

IT'S A MIGHTY TICKLISH JOB

What's What a Woman Thinks of the Leap Year Proposal in Action.

PHASES OF THE FATEFUL INTERROGATION

Great Tact and Discretion Needed to Land the Prize—Suggestions from One Who Thinks She Knows.

The great and grave problem of exercising the prerogative of leap year has been discussed profusely by masculine writers. Now listen to what a woman has to say on the subject—a woman keenly conversant with the indescribable joys, likewise the perils, of the leap year proposal. Her voice is gentle, instructive, motherly and her voice is the voice of Dorothy Dix in the New York Times:

That woman labors under a great matrimonial disadvantage in not being able to pop the question no one will deny. It forces her to take what is offered instead of the thing for which she would ask if she had the privilege, and even when leap year removes the bar against her speaking out in meeting it does her little good, for it finds her with no precedent to guide her, no experience to be a lamp to her feet.

There is a complete chronicle of how to lead a man up to the proposing point, that like the law of the prophets, has been passed down generation after generation orally from mother to daughter, but no code of procedure has been formulated for the woman who means to propose herself. Of course people will say that this makes no difference, that a woman's leap year prerogative, like most of her liberties, is merely a glittering mockery that she does not dare to put to the test, but how does anyone know this? For the past is no criterion. Women do many things now that they did not do forty or even four years ago. It is not at all impossible that many a discouraged spinster, worn out with waiting for her steady beau to speak, and many a love-lorn maiden who has heretofore let conventional preys upon her damask cheek, will take matters into her own hands and propose matrimony to the man they love, in this year of grace 1934, so a few suggestions to the leap year girl may not be amiss.

The first one must necessarily be a warning. No one knows as yet just how a woman should propose, but it is to be hoped that when she does undertake to be a love-maker that she will do it more romantically and poetically than man does. It is true that man's way works, but that is because he has a monopoly of it. We all burn Standard oil because there is no other kind of oil. Women have had to take the kind of proposal offered them or do without, and those who have suffered from this—who have seen their dreams shattered and their ideals smashed—who have had love made to them between the joints of a street car, or across breakfast and onions at a restaurant table or in any other old place, ought to know enough to render their proposals a romance that a man will be glad to remember to the longest day of his life.

Prepare for a Ticklish Job. But proposing to a man is going to be a ticklish job any way you do it, because men are no more used to receiving offers of marriage than women are to making them. Both parties are inexperienced, nor does a man even know he will take it. There are some conservative individuals who go so far as to contend that men will be so shocked by a woman popping the question to them that they will refuse on the spot, but this waits to be proved. Past experience has not shown that men are averse to the admiration of the fair sex, nor that they turn a deaf ear to women's avowals of her deathless affection for them. Startling as the innovation of a proposal may be, the chances are that man will first endure, then pity and embrace. He is but human, and there are none who so admire as those that have the intelligence and good taste to admire us.

The leap year girl, however, who proposes to propose must use great tact and discretion, and above all she must study the character of the man whose hand and heart she desires to win, and she must be wary about choosing the psychological place and moment. There are times when a man is rushed, or tired, or hungry, when it is simply courting disaster to ask him anything, and when he would refuse a free passport to heaven if it were tendered him on a silver platter. In this important particular men differ from women. When a

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CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Spring Trade in Practically All Lines Now in Full Swing.

COLLECTIONS SHOW SOME IMPROVEMENT

Markets in Good Healthy Condition, with Tendency of Prices Upward on Many of the More Important Staples.

Spring trade in practically all lines is now in full swing. For several weeks a more buoyant market has been prevailing than in the past. Collections are showing some improvement. Markets are in good healthy condition, with tendency of prices upward on many of the more important staples. There has been about the usual number of price changes during the week under review, and as will be seen below, the general market situation may be said to be unusually healthy, with prospects favorable for some time to come, with several lines commanding more money.

Collections are said to be improving, which indicates that the country is showing signs of improvement. Sugar May Advance. Wholesale grocers report trade as being unusually heavy for this season of the year and considerably better than a year ago. The demand is general for all seasons and staple lines. The market is in a good healthy condition, with prices quoted higher than they were a week ago. While the market is showing no quotable change, the market on raws has advanced 1-16c, with the tendency still upward. Retailers report considerable more activity and an advance in the price of refined grades would cause no surprise.

The coffee market has been very irregular last week and fluctuated up and down from 15 to 20 points, but closed about where it was a week ago. The market is still higher in proportion than the Rio market and receipts are heavy. It is said to be not over 1000 bags. What they were last year, it seems that the bears have the upper hand at the present time, but the general impression is that as soon as they secure sufficient supplies they will be in a position to take the market in a very strong position and ruling prices are 25c higher than those in force here. There is no question in the minds of local jobbers but what this advance will be maintained, even if the new crop should come up to expectations, as the cost of labor, transportation and insurance is higher on the new crop, owing to the war in the east.

The only weak spot in the dried fruit market is in the currant market. Oregon holders have been forcing a considerable amount of inferior goods on the market at lower prices than the Rio market. The better class goods have been selling at lower prices, they have been forced to lower their quotations to meet the competition of the inferior goods. For this reason, the market is somewhat demoralized. On the other hand, jobbers say it is hard to see how prices can go any lower, as they are too low to attract buyers. They are attracting the attention of merchants in all sections of the country, with an enormous trade volume. The market on peaches has been gradually advancing until they are now selling about 1 cent higher than they were in January 1. Not only that, but stocks are so closely held that the market is very firm. Prices are confidently expected. Stocks and apricots are also extremely light and buyers are obliged to bid up prices. The market on get desirable goods. It has been a long time since peaches and apricots have been so well cleaned up as during the present season.

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