

DEFENSIVE NEAR NEIGHBORS

Emiling Invaders Who Knock, but Noiselessly Enter, Not Waiting a Bidding.

THE NEIGHBOR A DANGEROUS CONFIDANTE

Propriety of Making Matrimonial Engagements Public—Women More Fond of Announcing Them Than the Opposite Sex—A Glimpse at the Fashions.

Of course you have a near neighbor or have had, or will have, and we all know what a blessing is the cheery, obliging, mind-thriving sort of a neighbor. That is the kind we pin our faith to and whose generous, unobtrusive help in case of sickness or trouble we always remember with gratitude.

popular stories of thirty years ago carried either hero or heroine—sometimes both—through a series of adventures and engagements. I remember in "Dred; or, A Tale of the Dismal Swamp," by Harriet Beecher Stowe, the rescue of the tale heroine by the bewitching Nina, who is secretly betrothed to three suitors at once.

One of the most characteristic of Gibran's society sketches represents a young lady of that charming, high-bred type who draws so admirably. One says: "Are you going to be married, Meud?" "When you please the other," "I am only engaged."

The idea that an engagement does not mean marriage some time in the future, no matter how far distant, a most pernicious one. It is the root of many evils.

Yet I have come to the conclusion that women are much readier to let their newly found happiness than the more self-conscious, sensitive, who hate chaffing and are morbidly sensitive to public opinion.

The fashion, had or whatever you choose to call it, of announcing matrimonial engagements is a safeguard against the evils of marriage. Fewer divorces will be the result.

Young couples are not apt to run thoughtless into matrimony. They realize that it is not solely a private matter, that others must be taken into their confidence.

With no means or no possibility of means of supporting a wife hesitate before they ask a girl to their life, when they know she will be cognizant of their presumption.

Girls without stability of character, frivolous, yet scheming, have no longer occasion to be so guarded. They are now treated as stepping stones toward securing the one for whom they yearn.

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shown in the importations of millinery, and point to a rose season.

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CLIMBING OUR GREATER MT. BLANC

The ascent of Tacoma itself is, on the whole, perhaps the most arduous that portions, and thus far no fatalities have been recorded.

The first white man, perhaps the first of human kind, to make the ascent was General Lord, who, in 1825, was the first to reach the summit.

A more successful attempt to explore the top of the mountain was made in 1870 by the geologist, Dr. Clarence King, and by the geologist, Dr. Clarence King.

Since then several successful ascents have been made, and the mountain has become a popular place for tourists.

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France, and the dates are October 17, 1777, and October 19, 1791, the first the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga, and the first the population of Cornwallis. The motto is from "Justice—Not So Strong Without Divine Aid."

Yager—I made one ringing speech in my life, when? Chorus (derisively)—Where, when? Yager—The night I proposed to Mrs. Yager.

Father—Don't you think we ought to walk faster, darling? We are not keeping up with the organ. Daughter—No, pa, it would be ridiculous for me to marry you. You are the first man that has proposed to me.

First Young Lady—Do you always buy two kinds of paper? Second Young Lady—Always. You see, when I write for the paper I use red paper, that means love. When I answer Jim's letters I use blue paper, that means I am in love with him.

Mrs. Waldo Robinson, a cousin of President Cleveland, who died in December, 1898, had been married to a Miss Emma Brown of Indianapolis, an intimate friend of the president's. Mrs. Robinson was the first woman to reach the summit.

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