Should Betrothals Be Advertised?

By LAURA JEAN LIBBEY.

Ask me no more—thy fate and mine are sealed.
I strove against the stream, and all in vain.
Let the great river take me to the main!
No more dear love, for at a touch I yield;
Ask me no more.

We have all heard of censoring beaux, but here's another trial that expectant lovers may soon face—that of having their betrothal registered. A statesman, anxious to win fame, has actually set forth the idea which he hopes to establish as a law. It would checkmate the backsliding beau, who has begun to weary of his sweetheart; nip off those bug-a-boo breach of promise cases, where the swain avers he didn't and the maid he did. It would be a benefit to the timid bachelor who, like a moth, hovers about the fascinating widow, trying to make up his mind whether it is wisest and best to woo and wed or take unto himself that old timely advice: "Beware of widows." The enterprising widow in such a case would have to await his decision, no matter how impatient she might be to grasp time and the man by the forelock.

Of course, advertising a betrothal has its advantages. Then, again, there's another side of the question which bears weight against it. If a modest girl has become betrothed to a fickle lover and he deserted her, how distressed she would feel to explain how it came about to her gloating five hundred friends. Again, many such girls may actually become betrothed half a dozen times before they decide they have come across the right man. There are any amount of kin people who would "have the laugh on them" for catching so many beaux, yet not getting one of them to the altar.

There are timid men as well as timid women. Many a man would not propose marriage if he was under the necessity of having his intention to wed made public. He may not care to have his associates find this out. If he has old loves in the background, what an opportunity for them to step forward and make trouble for him, baffling at one fell swoop his excellent resolve to turn over a new leaf, to settle down and marry. So there you are. When it comes to it, a man who has the desire to marry after finding the right girl will not need the law to force him to carry out his love vows. As for the fickle fellow, whose admiration flickers out, isn't it best for the girl to be rid of him without the world knowing all about it? It would be the height of foolishness for the maiden to resort to the law and bind herself for all time to such a human bubble. It seems that such a law would be productive of as much harm as good. Delinquent lovers should not be spurred on. Lost interest in a man's heart is seldom or never regained. Where there's no interest, how can there be love? Betrothals are sacred and should concern only the two whose happiness is at stake. It is said that youth is ever confiding. We can almost forgive its disinclination to follow the counsel of age. It rejects suspicion. Young men entering betrothals generally mean what they say.

EPIGRHYMES:

"IDEALS never get you nothin'," so my neighbors say; "Ideals won't grow you a crop ner stack your summer's hay!" They laugh at me because I got a sneakin' sort o' plan to make the farm-work fun fer even Bill, my hired man; they say I'm foolish 'cause I got a garden fer the wife, and 'cause I think that flowers mean as much as cash, in life. But I gets lots o' consolation readin' Titcomb's words; his thoughts ARE sometimes sorta like THE soarin' o' the birds that pluck this WORLD'S spring freshness from the farms of me an' you an' seem to fly up Thar where them ideal things come true. We all are slaves to MASTERS—to ambitions, low or high; George Washington—he had 'em; an' I like to feel that I can take them same ideals with my musket, into War—perhaps, some day, all men will see that Place where them birds soar!

Robert Russell.

"Ideals are world's masters."

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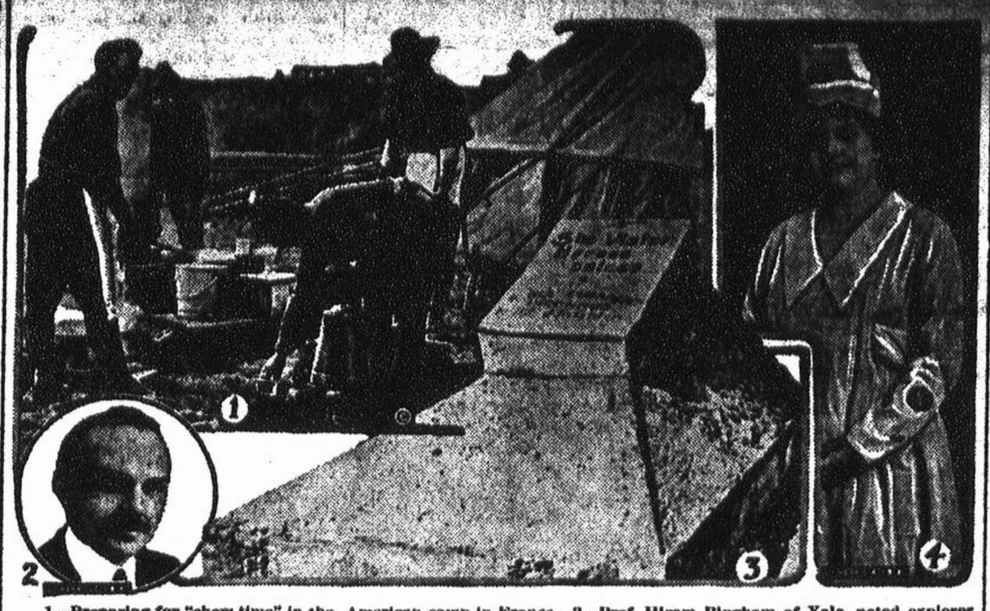


