

Woman's Section

Watch Out for The Jokes, Ye Wives

By GABBY DETAYLS.

WASNT it George Eliot who said in one of her many excellent books that a difference in sense of humor has been responsible for most of the divorces ever given?

If it were not she, then it was some other sage person, for indeed it is a sage remark.

One with any breadth of mind can overlook religious differences. A highly educated person can regard with some calmness and sympathy the man without intellectual attainments. A man who sees nothing in grand opera can even rise to the toleration of a wife who does. But let some one laugh appreciatively at something which you do not think is funny and an eternal chasm suddenly yawns between you.

Some one tells you a risqué story. The white page of his personality is forever besmirched in your mind because what seemed funny to him seems vulgar to you.

A neighbor of yours at the theatre laughs at a joke so old it has whiskers (now do you think "so old it has whiskers" is funny? Gabby does not; it offends her sense of the beautiful, but some would enjoy the remark)—as we were saying, your neighbor laughs at some poor, old, antiquated joke, such as "Why does a chicken cross the road," the answer being, (apologies for giving it) "To get on the other side," and you wonder where in heaven's name the man has been living the last half century. You are irritated, impatient.

Laughing at the misfortunes of others is a very common weakness, or humorous development if you care to so regard it. Then there is the everlasting punster, who in an effort to play on a word, "steals the stage" (as an actor would say, no matter how serious or worthy the conversation). Thus did a friend of Gabby's on a few evenings ago. "We had just turned on Taylor street," narrated one of the company in the midst of a gripping hold-up story. "We," the punster, interrupted the punster, pulling at his coat lapels. "To the man of sharp wit, a common joke, calling for no mental flash, is a commonplace, uninteresting thing. Gabby sat on the floor recently with a man who said the flash.

"You could have heard the speech from the new president of our society," he said.

Not knowing just what he had in mind, Gabby played safe by commenting: "Very fine, no doubt. One would expect a good speech from an attorney."

"We did—expect—a good speech."

Of course that ended the matter. A "follow-up" from any one would have been bungling.

An original person is always a delight. Gabby encountered such an one at a dinner recently. "Do you know Miss Blank?" asked Gabby, contemplating an introduction.

"Approximately," said the original one, thereby telling briefly what would have called for a lengthy explanation from another to the effect, "I haven't met her, but have seen her so many times that I feel as though I knew her perfectly, and she knows a very dear friend of mine," and so on.

That same day the o. o. described a woman, saying, "She is a misdeed." To Gabby that seemed adequate, and also funny.

At the state university it is an unwritten law that students shall laugh at all the "prof's" jokes. The idea seems to be that such conduct promotes the general welfare and acts as a sort of guarantee that credits will be given at the close of the semester.

And now, going back to the beginning, divorces. Husbands and wives who can laugh heartily and sincerely together are not the ones who get divorces. When you begin to frown at things your husband considers funny, and when he upbraids you for your idea of a joke, watch out, watch out, watch out. The day of darkness is upon you.

TAKEING one's self too seriously is one of the gravest errors a civilized human being can commit. It is an exaggerated form of ego.

Gabby once knew a man, a shoe clerk, a good honest fellow who took himself too seriously. Several years ago when the question of prohibition was the subject of the hour, Gabby asked this young man how he stood on it. Knowing him as one too explanatory to be interesting, imagine her surprise when he said:

"Well, really, in my position I think it would be unwise for me to commit myself."

Rather a contrast, but still too serious minded, is the butterfly girl who can make a remark like this: "I don't like, so-and-so. He is just a social climber. He is always trying to date me up for something."

"Ah hem! One is to infer then that a date with her would help the young man ascend that dangerous and wobbly ladder which affords such poor view, even when one has reached the top.

Serious-minded people are likely to be very exacting in dealing with others. They seem to have a feeling that everything depends upon their ideas, and their methods, making no allowances for the originality or individuality of the other fellow.

WE hear a new star has been discovered into which our solar systems could be dropped without taking much space. Looks as though we did not matter much after all.

Gabby thinks a splendid recipe for anyone who is burdened down with a sense of his own importance is this:

Go out into an open field on a calm clear night, and, standing in silence, look up through miles and thousands of miles at the blue heav-



Martha McAuley

Photos by Gatchell

Audrey Kilgore



Beverly Miller

Phi Beta Pi Parties

Phi Beta Pi fraternity is making elaborate social plans for the month of April. Alpha Psi chapter of University of Nebraska College of Medicine and Alpha Alpha chapter of Creighton College of Medicine are uniting in the arrangements for these affairs.

The party in which the feminine mind is more interested, or, rather, in which it is only interested, is an informal dancing party to be given at Happy Hollow club on Saturday evening, April 30.

Music, such as Nebraskans often hear, is not quite appropriate for their party in the estimate of these fraternity men, so the Green Mill orchestra is coming from Chicago to play for the affair. Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Eggers will be among the chaperones.

The committee in charge includes Charles Laughlorn, Herman Bodeimer and Lawrence Custer, from the Nebraska chapter, and Edward McCarty, Paul Duffy, Bernard Kenney and Edmund McMahon, from the Creighton chapter.

