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Bachelors

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Why Bachelors Should Marry.

The chief reasons why bachelors should marry is, that there are not enough widowers to supply the demand for husbands. It is a familiar fact that when married men marry, as they do occasionally, they are usually prosecuted for bigamy; which is discouraging to them as a class.

Why bachelors do actually marry, is explicable by the weight of scientific opinion that the minds of bachelors are rudimentary. BARTLETT SHIPP.

EDITOR HUSTLER'S
Matrimonial Bureau

Dear Sir: In your issue of Oct. 31st, I am credited,—or—owing to its excessively unsentimental sentiments, perhaps I should say—Debited with some anti-matrimonial metre, but am quite sure if you re-examine the manuscript, you will not discover the autograph of Chuckey Joe's chuns.

Some preposterously claim that the reason why Heaven is said to be so heavenly, is that there is no marrying or giving in marriage there. Possibly that is why so many of our Politicians, including those Publicans—the Tax Assessors—are doing what they can to assure themselves of a warm reception at a warm place. They may assume that if no weddings in Heaven, there may still be some in Hades.

Shame on the Shirks, who dodge the glorious martyrdom of the Matrimonial Market, and proudly refuse to accept such High-Mental positions as the Superior Sex may be willing to accord them.

Let us not forget that the Muses, like the Graces, all sisters of Sorosis. How willingly does Wise Woman expend all the hard-earned savings of the coarse and commonplace Males, to acquire that exquisite social polish which admits her to the more exclusive and fashionable circles from which her distinctly less grand grandparents would be promptly excluded. The exclusiveness of the once excluded is something wonderful.

How heroically does the Newest Girl face the ordeal of a seluded drive in an H. M. T. buggy—sixteen inches narrow. How bravely they face the certainty of having their heads turned in the roundest of Round Dances. What taste in their dressing; how much fire in their flirtations; what tenderness in the glance of goo-goo eyes; how guileless their gas, and how rushing their gossip!

Just think of the graces even our rustic-born damsels gain in a year or two at our fashionable Female Colleges. Some misogynistical grumblers vainly insist that it is just these wonderful accomplishments that—accomplish nothing; but-perish the thought, that lovely woman was ever created merely to be the help-mate and house-keeper of some horny-handed husband, whose destiny in life it is only to plough and plant, to hoe and harvest.

What man, with a soul the size of a sixpence (even if his income equally exiguous,) would demand that his very much Better-half, should wash and iron, milk and churn, sweep and cook?

The old woman of the past was a household drudge; the new woman of the present, is a heavenly Divinity. Is it at all astonishing that the refined young lady, who willingly serves as a professional nurse at some public hospital (her patients of all sexes, sizes and even colors)—should repudiate indignantly the sordid necessities of domestic service?

To the finite masculine mind, there might seem some little inconsistency in this, but we must remember that unlike your average man, your medium maiden is—at bottom—something of a Saint as well as a Sinner,—a heroine as well as a houri; and you must not measure her bravery by her blushes. In fact blushing is a lost art and wisely condemned in fashionable circles as—provincial.

Why should these lovely creations of silk, satin and sublimated sentiment, be hampered by the horrors of a poor man's hovel, and the hardships of half-rations? As one of your witty correspondents hints, a famine for one may prove a feast for two; and if the woman is woe (one—what) reasonable man could object to being reduced to only a vulgar fraction in the equation?

The new girl, with her novel accomplishments (that accomplish nothing,) is a lovely luxury far beyond the reach of

any seedy sager who have to pay tax to Henderson highwaymen.

As I am constrained to acknowledge that I belong, despite my youth and beauty, still to the big brotherhood of bereaved bachelors, some might possibly imagine that I had never tried to escape my fate; but they should not forget that even when fond man chooses—fair wo, man oft, alas, refuses. I have always had however the consoling thought remaining to me, that—unlike some not very busy Benedicks,—I was not really dependent on my Better-half for bed and board. If the woman find me insupportable, I can at least support myself.

There some sixty or seventy years ago—a learned doctor (not of divinity by any means,) whilst I was still suffering from the sting of a refusal, assured me that love, after all, was—like mumps or measles, one of those undodgeable ills that youth is always exposed to. He diagnosed it as clearly a disease,—a chill and fever in fact, only the fever comes first, and the chill follows after. Indeed he went even further, and insisted that the most romantic passion could be surely cured by perseverance, patience and—pills.

Instead of branding the bereaved bachelors as recreants and traitors, they should be petted, pampered and even pensioned, as old soldiers sorely wounded in battles, where—though they Pop'd away as bravely as the best, others got the laurels and the ladies, and they only the harking and the loss. Homely and homeless, they yet remain the veterans of the Old Guard, and the victims of the graces. And if they never died for woman, at least they never lived on them as many bag'd Benedicks do.

In any case is it not a slur on the fastidions of the fair sex, to assume that the New Girl, brave beyond even the need of blushing, hasn't it in her power to win any man she wants? If she remains a Spinster, it is a fair assumption that it is she prefers her freedom to the fettered fellowship that Hymen always grants.

(This time) Yours truly
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