

Hampering Marriages Would Fail

Better Training of Young More Likely to Get Results.

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NEW YORK, May 28.—"Look here," said a young man in the office, "I don't think you ought to advocate making marriage easy for young people by suggesting that the parents subsidize the bride and groom, as you did Saturday. I don't think Vassar college is altogether right, either, in removing obstacles to the snap-judgment wedding. Was the saying about marrying in haste left out of your copybook?"

"Um-m," I said. "I'll take that up another day."

The young man's attitude recalls that of a member of the New York legislature who recently suggested that a marriage license, if he had his way, would cost \$20 and a divorce just 15 cents. I think they are both wrong.

It is quite true that many marriages have ended in divorce because the young couples ignored the advice to look before leaping. It is certain that a wedding performed by the justice of the peace at midnight for a couple who met at the cocktail hour, after six rounds, is socially undesirable. But will making marriage difficult alleviate these evils?

The young men and women of today have grown up in the belief that there are precious few obstacles—legal or otherwise—which they can not get around. To get forbidden sin their fathers have had to go no farther than the delicatessen store. To procure a divorce on grounds unrecognized by her state their mother's friend needed only to spend a pleasant holiday in Reno.

Welcome Obstacles

It is spiritless, in the philosophy of many of these youngsters, to let obstacles stand in the way of getting what you want.

Make marriage difficult by law and you will have many such marriage mills as already exist in one small town in Maryland, with no questions asked.

Impose parental restrictions and the ladder manufacturers will do a brisk elopers' trade. Place economic difficulties in the path of the young couple and they will very often choose starvation together in preference to plenty in their parents' homes.

More ill-advised marriages, I believe, have resulted from the parents' opposition than would ever have occurred if mother and father had kept quiet and waited for the young pair to come to their senses. Love—even a transient and unsubstantial love—is a very stubborn emotion. Forbid a girl to marry the man of her momentary choice and you may vastly increase his glamour in her eyes.

Recent Interference

Young men and women, after all, have a certain right to resent the interference of outsiders in their marital plans. For marriage is, of all steps one can take, the most personal, and if the other partner pleases you, why, even your nearest and dearest can have no voice in the matter.

It is you, after all, who will live your life and it is your human right to decide with whom it shall be shared.

The time, in fact, for the family and society to prevent unfortunate marriages is before the couple ever meet.

If a young woman has been brought up with a properly serious regard for the institution, she will not bound into marriage with the first young quarterback who comes along.

If a man has been endowed with any sense at all he will look the situation over cautiously before he mentions love.

The only really effective obstacles to hasty marriage are those which are part and parcel of the character of the man and woman involved.

Party Scheduled

Miss N. K. Reilly, 1406 Lexington avenue, will entertain tomorrow night. Mrs. R. E. Phillips will be a special guest.

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Noon Service Read by Rabbi, Cousin of Bridegroom.

Rabbi Victor Reichert, cousin of Herman Albert Straus, came from Cincinnati to officiate at the wedding of Mr. Straus and Miss Jane Harding at noon yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harding, 3607 Washington boulevard. Mr. Straus is the son of Mrs. M. Freiberg Straus, Cincinnati.

The bride entered on the arm of her father while Mrs. Fannie Kiser Rosenak played bridal airs on the harp. She wore an ivory chiffon gown designed on princess lines. A billowy flounce of tiny ruffles swept the floor, and a bertha collar of ruffles encircled the shoulders. Her shoulder length veil fell from a halo.

Her bouquet was of colonial style, made of gardenias, Pernet roses, baby breath and candy tuft, tied with white angel skin ribbon.

Fern Forms Background

Background of the improvised altar in front of the fireplace was of cibotium fern. The Italian carved table, used as an altar was laid with a lace cloth and was centered with a plateau of white and yellow daisies, yellow snapdragons, roses, peonies and candy tuft.

Two antique brass candelabra burned on both sides of the altar. Blue green urns on alabaster pedestals held daisies, peonies and roses interspersed with ivy vines.

The dining room table was centered with a plateau of gardenias and maidenhair fern and was lighted with white tapers.

Attended by Cousin

The bride's cousin, Mrs. L. H. Pearlman, Lafayette, was matron of honor. She wore a gown of yellow chiffon. Mrs. Pearlman carried a colonial type bouquet of yellow snapdragons, daisies, pansies and roses, tied with yellow ribbon. Bernard Straus, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Mrs. Harding wore a navy blue lace gown and a corsage of yellow gardenias and blue cornflowers.

Twelve guests were entertained at a wedding breakfast following the ceremony. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Reichert, Cincinnati; Mrs. Bernard Straus and Bernard Freiberg of Cincinnati and Dr. L. A. Pearlman, Lafayette.

The couple left for a motor trip and will be at home after July 1 at 384 Proboscis street, Clifton, Cincinnati.

The bride was graduated from Tudor Hall and Wellesley college. Mr. Straus is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

Lecture Will Be Offered as Benefit Event

To raise funds to send delegates to the Midwest Institute of International Relations at Northwestern University June 25 to July 6, the public affairs committee of the Y. W. C. A. will sponsor a lecture at 2:30 Friday by Mrs. Demchus Brown on "The First American Feminist." Reservations for the lecture, to be at Hollenbeck hall, are in charge of Miss Ruth Milligan of the Y. W. C. A. staff, and Mrs. C. T. Forsyth, chairman of the committee.

Members of the committee include Mesdames H. E. Barnard, A. E. Adkins, F. L. Evans, G. A. Newton, A. G. Kellam, Frieda Parker, M. P. Crabb, R. H. Graves, A. H. Hinkle, William Roberts, Paul Beard and Miss Hazel Funk. Mrs. Paul E. Tombaugh, president of the board, will preside.

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Mrs. Mauzy Entertains

Mrs. L. R. Mauzy was hostess for a garden luncheon today of the Patrons Club of Sigma Alpha Iota, national professional musical sorority. Special guests were Mrs. Harold Larsh, provincial president; Mrs. Claire F. Cox, chapter president, and Mrs. C. G. Dunphy, alumnae president.

Took Cardui for Cramps

Women who suffer as she did will be interested in the experience of Mrs. Maude Crafton of Belleville, Ill., who writes: "For several years, I suffered from irregular trouble and cramping. There would be days when I could have to stay in bed. I would get up and walk about miserably. My aunt told me to try Cardui. She believed it would build me up, regulate me and help the nervous trouble. I kept after taking a bottle of Cardui that was hotter. I kept after taking Cardui and found it was doing me a world of good. I am in good health now and means a lot to me. Thousands of women testify Cardui benefited them. If it does not benefit YOU, consult a physician.—Advertisement.

The United States National park series and the Wisconsin Tercentenary are scheduled for the immediate future and Postmaster-General Farley announces that he even will have a Santa Claus stamp, although undoubtedly he merely was being facetious.

The foreign commemoratives also pour in from every country, great and small. Through the courtesy of Miss Grace Hawke, an Indianapolis business woman interested particularly in foreign commemoratives, I saw the gorgeous Italian set issued recently in honor of Gabriele d'Annunzio and the annexation of Fiume. Since this series includes seven values of ordinary postage, six values in air mail and two values in airmail special delivery and the valued mount rather high, they tax the pocketbook of even the specialized collector.

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