1—Preparing for "chow time" in the American camp in France. 2—Prof. Hiram Bingham of Yale, noted explorer and educator, who heads the division of military aeronautics school of the aviation section, signal corps. 3—A monument erected at Verdun to the unknown heroes of the One Hundred and Twelfth French infantry, who fought so bravely there. 4—Mrs. Thomas W. Gregory, wife of the attorney general, in the costume of the food administration.

MINOR LEAGUE PILOT HAS NO EASY JOB, SAYS DONLIN

Must Be Able to Play Every Role From That of President to Third Assistant Groundkeeper.

A managerial berth in the minor leagues is no sinecure. Take Mike Donlin's word for it.

Mike contends that in order to be a first-class minor league pilot one must have the patience of Job, the hypnotic powers of Herb Flint, and the mental and physical ability to play every role from president of the club to third assistant groundkeeper.

As Donlin has tried his hand at managing a minor league club, he ought to know something about it. He was appointed manager of the Memphis club of the Southern association last winter, and he announced at the time that he had high hopes of making good. But last winter Mike didn't know anything about the managerial game in the bushes.

He served as manager of Memphis until about May 15, when he was handed his release. He says that his troubles began when the club lost something like fifteen games by one run. Then the umpires commenced to make life miserable for Mike, who is a hard loser, and finally he was blamed for everything that went wrong.

But Mike's case is only one incident. Dozens of minor league managers have experienced the same troubles that befell Donlin, and dozens of future managers in the minors will experience them.

The minor league manager has a hundred and one burdens on his shoulders. He generally has to deal with a group of stockholders, and he has to please them individually and collectively. He must turn out a winner or stand for a continual panning from stockholders and fans. He must go out and scout for his own players, for the miners do not hire ivory hunters to assist the manager. He must do at least 60 per cent of the thinking for his ball club on the field, and if the club loses a hard game through bonehead work the manager gets the blame, whether he is at fault or not.

Mike Donlin.

Just as soon as a minor league manager gets a good club together along comes some big league club and he sees his winning combination broken up through sales or the draft. He must go out and dig up players to fill the shoes of those who are taken away, and if he fails to find talent as good as he has lost they say he is slipping.

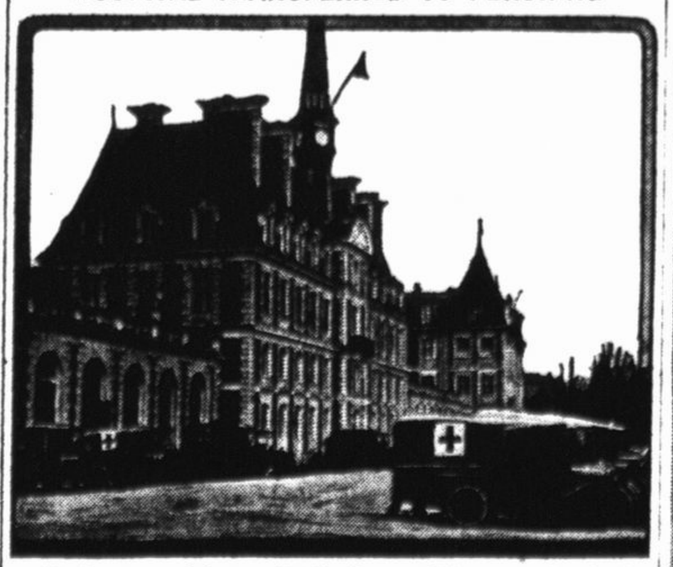
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN PARIS

Independence day ceremonies in the Invalides at Paris, when the flag of the Americans who have fought in the Foreign Legion of France was handed to General Niox to be placed in the chapel. Left to right are General Niox, Admiral Lacaze, General Pershing, President Poincare and Ambassador Sharp. At the right an American soldier is seen talking with a wounded poilu.

