

**A Serious Question.**

Marion Harland:—I would very much have your opinion on this question. Are the gainers or losers by marrying later than their mothers and grandmothers? Men to twenty, by a generation past, and women to thirty. Now it is considered the proper age. Now it is common to see many attractive women twenty-five or thirty. We know it is a waste of opportunities to change for lack of opportunities to change. It must be from choice. It does not refer to the student or the girl, but to many in society. Will all you can on this subject and

Your friend and admirer,

E. M.

Most superficial middle-aged observer of the classes of American women cannot see what intelligent physiologists find in the physique of this generation above that which preceded it. The women are taller, deeper-chested, and stronger in every way than their grandmothers were at the same age. The change in the bodily estate of our women is even more marked. Mothers and daughters attend the same social functions, belong to the same literary clubs, attend the same lectures, study the same books. If there be any advantage, it is on the side of the maturer mind and soberer judgment. Women of fifty travel around the world, play golf and ride bicycles, and are as fresh and as energetic as the best of the younger generation. The saying of the ancients that "a woman is no older than she looks" is no longer a graceful formality, but a blessed possibility of which many women daily avail themselves. It is a fact that the record of the family in your case, a gratuitous impertinence of a celebrated physician to a woman who had told him that she was born in a certain year. "I don't care to know your age, but I care to know your health." The well-kept American matron may be comfortable words to her soul. The generation are upon a rising grade. The more to learn, more time is given to learn it.

All that is undeniably true in the matter of improved sanitary conditions, a better manner of living, and the whole of the outdoor living and exercise are accountable for the better general health and increased longevity of the race—of our women—there remains a question of credit that should be given to the influences. I firmly believe the fact that men and women marry nowadays—wedded boys and girls were the prof of former generations—deserves credit. E. M. speaks of from twenty being the marriageable age of the elder days. A girl was grown to often a wife at sixteen, at thirty of a dozen children. It was not for her to bury half of them before she was in her own coffin at forty-five, or to outlive her own woman.

Under the sensible regime of the sane, because more enlightened, and instructors, our girl has time to develop into real womanhood, entering upon the grave responsibilities of married life. The physiologists tell us that a woman is perfect physically under twenty—she is sound and healthy she is in the very prime of her youth. If she has the health and vigor as one of the choicest treasures she may hold that prime for forty-five. The chief argument by our ancestors in support of the now term "child marriages" was that the wedding young had a fairer living to see their children grown who married later in life. What the argument had is vitiated by the fact that what was hinted at just now was the longevity of this generation of forerunners. She who marries at twenty lives in a green old age to eighty and lives to see her great-grandchildren become a wife at eighteen and live to age at sixty-five.

It is a space to dwell upon the weightier the law in respect to the intellectual fitness of the woman above child to enter the most sacred, the duty yet the most awful of human life—willingly—by reason of the extended space—my views upon the girls gainers or losers by marrying later than their mothers and grandmothers.

In every way—but—paraphrasing the dictum—chiefly because of the committed destinies of the girls and the high mission to stone the blunders and imperfections in the Harland in Philadelphia North

**A Dooley Anthology.**

There are signs in the literary world of what might be called an anthology of Mr. Dooley. Already this month's Critic has a collection of his casual observations, of which about every one in three make up the following:—

To most people a savage nation is won that doesn't wear uncomfortable clothes.

Manny people'd rather be kilt at Newport than at Bunker Hill.

If ye live enough before thirty ye won't care to live at all after fifty.

As Shakespeare says, be thrue to ye'erself an' ye will not thin be false to ivery man.

Play actors, orators an' women ar-re a class be thimsilves.

Among men, Hinnessy, wet eye manes dhry heart.

A fanatic is a man that does what he thinks th' Lord wud do if He knew th' facts iv th' case.

What China needs is a Chinese exclusion act.

A vote on th' tallysheet is worth two in the box.

An autocrat's a ruler that does what th' people wants an' takes th' blame f'r it. A constitutional executive, Hinnessy, is a ruler that does as he pleases an' blames th' people.

Thrust ivrybody—but cut th' ca-ards.

A woman's sinse iv humor is in her husband's name.

If ye dhrink before seven ye'll cry before eleven.

A man that'd expict to thrain lobsters to fly in a year is called a loonytic, but a man that thinks men can be tur-nerd into angels by an illiction is called a rayformer an' remains at large.

Dhressmakers' bills sinds women into lith-rachoor an' men into an early decline.

A bur-rd unher a bonnet is worth two on th' crown.

Miditation is a gift con-fined to unknown philosophers an' cows. Others don't begin to think till they begin to write.

I don't see why anny man who believes in medicine wud shy at th' faith cure.

Miracles are laughed at be a nation that r-reads thirty millyon newspapers a day an' supports Wall street.

I'd like to 've been ar-round in th' times historical novelists writes about—but I wud-dn't like to be in th' life insurance business.

I wondher why porthrait painters look down on phrenologists.

Di-plomacy is a continyual game iv duck on th' rock—with France th' duck.

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**New Methods in Paper Making.**

When we reflect that it takes the wood from seventeen acres of land to furnish paper for one issue of one of the leading New York dailies, and when we consider that the price of white paper is going up gradually, the announcement that other methods of paper-making are being discovered will be welcomed. One of great interest to the south is the discovery of chemicals that will extract the fibers from cotton hulls useful now only for cattle feed. The discoverer of this method is a gentleman who has long conducted a pulp paper mill in Florida. He sold out his plant when he found that his idea was a good one, and he has invested his money in machinery and is proceeding to make pulp out of the cotton hulls. While cheap enough, it is claimed that this paper is of such a high grade as to be best suited for the higher grades of writing paper, but as it costs only half as much as newspaper pulp it may come into general use. This will be of advantage to the cotton planter, as it must surely increase the value of his product. It means, too, that these pulp machines must come south at the base of supplies of the raw material. By and by there will be nothing wasted from the cotton patch but the song of the Negro as he works in the field.

Another method of making paper has been discovered also in Florida. It is a process by which pulp can be made from the palmetto. The Palmetto state can furnish palmettos enough to make paper for many a year to come.

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**Strong words by a New York Specialist.**—After years of testing and comparison I have no hesitation in saying that Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is the quickest, safest, and surest known to medical science. I use it in my own practice. It relieves the most acute forms of heart ailment inside of thirty minutes and never fails.—35  
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**A DAUGHTER'S DANGER.**

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**The Three Sieves.**

"Oh, mamma," said Blanche Philpott, "I heard such a tale about Edith Howard. I did not think she could be so bad. One—

"My dear," interrupted Mrs. Philpott, "before you go on, will you see if your story will pass through the three sieves?"

"Three sieves! What do you mean by three sieves?" inquired Blanche; for she knew by her mother's manner that there was some check intended.

"I will explain, Blanche. The first sieve is, 'Is it true?'"

"I suppose so," said the girl; "I got it from Miss White, and she is a good friend of Edith."

"And does she show her friendship by telling tales of her? Though you cannot prove it is true, the second sieve is 'Is it kind?'"

"I did not mean to be unkind mamma," said the girl, "but I'm afraid I was. I should not like to have Edith speak of me as I have spoken of her. But what is the third sieve?"

"The third sieve is, 'Is it necessary?'"

"No, mamma, of course it is not. But I think that is a good idea, mamma—three sieves for a story: 'Is it true?' 'Is it kind?' 'Is it necessary?' I suppose you mean that if a story cannot pass those three sieves it should be thrown out?"

"You have the idea, Blanche. Only stories that have gone through three sieves should be told about people."

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