

MATRIMONY.

Where the Blame for Unhappy Marriages Lies.

A young woman who discarded one for another left the bridegroom two weeks of marriage, deciding did not really love him—another short her honeymoon in Europe comes home alone after less than months of marriage.

There is something very shallow, trivial, very superficial in the nature of a woman who is driven to the necessity of studying her sentiments such a case, and who thinks to-day loves one man, to-morrow morning the other, and again to-morrow morning restores the first to favor, to discard him for the second the day.

There are hundreds of women who are to be loved where there is one who loves.

There are young girls who seem to prefer between two or even three suitors, merely to add zest to the wooing of the secretly favored one; but the man who is unable to fully decide between two of men has the greater attraction for her is about as well equipped for marriage as the sailing vessel without sails is equipped for sea.

cial features. The average girl of the "upper walks" of life is therefore dwarfed and stunted in her emotional qualities and absolutely ignorant of the masculine nature when she goes to the altar.

Meanwhile the man whom she selects for a husband has, as a rule, learned all he knows of feminine emotions and passions from women in other walks of life.

His father and his mother have never talked to him upon such subjects; they would consider it "highly improper."

He has read French novels and witnessed modern melodramas—and half unconsciously he has formed an idea of all womankind in accordance with these heroines of the stage and the novel.

He chooses a girl of spotless reputation for his wife, yet he treats her as if she were a Sapho, a Du Barry or a Phryne, because he has never been educated by any wise, good, sensible man or woman in this subject of vital importance, and does not know that refinement and self-control are the guardian spirits who stand by the portal of nuptial happiness, and that to frighten them away is to transform Paradise into Purgatory.

Place the formal-minded girl of undeveloped emotions and absolute ignorance of human nature in this possible Paradise with the uncontrolled man devoid of ideals and without knowledge of the intricacies of chaste femininity—what but chaos can ensue?

And who is to blame but the fathers and mothers of both bride and groom? It is a cardinal sin to bring a girl child into the world, to rear her to womanhood and accompany her to the altar, ignorant of all that marriage, does, must and should mean.

It is a cardinal sin to allow a son to reach manhood years without knowing all that pertains to good, pure, refined womanhood—all that chastity, wifehood and motherhood mean to a woman.

It is a crime to stunt a girl's emotional nature, and to allow a boy full use of all his masculine propensities, without wise counsel or guidance. And I boldly affirm it is upon the fathers and mothers of the land that nine-tenths of the blame for all the unhappy marriages of the world rests.

The bride who has been naturally, sensibly and properly educated by her mother, the groom who has been the intimate friend and confidant of his mother and of a broad-minded and refined father, will not disillusion or disgust or antagonize one another during the honeymoon, nor thereafter.

It is the ridiculous false modesty of parents and their shameful indifference to a subject which is the root of all existence that makes so many marriages failures.

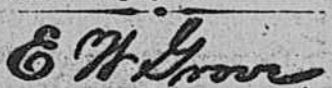
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Life in the Desert.

Travelers tell us that at first sight our great Colorado Desert, with its heated wastes of stone and sand, appears to have no life of plant or animal within its borders. It is the big, emptied bowl of a long- evaporated sea, and the soil is salt as well as scorched. Many human lives have been lost in attempting to cross its burning solitudes. As far as man can see, there is no water, no sustenance of any kind. Yet, when this terrible land of drought and dust storm is examined more closely, we find desert plants growing and thriving, and desert animals in plenty. The cactus, the grease wood, the mesquite, the sage, the prickly pear, hold their own bravely, and mule deer and jack rabbit, panther and wild-cat, antelope, coyote, rattlesnake, lizard, horned toad, vulture, quail, dove, and many other living creatures, manage very well in their desert surroundings.

For one thing, it sharpens their wits and improves their powers. There is no species in the desert that does not surpass in cleverness its relatives in more favored surrounding. Nothing can live in the hard conditions of this story, burning Sahara of a place without keeping all its faculties alert and on the stretch. The plant must learn to economize and store up moisture, or do without it at times altogether; the animal must be able to hunt interminably over exhausting distances. Consequently, the desert life is one of the most interesting studies possible, so Dr. van Dyke tells us in his wonderful volume on The Desert. Everything is educated, armed, prepared, for a hard and busy life. The lesson of the desert, after all, is not one of barrenness, but of endurance and growth in spite of all possible adverse circumstances.

