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Pros and Cons of Marriage.

Writing in the *Quiver*, the author of
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says: I quite believe in marrying for
gold and working for silver; but there
should be a seasonable chance of getting
work to do, for it is nothing less than
criminal folly to marry on nothing a week,
and that uncertain—very! On the other
hand, there is some truth in the saying
that what will keep one will keep two.
Show me one couple unhappily married on ac-
count of their limited circumstances, and
I will show you ten who are wretched from
other circumstances. There are bachelors
who are so ultra-prudent, and who hold
such absurd opinions as to the expense of
matrimony, that, although they have
enough money, they have not enough
courage to enter the state. Pitt used to
say that he could not afford to marry,
yet his butcher's bill was so enormous
that some one has calculated it as affording
his servants about fourteen pounds of
meat a day for each man and woman. For
the more economical regulation of his
household, if for no other reason, he
should have taken to himself a wife. Of
course a young man with a small income
cannot afford to marry if he smokes big
cigars and gives expensive drinks to every
fool who claps him on the back and calls
him "old man." He must be particular,
too, in choosing a wife, to select one who
is economical and can keep house with
the least amount of waste. Swift's say-
ing about nets and cages is well known.
He thought that one reason many mar-
riages are unhappy is because women
spend their time in making nets to catch
husbands, rather than in making cages to
keep them in when caught. True, a bird
in the hand is worth two in the bush, and
we see no reason why a girl should not do
all that is consistent with self-respect and
modesty to obtain a husband. She should

remember, however, that conquests have
to be kept as well as made, and that for a
woman to fail to make and keep her home
happy is to be a "failure" in a more real
sense than to have failed in getting a
husband. "Why don't the men propose,
mamma?" One reason is because they are
afraid that the girls of the period will
make extravagant wives. The other day
a girl was talking with a middle-aged
bachelor. The girl was of a by no means
shy disposition, so she began to "chaff"
him about his wretchedly unmarried con-
dition. "Why don't you marry? Can't
you afford to keep a wife?" "My inno-
cent young friend," was the reply, "I can
afford to support half a dozen wives; but
I can't afford to pay the milliner's bills of
one." And you mothers, think not al-
ways about getting good husbands for
your daughters, but think sometimes how
to make your daughters fit to be good
wives.

Progress of India

During the last twenty years British
India has progressed very rapidly, and
more particularly in railroad construction.
In 1853 there were in all only 20½ miles
of railway in India; that in 1873 there
were 5,695 miles of railway, while in 1887
there were 13,386 miles. Telegraphic
communication with India was first open-
ed in 1865, and the opening of the Suez
Canal in 1869 was scarcely of less impor-
tance in developing her trade. Another
agency has been the development of
irrigation works. We read that only 30-
000,000 acres have up to date, been arti-
ficially irrigated, but the appropriateness
of the qualifying adverb is rendered evi-
dent when it is employed in contrast with
the total area of 200,000,000 acres of
cultivated ground, and the vast tract of
868,314 square miles which include
British India.

A former Rugby boy, who was himself
admitted to holy orders by Archbishop
Tait, says that the candidates for priest's
orders were obliged to undergo a very
trying ordeal. Each of them was com-
pelled to preach a short extempore sermon
in the chapel to the Bishop and Dr.
Stanley, who formed the sole congrega-
tion, and who occasionally interrupted
and criticised the sermon. One day a
candidate, who was by no means a ready
speaker, overwhelmed by nervousness,
began stammering, 'I will divide my con-
gregation into two,—the converted and
the unconverted.' This was too much
for the Bishop's sense of humor. 'I
think, sir,' he exclaimed, 'that, as there
are only two of us, you had better say
which is which.'

A Queer Barometer.

It is not generally known that the ren-
dered fat of a woodchuck is as good a
barometer as any we have today. While
in the country a short time ago the writer
had occasion to travel through the lower
part of Berks. At the house of a friend
I was pressed to take an umbrella with
me. There was no sign of a storm. I
asked why he persisted in so dogged a
manner for me to accept the article.
'Why,' said he, 'look at my barometer.'
There upon the shelf stood a bottle
sealed with beeswax. It was all cloudy.
The old gentleman said he had used this
one for most twenty years, and if a storm
was brewing the barometer got cloudy
twelve hours before the rain or snow be-
gan to fall. In clear weather the oil was
always clear.—Reading (Pa.) Herald.

When coal gas came into general use for
lighting houses and streets an old woman
was told there would be no more oil used.
'Na mair oil!' she exclaimed, 'then
what's to become o' the puir whales, I
wonder?'

The Girl I Left Behind Me.

O women who can kiss and keep
Your blue-eyed lovers nigh you,
How could ye bear to kiss and weep,
And let your lads march by you?
'Tis more than twenty years ago,
But foolish tears still blind me
When'er they play, or loud or low,
"The Girl I Left Behind me.

