

A GRAVE SOCIAL PROBLEM

Evidence of the Gradual Decline of Marriage in the United States.

SPECULATION AS TO THE CAUSES

Is It Due to Our Extravagant Style of Living?—What a Wife Costs—Masculine Gallantry—Gossip About Women—The Mirror of Fashion.

It is estimated that there are 3,000,000 young men of marriageable age in the United States who obstinately neglect to provide themselves with wives, and this implies the existence of at least an equal number of young women of marriageable age who are waiting for proposals that never come.

The causes which have produced this marked change are not sufficiently definite for satisfactory analysis. It is true that the modern style of living, as compared with that of former times, is one of the effective influences.

The cost of supporting a wife and raising a family is much larger than it used to be, and this feature of the matter often gives pause on both sides.

A writer in the Philadelphia Times throws some light on the cost of a wife which will interest those contemplating matrimony.

"And then," continued Primrose, hiding her face on my shoulder, "he—kissed me!"

"Just as any sensible man would," I remarked.

"Mamma never lets me accept presents from gentlemen," she said; "that is, anything substantial, you know."

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The uneducated classes has something to do with it. The massed, greater volume of humanity in motion on public thoroughfares and on the passenger lines, and the corresponding greater difficulty in enforcing the standard of conduct held by the minority, is another cause.

At first blush the insurance business would seem to offer a good opening to enterprising women as agents or canvassers, writes Walter H. Barrett in the September Ladies' Home Journal.

The secret of fascination is one which many a woman would sacrifice a great deal to possess.

It was the prettiest little nest of a room, with one window that opened straight toward the sunrise and which was shaded with maple boughs.

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"I saw you, Jerry," "Yes," he replied as quick as a flash. "I tell them there isn't much you don't see with them purty black eyes of yours."

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FASHION NOTES

Changeable silk umbrellas are shown for autumn use.

The very latest fashions for elegant evening wear are square-cut and not pointed.

Enamel flower pins are among the most beautiful of the current trifles in jewelry.

Black, coral and white silk mulls are used in making the little top capes worn with summer dresses.

Old-fashioned shoulder handkerchiefs of very thin silk or crepe de chine are worn with the ends crossed and tucked into the belt on either side.

Persian designs are shown in the new goods. Some pieces are shown with the ground completely covered with a cashmere pattern of palms and scrolls.

A late ukase of fashion is that the small head dresses, by courtesy called bonnets, shall have no strings and that no jewelry shall be worn in the daytime.

The prettiest and most refined stockings for wearing with slippers are richly embroidered with these self-colors, which gives richness without too much showiness.

Ribbon garniture will maintain its popularity in the plain, at others reversible, in two colors—moire and satin for edging purposes.

Black silk velvet capes lined with either black or changeable silk, brilliant red or pale yellow surah, will be worn during the autumn and early winter by the tall, slender woman whom they "compliment."

Bayadere stripes are numerous among the new goods. A very rich line which resembles uncut velvet, but has no silk, is finely striped in green and gold, making an iridescent effect which is very beautiful.

It is said that black velvet is to be worn for dinner dresses by young ladies in the coming season.

Light wool costumes for summer journeys are made with bell skirt and low peasant waist of the goods, plain, striped or checked, that reaches just under the arms.

Yokes and trimmings to imitate yokes are the favorites for cloth and silk costumes. The style that has been generally adopted shows the top part of the waist, black and front of the neck, and a very deep ruffle bordering the lace yoke.

The manufacturers are again making an effort to introduce pique, and both white and colored goods are being made in great quantities.

Among the styles for cool-weather wraps is the model which shows a short front with wide revers, much like the very popular Eton jacket of the summer.

THE RUDS HAVE THEIR SAY

Detroit Free Press: Somebody had given the funny man's boy a dog, and when the father came home in the evening he was considerably interested in the new acquisition.

"Where did you get him?" he asked. "A man down at the depot gave him to me."

"What do you call him?" "That's a queer name. Haven't you got things mixed at all? Why don't you call him 'Rooster'?"

"Cause he's a setter," "Oh," and the father went inside to commune with himself.

New York Tribune: Alden's mother was a woman of more than medium height, weighing nearly 200 pounds.

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CATALOGUE OF HORSES

On Farm of A. J. Poppleton, at Elkhorn, Nebraska, to be sold at

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The horses are now at Oakland farm and can be examined there at any time. Mr. Fred R. Stiekney is in charge of Farm.

1. Zulu 4260, record 2:24 1/2, bay stallion, foaled 1879, by Harold H. sire 31 trotters and 3 pacers, and grand sire of 11 in 2:30 or better, dam Miss Duval by Dural's Mastodon by Mastodon Chief.

2. Traverso 4182, bay stallion, foaled 1885, by Zulu, dam Nellie Elliott, by Magna Charta 105, sire of 6 in 2:30 and grand sire of 21 in 2:30 or better.

3. Royal Oak 1130, bay stallion, foaled 1889, by Nutwood 629, sire of 62 trotters and 5 pacers, and grand sire of 48 in 2:30 and better, dam Nellie Zulu by Zulu (see No. 1), granddam Nellie Elliott by Magna Charta 105.

4. Nutwood 629, bay stallion, foaled 1889, by Nutwood 629, sire of 62 trotters and 5 pacers, and grand sire of 48 in 2:30 and better, dam Nellie Zulu by Zulu (see No. 1), granddam Nellie Elliott by Magna Charta 105.

5. Maudan, bay colt, foaled 1891, by Salaam 787 by Onward 141, sire of 37 trotters and 6 pacers, and grand sire of 29 in 2:30 or better, dam Nellie Zulu by Zulu (see No. 1).

6. Box Elder, bay colt, foaled 1891, by Salaam 787 by Onward 141, sire of 37 trotters and 6 pacers, and grand sire of 29 in 2:30 or better, dam Nellie Zulu by Zulu (see No. 1).

7. Merceda, sorrel mare, foaled 1889, by Bridger by Maxie Cobb, dam Merceda (see No. 10).

8. Hermine, brown mare, foaled 1885, by Zulu (see No. 1), dam Herman mare.

9. Coal, black gelding, foaled 1883, by Bridger by Maxie Cobb, dam Bees Bashaw.

10. Rock, brown mare, foaled 1890, by Bridger by Maxie Cobb, dam Bees Bashaw.



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