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POLYGAMY AS A PART OF THE SAINTS' REVEALED RELIGION.

MORMON MARRIAGE.

A Third Wife to Take Down the Airs of the Second-The Married Mormon Always in Society Looking for Another Partner.

Mormon plural marriage is both overrated and underrated as a part of the Mormon polity. It is overrated as the whole of the system, and without which it will dissolve or will be unobjectionable. It is underrated as a practice not essentially belonging to their system, and which they will easily abandon. In the first place, if polygamy were to cease, all the objections would remain to the Mormon system as a theocratic dominion of absolute powers, hostile to all other people, and by its very nature in antagonism to the national government. In the second place, plurality of wives has been given to the saints by revelation through the prophet and founder of their church, corroborated by the Jewish Scriptures, exempliffed by the patriarchs of the chosen race, whose daily walk was close with God, made a Mormon duty by giving a higher being in heaven to the saint and his wives in proportion to their number, elevated by the suffering of persecution, and strongly worked into the social life.

#### FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD.

If they would give up polygamy, all objections to a Mormon state would remain. But they will not give it up. It is so much a part of their revealed religion that the first wife cannot refuse consent to another without renouncing the church. The system makes her give the second and the following to her husband in the secret rites of the Endowment house. And she finds it good to bring in a third to take down the airs of the second, and so on. Having had her turn in the man's love, she takes her turn in intrigue of spite and revenge. And the man, obliged by religious duty, watched over by the church authorities in case he can support another wife and does not gather her, and promised a higher being in the next world, where his wives are counted to his glory, finds also more social pleasures in plurality of wives in this world than is generally though. The common Gentile idea of the state of

polygamous marriage is of the Bible patriarchs, and it is elevated above the social part. It thinks not of the difference between the monogamous marriage, by which the man "settles" down," and the polygamous marriage in which the man still continues a marrying man-is more in the market than a single man, and is soon looking for new loves, instead of patriarchally presiding over his household. Thus it is that the married Mormon is a society buck, and that he continues a buck in society as long as he lives. The society customs are formed to promote this. The theater and the "Social hall" for balls and other parties, are regular means. Danc-ing is a means of polygamous grace. Eti-

# GOSLINGS AS FISH BAIT.

Remarkable Experience of a St. Louis Sportsman-How to Catch Bass.

A letter from a St. Louis gentleman, who has been for some time up at Green Lake, Wis., has just been received here, and it contains the account of a fishing exploit that is remarkable. "I went out early the other evening," writes the gentleman, "in the hopes of encountering some of the famous pickerel of this resort when they were just coming up from their mossy beds after a morsel for breakfast. I trolled for half a mile without a strike. I was passing a farm

house, in front of which were an old goose and a lot of goslings a month or so old. They were swimming around, dipping down under the water, and chattering away in high glee, Just as I was opposite them there was a splash and one of the goslings disappeared. Almost instantly another one went in the same way, the mother goose never seeming to heed their absence. I thought it strange, and pulled over toward the flock, but before I reached them three more were pulled under the water. I stopped rowing close to the spot where the fowls had disappeared, and watched from close range to see if I could discover what agent was at work destroying the farmer's goslings. One of the little fellows was separated from the other three, for that's all that were left. I was close to the single gosling, watching him, when I saw a monstrous black bass shoot through the water, grab the bird I had my eye on, and give

the water a flirt with his tail as he diseppeared with his breakfast. Before the surface had become calm or my astonishment had been overcome, the remaining three of the gosling brood were in the capacious maws of the hungry bass.

"By this time the old goose, who had been tranquilly swimming about, began to think that something was wrong, and when no little ones came at her call she became frantic I stood right there for some time, philanthropist but a shrewd man of busiexpecting that some audacious bass would walk off with the old goose, but they didn't. "I went up to the farm house, told the fate

if the goslings, and was met with no expressions of surprise.