Take the plants. They have two dangers—lack of moisture and the browsing of animals. They meet the first by rigid economy. A learned professor has demonstrated that the cactus, for instance, understands geometry, at least so far as using the geometrical form of growth that gives the largest bulk of tissue for the smallest amount of evaporating surface. The grease wood indulges in leaves, but they are small, and covered with a bright, sticky varnish that makes evaporation of moisture almost impossible. No desert tree or bush or plant has large leaves; it knows better. The roots are often far larger than the plant, and are reservoirs of moisture. Cut a twig, and it is bone dry, apparently; cut a root, and it is always moist. These underground reservoirs will hold water from a rain for months, giving it out little by little to the growth above. The cacti also store water in the base and middle of their thick stems, and so do the prickly pears. It must learn defensive tactics, or be rooted up and chewed to pieces very soon.

So everything that grows in the desert is armed thick with thorn and spine, sharp and merciless. Only dire necessity can force any living creature to eat sage, and grease wood is beyond even that. Further still, the majority of the plants distill poisons for their protection. The juice of one is fatally astringent, of another, nauseating, of a third, maddening. The animals are forced, then, to live largely on each other. Everything in the desert hunts and is hunted in turn, and remarkably clever hide-and-seek they all play, too. Many of them appear to live practically without water; yet some moisture they must get, at intervals, from sources unobserved by man. The wild-oat goes for weeks with no other means of slaking thirst than the blood of birds or lizards. Where the lizard gets moisture is a problem again. Yet every one of them—wild-oat, coyote, lizard, rabbit—keeps up the strenuous life day in and day out, never relaxing the tension, since to do so would be to starve in short order.

The creatures that are not armed are either swifter than their foes, or unfit to get by reason of poison or unpleasant flavor. The horned toad is spiny and hideous, and is so exactly the color of rock and sand, when he chooses, that the unfastidious creatures that are willing to eat him cannot see him a yard's distance. The jack rabbit and the antelope can outrun a coyote and panther and the squirrel is swifter than the wild-cat. Yet, in the end, the prey is caught somehow, for they all live, one upon the other, generation after generation and grow cleverer in the continual struggle with circumstances.

All the while, every now and then, up in the air, the rain, that might make the desert into a garden, falls—but seldom reaches the ground. The air is always dry, and the raindrop that has to fall through eight thousand feet of it before reaching the earth never "gets there." It is evaporated, and carried up to its parent cloud again. What a difference it would make to each battling plant, each striving creature, below on the hot sands, if the rain reached the desert often—and yet, how much weaker, slower, duller, each would be, after all! What makes us do our best friends as best; and do the desert befriends its creatures, through all its denial and deprivations, better than the swamp or the jungle.—Barbara Griffiths in Forward.

Meaning of Love in the Home.

There is something in manhood, whether of high or low degree, that rarely puts its tale of love it misses into words; but, if we could get at the hidden hearts of average men, we should see that the want of love and cheer at home sends them even more frequently than their love of drink to the saloon round the corner. It may be a man's own failure to get on in life that has kept the overcrowded home to small and poor for comfort; it may be that overwork and overcare have robbed the wife of charm and left her so depleted of love that she has scarcely enough for the children; nevertheless, many a working man knows that he is valued for the weekly wages he brings rather than for the tender care he feels for the wife and children dependent upon him for support. How natural it is to grow silent, then morose, then hopeless, and then more or less indifferent. When the finer life is defrauded the coarser asserts itself and "home culture" is a failure so far as it touches the head of the home.—Mary Lowe Dickinson.

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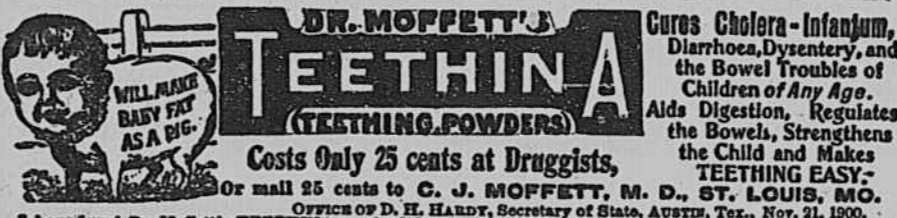
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