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SHOULD A GIRL PROPOSE.

Fewer Matrimonial Mistakes if She Did.

"When a young man or woman is 21 or 22 years old it is his or her duty to get married," declared Rev. C. F. Thomas before his congregation at St. Ann Catholic church. "The young man is then about 6 years out of school, generally speaking and if he has formed good habits let him marry. If he has formed bad habits he should never marry."

Dr. Thomas gave some practical advice to the young people present. Among other things, he emphatically declared himself in favor of letting the girl propose as well as the man, for this he said, would prevent many unhappy marriages.

The girl is usually very careful in selecting a husband, band, and she is not liable to make a mistake. With a man this is often the case.

Let the young man save money, for I do not think much of the future wife who lets her young admirer spend all his money in flowers and candy. When the young woman sees him inclined thus she should encourage him to do otherwise. Do not be afraid of public opinion.

It is the worst kind of folly to get married without a cent in one's pocket. I have known young men who even had to borrow the dollar to get the license.

Young man, when you propose be able to say: "I can support you; I've got nerve and at least a little capital to start with." Be able to start out independent and do not rely on father and mother. Steady yourselves and get your bearings, and, above all habits. Keep away from the saloons and gambling and remember that you are making yourselves.

First of all be sure that you can support a wife and then get a girl worth marrying. When you have saved something and have formed good habits get married right away. Don't wait till you get another girl; you have looked around enough and are supposed to be serious.

A married man makes the better citizen, because marriage steadies a man. You can see it the day after he is married. The reason is he's got more steam in his boiler. A bachelor is mostly selfish. Marrying makes a man unselfish, because the need of supporting a wife and family makes him industrious and economical.

To the girls I would say that when you begin to keep company get a man that is a man and not a baby. A man with some dignity and character, whose intentions are not always tending toward the crease in trousers and the parting of his hair in the middle and fancy neckties. The world is full of such today.

Get a man who has work and don't make him spend all his money in buying you flowers and candy. I sound this warning to young men: There are many girls who care for their men friends only to use them as a convenience. Don't marry a man to reform him—it is too big a risk.

The secret of it all girls is to put yourselves in the place of the young man's mother as the lady whom he intends to marry, because she is his ideal. You must not be wallflowers and butterflies for if you look at such they blow away. You should imitate your mothers virtues and you will invariably succeed. It is a pity that women don't do the proposing for there would be fewer mistakes.—Ex.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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Fanaticism Gone to Seed.

"It is well enough to support a wise law but there is no need of going to extremes." These sage reflections are brought about by the fiery and if we must say it, unreasonable zeal which the Mercury displays for the cause of State prohibition.

Week after week that journal with a reckless disregard of the danger of injuring its standing with the Republican party, has appeared loaded down to the water's edge with editorials urging the voters to support prohibition.

The thing seems almost to have become a mania, an obsession with the Mercury.

In the editorial, news and local departments, you are sure to stumble over some bold declaration like the following:

It is true that the Mercury is opposed to the Democratic party and all of its works.

It is also true that a Democratic Legislature passed the prohibition law and that the Republican party hopes to make votes by taking no stand on the question. But for years the Mercury has held itself out as a prohibition journal. It has lectured preachers, teachers and others whose business it is to build up public morals and has criticized them supporting whiskey men. It has criticized the politicians,—Democratic politicians, we mean—for dodging this issue.

When the Watts and the Ward laws were under discussion we opposed them because we said there was no prohibition in them. We said if you'll give us State prohibition that would be like something. The Mercury would be for that. Now with this record behind us does anybody think that we would keep silent when State prohibition is an issue? Let Party advantage go. What is it compared to God's eternal truth? What is it compared to rescuing the happiness of little children and helpless women?

Why don't Mr. Click 'slow up' just a little bit.

Mr. Click is too pronounced for prohibition—We don't think.

Nature has provided the stomach with certain natural fluids known as the digestive juices, and it is through these juices that the food we eat is acted upon in such a way as to produce the rich, red blood that flows through the veins of our body and thereby makes us strong, healthy and robust, and it is the weakening of these digestive juices that destroys health. It is our own fault if we destroy our own health, and yet it is so easy for anyone to put the stomach out of order. When you need to take something take it promptly, but take something you know is reliable—something like Kodol For Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Kodol is pleasant to take, it is reliable and is guaranteed to give relief. It is sold by W. S. Martin and C. M. Shuford.

"Prohibition does not prohibit" is the song of the man traveling over North Carolina as the paid agents of the distillers and whiskey do you suppose the makers and sellers of whiskey would put up millions of dollars to fight prohibition?

Letter to N.W. Propst.

Hickory, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Two cans of paint look alike; two paints look alike, when opened; two jobs look alike, so long as they're new—unless one is scant.

They are far from alike: one is paint and the other is trash.

The gallon price is not far from alike. They don't cost alike. One takes 10 gallons to paint a house; the other takes 20. The cost of one job is \$50, the other \$100—it may be \$90—the job that cost least is the good one; wears twice as long as the other.

