

OLD AGE AND MEN AND WOMEN

Queer Changes that Have Come in with New Century.

POSITIONS OF SEX ARE NOW REVERSED

Men Fear and Women No Longer Care About the March of Time, Owing to Altered Conditions of Life.

"It is valuable to a woman to be pretty unless young," La Rochefoucauld said. He did not live in the twentieth century. The twentieth century is turning the tables. It is no longer the men who refuse to count birthdays. It is not the belles but the beaux who are alarmed with the passing of the years. It is not the women of the world, but the serious business men who dye gray hairs out of sight and try a core of frantic bristles upon Father Time to have him proceed a trifle more leisurely, says the Chicago Tribune.

"She's over 70 if ever she was born," recently cried a brightly young man of Chicago when alluding to one of her friends, "but she leads our whole set, and the rest of us younger ones are only too glad when we can keep up with her. Why, she dresses better than any of us, and she's always on the go, and jolly, and always has something to talk about, and you should see her complexion and her hair—not a wrinkle and not a white thread!"

Possibly the Chicago belle of three-score years and ten may be unique; her frolicsome ways are none the less typical of the twentieth century woman of middle or advanced age who finds that the world and all that is in it is not only alluring, but inviting and welcome; her to be one of the gayest and giddiest in its gay and giddy throng.

Grandmas in Flower Hats.

The grandmas who flatter their feminine crowns of glory beneath lace caps and adorn their chilly, aged shoulders with breakfast shawls are obsolete characters of times remote. The twentieth century grandmas are athletic and promiscuous in their suits and flower hats. Her wrinkles—forgive an allusion to the nonentities—are submerged out of existence in cold cream. Her skin is massaged into delicate vibrancy. She does not knit and tinker of childhood reminiscences and hold the baby. She manages clubs, reads new thought books and worships manticse heroes.

The men, the youngest of them, rise up and call her charming and woo and wed her, over and over again, the same lovely woman outliving two and three men, and upon each marriage day presenting hand and heart to a more youthful mate.

But the men, alas, the poor men! From the president at the tip-top of the nation to the managers of every other concern, whether of religion or of law, a department store or a college, a newspaper or a club, are younger men than ever before. All the men know it and all the men dread it. They dream the coming of old age. They feel that life is now or never for them. A little older, a few more years of toil and ambition and they will be laid upon the shelf—that nameless horrible shelf, where the spinsters and grandmas used to lie, where one can only see what other people are doing and can do one's self.

Old Women with Young Husbands.

The spinsters and the grandmas would not stay there. They are up and about and doing. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts at all but 70 blithely takes unto herself a spouse of not quite 20. But she, being a much traveled woman of the world, might be supposed to act out of the ordinary. In William Penn's "fair green country tower" lives a woman who in her youth became an old man's darling. By the time that her old age arrived fashions had changed. She has now allowed a stripling, handsome, the pet of many maidens, to become her darling. Mrs. Patti, at 40 and over, is the bride of a man scarcely half her years. The celebrated American of London, Lady Randolph Churchill, weds the son of a British house who, so far as age is concerned, might be taken for her son.

Mature Women Sought as Wives.

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Then three or four capes appeared at the same time, waving red flags, and the bull, wild with rage, charged with lightning rapidity, first at one, then at another. By this time the animal was infuriated about as much as he would be and Romulus stepped lightly from behind his barricade and faced the bull.

For a moment the bull stood stock still, regarding this new antagonist with seeming curiosity. Whether this pause was caused by the fact that the wrestler waved no red flag, that there was some subtle intelligence passing between them is one of those unsolvable mysteries of animal life, whether it be man or of the brute creation.

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