O well we women held our tears—
Our eyes the brighter for them;
Our mouths the tenderer for our fears
That dared not tremble o'er them.
O Warriors! let victory tell
'Twas with our help you won it,
Who tossed you dainty kiss farewell,
Or waved a rude sun bonnet.

O many a hero grasped his fame
With "For their sake I dare it!"
And many a coward turned from home
Whispering, I could not bear it!"
And many a dear lad fought and fell
Where no kind hand might find him,
Dead for his flag—his last farewell
For her he left behind him.

The war is over, its fields are green;
Small, fearless birds are nesting
In cannon mouths, and flowers serene
Bloom where our dead are resting;
Only the moon beholds them rise,
Their spectral ranks reviewing,
Till gray dawn with her pale ray vies,
Their martial deeds renewing.
—Mamie S. Faden.

Turkish Invitations.

LITERARY PAROXYSMS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE-
LY ABSURD AND NAUSEATING

The Oriental imagery, so plentiful in
all the written communications of the
Eastern peoples, has been carried by the
Turks to the point where its literary
paroxysms become very absurd. One
Efendi, or dignitary, writing to another,
speaks of himself as "thy servant," "thy
miserable valet," "thy slave," and so on,
while all his references to the person ad-
dressed are to "thy highness," thy gra-
cious lordship," "thy most exalted per-
sonality," and the like.
The Turk, in addressing his equals or
superiors, never uses the plain words
"you" or "me." Instead of "I saw you
the other day at the mosque," he says:
"I observed at the mosque the dust of
your excellency's feet." There is a Turk-
ish proverb which declares the word "me"
to be always and everywhere hateful.

Here are two genuine Turkish invita-
tions to festivals:
"Noble and venerated friend: Tonight,
when the silver barque of the moon, now
fourteen days old, floats out upon the
sky's azure expanse, bestowing upon all
the world romance and tenderness, we
shall be assembled at the village of Rumili
Hissar, in the place called Hozreti-Mol-
lah, a spot full of delights; and all the
night, even to the rising of the sun, we
shall taste the pleasure of the feast. We
shall not admit a delay so great as the
thickness of a hair. May the fleetness of
sails and the strength of rowers bring
thee thou source of joy, to all thy friends!"
"Most gracious master and most ven-
erated lord: This evening, if it please
Allah, when the great king of the army
of stars, the sun of all the worlds, shall,
setting forth towards the realms of the
shadows, thrust his foot into the stirrup
of velocity, thou art besought to illumina-
te us with the bright rays of thy counte-
enance, which, indeed, arrival, like that
of the zephyr of the springtime, will, for
us, dissipate the somber night of solitude
and desolation."
And this ponderous composition is only
an invitation. "Come and dine at six."—
Youth's Companion.

A Simple Test

A story told of the eccentric Stephen
Girard is worth remembering. He once
tested the quality of a boy who applied
for a situation, by giving him a match
loaded at both ends and ordering him to
light it. He struck the match, and after
it had burned half its length, threw it
away. Girard dismissed him because he
did not save the other end for future use.
The boy's failure to notice that the match
was a double-ended one was natural
enough, considering how matches are
generally made; but haste and heedless-
ness (a habit of careless observation) are
responsible for a greater part of the waste
of property in the world.

The Barber's Mistake.

It is noticed that many New York and
Brooklyn barbers fleck superfluous lather
from the face, while shaving, with the
back or blunt top of the razor. This
habit was thrust upon a patron the other
day, and he stoutly objected. He said
that even barbers are but human and
liable to mistakes, and that he remem-
bered a painful scene in the west, where
the barber, thinking he had the blunt top
turned to a customer's face, essayed to
fleck the soapsuds from the face and
actually used the glittering edge and
made a gash that the unfortunate one
will see until the coffin lid closes over him.
—New York Sun.

You never find me hiding my light
under a bushel," remarked Mr. Mc-
Swilligen, in the course of a discussion
with his wife. "You don't need to,"
was the somewhat acid reply; "a quart
measure is quite large enough."—Pitts-
burgh Chronicle.
"Dear me," said the little Boston boy,
after intellectual suasion had failed, and
they had spanked him for the first time;
"if I had had the slightest suspicion that
the resultant sensation was so poignant I
should never have invited the experi-
ment."—Puck.

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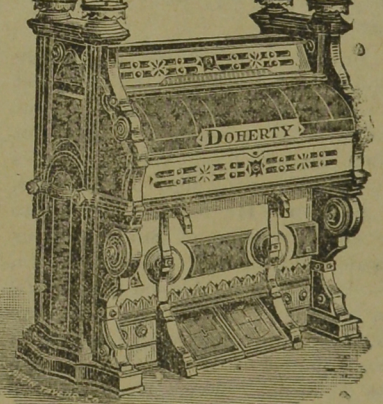
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