

SUCCESS IN MARRIED LIFE

To insure it, Says Court Official, Each Should Be a Partner, as in Business Enterprise.

A wide experience with husbands and wives has enabled Mrs. Julia L. McGuire of the Chicago court of domestic relations to formulate these principles which she gives in People's Magazine.

"It can all be summed up in about the same way textbooks on business tell one to sum up the proposition of going into business partnership:

"1. Know your partner. Study him—or her—under trying circumstances as well as when things are going well.

"2. Be sure that you and your partner agree in your purposes and ambitions. Compare notes with each other and find out whether you have the same tastes and hopes for the future. Find out your prospective partner's idea of what to do in prosperity or adversity.

"3. Settle upon your working program for the future. Decide how you will apportion your working funds; face frankly the possibilities for trouble, and arrange in advance to meet them. Determine in advance the direction in which you will expend your establishment when you have savings to disburse.

"4. Institute an adequate system of cost accounting to see to it that your funds go for the purposes you have agreed upon. Get into the habit of being frank with each other, of clearing up misunderstandings instead of letting them rankle.

"5. Go to it—and stick to it—along these lines.

"6. Unless one of you has hidden faults, you will not fail.

"That is what I have learned from my contact with forty-four thousand unhappy marriages, which I have been able to sum up, scrutinize and analyze. The soundest advice to both men and women that I could give is: 'Play fair and use common sense with husband or wife.'

LONG A FAMOUS PLAYHOUSE

Walnut Street Theater, in Philadelphia, to Be Torn Down, Dates From the Year 1800.

The oldest playhouse in America, which is to be replaced in part at least by a modern structure, is the Walnut street theater in Philadelphia, opened in 1800. It has never missed a season in these 111 years.

Edwin Forrest made his first regular appearance here at the age of fourteen, getting his first start through the influential backing of Col. John Swift, at one time mayor of Philadelphia. The play in which Forrest appeared was "Douglas," and in the cast were Wheatley, Mrs. Williams, Joe Jefferson's grandmother, and Warren and Wood, managers of the theater and of the stock company. Warren and Wood considered themselves very unfortunate in the cast of novices they had to deal with and were greatly surprised when Forrest acquitted himself so well that the public expressed a desire for the play's repetition.

The English tragedian, Edmund Kean, appeared at the Walnut in 1821. During the 16 nights of his engagement the receipts ran as high as \$1,875, only once falling below \$650. In those days this was considered a prodigious sum in theatrical circles.

Beaver Money.

John Jacob Astor introduced the beaver skin as a medium of exchange, and it was not until beaver hats were replaced by the modern felt hat made from rabbit fur that beaver money went out of fashion.

For about 100 years the beaver skin had its fixed value by which the cost of any other article was determined. It is said that the process of making hats from rabbit pelts actually saved beaver from extinction in North America.

Most of the beaver was trapped by Indians, and ambitious white men exerted their wits in separating the red man from his treasures.

If an Indian thought he needed furs to keep warm, he was given a drink of something that made him feel that he wouldn't need an overcoat, after all.—Detroit News.

Make a Beginning.

Many people prosper on ideas that come from without. In a measure these are common property. The really great ventures that make outstanding men are those born within a man and therefore peculiarly his property. When appreciated and acted upon they give him the inside chance that others will covet when they see him beginning to climb. So instead of sitting around moping it's "up to you" to start something. Let your thinker sink deep down into your anatomy and mine the unused possibilities that are rusting out for want of use. And rest assured unexpected possibilities will open up just as soon as you start something.—Exchange.

Missouri Weather.

The frequent rains recently have made us appreciate what an old lady from Arkansas said about us once after a visit up here. When she made up her mind to go home she remarked: "Well, yer see, honey, it's this here-away: in Missouri when it starts to rain it never quits, and when it clouds up the sun never shines, and when it does get clear you never see a cloud again, and when it gets hot it never turns cool, and when it once gets cold it never warms up no more."—Clifton (Mo.) Democrat.

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Nothing Pastime.

We should never speak of anything as pastime, because it means that we are doing the act in question for the sole purpose of squandering time. Every moment of our lives should be devoted to such pursuits as will build up our bodies and minds, our spiritual and material interests, and prepare us to discern opportunity when it comes, to the end that we make our lives full of satisfaction to ourselves and a blessing to the world in which we live.—Exchange.

Henna Stain on Hair.