"'That's no uncommon thing,' said the farmer. 'I'll bet I've lost a thousand young gecse just in that way. I thought those were too big for bass buit. I keep my young goese in a pond back of the house until they get big enough to take care of themselves, as I thought the ones you saw gobbled up were.'

"An idea struck me, and I bargained with the farmer for three goslings from the pond back of the house. I would fool the bass. He soon came in with three nice, downy little fellows, and I took one, tied my line about the center of his body, and fastened a gang of hooks under the goslings's breast so they hung down about three inches. Then I took a long rod from the boat, attached the line and gently dropped the swimming bait into the water. The little gosling swam around for about half a minute, when there was a rush, a tug at the line, and I had my hungry fish safely hooked. It was a whopper, and it instead of that of the inventor, Mr. Starr. took me twenty minutes to bring him up to The unsuspecting inventor does not appear

## THE ONLY FOE.

Wild, threatening sky, white, raging sea Fierce wind that rends the rifted cloud, Sets the new moon's sharp glitter free. And thunders eastward, roaring loud!

A fury rides the autumn blast, The hoary brine is torn and tossed: Great nature through her spaces vast Casts her keen javelins of the frost.

Her hand that in the summer days Soothed us with tender touch of joy, Deals death upon her wintry ways; Whom she caressed the would destroy.

Life shrinks and hides; all creatures cower While her tremendous bolts are hurled That strike with blind, insensate power

The mighty shoulder of the world. Be still, my soul, thou hast no part In her black moods of hate and fear; Lifted above her wrath thou art,

On thy still heights, screne and clear.

Remember this-not all the wild, Huge, untained elements have force To reach thee, though the seas were piled In weltering mountains on thy course,

Only thyself thyself can harm. Forget it not! And full of peace, As if the south wind whispered warm. Wait thou till storm and tumult cease. -Celia Thaxter in The Century

THE MAN BEFORE EDISON.

The Original Inventor of the Electric Light-A Lost Idea.

Anybody that chooses and knows how can make incandescent electric lights now. The only person who had any right to prevent them has been asleep for a good many years at the bottom of the Atlantic ocean. Most people think Edison invented these lights, and so he did, but he was not the first. Some years ago, a young man in advance of his age, by the name of Starr, came to Mr. George Peabody with a new invention, asking advice and assistance. Mr. Peabody was not only a ness. He saw at once the possibilities of the electric light, and gladly furnished Starr with the means to go to England and take out a patent, after consulting experts and scientists there. In those days every new discovery had to have the stamp of England's scientific approval to make its way elsewhere. Mr. Starr, like many a genius before and since, was by no means an experienced and cautious business man, so Mr. Peacody engaged a man named King to go with him as his business agent and to conduct the negotiations. The two men set sail for England, had a

prosperous voyage, and met with a finttering A GRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, HALL& CRAIG, Agricultural Implements, Courtland Buggies and Ruthford Wagons, "Good Timber and Bone Dry," sold and Warranted. Main street, between Six,h and Seventh. reception. The invention was exhibited to the first authorities in the kingdom, was carefully scrutinized by them, and was unanimously pronounced to be a brilliant and successful one. The two men remained for some BANK. time in England, and received nothing but D FIRST NATIONAL BANK. of Platismouth. Capital \$50,000; surplus \$11,-500. John Fitzgerald, Provident; S. Waugh, Cashier; F. S. White, Vice-Provident, Board of Directors; John Fitzgerahl, F. E. White, Juo, R. Clark, D. Hawksworth, S. Waugh. consideration and encouragement. A patent for the invention was obtained, but by a usage allowed by English patent law, was issued in the name of the solicitor, Mr. King, BANK. quette requires the saint to dance once with the boat. The bass had struck the hooks, as to have observed this, or made any objecof Piattsmo tion, or at least there is no record that he



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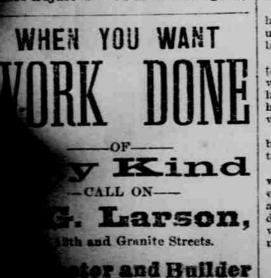
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# ALWAYS A MARRYING MAN.

