

Distressingly Happy "Horrible Examples"

Very Annoying Conduct of Society Girls Who Have Found "Love in a Cottage" While the Conventional Members of Their Own Set Continue to Flock to the Divorce Courts



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Mrs. "Len" Thomas, the American Beauty, Who Has Proved the Exception to the Rule by Living Most Happily with the Rich Man She Loved and Wed.

done the ideal thing when she captured the then richest bachelor in New York, "Bobbie" Golet, for a husband, but only recently she set forth while obtaining a divorce that her married life had been one long history of misery, insult and ill usage.

Miss Vera Gilbert, the handsome daughter of the Charles Pierrepont H. Gilberts, married Randolph Rogers Santini, a young man of excellent family but condemned to work for a living.

Miss Gilbert had been accustomed to a palace on Riverside Drive and a villa at Newport with all the luxuries that they denote. She found that she could be just as happy in a \$20 a month cottage near Paterson, N. J., of the type that is occupied by the humblest of New York commuters. Many other cases have occurred where girls of fastidious training have married poor men amid the lamentations of their friends and families and then lived happily ever afterward. As a rule little is said about the happy sequel, and it is an encouragement to romance and high idealism to point out that such things do happen.

The society girls who have married poor men are something like the "horrible examples" of the old-fashioned temperance lecturers. To make their addresses in country villages attractive and easy to understand the workers for sobriety would have two or three men in advanced stages of intoxication in the front row. Then the lecturer could say: "Look at that quivering wretch! How can he look his wife and innocent babe in the eye? How can he take up life's duties to-morrow morning?"

It frequently happened that the horrible example thus pointed out was by far the happiest looking man in the room, and intelligent observers sometimes commented on the fact, thus upsetting the earnest lecturer completely. The circumstances are of

course very different in the case of the society girls who have married poor men, but the worldly society people who point to them as horrible examples are very much in the position of the disconcerted temperance lecturers.

The simple truth is that the girls who marry the men they want to and disregard wealth and ancestry are observing the good old American rule that all men and women are created free and equal. It is the only rule that can bring much human happiness in the long run.

Mrs. Jack Geraghty, the former Julia French, is now living the simple and happy life with her husband at Woburn, Mass. They have a handsome little daughter, who has been named after Mrs. Geraghty's mother. On August 11 the Geraghtys will celebrate the third anniversary of their marriage, which convulsed Newport society more than any other event of its kind.

The people of Woburn even declare that Mrs. Geraghty is the happiest woman in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, because she is still in love with her husband, idolizes her baby and has plenty of work to do. One of the terrible things that would happen to Julia French Geraghty in the opinion of society people was having to do her own housework. After she had been waited on by an English butler and a French maid and a host of other servants, they felt sure this would be an unbearable hardship. As a matter of fact after nearly three years of this kind of hardship Julia French Geraghty still enjoys it and looks prettier than ever.

The Geraghtys have a nice little farm at Woburn and are making a good profit by selling vegetables, flowers and other small produce. Mrs. Geraghty's knowledge of needs and tastes in society has been very valuable in showing them what products to raise and how to prepare



Mrs. Elsie Whelen Golet, Whose Marriage to "Bobby" Golet, America's Richest Bachelor, Has Just Ended in the Conventional Divorce Court Smash.

them attractively for market. Thus an experience which is ordinarily barren of useful results has been turned to good purpose.

Both the young people were always fond of dogs, and they now raise French bulldogs and Irish terriers, the sale of which adds considerably to their income. Here again Mrs. Geraghty's knowledge of society tastes has been profitable.

And how does Julia French Geraghty dress? She dresses just like her sisters-in-law, just like the girls of the class into which she married. When she goes out walking with Jack she wears a dark blue serge suit and a plain felt hat. The outfit may have cost as little as \$15 or \$20.

"Ah," said society people, "how will she feel when she contrasts that plain little ready-made suit with those hundred and fifty dollar tailor-made she formerly wore? How will she feel when she looks in her glass and compares the plain ready-made hat with those her mother's expensive Fifth Avenue milliner used to make for her? Those hats of her past cost from \$85 up. The hats of her present cost from \$8.50 down."

Well, after three years of trial, Mrs. Geraghty finds that the ready-made suits and hats do not mar the happiness that a busy, normal and contented life affords.