FARMER TO CONSUMER MARKET AT QUINCY

Quincy, Mass., is the first municipality in that state to tackle the food problem with a practical farmer to consumer market, opened in the historic Adams academy grounds. Housewives must come to the market to buy their supplies and nothing will be delivered. Each farmer will pay a rental of 20 cents on Wednesday and 30 cents on Saturday for his space. "Carry your own basket" is now the slogan of the citizens of Quincy.

HOSPITAL TRANSFERRED TO PERSHING



The American ambulance at Neuilly, France, which was transferred a few days ago to the American army as represented by General Pershing.

KERENSKY TO SOLDIERS

Premier Kerensky addressing the Russian soldiers, whom he is so desperately striving to recall to their duty to Russia and civilization. Kerensky who has been given dictatorial powers, hurried to the front in Galicia to try to check the rout of Korniloff's army.

To Teach Russian Language.

The Russian language is being taught at the University of Wisconsin for the first time. The course was established in answer to a demand for knowledge of the Russian tongue because of the relations between the United States and that country.

He Ought to Know.

"Here's a substance which breaks down when exposed to light," remarked the chemist.

"That might be the stuff reputations are made of," observed the politician.

Facts and Figures.

Brazil has $277,801,650 worth of paper money in circulation.

Netherlands in 1916 imported 840,000 sacks of flour of 50 pounds each.

Amsterdam last year sent $8,634,974 worth of tobacco to the United States.

Amsterdam yards have ship construction contracts aggregating $40,000,000.

Bank of the Netherlands holds $235,974,000 in gold, five times the amount held before the war.

United States corporations in the last fiscal year paid $170,037,040 in income taxes. Individuals paid $109,528,588.

Ireland in 1916 sent out 7,366 emigrants, of whom 1,786 were males.

Mosquito Can Be Destroyed Only By Eliminating Its Hiding Places, Says Expert

That the people of every community should unite against a common enemy—the mosquito—is the opinion of George A. Dean, Professor of entomology in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

By doing away with breeding places, such as tin cans, broken crockery, and various receptacles that hold water, by the drainage of bodies of water likely to contain immature mosquitoes, by application of oil to bodies of water that cannot be drained, or the introduction of fish in pools that cannot either be drained or oiled, millions of mosquitoes may be destroyed, according to Professor Dean.

Water is necessary for the life of the mosquito. The eggs which are laid on the surface of the water by the adult mosquito, hatch in from 24 hours to several days, depending on the temperature. The larvae issue from the lower end of the egg and wriggle about in the water.

The larvae of the house mosquito rest with the tip of the abdomen at the surface of the water and the head hanging downward. The larvae of the malaria fever mosquito lie parallel with the surface of the water to obtain air. In from one week to ten days they change to another form—the pupae—which have two respiratory tubes on the thorax. These pupae float in the water and transform to the adult in from five to six days. The adult winters in the dormant condition.

The germ causing malaria fever has been carefully and repeatedly traced through its life history and it has with certainty been found to pass a part of its existence in man and part in the body of the mosquito. By the bite of the mosquito, the malarial fever organism is transmitted to man. No practical methods have been devised to destroy adult mosquitoes—all successful methods so far have been to check their number by either doing away with hiding places or by destroying the young mosquitoes.

Just for Fun.

"The Gadder girls have decided to take up settlement work."

"That's good. It's encouraging to see society buds with a serious turn of thought."

"Um, yes. But they seem to think it's going to be a lark."

Argentina yields a normal wheat crop of 192,000,000 bushels.

When Might Made Right.

A clergyman while passing through one of the by-streets of Edinburgh came upon a rough-looking and gigantic coal man, who was "persuading" his horse to move along more expeditiously. The horse had taken a stubborn fit, and the coal man was very excited, and couching his sentiments in language which was simply appalling, says London Tit-Bits.

The clergyman was a little man, but rash, for he rebuked the coal man in a manner that left absolutely nothing to be desired.

"I cannot understand," he said, in winding up his expostulation, "what you mean by using such harrowing expressions."

This rebuke was lost upon the coal man.

