

DO MEN LIKE FLIRTS? THEY CRITICISE THEM, BUT WED

THEM JUST THE SAME.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox Tells Why the Retiring Girl Remains in Seclusion While Her Vivacious Sister Marries Happily-The "Go" That Attracts,

Were you to ask any man the question, "Do you like flirts ?" he would reply in a scornful negative ; and he would in all probability add some emphatic remarks to the negative. He would tell you that "a flirty girl" was his abhorrence ; that she lowered the standard of her sex, and he felt genuine regret whenever he encountered one of them ; and that any man who was rash enough to be inveigled into marriage by a flirt ought to receive our mingled pity and contempt.

I venture to say that ten men out of every ten you might consult on this point would give you this sort of a reply in case you asked the question seriously and demanded a serious response.

And yet-and yet-how are we to explain the fact that the flirts almost invariably marry. and quite frequently marry better than do their modest and retiring sisters ?

We have but to look about us to prove this statement. Select your own immediate circle of young lady friends-those whom you have known during the last ten years-and you will find, I think, that few, if any, of the flirtishly inclined girls remained single, while several of their prudent and well-behaved and more industrious sisters are still clinging, ungathered,

on the parental branch. Not many years ago I heard a father caution his two lovely and accomplished daugh. ters against an intimacy with two of their girl friends. "Those girls are becoming so flirtish and gay," he said, "that I am sure your good names will suffer if you are seen much in their company. Men are quick to comment upon and misinterpret such frivolous actions as I see those girls indulge in, and I do not want you to suffer from an unwise intimacy, I have no doubt they are innocent girls now, but they will soon lose the reputation of innocence if they are not

and modes: ghi to me recency. " the mou treat you with respect, but they pay all their attention to and finally marry the girls who flirt with them." I could not deny the truth of her state.

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ments, yet I felt sorry to admit it. But no modest and discreet girl need envy the happiness of a flirt. If she marries a man she loves every in

discreet act and every familiar attention she has received from other men during her firting days will be like drops of gall in her cup of sweets. And if she does not love the man she marries surely she is not to be envied, for she is very likely to continue her flirtations after marriage.

The best advice I can give to the modest and good girls is to cultivate "go." Extremely discreet and domestic girls, who never feel any inclination to kick over the traces of conventionality, are worthy and excellent members of society, but they seldom possess much "go." This quality needs to be born in a person, like most other qualities, if we would achieve great results, yet it can be cultivated.

Shake yourself up, overcome your selfconsciousness, your indolence and your fears of public comment! Try to be animated. try to be ambitious, tactful, amusing, and thoughtful of others.

Don't get into conventional ruts and act like every other girl vou know. Dare to be yourself-for everyone has an individuality peculiarly her own. But in your efforts to be attractive don't attempt to be flirtish when it is not your nature to be so, because you see men make love to flirts even while despising them. If you do you will surely bring ridicule and disgrace upon yourself and bring no man's regard.

It is not the flirting which draws the men-it is the element 1 have referred to which, when misdirected, frequently causes a girl to flirt, that attracts them, even in spite of their prejudices.

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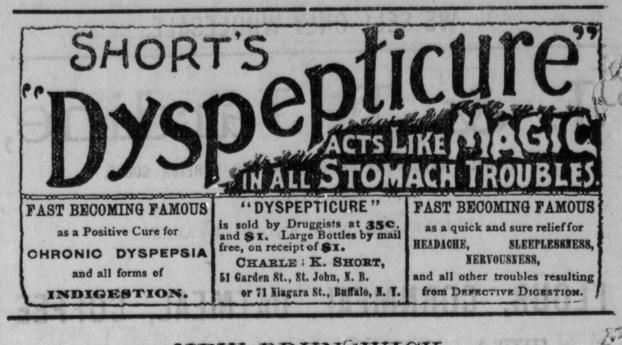
A man would prefer a girl who possessed "go" and who did not become a flirt. If you, devoid of this element, degenerate into a flirt, you will be like some literary aspirants who emulate the voices of Balzac and Swinburne without possessing any of their genius.

Avoid flirting, my dear girls, but cultivate "go!"-ELLA WHEELER WILCOX, in Chicago Herald.

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more prudent.

The daughters of the gentleman listened to his counsel and ceased to visit the young ladies who had been accused of being flirts -and not without cause ; and vet, I regret to relate, the two flirts are to-day wives of men who adore them, and who are the most tender and devoted husbands, while the two prudent daughters of the discreet gentleman have remained at home unwooed and unwon.

Innumerable cases of a similar kind have come under my immediate observation.

I always feel exasperated with men when I see them choosing such girls for wives, while the prudent and discreet ones are passed by; exasperated not because of their choice so much as because of their praise for the type they neglect and their censure for the type they select. It is a curious problem.

I have tried to solve it and render the conduct of men consistent with their everrepeated assertions of aversion to the very girls they seem most ready to marry. It seems to me that I have arrived at the

explanation of the problem. Men themselves do not know why they are attracted to and won by these girls, despite their better judgment ; but I think I can explain the matter to them. Stronger and deeper than man's cultivated and acquired taste for the domestic virtues of civilized life is his inborn admiration for what they usually term "go" in

woman. I think I have seen more men's eyes sparkle when they described a woman as full of "go" than I have ever seen from any other cause.

A man will be very calm and matter-offact when he tells you how very beautiful some woman is; he will be phlegmatic and prosaic when he tells you of some "highly accomplished and charming woman" he knows. Not a ripple will disturb the repose of his face when he speaks of some good, domestic, virtuous girls of his acquaintance; but when he says, "By Jove ! she's full of

light and appreciation.

PERSONAL MENTION. Miss Fanny Grierson is visiting friends 1892 in Amherst. Miss Corinne Venner, of Campbellton, is town, the guest of her sister Mrs. Wheten.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Miner, who have been visiting friends in Kent for some time, returned to Amherst on Monday. Miss Annie Black returned to St. Martins on Monday.

Mrs. Weeks and her son, Austin, is visiting relatives in Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. James Haines returned to Moncton Monday.

Miss Jane Lamkie, of Boston, is in town the guest of Mrs. Joseph Michaud. Mr. Joseph McNeil, the pilot of the government steamer Fishway, is in town. Mr. Joseph Grogan registered at the New Kent Hotel last week.

Mr. Joseph Mazerolle, A. & R. Loggies' foreman, is in town to pack blueberries. Miss Bessie Leggat, of St. John, is in town visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Alex. Leggat. Miss Dykeman is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John T. Bell.

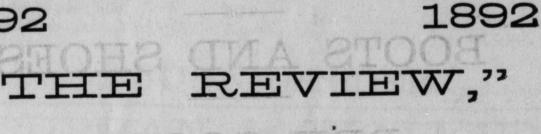
Miss Jane McKinnon has arrived home from Waltham, Mass.

Mrs. Brown and Miss Maggie Fraser are

in town from Chelsea, Mass. James Wallace, of Hartford, Connecticut, is visiting his native home, Kouchibouguac.

Mr. Fred. Black, dentist, left for Virginia on Monday. He was accompanied by his brother Odber K. who expects to

S. Allen, of Richibucto, who has spent nearly four years in Chili as a teaching missionary has been compelled to leave will soon result in complete recovery.



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