Then society said that Mrs. Geraghty would not only miss the comforts and luxuries of her former life, but would feel dreadful because her friends and family and even her mother would have to ostracize her. Even this misfortune has not wholly come to pass. Just after the marriage the family did avoid her

when she appeared in public with the husband who had been a chauffeur and whose father had been a cabman, but most of them have thought better of it since.

It is interesting to hear that Mrs. Geraghty is now on good terms with her mother, Mrs. French, her brothers and sisters and her grandmother, Mrs. Stuyvesant Le Roy.

There's only one gloomy figure in the picture. That is Mr. Amos Tuck French, the father. He has never forgiven his daughter for eloping and marrying beneath her. It is believed a different point of view from that of his wife toward the eloping daughter was partly responsible for the divorce of the French couple. Certainly it was at the time Mrs. French began to visit her daughter again that Mr. French left his wife.

The haughty millionaire was completely crushed by the elopement. It is said that he was peculiarly horrified by the fact that his son-in-law's father had been associated with cabs. Every time a Newport cabman hailed him with the simple word "Cab!" he recoiled in horror. There was something about cabs that grated on the millionaire's nature. He stayed away from his clubs, he stayed indoors as much as he could and he avoided the main streets, all in order to keep away from cabs.

He must be pained to find that his socially distinguished sister, Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt, extends a sisterly hand of the chauffeur's bride. His friends believe that he will fly for consolation to his other sister, Lady Chylesmore, who is married to a prominent member of the British nobility.

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"HOW shocking that Julia French should have married a chauffeur!"

"It may sound very romantic, but when she faces the hard realities she will be unhappy!"

These were typical remarks with which the Newport fashionables greeted the news that the daughter of one of their set had eloped with a young man who ran an automobile for hire. Now comes the certainty that the society girl who married a respectable young working man is perfectly happy, while her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tuck French, who married strictly in their own set, have been divorced and are very unhappy. Previously, her aunt, Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt, had obtained a divorce after a marriage with a man very conspicuous in her own set, that had caused unhappiness from the very beginning.

Investigation further shows that many society girls who have married poor or hard working men have been perfectly happy, while it is scarcely necessary to say that all those who have married rich men have not been perfectly happy. Miss Elsie Whelen, the Philadelphia beauty, was considered by parents and friends to have



"Take Warning!" Cry the Society Mammas, Pointing to the Geraghty's with Their Baby, Dog and Little Farm. "But They Seem Happier Than Most of the People We Know," Answer the Debutantes.

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You Can Make Money Catching Moles

THE farmer's boy—says the Department of Agriculture in a bulletin soon to be issued—should go into the business of catching moles. There is money in it.

Moles have a very beautiful fur—soft, sleek, glossy, and somewhat resembling sealskin in texture. Quite probably, if skillfully handled, it could be made to imitate sealskin quite satisfactorily. A market for it exists, and it will be more and more in demand, at enhanced prices, as other wild fur-bearing animals are wiped out.

Every boy who knows anything of the country is acquainted with moles and their mode of tunneling under ground. When a disturbance of the surface soil indicates that one is at work, it may readily be thrown out with a spade and captured. But the easiest way to catch the animal is to set a trap in such a way as block its burrow. Mr. Mole will certainly run into it and be taken.

Moles sometimes damage lawns. Very little other mischief is properly to be attributed to them. The nibbling of plant roots and other in-

jury commonly blamed upon them should be credited to a great majority of instances to field mice and other small rodents which use mole burrows as runways.

The farmer and gardener, indeed, owe an immense debt to the mole. One of the most abundant of small mammals, it has for ages been engaged in working over the soil to the benefit of plant life. The tunneling it does, with incidental shifting of earth particles, permits better aeration of the soil and favors the entrance of water from the surface.

Moles feed largely on the white grubs which do so much damage to garden crops. They also devour earthworms, beetles, spiders, centipedes, cutworms, and various other such small game. The government experts went to the trouble of cutting open the stomachs of 200 moles, to find out what they ate, and in one they came upon the remains of 171 white grubs. This meant one meal, of course. That number of grubs can do a deal of damage to tomatoes and potatoes.

Moles kept in captivity exhibit a most voracious appetite, eating ravenously beefsteak or any kind of fresh meat. They will consume in one day their own weight in food.