

MARRIAGE LEGENDS.

WHAT TO DO TO KEEP OFF MISFORTUNE.

Story of Beautiful Spanish Girl and Her Nimble Wit--Got Her Dowry.

Washington Post.

Old superstitions and legends of marriage are to be found in all countries writes Julia Chandler Manz in the Washington Herald.

One of the daintiest and luckiest of color schemes for a bride she says is white and blue. According to ancient customs, all girls named Mary, will be fortunate's favorites if choosing these colors for their wedding frock, blue being the color consecrated to the virgin Mary.

Old superstition forbade the groom to gaze on the bride in festive attire until he saw her at the altar; if he did, the wedding was put in peril. The bride must not look upon her image after she has completed her toilette, but should turn her back to the mirror while putting on her gloves.

She may choose whatever jewels she fancies, except pearls; these beautiful though they always be, are forbidden all brides, since they bespeak of future tears.

The bridal wreath or crown and the voluminous veil all have their legendary significance. No satisfactory explanation has been found for the voluminous veil all have their origin of the usage of orange blossoms.

According to some old writers, the custom was introduced by the crusaders, who brought it from the Saracens. In the Orient these flowers ever were considered the favorites for the decking of brides, having been thought so on account of the orange trees in the East bearing ripe fruit and blossoms simultaneously. Besides the pure white of their sheen speaks of innocence and ideal purity.

Legend of Orange Wreath.

A legend tells of a beautiful Spanish girl, daughter of a gardener in royal favor who owned an orange tree of singular beauty.

She loved a youth dearly, but her father was too poor to give her a sufficient dowry, and her lover was too poor to marry without this.

It so happened that the King of France sent an ambassador to the King of Spain to obtain a cutting of this famous tree. He found this impossible, but finally bribed the pretty girl by promising her that he would pledge himself to fulfill her heart's dearest wish. She managed surreptitiously to obtain the cutting, and as a reward was given the sum needed for her dowry.

On her wedding day she wore a wreath of the flowers through which she had won her happiness. No mention is made of what the owner of the tree said.

Customs in Use of Wreath.

In Greece, the wreath is often fashioned of the heads of wheat or barley and worn by both bride and groom. It is a remnant of the Ceres festival, signifying fruitfulness, and is exchanged during the ceremony. In Bavaria, the wreath is made of beads or gold thread; in Italy, France, and parts of Switzerland it is made of white roses.

In Serbia, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, they wear crowns of silver, also a wreath and a tiny crown of myrtle—the ancients considered this plant sacred to Venus—and if a bride wears such a crown, she must plant a twig from it, which by its growth will predict her future.

A curious old custom in Ireland is to endeavor to procure for the young bride a sprig of hawthorn or an old twig of mistletoe. Both are used as a primitive fibula to hold the bridal veil in place. A German bride is not content unless her wreath is of red and white roses mixed with myrtle leaves.

Origin of Veil Unknown.

The bridal veil has been the subject of much discussion. The source of the origin of the custom is not definitely known. The ancient Anglo-Saxons had four men hold a square piece of cloth—in place of the present veil—over the bride and bridegroom during the ceremony to hide their blushes.

Then it was argued that it was really the bride who needed it. Thus the heavy cloth was gradually transformed into a gossamer fabric which, if perchance the bride really should blush, only serves to enhance the loveliness of the shy maid.

If, while on the way to the church, the bride should see a dove, a lamb, a spider, or a toad, or a wolf, she can always bicker in good luck. On the other hand, it is rather a bad omen to meet a pig, a monk, a cat, a hare, or a serpent.

On arriving at the church, the bride should be careful to step over the threshold with the right foot first. This will insure happiness in her marriage state. Under no circumstances must the wedding ring be placed on before the ceremony, and the one of the bridal pair who first sights the other will be the reigning spirit in the home.

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THE ATMOSPHERE.

Without it There Would Exist a Queer State of Affairs.

