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**Ex-Husbands Will Try
To Codify Wisdom**

(New York Sun)

Life for married women will no longer be the grand sweet song that it has been heretofore if the "Association Under the Skin," a society of men recently incorporated, is able to obtain universal endorsement of its rules.

The rules attracted much comment at the time of the association's incorporation recently. It was thought possible, however, that the incorporation of the association was merely a practical joke. But today Edward Bonns of 422 East Eighty-fourth street president of the association, assured a representative of The Sun that the rules represent the combined wisdom of the members of the association on the subject of wedded bliss.

Mr. Bonns admitted that this commodity wedded bliss is an extremely rare bird, difficult to capture and almost impossible to retain. Mr. Bonns, who is in the insurance business, is separated from his wife, after experimenting with married life for about a year. Hugh J. Connelly of the same address, who has a stevedore, shipping and hauling business with offices in the Knickerbocker building, and who is the secretary of the new organization, is also separated from his wife after an equally long trial of married existence. William R. Ferguson, a travelling salesman, of 33 West Seventy-first street, who is vice-president of the society, is also separated from his wife.

Officers Easily Qualified

"We were selected as officers of the club because we were separated from our wives," said Mr. Bonns.

The other members elected Mr. Bonns, Mr. Connelly and Mr. Ferguson as officers because they considered that they were ideally situated to put the rules of the club into practice without causing any trouble. Married men in the club who are still living with their wives preferred to leave the pioneer work to others.

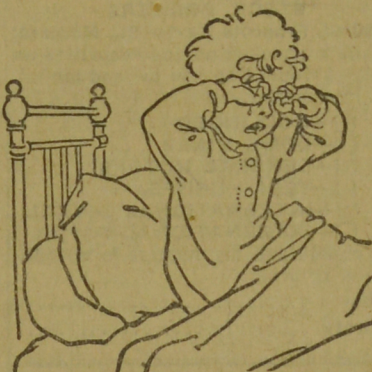
The first rule of the new association aims to "establish the home and operate the household primarily as a masculine institution."

When asked what he considered the right way to conduct a household under this rule, Mr. Bonns waved the red rag to amalgamated wifehood by asserting that a household ought to be run as his mother used to conduct her household.

"Meals should be ready when a fellow gets home from his business," said Mr. Bonns, "and when he happens to come in late they ought to be kept hot for him."

Mr. Bonns was adamant on the subject of delicatessen meals which the rules of the association as incorporated provide shall not be delivered into the home.

"As it is," explained the president

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of the association, "the wives hurry home from the movies and just get into the house a jump ahead of their husbands when they come from business. Then they make the excuse that they've been over at mother's or have a headache when anything is said about the food not being 'home cooked.'"

Gave Long Thought to Rules

The president said that the rules were compiled by the members before incorporation, at nightly sessions at a Third avenue restaurant, where a group of old friends had been accustomed to gather every evening. Different members brought in different grievances. Their wrongs grew until a long and onerous program had been worked out for recalcitrant wives.

A rule to prevent any purchases by the wife, either for cash or credit, without previous consultation with the husband was insisted upon, Mr. Bonns said, by a husband whose wife was continually "dragging in stuff from the instalment houses."

Rules to prevent any references, however justified, to husbands' past faults and to establish the right of a husband to absent himself from home a specified number of evenings each week and to return at any reasonable hour—he to be the sole arbiter of what is "reasonable", Mr. Bonns explained, had been made necessary by his own experiences and that of other members of the club.

"Such expressions as 'you were drunk last week' are very annoying," asserted the president.

"To develop cave man methods for the discipline of jealous and nagging wives," also one of the rules, does not mean that the members are to be so clubby as to attract the attention of the police, according to Mr. Bonns.

Lament for Good Old Days

"In the old days the cave men used to hit women over the head with clubs," he recalled, smiling pleasantly.

"But that's all gone by," he admitted. "What we mean by cave man stuff is to 'treat 'em rough, to be persistent, not let 'em have their own way all the time."

"To establish the exclusive right of the husband to determine the brevity of the wife's hair and the length of her skirt is a rule about which the members are unyielding."

"About the skirts—one of the fellows in the club has a short wife and what does she do but come home in one of these new trailing skirts. Short wives oughtn't to be permitted to wear these skirts that reach to the pavement."

"Women nowadays are so vain they are ashamed to do their own housework and often the husbands have to take a broom and brush things up when they come home at night," said Mr. Bonns, rather bitterly. "The women are afraid of spoiling their hands they want to be dressed up and running around all the time. I don't mean they ought to drudge. They can have electric washers and vacuum cleaners and if they're afraid their hands will get rough why not put on rubber gloves?"

Fat and Magnetism Considered

"A woman ought to look attractive always, but she doesn't have to wear silks and satins to look well," he continued.

"In my opinion a wife never looks better than when she's wearing a nice bungalow apron."

"Another thing about women is they let themselves get stout—then they lose their magnetism," continued Mr. Bonns.

"And how about the men? Do they lose their attraction when they get stout?" asked The Sun reporter.

The president of the Association of Brothers Under the Skin hesitated only an instant.

Then with a modest glance over his own slightly rounding person he remarked stoutly:

"No, it's different with a man. A man can be attractive even if he does get fat."

INTERESTING HAMMER TALE.

A little old lady had spent many hours during the last summer watching the men at work on a public building near by.

One day a friend dropped in for a chat and was wondering if the building was being built by contract or day work. The bright-eyed little woman quickly replied.

"Some of it is one way and some of it is the other. The hammers told me that."

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