

expresses her contempt of girls who do not wait for, or go boldly forth seeking a husband, in a bright article in *Demorest's Monthly*, from which is quoted the following:

"My mother says I've got to get married" said a pretty girl in my hearing the other day. "She declares she won't have an old maid in the family."

The remark was made in sober earnest, and bore not even the outward semblance of a joke. And whereas the fair speaker is neither engaged nor has any immediate prospect of such a state of affairs, and whereas, moreover, she did not blush for herself, I blushed for her,—"blushed" that in these days of "higher education," "woman's sphere," and all the other emancipations of women, a young woman of fair intelligence should openly declare herself a husband-hunter, with a pretty face and witty tricks of speech her sole stock-in-trade. I was, and am daily more so, ashamed of her.

Her father is a physician with a practice chiefly among poor or non-paying patients. There are four children younger than she, but she will not, and neither will her parents let her, go to work at any honest and self-supporting business, for fear that she will, as they express it, "spoil her market."

No parent can fail to hope her daughter will marry the man of her choice and "live happy ever after"; that is the natural, fore-ordained lot of woman. But in the course of human events, many girls are disappointed in this prospect, if, indeed, they ever choose it. For many girls, in these modern days of busy employment for everybody, build up a plan of life which includes no future lover whatever. It is better so. Be assured, if God intends you to love and be loved, no matter how closely you may shut your heart, or how carefully you guard it with the sentinel of pre-occupation, the "king of your heart" will seek you out and force an entrance; and if there is to be no king, you had better be fortified against usurpers.

How much more admirable is the character, by contrast, of the "girl bachelors" of today! There are no more "old maids"—not in the city at least. Women as they grow more independent are not so much "claiming" their rights, as "taking" them; and among these is the right to earn their own living. No self-respecting woman of twenty-five or thirty, full of hope and ambition and desire to do something for her day and generation, is content to sit calmly down nowadays and eat the bread of dependence, with nothing to fill her heart and mind but the petty round of social life that falls to her share, or not, as the case may be.

Plenty of girls whose fathers have good even large incomes are today working for their livings. They have tasted the sweets of independence, and, better, still, know the blessedness of having an object in life. Such girls do not spread their nets to catch the unwary husband; on the contrary, they care very little whether he comes or not, and they are quite as apt to find or be found by the right man at last as their sisters who are ever ready to smile upon "Coclebs" in search of a wife; and they will be rewarded, if they marry at all, by a marriage with ten times more real love and sweetness and earnestness in it.

The "girl bachelors" of the cities are numerous enough to form a distinct class by themselves. Many of them live with parents or friends, paying their board or contributing to the general expenses of the household. Some have learned, however, to combine and form households by themselves.

Dakota's Crop Failure

The *New York Tribune's* correspondent at Ellendale, N. D., sends the following, dated September 15: Although at this date less than one-third of the grain hereabout has been threshed, yet it has become clearly apparent that the worst fears of the farmers as to the out-come of this year's venture will be fully realized. Sample fields of what was recognized as the best wheat in this county have produced only eight bushels per acre, and these are unfortunately but few in number, the general run of the yield being from two and a half to five bushels, with a very considerable proportion at or below the Lyver figure. And, as was expected, the grade is as unsatisfactory as the yield, the greater part of the wheat being so shrunken as to be rated "No 3 northern" and "rejected," where always heretofore "No 1 hard" has been the prevailing grade.

In those counties adjoining on the east, south and west the threshing returns are no better than here in Dickey, but to the north the showing is slightly better, though not to shorten to any appreciable extent the elongated visages of the unhappy farmers. The entire crop of this county will probably not exceed 450,000 bushels, where a fairly good season would have produced 1,500,000, and in no other county adjoining will there be a greater amount than here. With such a condition of affairs, it is no consolation to the bankrupt thousands in this section to catch the echo of rejoicing from the fortunate counties along the Red river.

Another drop of this morning added to the general cup of bitterness by a terrific storm, which it is feared has done considerable damage to the unthreshed stacks of headed wheat. Six weeks ago the same storm would have been looked upon as a godsend, and would have been worth an immense amount of money.

Now that the extent of the crop failure in the James river valley has been ascertained with tolerable exactness, it has become the order of the day to devise ways and means for living through another hard winter, and make preparations for conducting future operations. Quite a number of people have already left their mortgaged farms and mortgaged stock in search of some locality where they can obtain a living as the price of their labor. Others are preparing to go as soon as they can settle with their creditors, and thus find out whether they have anything to take with them; but the majority will stay—either because they have no means of getting away, or because they are loth to leave their improvements, or because they still believe that a country so easy of cultivation and with so rich a soil must have a prosperous future before it. But of those who will remain many are in such straitened circumstances that it is difficult to see how they will be able to live through the winter without help. Ordinarily their neighbors would aid them, but this year there are very few so situated that they will be able to lend much assistance in the way of charity. However, that is a matter that will have to be met and practically disposed of later on. Meanwhile some are talking of doubling up two or three families in one house to effect a saving of fuel and other living expenses.

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