Without the atmosphere, besides the inconvenience to breathing, a great many peculiar things would be observed that would seem very extraordinary to us. The sun would rise straight up in the morning into a sky as black as ebony, traverse a black sky and sink down to rest at night into a black bed. No beautiful glories of the sunset and sunrise would appear, no blue-ness of the heavens be seen, no red sun gradually growing brighter, but one that would rise as a fiery orb and remain thus all day. No twilight and no daybreak could cheer us, for there would be nothing to diffuse the light.

Unless the sun shone directly on a thing we could not see it. Thus our houses would have to be made of some transparent substance or else be artificially lighted in the daytime. No soothing shades would appear in the landscape, but everything would stand out boldly and clearly, every object casting dense black shadows that would render invisible any one entering them. No voice or music could be heard, for there would be no medium to carry it. No birds or insects could flit about in the trees and above us, for there would be nothing to enable them to utilize their wing motion. No clouds would be seen in the intensely black sky, and no thunderstorms or high winds would be possible. No vegetation could exist, and no animal could live. In fact, this old earth would be as dead as Hecate as far as activity was concerned.

Yet this is the exact condition of affairs on the moon, which has no atmosphere and consequently suffers every one of these disadvantages.

It is rather interesting to contemplate the successive events on the earth of the atmosphere should be quickly removed. The first thing that would probably happen is that every animal, insect, fish, bird and plant would suffer a violent explosion, for each contains air at a pressure of fifteen pounds to the square inch on the outside, which is balanced by an equal pressure on the inside and would rush outward on the first pressure being removed. This can be shown by placing the hand over an air pump and gradually exhausting the air. The part exposed will gradually swell. Another illustration is when a tornado sweeps round a house, taking the outside air away for an instant. If the house is closed the windows and doors will be blown outward with enormous force, and sometimes the sides them selves of the house are blown in all directions.—Chicago Record Herald.

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A man had been arrested on the charge of beating and cruelly mistreating his wife. After hearing the charge against the prisoner the justice turned to the first witness.

"Madam," he said, "if this man were your husband and had given you a beating would you call in the police?"

The woman addressed, a veritable amazon in size and aggressiveness, turned a smiling countenance toward the justice and answered:

"No, judge. If he was mah husband an' he treated me lak he did 'is wife Ah wouldn't call no policeman. No, sah; Ah'd call de undertaker."—Youth's Companion.

Flexibility of English.

English is not only, as Richard Jefferies asserted, the most expressive and flexible of tongues, but also, in Swinburne's opinion, the most musical. He proclaimed the lines—

Music that gentler on the spirit lies Than thud eyelids upon tired eyes To be unmatched for melody in any language. And few would venture to contradict such a master of music and tongues. But surely French ranks next on the roll of languages. For clearness of diction it is unrivaled, and, thanks to its abundance of vowels (close on one for every consonant) it flows rhythmically from the tongue. Against Westley's dictum, that French is to German as a bagpipe to an organ, may be cited a saying of another famous divine, Dr. Dollinger, "L'Allemand n'est pas une langue, mais ceux qui parlent ce jargon se comprennent entre eux" (German is not a language, but those who speak this jargon understand one another).—London Chronicle.

Facts About Giants.

That very few of the giants who have ever lived have been healthy or well formed recent researches prove beyond a doubt. All we know about Goliath is that he was very tall, but in the second book of Kings we read about another giant, who had more fingers than an ordinary human being, and, according to modern scientists, this is invariably a token of degeneracy. Marcel Donnal saw at Milan a giant who was so tall that his body filled two beds at night, but whose legs were so weak that he could hardly stand upright. William Evans, the gigantic porter of Charles L. had little strength, and Cromwell's porter, another giant, ended his days in a lunatic asylum. Finally, O'Brien, the Irish giant, has been described as "an enormous sick child who grew up too fast."

Another Fake.

"Did you see the lightning calculator in the sidshow?" asked the old farmer in the wide straw hat. "By heck, yes," drawled the other ruralite, "and he was the biggest fake in the show."

"How was that?" "Why, that was a thunderstorm going on while I was in the tent and when I asked him if he could calculate where the lightning was going to strike he just gave me the laugh."—Chicago News.

An Ominous Symptom.

