling able to support a family. They marry them with the salaries they have, so they should accept it and leave jobs for men and single women who need them.

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## WOMAN WHO HIRED MATE'S KILLER DIES

Poison Too Slow for Her, So She Got Stilettoist to Do Work.

By United Press

MARYSVILLE, O., April 13.—Mrs. Eva Katherine Kaber, 50, who hired a stilettoist to kill her husband, Dan Kaber, wealthy Lakewood (O.) publisher, when poisoning was too slow, died Sunday night in the Marysville reformatory for women, where she was serving a life sentence for the crime.

Death was caused by acute indigestion, superinduced by tumor, for which she had refused to submit to an operation.

She was stricken last Friday, but disdained appeals of her physicians to operate because it was said, of religious scruples.

Ends Awesome Case

Mrs. Kaber's death ended one of the most amazing and awesome murder cases in the history of Ohio, embroiling as it did two members of her immediate family, and three others in the plot designed because she was "not satisfied" with her husband, one of the largest publishers of printing supplies in Cleveland.

Over a period of several months she had been administering poisons of arsenic in his food, allegedly by a "poison queen" and her agent.

On July 18, 1919, a stilettoist crept into the house which, by rearrangement, had been upset as if by robbers, and stabbed Kaber as he slept.

Crime Bared Later

Mrs. Ethel Berman, prominent Cleveland and Lakewood society woman, brought about the widow's arrest two years later after she had acted as her traveling companion and confidante.

Her mother, Mrs. Mary Brickell, and her 18-year-old daughter by a previous marriage, Marion McCardle, were arrested as accessories, but subsequently were released.

The stilettoist was arrested in Italy and sentenced to life imprisonment while another man was given life imprisonment in Ohio penitentiary.

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