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Kind of Man to Fall in Love With; What to Seek If Prince Doesn't Come

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

"A woman's life is made for her by the love she accepts," said George Elliot. At least half the feminine tragedies in the world are due to the fact that women permit themselves to love the wrong sort of man.

Most of us are lonely, most of us have a longing for affection and companionship and possess the deeper maternal instinct implanted by nature.

Most of us have, too, an ideal of the man we might love. He is to be fine and splendid, strong and gentle and able to call out all of our best in response to the beautiful love he gives us. And most of us find this ideal of our Prince Charming a thing we cannot even approach.

We get tired of waiting and the citadel of our heart opens to the first besieger who comes along after we have become convinced of the fact that Prince Charming has taken a road that will never lead him our way.

Why can't women be true to their ideals?

Pressure is brought to bear from all sides. There is the longing in a woman's heart; there is the knowledge that all about her are mating couples while she is alone; there is a world criticizing her for being "too critical" and reminding her that soon her youth will be gone and then she will no longer be desired.

For all these reasons women fall their own ideals and permit themselves to drift into loving the wrong man.

"Hee who mine heart would keep for long"

Must be a gentle manne and strong," says an old verse. The wisdom of the ages lies within it. Sacrifice what you will to the hunter for love, to the pressure of life and to the fear of loneliness—but if you would find any happiness in the love you accept he sure it comes from a man who is at once gentle and strong.

Gentleness means kindness, tenderness, understanding, and that unwillingness to give pain which will make a man faith-

ful and tender. Strength means determination to shield and power to make that determination good.

The man who is gentle and strong will not yield to his own ignoble desires and betray the woman he loves to or for his own besetting weaknesses. He will not hurt her by ill faith nor fall her when she needs him; he will not disgrace her by dishonest procedure nor shame her because the desire of the moment blinds him to the continuity of life.

The man who is gentle and strong respects the fact that when a woman loves she becomes dependent on love and her lover. He will not give her moments of pain and despair.

Life is a chain of moments; but those moments have the continuity of the linked chain and are not separate jewels scattered about a waste. Your charming poet, your fascinating scoundrel, your improvident philosopher, your overwhelming brute—these and many others of like imperfection may call to your emotions, may fascinate you to a point where you fancy blindly you love them. But beware lest you betray the citadel of your heart to a man who is not trustworthy, who is not safe to love.

The man to love is he who is gentle and strong. When you find one who is both these things love him gladly and joyously with all the best you have to give. In turn he will give you tender faith, wise guardianship and loyalty to all the best gifts of your womanhood.

In-Shoots

Vindication given by the jury that disagrees is only skin deep.

Friends always rally about the fellow who does not need them.

The modern cook book is often the divorce lawyer's greatest aid.

The amateur sinner, like the ham actor, is always trying to the nerves.

Advice to Lovelorn

By Beatrice Fairfax

Don't Be Forward.

Dear Miss Fairfax: A certain young man comes to my house every evening and takes me to pieces every evening occasionally. He never tells me that he likes me, and I am beginning to think a great deal of him. This has been going on for almost a year. Shall I tell him that I like him very much, as I think he believes I do not care about him?

I do not approve of a girl's making advances to a young man. If he cares for you there is no reason why he should not indicate it definitely. And since you make him welcome to your home each evening, it is absurd to suppose that he believes you do not care for him.

Another Girl's Place.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I find myself deeply in love with a young man who is engaged to another. Should I accept his attentions? JOSEPHINE B. A.

You must not encourage the attentions of a man engaged to another girl. In such an affair you cannot find any legitimate happiness. Diminish all thought of the man from your mind. You are contemplating a thing that is only one degree less contemptible than stealing the husband of a woman.

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The hat he wears! That is her favorite shape. And that attractive gesture! She and Dan both whispered it became him—and so it's his familiar now. Ambition's star glows close above his head—and he works like a slave and seethes with enthusiasm. She praised his work and pointed with a slender finger where his genius lay.

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A Fictionless Fable for the Fair

By ANN LISLE.

There was once a man whose heart was "I want what I want when I want it."

He was always very sure of what he wanted—and equally sure that in the changing course of human nature he might not want it long and so had best go after it while it meant something to him.

When he arrived at the age of 32 his life was marked by a series of milestones that meant little desires accomplished and little points gained. But there had been so many little satisfactions in his life that he had no time for big ones.

He had never gone hungry at the lunch hour and then sat down to dinner with added zest of starved hours to what his appetite.

Suddenly when he was 32 life brought before him two things he wanted. One was the love of a beautiful, young girl and the other one a position of great importance. To have both these things at once was almost impossible. At last the man was faced by the need of making a choice.

The girl he loved had an endless array of suitors, and to win her meant the need of conquering them. The position he craved had a long list of applicants and to win it meant absorption in hard work.

The man sat down for twenty-four hours and considered the matter so earnestly that he entirely neglected to eat or sleep. Here was the girl he loved so well that he felt sure he would go on loving her through long years of happy marriage if only he dared take time to win her.

Here, on the other hand, was the position that would crown his career with success. He looked back over his life and saw how he had filled it full of trifles. He had had a few successes in business and so was not either a failure or an unimportant beginner.

He had had a few merry little imitation love affairs, and so his life was not empty of brightness and color. He had always had what he wanted and he had never wanted anything big before.

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