Henna leaves, dried and powdered, and made into a paste or pomade with hot water, produce a reddish or orange stain and are used largely by eastern peoples for staining the finger nails and finger tips, as well as the hair. The hair is covered with this paste and enveloped with a hot cloth, which is allowed to remain for two or three hours as desired. A mixture of henna and indigo will color the hair jet black if used in the correct proportions.

CITY HAS NO RUNNING WATER

Vladivostok, Political Capital of the Far East, Lacks What Americans Consider Essential.

A city with some 350,000 inhabitants and no running water—such is Vladivostok, as described by Phil Norton in the columns of Travel. Nor is this lack of an everyday convenience made less pressing by the fact that Vladivostok jumped from a population of about 30,000 people without adding to the number of houses. The Manchu water vender, with his hogshead mounted on two wheels and drawn by sturdy, thick-coated Siberian horses, takes the place of pipes and faucets, filling his hogshead at a shallow well in some private or public yard, and retailing the commodity at the rate of two buckets a day for a month, for about \$2 in American money. He carries the buckets at the end of a pole over his shoulder. If one can manage to live in reasonable comfort in Vladivostok, a coolie boy can be procured to bring water to one's room, and heat it in the kitchen. Or again, if the water vender has failed to arrive, the coolie boy will gather snow and melt it, and there is one's morning bath. If one wants more generous ablution one goes to the public baths; and if one wants a drink of water one thoroughly boils the merchandise of the water vender before drinking it. And this city of the primitive water supply is now the political capital of the far east.

WILLING TO SWIM ACROSS

Ocean Couldn't Be Damper Than Alasce, Was the Assertion Made by Negro Yank.

We wanted to watch the negro troops defile, according to Edith O'Shaughnessy in "Alsace in Rust and Gold." They appeared very smartly dressed till the eye got to their feet. Such a collection of ripped, torn, cut, down-at-the-heel footwear was never seen before. I spoke to a couple of them very much en repos, who were leaning against a fence near the motor, as I got in.

One answered with a broad grin: "You an American from America?"

"Yes."

"Well, have you heard this here war's about over?"

The coolest-black one then contributed this to the conversation:

"When peace is signed dis here nigger stabs to walk home."

"What about the ocean?"

"I'll take a swim, lady. The water can't be no colder and no damper dan dis here 'Allee' land."

The mulatto by his side said: "I subscribes," and became a pale gray at the bare idea of getting colder or damper.

Venice Art Being Restored.

Now that the war is over and Venice has recovered from the nightmare of having her wealth of art destroyed by shell fire, or, worse still, looted by soldiers, one by one her treasures from underground cellars or distant galleries are being returned to their places.

One of her most admired possessions, however, Titian's "Assumption of the Virgin," which is counted among the seven great masterpieces in the world, the pride of the Venetian Academy of Fine Arts, has been returned, not to the gallery, but to its original home in the choir of the beautiful gothic Church of the Friari, for which it was painted by Titian in 1516.

The magnificent frame of carved marble originally built round it now shows off the glorious picture to advantage and the Venetians are delighted that it should be restored to the position where its donors and the great genius who composed it intended it to remain.

Embarrassing Situation.

I have been teaching at the same place for fifteen years, have a family and up to a short time ago was considered respectable, but my most embarrassing moment also greatly lowered my standing in this town.

At recess, when all the pupils had gone to the recreation room and I sat alone at my desk, one of the young lady teachers came in and, after making me swear to keep her secret until the close of the school year, told me she had married my cousin the day before, and now that we were cousins she wanted me to kiss the bride.

She was very pretty and I needed no second invitation. But as I lifted my head after giving her a resounding smack, there stood our superintendent in the doorway, and I, sworn to secrecy, could not explain.—Exchange.

The Good Heckler.

Elihu Root said at a New York luncheon:

"I like to attend some radical meetings on account of the heckling that goes on at them. Hecklers are much cleverer than the speakers as a rule."

"A radical orator was being heckled the other evening by a broad-shouldered lad in a brown cap. The orator got the worst of it, and he lost his temper. Finally he said in a voice of rage and hatred:

"Take off your cap, young man, if you want to question me!"

"Take off your cap! Take off your cap!" yelled the orator's supporters on the platform.

"But the broad-shouldered youth grinned and shouted:

"I didn't take off my cap when I went over the top."

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Church's Legislative Bodies.

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'Most Incredible.

It may there is a fakir who spends all the hours of daylight every day suspended head downward. Two fiber ropes attached to the limb of a tree constitute his support. Early every morning he takes hold of the handles at the ends of the two ropes, reverses the natural position of the body, and hangs there till sunset. He has been doing this way for three years.