

### FOR A GIRL WHO FEARS SHE IS NOT WISELY ENGAGED.

A girl writes in, saying she is afraid she is not wisely engaged, as lately she has had to think hard what a fine man her lover is whenever she sees his ugly teeth and long, knotty neck.

If any girl whatever has to think hard about anything so to keep in love with a man she had better say good-by to him as quick as possible. This ugly tooth and knotty neck may sound funny, but it is a very serious thing looked at rightly.

If any woman has to think hard and whip enthusiasm up before marriage, what she will have to do afterwards to keep herself to the proper notch is what I would like to know.

For true love needs no hard thinking, no coaxing or driving, or effort whatever. Rather does it need reins and a brake to retard its progress, and even then it walks off with any of them.

teeth can make you dislike him, be sure of it that there is something wrong with your feeling toward him.

Because love and marriage is not to be successfully built upon any such insecure foundation. Marriage sooner or later, knocks all the shine and nonsense off the feeling; this is a sad fact, and true love is the only thing on earth that could stand the wear and tear of it.

There is no money nor price nor threat; no friendship nor coercion that could induce two people to put up with this thing called marriage; to be bound together through thick and thin, storm and shine, for year after year—why, it would be nothing less than bondage and slavery! You would not care if he died; but true love goes through it all triumphantly, and mourns that the years of its earthly pilgrimage might not be doubled.

Life and age, sickness, work and worry—here are the things which are going to take away beauty and grace and all physical charm. Aye, even will they destroy the facile brain and lively wit; and when these are gone where shall love be if it is love of them that is all?

But true love loves on and on—it can not help itself, for this is the love of soul for soul or the unconscious, and not to be resisted cleaving of personality to personality, if the word soul be objected to; and this uniting neither time nor space, to say nothing of lesser obstacles, shall have the slightest power to destroy.

Yet such love is not the common thing called love; many are cheated for all time, giving their best for a counterfeit. Others walk alone in all their way, rather than accept an inferior thing; but, when found, it makes the short time space, which is our life, quite worth living and all too short.—Louise Satterthwaite, in Phil-

### AN AGED VEGETARIAN.

English papers record the death of a Mr. Samuel Saunders in March last. Mr. Saunders, who was in his 94th year, had never spent a shilling for intoxicating liquors, and had never smoked. He had been a vegetarian since 1840, and it was his proud boast that he had never made a bet, played a game for money, or uttered an oath. He became a member of the Peace Society in his eighteenth year, and since then he never fired off a gun except to kill rats. Speaking at a vegetarian congress a year or two ago, he said: "I have never had a head-

ache, or any other ache; I have always enjoyed every meal, and always slept soundly at night. My life has been full of interest and a very happy one."

### THE STANDING ARMY.

The one institution of European nations which causes the American to rejoice in the fact that he is an American is the standing army. Soldiers, soldiers, soldiers. How great is the waste of manly strength. Those who are best fitted to be producers are consumers. If the armies were disbanded the mother would cease to be such a drudge. As we saw the representatives of the nations at the Hague Peace Conference, we wished devoutly that such might be the result of their deliberations. In Italy about every other man seems to be a soldier, a gendarme or a priest. No wonder the other man wishes to come to America that he may

shall ever become famous for its power as an ever-ready fighting machine. It costs too much in money and men to keep the machine forever at the fighting point.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL VACCINATION.

Unless the legislature interposes, there will be no further vaccination as a condition of school attendance in Chicago, and even an act of the legislature would be of doubtful constitutionality. The Supreme Court of Illinois has just decided that there is no authority for excluding unvaccinated children from the public schools. The matter rested upon the question of the right, asserted by the local board of health, to coerce the school authorities, whom it threatened with penal process. Those parents who have carried the question to the highest court of the state are to be congratulated upon their victory and should be thanked for their action. To exclude from school, temporarily, children who have been exposed to small pox, would be a reasonable act of precaution which the school board might wisely exercise; but to exclude permanently children who have not been exposed to small pox, because their parents refuse to allow another loathsome disease to be injected into their systems, is not to be tolerated, even if conscientious doctors do want it and vaccine farms do profit by it.—The Public.

### GRANDMA'S VERDICT.

"The world has never been so sweet, No, never before!" she said;  
"The willows never so yellow,  
The maples never so red!"  
But we just laughed and said to her,  
"Why, grandma, every spring

You have said the self same thing!"  
"La, well-a-lay, perhaps I have,  
I'm forgetful, old and gray;  
Maybe I have said so before;  
I say it again to-day.  
"When the maples lose their fire,  
When the willows turn to buff,  
And the skies are only common place,  
I have lived here long enough.  
"When the springtime is no marvel,  
And the summer-time but heat,  
When I can see but merchandise  
In a field of waving wheat;  
"When the green of distant meadows  
Means nothing to me but hay,  
I'll close my eyes for good and all,  
For I shall have had my day."  
—Anna J. Grannis in The Public.

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