The fraternity banquet, which will be held earlier in the month, April 16, among the guests on the occasion will be Dr. Lawson G. Lowry of Iowa City, Dr. W. A. Fansler of Minneapolis, Dr. C. M. Nigro of Kansas City, Dr. C. E. Turnicoff of St. Paul and Dr. H. A. Wathers of New Orleans.

Miss Offutt Bride

Snowy Easter lilies amid the soft greenness of ferns formed a most attractive setting for the wedding of Miss Virginia Offutt and Milo Gates on Saturday evening at the First Presbyterian church. The Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks read the marriage lines. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Louise Shattuck Zabriske gave an organ number.

Miss Gertrude Stout, the bride's only attendant, wore a simple gown of sea foam green taffeta made with rounded neck and sleeveless and without a train. Beaded tulle, taffeta flowers and medallions beaded on the gown formed the only trimming. A huge arm bouquet of maiden hair ferns and lilies of the valley completed her costume.

The bride was attractively gowned in soft white satin made with draped lines, high, rounded neck and sleeveless. The skirt was medium length. The long train of white satin was lined with shirred chiffon and covered with tulle. The veil of real lace framed the bride's face in an odd effect and cascaded over the train. A bouquet of bluish pink sweet peas and orchids completed the bridal costume.

Henry Luberger acted as bestman. The ushers were George Metcalf, J. Porter Allen, Herbert Frech, Malcolm Baldrige, Robert Byrne and Louis Clarke.

The bride attended Brownell Hall

April Dance Recitals

"April showers bring May flowers." Not all showers of April are of rain, however, nor are all flowers seen of the garden variety. In Omaha, at least, April brings showers of dancing recitals and their results are a revelation of "birds" of the human variety.

The April dance recitals include one by the pupils of Miss Mary Cooper at the Brandeis, Monday evening, April 4; another, by the pupils of Miss Pleasant Holyoke, Monday evening, April 11, at the Brandeis, and a third by Miss Adelaide Fogg's young followers of Terpsichore on Saturday evening, April 30, also at the Brandeis.

The central group shown in the picture above, pupils of Miss Cooper, from left to right, are: Catherine Gallagher, Betty Hickey, Catherine Benson, Marjorie Corey, Lillian Simpson, Ruth Gordon and Mildred Juggenmos.

The Grecian figures at the extreme left and right, Martha McAuley and Audrey Kilgore, are among the fair young dancers of Miss Holyoke. Little Beverly Miller is a pupil of Miss Adelaide Fogg. She enjoys dancing, and in that she does not differ from other little girls, for dancing seems as naturally delightful to them as birds and sunshine and flowers.

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here and Rosemary Hall in Greenwich, Conn. She later was a student at Miss Spencer's school in New York—from which she was graduated in 1917. At the coronation of Mrs. Isaac Carpenter, formerly Elizabeth Reed, as Ak-Sar-Ben queen, she was a special maid. She is prominent in the activities of the Junior League and other charitable organizations.

Mr. Gates was graduated from Doane college and also attended Union Theological seminary. He served overseas during the war.

Immediately following the ceremony an informal reception for a few intimate friends of the bride and groom was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles Offutt. Mrs. Offutt was gowned in black net. Mrs. A. E. Gates of Genoa, Neb., mother of the groom, wore a gown of gray charmeuse. Mr. Gates was also here for the wedding. Another guest from out-of-town was Paul Lowden of Minneapolis.

The bride's traveling costume was a suit of dark blue with which she wore a fur neck piece and a small hat of brown and henna.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates have gone to New York City on their honeymoon trip. They will visit other eastern points during their absence, but their itinerary is not definite.

On Tuesday evening they will be joined in New York by Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Kirkendall, who were married Saturday evening in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Kirkendall was formerly Miss Mary Cooper. A dinner and theater party is planned by a number of Omaha people now east in honor of these two couples.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates will return to Omaha May 1 and will be at home at 145 North Thirty-fourth street.

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Miss Kate McHugh, honorary president of the Drama League will appear before that organization in an interpretation of "Deburan" by Sacha Guitry, at the annual meeting of the league, Monday, April 11, Fontenelle hotel, 3:30 p. m. "Deburan" has been playing in New York this season at the Belasco theatre under the direction of David Belasco.

5:30 p. m. daily and from 2 to 6 p. m. on Sundays. Monday and Saturday evenings will not be kept open as heretofore.

Death Exhibit.

The Henry Golden Death exhibit will remain until April 4, inclusive. More than 2,300 people have seen it here.

South Side Exhibit.

The exhibit of cut designs which was brought here from the Elgin, Ill., Art Department of Public Schools, is still open in the South Omaha public library, South Side, and is open daily from 2 to 5 p. m.

MODESTY in dress.

'Tis the question of the hour. Are our clothes modest or immodest? Judged by the standards of fashion of some 30 years ago, they are very well, to put it mildly, shocking. In those days a girl whose gown displayed her ankle was considered just awfully bold and daring.

Gabby has an acquaintance who is most conservative in the style of her gowns and she frets quite a bit over each one lest it be at all extreme in fashion.