"A good wife is heaven's greatest gift to man and the rarest gem the earth holds," remarked Mr. Jarphly the other morning. "She is his joy, his inspiration and his very soul. Through her he learns to reach the pure and true, and her loving hands lead him softly over the rough places. She is—" "Jeremiah," said Mrs. Jarphly solemnly—"Jeremiah, what wickedness have you been up to now?"

Doubled in Value.

A Missourian who bought some Texas land and wanted to unload it told a prospective buyer that it had "doubled in value since I bought it." "But," said the other, "you offered to sell it to me for the same price you paid. How has it doubled in value?" "Well, you see, I gave twice as much as it was worth."—Kansas City Star.

Exchange of Compliments.

Maud—My mamma says she can remember when your mamma kept a grocer's shop. Marie—My mamma says she can remember how much your mamma owes her for groceries.

The Danger.

"It is always dangerous to try to get something for nothing," remarked the wise guy. "Yes, you might get what you deserve," added the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

Life.

Life is a burden imposed upon you by God. What you make of it, that it will be to you. Take it up bravely, bear it joyfully, lay it down triumphantly.—Gail Hamilton.

The Obliging Proprietor.

"Won't you please give me an order?" pleaded the persistent drummer. "Certainly," replied the crusty proprietor. "Get out!"—Lippincott's.

Heaven often smites in mercy, even when the blow is severest.—Baillie.



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DURHAM INDUSTRIALLY.

In 1901 City Had 61 Manuactories and Employed Nearly 4,000 People.

A preliminary statement of the general results of the Thirteenth United States Census of Durham, N. C., was issued to-day by Acting Census director Falkner. It was prepared under the direction of Mr. N. M. Steaert, chief statistician for manufactures, Bureau of the Census. The figures are subject to such revision as may be necessary after a further examination of the original reports.

There were 61 establishments in 1909, and the value of their products was \$23,272,000, an average per establishment of approximately \$381,000.

The value of products represents their selling value or price at the plants as actually turned out by the factories during the census year, and does not necessarily have any relation to the amount of sales for that year. The values under this head also include the amount received for work done on materials furnished by others.

Further details can be drawn from the summary which follows: Number of establishments 61; capital invested, \$15,389,000; cost of materials used, \$9,810,000; salaries and wages, \$1,389,000; miscellaneous expenses \$7,432,000; value of products \$23,272,000; value added by manufacture—products less cost of materials, \$13,462,000; number of salaried officials and clerks, 267; and average number of wage earners employed during the year, 3,718.

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TO FIGHT HOOKWORM.

In State Three Dispensaries and One Hospital Opened to Wage Campaign Against Malady.

The opening this week of three dispensaries and one hospital for the free examination and treatment for hookworm disease marks a new development in the campaign against hookworm disease. Even though 21,000 victims of the disease have already been treated it has been already found that many sufferers who have the disease fall for one reason or another to seek treatment. As the expulsion of the worms and the cures which follow treatment afford the best means for dispelling such apathy, the need of temporary dispensaries for the free examination and treatment of the disease has been great. Having reached the limit of funds available for North Carolina, the Hookworm Commission of the State Board of Health laid the situation before the officials of several counties. Though a large number of the counties asked for the dispensaries offering to provide the financial aid, the work can begin in only four counties, as only four physicians to direct the county campaigns are available. The four counties securing the first dispensaries are Robeson, Sampson, Columbus, and Halifax.

Operation of Dispensaries. Four or five places in a county will be selected, usually school houses, widely separated, but accessible to the people, and one day of each week a medical hookworm specialist and a laboratory expert will be present to make free examinations for all who come, and to give free treatment to all who are found infected. After four to six weeks the

experts will move on to the next county which has provided the necessary financial aid. Every cured person and his friends will prove themselves valuable allies in carrying on the campaign for better health in that they will be stationary or a week or more, will consist of tents, and be provided with cots, so that the patients may stay over night and take the treatment under the direction of the physician in charge. This plan of campaign is meeting with the heartiest support of county boards of health, and education; and the county commissioners seem enthusiastic. It meets the approval of the local physicians, and has already been endorsed by the State Medical Society.

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