"My wee man," he replied, at the same time patting the clergyman on the shoulder with a very dirty hand, "neither could I understand it—when I was your size."

Needless to say, there was no rejoinder, and the clergyman passed on.

Family Discipline.

Did you get on well with your titled son-in-law?"

"First rate," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I read him the daily news regularly. I've got him now where he's apologizing for not having been born under a republican form of government."

A Proposal.

Sydney—I'd like you to go to church with me some time this month.

Maxine—Certainly. I'd be delighted.

Sydney—Good! But can you have your trousseau made in time?

Red Cross Dog Heroes.

The Belgian dogs, on account of their ability to detect and capture criminals, and the great St. Bernards, which were famous for their rescues of travelers lost in the Alpine snows, were considered the greatest heroes of the canine world until the present war introduced the Red Cross dogs, whose deeds of valor in front-line trenches have saved the lives of thousands of sorely wounded.—From the National Geographic Magazine.

Quick, Diogenes, This Way.

Cynic—Funny guy, this man Blinkers.

Al—How's that?

Cynic—Didn't meet the prettiest girl in the world during vacation.

A Time-Saver.

"You seem to agree with everything a man says to you."

"Yes. I learned that trick a long while ago. It saves a lot of time."

Daily Optimistic Thought.

Private life is not only more pleasant but more happy than any princely state.

He Knew That.

He was a hard-working school teacher and had just told the class that wool comes off the sheep, and is made into blankets, clothing, etc. He proceeded to question little Willie, who had been rather inattentive during the lesson.

"Now, Willie," said the teacher, "where does wool come from?"

"Off the sheep's back, sir."

"And then?" inquired the teacher. Willie could not answer.

"What are these made from?" asked the teacher, touching Willie's trousers with the cane.

"Uncle John's old ones."

His Small Share.

"In spite of numerous admonitions to do so, I did not give to the Red Cross 'till it hurt,'" confessed the Old Codger. "I saw our boys drilling with wooden guns, and I picked out one gangling, lop-eared country lad, and watched him day by day. He'd hep, hep, hep, this way and that, not wholly understanding what was wanted of him, and not much of what it all meant, but doing his durnedest to make good, and getting straighter and more soldierly every day.

"I thinks to myself that that lop-eared boy was doing that for me, a broken-down old skate, who couldn't do it for himself; doing it that I might dodder along to the end in safety and comfort. And I says to myself that all I can do for him is to enlist my old wallet, so that when he charges into the jaws of hell, my few dollars may be there to help mend him. And so I didn't give till it hurt, but gave because it felt good to give, and because it hurt not to."—Kansas City Star.

The Secretary Bird.

The secretary bird gets its name from the tufts of feathers which grow on either side of its head and look exactly like a bunch of pens stuck behind a clerk's ear. This bird has long legs and large wings, with which it can ascend to a great height. It builds a strong nest in a tree, and lives in it year after year, subsisting on small animals and tiny snakes.

SCRAPS.

The highest spire in the world is that of Ulm Cathedral, which is 530 feet in height. It was completed in 1890.

Canada has the largest forest in the world. It is in the Labrador and Hudson Bay district, and is, roughly, 1,000 by 1,700 miles.

Thousands of gulls have worked all winter for the health department of Green Bay, Wis., disposing of the waste from fisheries at the rate of a wagon-load in three minutes.

The automobile industry dates back to 1885.

The gatling gun has been in use since 1862.

The largest sugar refinery in the world is located at Chalmette, on the Mississippi river, near New Orleans.

A new toy vehicle is driven by a standing rider applying his weight first to one lever and then to another.

In India men wear combs in their hair much more than women do. A Singalese gentleman wears what we know as the circular comb and a very ornamental back comb of tortoise shell to gather his curly locks together.

The Northmen settled in Iceland in the year 874.

Before the war there were three British factories working for the land service; today there are 95.

A native tree of South America, the cannonball tree, bears round, woody fruit which closely resembles baseballs.

The word "Jewry" occurs several times in the Apochrypha and New Testament, but only once in the Old Testament (Daniel 5:13). The same word is elsewhere rendered Judah and Judea.

Do not burn weeds and grass if opportunity presents for turning such material into the soil. Nitrogen, that most precious of all fertilizing elements, is entirely lost in burning, and the ashes of any substance are of little food value compared with the same organic matter decomposed in the soil.

