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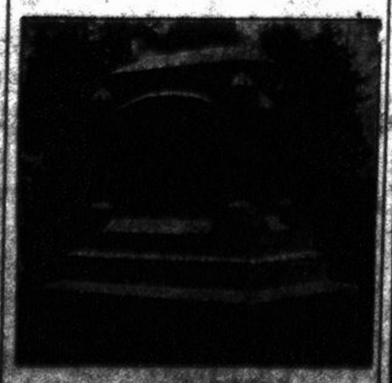

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After awhile, perhaps, no foreign power which sends a diplomatic representative to the court of Uncle Sam, at Washington, will dream of accrediting an ambassador to the United States unless he has the felicity and distinction of being the husband of an American woman. It used to be thought that diplomatists were trained exclusively in the school of statecraft and experience. Now, it seems, another qualification is required and an additional course of study prescribed, says the Baltimore Sun. When the British government was looking around for a successor to the late Lord Pauncefote its choice fell on a gentleman who, in addition to many accomplishments, had an American wife. There is a possibility that he would not have been chosen if he had not previously entered into a matrimonial alliance with a fair daughter of the new world. Again, when Kaiser Wilhelm recalled Dr. von Holleben he chose from among the many talented men in the German diplomatic service a lucky gentleman who had espoused an American maiden. Finally, when a change was made in the French embassy at Washington, M. Jean Jules Jusserand was selected as the ambassador of the Gallic republic. M. Jusserand is an author of eminence, a diplomat of distinction, but would ambassadorial lightning have struck him if he were not one of the parties to a Franco-American matrimonial alliance?

Must Have American Wives.

If the statisticians are to be believed February is one of Cupid's busy months. The others—if we may paraphrase Mark Twain—are January, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December. But February, in one respect at least, leads them all. It is the month of proposals. The same statisticians mentioned above tell us that June is the month of weddings. They say, also, that the average interval between the first gurgling kiss of true love and the march to the altar is four calendar months. Thus, if June, is the month of weddings, February is the month of proposals. Since the early fall, says the Baltimore Herald, Romeo and Juliet—sometimes their names are Mike and Maggie, but we shall call them Romeo and Juliet—have been holding hands. Romeo has been adding dollars to the parental gas bill, and has wasted his own substance on theater tickets and flowers. Since December 1 or thereabouts he has been trying to hold Juliet's hand. In February he summons up courage and advances to the waist encircling grasp of passionate adoration. In June an honest and hard-working clergyman will profit to the extent of five dollars, and old Dan Cupid will begin work on his next year's victims.

Cupid and the Shortest Month.

The recent breakdown of many of the society leaders at Washington, including Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Knox, makes it apparent that the machinery for carrying on the social functions at the national capital should be greatly strengthened and perhaps entirely remodeled. The custom of making calls had to undergo a complete change, owing to the physical inability of Washington residents during the season to make calls, and it was found that a coach and footman driven furiously all afternoon could deliver 800 cards, which answered the purpose just as well. Something similar will have to be invented for dinners, luncheons, teas and receptions. Instead of really giving a dinner, suggests the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the hostess can send around a box lunch and a bottle of wine, with half a dozen roses. This ought to do just as well, and get the eternal whirl of society into a better regulated system, while it permitted society women to have a few minutes to spare with the dressmaker. There ought to be more going through the motions and not so much lobster salad and staying up late.

The Social Grind.

This amusing excuse was given by the editor of an Indian vernacular paper, which was printed with two columns left blank on the most important page: "We had reserved this space for an exceptionally powerful article on a subject of universal interest to our readers, but at the last moment we find the article cannot be compressed into the two columns reserved for it. The article will make its appearance next week."

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The desire to get money with some people is so great that in their zeal they forget to be strictly honest. The greatest desideratum of life seems to get money, and how you get it is not so important, apparently, just so you get it. It is no wonder, then, that there are clever traps set to catch the unsuspecting, who in their mad rush for wealth do not always look where they are going. Swindlers thrive because the swindled do not like publicity, and therefore refrain from prosecution. As a rule, the man who wants to take a short cut to wealth by means of gambling is not deserving of much sympathy if he loses. Still, says the Chicago Sun, there are many innocent victims entrapped by enticing bait who should have the protection of the law. Several of the "get-rich-quick" concerns of New York, Chicago and St. Louis have come to grief, but not until they had fleeced a good many who figured that they were playing a sure thing. Propositions put forth by gamblers are sure to be for the gamblers' interests.

Why Swindlers Thrive.

A scientist says that "if the earth was flattened the sea would be two miles deep over the whole world." And an Oklahoma editor gives out the following: "If any man is caught flattening out the earth, shoot him on the spot, and don't be too blamed particular what spot. There's a whole blamed lot of us in Oklahoma that can't swim."

A bill has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature prohibiting persons with weak hearts or contagious diseases from kissing. Faint hearts are not supposed to make much progress with fair ladies.

That the American family is becoming a back number and that American women prefer pets to children is declared by Dr. George F. Shrady, editor of the Medical Record. Dr. Shrady became famous as Gen. U. S. Grant's personal physician, and his observations have been made in a large measure among the "smart" set" in New York. He recently wrote an article for the Medical Record, in which he printed statistics showing how families are decreasing. Taking these official figures as the basis of his argument, Dr. Shrady goes on to declare that the birth rate in the United States, especially among the well to do, is rapidly getting as low as it is in France, where general alarm has been caused for the future of the country. Life in flats and the demands of society are given as the principal causes why the American-born woman dislikes to raise a family. In discussing the subject, Dr. Shrady said: "The fashionable woman of to-day does not want children. If she bears them she does not rear them properly, and they become sickly and die. That this aversion to children is rapidly spreading through all classes of society is generally recognized by the medical profession. It is true among the well-to-do everywhere, in the country as well as in cities. We are following rapidly in the path of France, where the subject has occupied the attention of statesmen and lawmakers for years, and prizes are offered by the government for large families. In this country, however, our Anglo-Saxon prudery will always stand in the way of any general campaign on this subject. Physicians can do something in the way of educating their own patients, but their efforts in the aggregate amount to but little. The demands of society and the life of our people in flats, where the baby is more unwelcome than a dog, are among the factors responsible for this state of affairs, and I see no hope for the future."

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