

" Marriage... Conquering By Yielding"



Gall Roberson

It has been said that all marriages are happy. It's the living together afterwards that causes all the trouble. Thought marriage is a very serious commitment, it has also born the blunt of a great many jokes and quotes from the earliest of times, made by those who, no doubt, entered into this blissful state with eyes that saw through rose-colored glasses, only to have the glass quickly replaced soon afterwards with thick telescopic lens.

It would do us all good to remember from time to time that, "You don't marry one person; you marry three...the person you think they are, the person they are, and the person they are going to become as the result of being married to you."

Marital advise is readily available to all of us today, from trained professionals to all attainable types of literature, including the Bible itself. It seems that every place we turn, somebody is trying to provide us with words by which to live.

Through the years, many of those words have survived to poke playfully, least we forget, at the humorous side of this rather serious union. Mae West said that, "Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution yet." Bill Lawrence observed that, "Marriage is a good deal like taking a bath...not so hot once you get accustomed to it." He also realized that his honeymoon was over that night he phoned home that he'd be late for supper and his wife had already left a note that it was in the refrigerator."

Men have offered many reasons for not marrying. Oscar Wilde believed that, "One should always be in love, and this is the reason one should never marry." Single men observe that, "/a bachelor is the one man who is right sometimes." And some look at matrimony as, "A romance in which the hero dies in the first chapter" or as "A lottery in which, if you lose, you cannot tear up the ticket." Regardless, there are still those who readily argue that, "Marriage is a mistake every man should make."

Men often bear the blunt of marital jokes. It has been said that, "A husband may forget where he went on his honeymoon but he never forgets why." Oscar Wilde had a few words to add to this as well: "Niagara Falls is only the second biggest disappointment of the standard honeymoon."

As for the women, why does a woman work ten years to change a man's habits and then complain that he's not the man she married? Every girl would be wise to remember that, "When she gets married, she exchanges the attention of many men for the inattention of one." Somehow, all the long-stemmed roses and dainty little bouquets she received during courtship often disappear from a woman's life as soon as the rice is swept from the church steps. Suddenly, the grocer has acquired the account that the florist once had.

It certainly wouldn't hurt any of us, male or female, to bear in mind that the best marriages are between a blind wife and a deaf husband, and that within a marriage, it seems to be that at least one of you must be good at taking orders. The Japanese word for marriage is "judo," which means the art of conquering by yielding. Our men here in the western part of the world would say that this simply means "Yes, dear."

All joking laid to rest, we need to remember that, "The greatest secret of a successful marriage is to treat all disasters as incidents and none of the incidents as disasters." But, the best route to a flourishing marriage instead of a mediocre one, consists of leaving about three or four things a day unsaid. Or more.

I Remember Jamestown Exposition

By Lela Barrow



I read in the Sun Journal "Tourism is North Carolina's third largest industry. Travel and tourism have been the highlight of the State's economy this year. Because of the World's Fair the center has had more people from distant states and has had more foreigners."

This is all interesting to know; people who have traveled much have been very nice to me in sharing the beautiful places and countries they have been by cards and television. I am no tourist but enjoy hearing and reading about them.

I would like to tell you about the first trip I made out of North Carolina. I was eighteen years old, had just finished High School at Winterville, and the only places I had been was New Bern, Kinston and Greenville, little towns. A group of my school friends and I planned on going to The Jamestown Exposition at Jamestown, Va.

We knew, in those days, we had to have a chaperon or we could not go. I pleaded, time and again with my brother-in-law, L. E. Smith, to go with us; finally, he consented. We met at the Ayden train station. "All aboard"-in the summer of 1906. The train stopping at every station on the way, passengers getting off and on. Imagine one man having to take seven school girls-all ignorant tourists on a trip like that. Later he told someone he had never had that much fun in his life. We had fun too.

Maybe many of you never heard of the Jamestown Exposition-some people have asked me if it wasn't the World's Fair-I told them it was always called The Jamestown Exposition. The best I remember it was commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Jamestown-1606-1906. I have been reading the book "History of Our Country" which is very interesting and refreshing; it is concerning the fending and settlement of the Western Hemisphere and the men who were instrumental in bringing us here.

The Jamestown Exposition was mostly a mixture of the World Fair and a carnival-there were all kinds of attractions, including all kinds of rides-which I tried most of them-scenic railway, loop-de-loop, airplane, etc. I will tell of my ride on the airplane which I begged not to take. I never could play any game turning round and round. They would not go without me-I said, "OK You'll be sorry." We got on, the plane started going up-round and round-up and up-'till it was above the tree-tops; then started coming down going round all the way to the ground. We got off-took two to hold me up-drank-no one has ever been any drunker than I was; two helping me to the street car, from there to the hotel and to bed. All night my bed went round and round. I held the party up till eleven o'clock next day when I was able to go.

We went to Ocean View, rented bathing suits, and were they attractive! Mine was black(thick material)made like a middy-blouse elbowsleeves pants below the knees with elastic to hold them down(pantaloon type)-quite a contrast from the mini suits worn today. That was my first time in the ocean waves. Guess I have never been a water duck.

On to China Town-so many people in such a small place-every one talking at the same time, couldn't understand a word they were saying. We were told to hold fast to our pocket books, we were scared the who e time and glad to get out. It was an experience I'm glad I had, makes me understand T.V. programs better.

I have saved this ride at Jamestown 'till last, it was not very enjoyable but it was a nice experience I won't forget. Riding a camel isn't nearly as good as riding a horse. I had wondered how the Wise Men could r de camels from the far East country to Bethlehem, so when I had the opportunity, I rode one-my brother-in-law rode with me. When the beast rose up on his hind legs I felt like I was going over his head. I was strapped in the saddle and couldn't fall off. The camel wasn't obedient to his driver-he wanted to run-guess he was tired.

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Fatalities wearing seat belts . 94
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Fatalities wearing seat belts . 43

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Fatalities wearing seat belts . 89

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