There are two ways of telling good paint: by the name; by the number of gallons it takes for a job—least gallons best paint. By the name Devoe; by least gallons.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & CO.
P. S.—F. B. Ingold sells our paint.

The Harrow, Its Use and Its Abuse.

At this season of the year there is no implement on the farm of more importance than some good form of harrow, such as may be found in most of the markets.

As fast as land is broken it should be harrowed the same day. This is to pulverize the clods, make a fine seed bed and conserve the moisture. Do not wait two or three days until several tons of moisture have been lost on each acre. Moisture is of utmost importance to a growing crop. We always have a dry spell some time during the summer, so we must arrange to have a good supply of moisture stored in the soil to carry the crop right on through the drought.

If the soil is so dry and hard when breaking that it breaks up in clods, then a roller should precede the harrow. This either crushes the clods or presses them into the loose soil so that when rain comes they absorb sufficient moisture from the loose soil to become dissolved. A clod can hold but little moisture and is not worth much more to a plant than is a stone.

In the use of the harrow many farmers make the mistake of trying to break land with them by placing on chuncks, stones or by riding on them. They were not intended for breaking land, but for surface cultivation. Even the disc harrow is not suitable for breaking land.

Another very important use of the harrow, including the weeder and similar forms of cultivators, is in the first cultivation of young plants. No future cultivation is of quite the importance of the first. Even before the planting begins run the harrow over the field. If a hard rain comes before the seed comes up, the harrow should pass over again. This should be repeated every week or ten days, according to seasons, until the plants are too large. The ordinary harrow will cover five to six acres per day easily. The two-horse forms ten or more, while the Weeder will cultivate fifteen acres per day with a single man and horse.

The teeth (spikes) of the implements pass in among the young plants and destroy weeds and grass that would have to be gotten out later by expensive hand hoeing. Thus they are both efficient and economical.

The time to use the harrow in such cultivation is just as soon after a rain as the land is dry enough for the horse to walk on it easily. Do not wait until a green carpet appears on the surface and the soil has become dry. It will root up some of the grass but will simply cultivate the remainder so that it will grow all the faster. The good farmer never sees any grass in his farm if he can prevent it. The best time to destroy weeds and grass is while the seeds are germinating in the soil and before they make their appearance above the surface. A day's work at the proper time is worth several day's work later.

Many crops may be grown to maturity without any cultivation except that given by a good harrow or cultivator. As a rule the double, triple or even the quadruple forms are more economical because one man can manipulate the extra force of horse power instead of having a man for each horse.

Then there are the sulky arrangements which make the labor a great deal easier for the farmer.

G. R. HUDSON,
Special Agent,
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NOTH CAROLINA CLASSIS

Of the Reformed Church In Session in Concord.

The North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church held its annual session in Concord, the first session having been held last Tuesday night. The body is meeting in Trinity Church, and will remain in session all week.

Tuesday night Rev. D. E. Bowers, of High Point, the retiring President, preached the opening sermon, after which the Classical communion was held. The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. C. E. Wehler, D. D.

Vice President—George McCorkle.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Shuford Peeler.

Reading Clerk—Rev. Milton Whitener.

Wednesday was largely taken up by the reports of the various pastors which showed the general work of the church to be in excellent condition. The report of the trustees of Claremont College at Hickory was read by Dr. J. L. Murphy.

Resolutions endorsing state prohibition were unanimously passed.

There is a large attendance, and the sessions are most interesting.

On Wednesday night there was an educational meeting, which was addressed by Dr. Snyder, President of Catawba College, and Rev. W. W. Rowe.

Thursday was devoted to the general business of the Classis. Thursday night a strong address on prohibition was delivered by Rev. W. H. McNairy. Dr. W. B. Dutera also delivered an interesting illustrated lecture on Missions of the Reformed church.

Her hand this man could not get, His health was not as it should be, He had not used the "best as yet," Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Menzies Drug Co.

Rowan Will Give 300 Majority for Prohibition.

Rev. W. W. Rewe, of Rockwell who attended the meeting of the North Carolina Classis is enthusiastic about the situation in Rowan in regard to the prohibition election. He says the county will give a majority for prohibition of about 300. All the reports received here from Rowan indicate that the county will go dry by a good majority.—Concord Times.

Pert Paragraphs.

Even a rich girl may make a poor wife.

After saying you intend to do a thing do it.

Ever notice how much truth there isn't in a compliment? How harsh it sounds to hear a man criticize your pet hobby.

But few dancing masters are to be found in the hop districts.

No. Alonzo, a pile of filthy lucre is not necessarily a heap of dirt.

The man who sees no good in others is no good.

There is always some man around who is willing to second any kind of a motion.

Money makes the mare go—or come or stay, according to the way it talks to the jockey.

Don't worry about your looks. You look all right to your friends and the rest of the world don't care how you look.

Anyway, the self made man has no one to blame but himself.

Life is too short for a man to do all the things his wife wants him to do.

What this world needs is an additional supply of men and women who talk less and say more.

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