It is difficult to conceive the social difference made by a system in which the married man continues a marrying man and is always on the lookout for another. Without any computction he goes about as a gallant or lover. He runs a courtship is any length and heat, while his wives are "enjoying themselves" at home. This liberty has evolved the custom of long courtships. How pit asani to the wives when the man dresses in his best and goes abroad geaking to devcur. They cannot ask him where he has spent the evening. He is doing a saint's religious duty, and is thereby exalting their state of being in the next world. And the good man makes religious duty a carnal pleasure. This works a great deal of courting and many marrying chances to the girls. The old bucks and the young bachelors compete for them. And they accept the situation with alacrity, each thinking she will be the favorite wife and enjoying her triumph over the rest.

This is of polygamy at Salt Lake City, and among the rich and well to do. But it has all degrees and phases according to human conditions and human nature, down to that in which the taking of another wife is the addition of another servant to support the man. Nor is this limited to the poor. Naturally it hardens the heart of the man toward his wives, makes him insensible to their feelings, and puts them into a lower sphere. But besides being made a religious duty, it engages the pride, pleasure, passion and interest of the man. And they have no doubt of its righteousness. In conversation with one of the pioneers on their religion, the remark that polygamy did not seem essential, and that the dropping of it night promote peace and their welfare, brought the impregnable answer: "Do you believe the Bible?" They are a fearfully biblical people. Mormonism is a bigger problem than is thought. It has come to stay.-Sam-uel Rockwell Reed in Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

#### Unhappy Facili y of Expression.

Some people have such an unhappy facility of expression, combined with slipshod methods of thought, that they are likely to indulge in speech which it would "puzzle a Dutchman" to translate. The "History of Weare, New Hampshire," refers to a loquacious townswoman who reversed the old maxim, and "went ahead" without being sure she was right.

One of her stories was to the effect that her husband sowed some flax, which came up and grew, until the frost struck it and blighted every spear.

Then the worms took it and ate it all up; then the drought took it and killed it all, and when they came to pull it they didn't have half a crop. After that they rotted it, and her husband done out some of it, and it wa'n't good for nothing.

Then they let it lay a year, and it was the best flax she ever see. She used some of it to make cloth for her husband's shirts.

"It was cotton linen cloth. It was tow warp, and the warp was filling, and the blue eas valler, and it was dyed in huckleberry, and it was thick as the table. It wore splendidly, and my husband liked the shirts so well that he wore them all out in a fortnight !'-Youth's Companion.

Girls are employed as shingle packers in the mills at Bay City, Mich.

each wife, and then he is free to go for the I intended, before he reached the gosling, did sa and I successfed in landing thirty-one big |

mss with my three before they were used up. They were the biggest bass I ever saw before, averaging a traffe over six pounds spiece, one of them weighing nine and a quarter pounds. When I go after bass now on may be sure I go with goslings for bait." St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Shopping Manners in Paris.

Mark Twain is not the only American who has been disgusted with the pushing, the crambling, the incivility of the whole mob at the great Franch shops, buyers as well as cliers, counter jumpers as well as purchasers. The crowd at the Louvre, the Bon Marche or the Printemps, on any fine afternoon, is something that must be seen to be believed. The manners that prevail! Customers dispute the ownership of various things by pulling them out of each others' hands; toes trodden on; inspectors eye impertinently young and old to discover thieves; then the elbow digs, the flushed faces, the torn clothing! Finally comes the push of the people up to the pay desk, in a line, like pigs to the slaughter house. Your purchases have been taken from you to be tied up.