The largest known deposits of molybdenum ore in the world are reported to have been discovered in southern Peru.

The British rifle is the outcome of the South African war. It holds 10 cartridges and is sighted from 200 to 2,000 yards.

HALLER'S REAL ESTATE BARGAINS

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FOR RENT.

6-room house, city water and sewer, large lot ..... [illegible]
5-room cottage, large lot ..... [illegible]
6-room house, modern ..... [illegible]
8-room house, modern ..... [illegible]
8-room house, modern ..... [illegible]

Cut down the high cost of living. Rent, 70 acres of land near village, possession at once. 1 acre, good [illegible] acres in village limits [illegible] terms.

2 acres well fenced, 6-room house, best of condition, chicken house, [illegible] lage limits. Price $[illegible].

8½ acres with 6-room house, large barn, extra large chicken house, all kinds of fruit, deep well, gas, about [illegible] to station. Price $4,[illegible].

1½ acres 6-room house, garage, [illegible] chicken house, fruit trees, about [illegible] from village limits, a bargain for $[illegible].

If you are interested in acreage, let me know as I have at present [illegible] acre tracts for sale. Price range [illegible] $250 to $600 an acre. All situated in village limits.

A real bargain in a 5-room house, [illegible] on house, some fruit trees, [illegible] 50x132, about 1½ blocks from village limits. Only $800. Make offer.

6-room house, hot water heat, [illegible] laundry, 2 50-ft. lots, chicken house, [illegible] A bargain for $2,000. Make offer.

6-room house, all modern, lot [illegible] best of location, owner is anxious to sell at once, reasonable terms. Make offer.

New 6-room house with cement basement, laundry, furnace heat, hard oil floors hardwood, extra large front porch, also sleeping porch, large shade trees, extra large lot, 65x175. A bargain for [illegible] easy terms; better have me show you this property.

If you are looking for a good lot for [illegible] let me hear from you.

4-room cottage with stone foundation, cement basement, electric light, [illegible] gas, also small barn. This property is in good condition and is a bargain for [illegible]

6-room house, with steam heat, cement basement, bath, with two city lots [illegible] on paved street best neighborhood. Price $3,500.

If you are looking for a cheap lot on south side let me hear from you.

7-room house, hardwood floors downstairs, water, gas and bath, large lot, fruit trees chicken house. Price $[illegible].

5-room new bungalow, modern, on paved street, easy terms. Price, $[illegible].

5-room bungalow, water and gas, about 4 blocks from station. Price $[illegible].

50-ft. lot east front, good location, on paved street. Price $[illegible].

6-room new stucco house on paved street, cement basement, furnace heat, laundry, large living room, book cases, buffy, oak trim, bath, sleeping porch, near station, good neighborhood. A bargain at $4,[illegible]. Terms.

6-room house, hot water heat, all modern, best part of north side. $[illegible].

Don't forget to have your house or household furniture insured against loss by fire, the cost is so small. Phone [illegible]

50x142, east front lot, [illegible] village limits, good neighborhood, only $250.

7-room house, cement basement, furnace heat, laundry, bath, [illegible] electric light, large lot. Price $[illegible].

6-room house on Maple ave., cement basement, furnace heat, bath, lot 50x132. Price, $2,800.

7-room house on large lot, hot water heat, in good repair, all modern, best of neighborhood, only two blocks from station. Price, $3,700.

6-room house, steam heat, cement basement, bath, A1 condition, lot 50x132. This property is only several years old. Price, $4,000.

5-room bungalow, new all modern, good location, east front, lot 50x132. Price $[illegible].

5-room house, water and gas, chicken house, some fruit, near station. Price, easy terms; price $1,300.

7-room house, steam heat, bath, hardwood floors downstairs, lot 65x132. Price $2,000, terms.

FARMS.

120 acres, fair buildings, about [illegible] miles from Downers Grove. Price per acre, $[illegible].

158 acres on main stone road. Price $[illegible] per acre. Make offer.

If you are looking for an 80-acre farm I have them from $135 to $325 per acre.

50-foot lot just out of village limits, gas, water, electric light. A bargain for $250.

5 acres at edge of town, near school, in reach of electric light, gas and water. Ask me about the price.

30 acres, part timber, on main stone road, about 1½ miles from depot, $[illegible] per acre.

If you don't find the property you are looking for in this list call up [illegible] have a number of others that might interest you.

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