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When One's in Love Ask Nothing

BY THE JESTER.

It is supposed to be a doubtful question when one gets engaged—don't necessarily mean that I am speaking from personal experience—as to whether it is wiser for either side to give too many little confessions about their past life (assuming, of course, that one or the other, or both, of them have a past). Through why it should cause such extensive heart-burnings I never can quite understand.

Were love and marriage an ordinary prosaic sort of business arrangement whereby you sat down and carefully weighed up the pros and cons, it would be another matter—quite irrespective of the fact that if you did so

not one person in a hundred and fifty would probably ever risk it. You would then want to know all about the deal you were contemplating and you would proceed to estimate the chances of your future happiness through the light of his or her past side-slips.

But it is, I believe, the custom among those who marry and give in marriage to be concerned principally with the fastness of their respective partners, cherishing a beautiful belief (where the said partners are alleged on the highest authority to have exceeded all speed limits in years past with unfailing regularity) that under their own guidance of tuition the age of miracles is not past.

And after all is said and done this seems to be the most reasonable view to take of the situation. Provided always that the promise to keep to the rails in the future is supported by a reasonable amount of probability that this will be carried into effect. I cannot see how it can possibly benefit or should be in any way obligatory on the other party to dig up little past skiddings.

Of course, this should hold good for both sides or not at all. The mischief of it usually lies in the fact that two people of the same caliber practically never unite. The type of man who could give Don Juan ninety in a hundred and a beating generally marries an innocent, trusting little 18-year-old thing (always supposing that the combination exists nowadays) who knows as much about life as a pig does of a prayer book.

Frankly, then, I don't favor the confession idea unless it be what I call general confession. By which I mean, don't either of you make out that you have been a plaster saint when you have been as torrid as the next letter to K. Nine times out of ten she won't like you any the better for it, and ninety-nine times out of a hundred she won't believe you.

But that is as far as the confession shall go. It is an awful mistake to go into individual cases. She may possibly, and maybe conversely, think that by dwelling on them you have still lingering regrets on the subject.

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"Peach-Blossoms"

By Nell Brinkley
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THERE is a space in life and the seasons when they who live only to see and understand and marvel, hear whispers of what is to be. Then they see the rosy beginning of later beauty. The tenderly colored pink and white blossom is the babyhood of the rose-and-gold peach. It is a whisper and a promise of richer form and color. Perhaps it is the taking shape for a day of the spirit of the delicious reality. The old gray rocks wait for the short hour of spring suit-bloom. And they lament its quick going. "If you were gray and hoarily like us you would last until Doomsday!" they say.

little maid's life, "if you were hoary and ugly as I am you would go on so for a good hundred years!" In the hurrying, breathless instant when spring comes and is gone almost before we have looked into her shy eyes, the girl of 14, a slim little branch of a figure, clear-eyed, flower-lipped, draws down the spray of peach-blossom and holds it 'gainst her face, and the two are one, with that beauty transparent and fairy-like that is passing even while you see it!

"If you," mourns the grim, rocky-faced man who lives but to see and marvel, as he watches the brief space of peach-blossom time in a

The grim, rocky-faced man, who sees and marvels, grumbles, "A peach is a splendor and a gift of the gods, but I would keep its flowering longer with me!"—NELL BRINKLEY.

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Household Hints

Wash a potato, wipe dry and put it in your breadpan. It will keep the bread fresh for days.

Always rinse black stockings in blue water, and they will keep a good color right on to the end.

To make ironwork proof against rust, heat it until it is almost red hot and then brush it over with linseed oil. This makes a varnish which, unlike ordinary paint or enamel, does not chip off.

To tighten cane-bottomed chairs wash the chair in a strong solution of soda and water and let it get thoroughly dry. When dry it will be found that the cane has shrunk and the seat tightened.

To make a good furniture polish scrape two ounces of beeswax into a pot or jar, add as much spirits of turpentine as will moisten the whole and the eighth part of an ounce of resin. Dissolve all this to the consistency of paste and add as much Indian red as will deepen the color to a dark mahogany. Stir all well together.

TODAY'S DAINTIEST DISH
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A New Fruit Salad
By CONSTANCE CLARKE.

Fruit salads are steadily growing in favor and nothing is more healthful or delicious than a judicious mixture of fruits with a delicate dressing.

The following recipe is new, and makes a tempting salad: Take three apples, chopped fine, the sliced pulp of one grapefruit, six canned pears, cut into small squares, three stalks of celery, half a cup of chopped wal-

nut meats. Mix well together, arrange in a pile on platter with thick mayonnaise dressing.

Dressing—Two three-fourths of a cup of thick mayonnaise, add two tablespoonsful of lemon juice, a salt-spoonful of paprika pepper, pour the dressing on the salad, using a pastry tube with plain round pipe to decorate the top.

(Tomorrow—Little Neck Clams)

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