Recently when having a street dress fitted she complained to the modiste that the skirt was entirely too short. The latter replied by ordering her to sit down.

Madame Fashion's disciple then gave forth her decree, "It is extremely modest. I cannot see your knees."

Ruth Anderson Engaged

Announcement was made Tuesday of the engagement of Miss Ruth Anderson to Dr. E. D. Johnson. Miss Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson, and a sister of Mrs. C. W. Southwell. She has been attending the University of Nebraska where she was recently initiated into Alpha Phi sorority. Owing to the fact that her marriage will take place early in the month of June she will not return to school following the Easter holidays. Dr. Johnson was graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and is a member of Phi Rho



MISS RUTH ANDERSON
RINEHART MARRIAGE PHOTO

Fine Arts Society Brings Sinclair Lewis

The Omaha Society of Fine Arts is announcing Sinclair Lewis of New York, author of "Main Street" and other books of interest, in a lecture on "Modern Fiction, a Criticism of Life." Mr. Lewis will speak at the Fontenelle April 8, at 4 p. m. Tickets may be secured at Matthews Book store and A. Hospie company, as well as at the door of the ball room the afternoon of the lecture.

Jewelry Exhibit.

Under the auspices of the Omaha Society of Fine Arts, Mr. Frank Gardner Hale, "Dean of the Jewelers Guild," Boston, and "Master Craftsman" of the Arts and Crafts society, will give a gallery talk on Thursday, April 7, at 4 p. m., at the public library. This talk will be in connection with his jewelry exhibit which will be open to the public as well as to the members of the society. The exhibit will remain until April 15, inclusive. There are 70 pieces in this exhibit.

The exhibit will be open for one week at the library from 9 a. m. to

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GATCHELL HOME PORTRAIT

Nebraska delegates to the Association of Collegiate Alumnae convention this week included Mrs. Weeks, wife of Lt. Col. C. W. Weeks of Lincoln, and Mrs. W. R. Coates of Omaha. The marriage of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Weeks is the result of a university romance as they met while students at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, just as Lt. Commander and Mrs. Emory Stanley did. Mrs. Coates has been east for some weeks visiting a brother in Boston and friends in other places. She is expected home next week.

The annual banquet of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was held on Thursday evening; Mrs. Hoover entertained the California delegation at luncheon on Tuesday; and tonight the College Women's club gave their spring banquet with Mrs. Calvin Coolidge as the guest of honor, many of the delegates remaining over for this function, although the convention closed yesterday.

President and Mrs. Harding mean to make the best possible use of the Mayflower, the presidential yacht. The strong taste of hot weather which seemed to mean prolonged and severe weather during the summer was probably responsible for the order to place the yacht in readiness for use at any moment. It has been intimated by Mrs. Harding's many friends that their yachting parties will not be selfish ones, but that they intend to have parties for tea and parties for dinner, each accompanied by a sail down the Potomac. Their rest trips will be their week-end trips when they will go practically alone.

Mrs. Jefferis, wife of Representative A. W. Jefferis, has taken possession of her new apartment in the St. Regis. Representative Jefferis is still in their home in Omaha and will not return here until the time of the opening of congress. Representative and Mrs. Jefferis' marriage also is the result of a university romance. Theirs is the Michigan state university.

Mr. Jefferis was a foot ball player and during a game at the university he was hurt and carried into the girls' sorority house where Mrs. Jefferis, as Miss Helen Malherky of Illinois, happened to be. She ministered to him and played "first aid," and their courtship began then and there.

Important Social Affairs of Week

- Monday**
Louise Clarke, luncheon at home for Mildred Rhodes.
Carl Paulsen and Dean Weaver, dinner dance at Country club for Mildred Rhodes and Ware Hall.
Pupils of Miss Mary Cooper, dancing recital at Brandeis.
Junior League Sewing Groups meet.
- Tuesday**
Fort Crook Bridge Club, meeting at Officer's Club of post.
Gwendolen Wolfe, luncheon for Mildred Rhodes.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rhodes, dinner for Mildred Rhodes and Ware Hall.
Fortnightly Musical Club, two piano recitals given by Dorothy Morton Jobst and Adelyn Wood.
Tuesday musical club election of officers at Fontenelle.
- Wednesday**
Mrs. R. D. Neely and Mrs. D. C. Robertson, luncheon at University Club.
Wedding of Mildred Rhodes and Ware Hall.
Wedding of Miss Leta Fitzpatrick and Earl White of Pittsburgh.
- Thursday**
Junior League, monthly meeting.
Mrs. C. K. Weller and Mrs. E. H. Storie, Northside Auction bridge club.
Friday
Winter Dancing Club, dance at Harts hall.
Junior Musical Club recital at First Central Congregational Church.
Mrs. A. F. Jonas, tea for Mrs. Carl Gray.
Fort Omaha Woman's Bridge Club.
Mrs. Walter Klopp, bridge for Mrs. Sidney Smith of Hartford.
- Saturday**
Choir Concert at Auditorium under direction of Dr. R. Mills Silby.