Mistakes must be frequent in this department. A list of articles is read out by a perspiring clerk and a total is given. You lay down money and is is immediately snatched up. No receipt is given. You have come, seen and had your funds conquered from you. Now you may go or stay; no one heeds you further. Perhaps you will feel disposed to rest a while in the luxuriously furnished salon de lecture of the establishment and read the morning papers. Unfortunately it in crowded, like every other place on the prenises. The reading rooms of the great French shops are beginning to figure in the works of the contemporaneous French novelists as a convenient place of illicit rendezvous, A glance around que of them often shows couples of fact, not fiction, whose demeanor favors the supposition that they have met by appointment and not "by chance."-Olive Logan in Boston Transcript.

The Value of Good Ink. The health department of New York city calls attention to the fact that a large proportion of records of births, marriages and New Orleans Times-Democrat. deaths received for filing are written in aniline inks, which will become illegible in a few years. As the originals are now fied as received, certificates written in these fugitive inks will become sheets of blank paper in to Pugg :: "Kiss me, and I will give you this eight or ten years, and valuable records will then be lost. It is said at the office of the registrar of vital statistics that ministers are more careless in making certificates of marriages than the doctors in reporting births or deaths. On many occasions the b'anks have been filled in with a pencil and had to be returned to be written in ink. Ministers are also partial to colored inks, unmindful, doubtless, that the ink will fade away in a few years. Deputy County Clerk Gilroy said that

many of the papers filed in the county clerk's office were written with poor ink, but as a record was made of nearly everything filed their value was retained.

"It is a mighty good idea, however," said Mr. Gilroy, "for the newspapers to call the attention of the people to the necessity of using good black ink in executing legal and official papers. Colored inks are no good and have never seen any court records written with aniline ink. I think black ink is used in every court in the city."-New York were only made to suit a woman's fancy. I

The two men started on their return to America. They had been at sea but a very few days when Mr. Starr was found one morning in his berth dead, from some mysterious and unexplained cause. His body was buried at sea, and his companion continued his journey, and presented himself to Mr. Poabody with his report. That gentleman listened attentively to his account of the journey, with its various business transactions and its tragic finale. On concluding his narrative Mr. King asked the millionaire if he would continue to back up the invention with his money and influence. Mr. Peabody's reply was to rise, open the door of his private office where the interview had taken place, and sternly point toward it. The discomfited attorney, without a word, went out through the door into oblivion.

And that is the reason why Edison had to invent the electric light all over again. The invention lay in a stale mate, as it were. It was credited to King, and he alone could develop it, but he had disappeared it was not known till, 1876 that Starr was the real inventor, and even then, as he was dead, and the patent issued to another man, nothing could be done. Finally Edison went to work on his own hook, and thought out his scheme; but the highest English courts have just decided that the King patent anticipated his and makes them invalid. And as the earlier patent has lapsed, the idea, under this de-

cision, is common property.-Once a Week. So the Story fiers. Keats was a great teacher and ruler. He was also a tremendous flogger. On ore oc-

Jacion, so the story goes, he addressed the boys upon the Sixth Beatitude, and the substance of his comment has come down to us: "'Blessed are the pure in heart.' Mind that. It's your duty to be pure in heart. If you're not pure in hears, 1'll flog you!"-The Argonaut.

#### A Bath for Horses.

The latest wrinkle is a Turkish bath for horses, in which they are put through the same sweating and cooling processes as human beings. Such a bath is run in connection with a New York stable, and its patronage has become large and profitable --

## High Price for Sugar.

A very ugly woman, toying with a pug dog in front of a cafe on the boulevard, said piece of sugar." A boy passing by avclaimed: "Don't she ask a high price for her sugarf'-New York Evening World.

#### A New Definition.

Tom-I say, Gus, what does "rara avis" mean! You know French. Ed. (with dignity)-"Rara avis" is not French; it is Italian, and means a "bird insufficiently cooked."-Detroit Free Press.

#### Genius and Talent.

Genius is like a barrel on the top of a hill:

it will not move unless pushed; but once pushed it goes of itself. Talent is like a load on the roadway: it will not go forward un-

less dragged .- Ivan Panin. A Late Invention. A "life saving saloon" is among the latest inventions. It is arranged so that the whole

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