

Edelbert Versus Merry Milly (S.S.)

As you know in preceding issues we dealt with a lovely young chick named Merry Milly. And you will remember that Merry Milly lamented that there was no eligible bachelor to be found on the reserve. And you will recollect that as a result of her lamentations she found herself literally overwhelmed by all sorts of iron workers, office boys, and con artists. As a result of these unfortunate experiences, Merry Milly promised herself to have nothing further to do with men. For as she told herself "I am a woman, I am beautiful, I am intelligent and I am considerate of other people, furthermore, I have a job, I have money and I have freedom to travel." And she asked herself: "Who needs men? who wants men?" After all she reasoned: "If I want to get beat up by a drunk every Friday night all I have to do is go to the Prince Eddie and if I need athlete's foot all I have to do is go to the Turkish steam bath in Hamilton." Poor Merry Milly, she had just adjusted herself to twenty-six and one-half blissful years of spinsterhood when over the horizon appeared Edelbert.

Edelbert was just the right age - twenty-two years of age on the button - with a gut full of spinach, corn soup and ground hog meat. Edelbert had just the right looks - a lipful of smile, a toothful of snap and an eyeful of kindness. In fact Edelbert was such a nice guy that poor Merry Milly could hardly resist the urge to draw him into her big motherly arms and not let him go. And as for our young here, well it was all he could do to prevent himself from hitting her over the head with a lacrosse stick and carrying her off to the nearest Justice of the Peace.

One day when they were destroying hamburgers at a nearby Black Cow Carry In, Edelbert dropped his bomb: "Merry Milly," he said, "I must either marry you or blow my brains out," and he added, "you will be happy to know that I have decided on the first method as being the best way to end my life." Naturally Merry Milly's first, last and in between reaction to this outburst was rage. "Why you good-for-nothing, low minded, snake bellied varmint, you're just the same as all the rest of them." And with these tender expressions of her love for him, she jumped out of the car and called a taxi to take her home.

Edelbert however was not to be outdone. He had made up his mind that Merry Milly was the best girl in the world for him and he was pickled fish if he was going to settle for second best. He accordingly therefore the very next day went to see his love - having first taken the precaution of putting a board under his shirt lest she attempt to stab him in the entrails with a knitting needle. Meanwhile Merry Milly had repented of her unladylike language of the previous day and decided to treat the whole incident like a lady should. When Edelbert appeared therefore, she handed him a long list of questions and said to him - "If you can pass this test with a 100% - (and I know you can't get more than 5%) - then I'll marry you." And with this tender greeting she slammed the door in his face. Undaunted by such a strange request, Edelbert decided to take the test. Here are the questions and the answers that Edelbert wrote to them:

<u>Questions</u>	<u>Answers</u>
1. What is 2 and 2?	22
2. Why don't many young men go to church?	Because they are afraid of what people will say.
3. Why do parents send their kids to school?	Because it's easier than leaving them at home.
4. Why do men get drunk?	Because they think it's unmanly to cry.
5. Why do women wear narrow shoes?	Because oxford shoes don't make good corn soup corn.
6. Why is the council like a dog's tail?	Because it would rather follow than lead.
7. When is Arthur Laing going to put the development of people ahead of the development of capital?	At the next election.
8. When are ministers of religion going to start treating people like adults.?	When people start treating ministers like people.
9. When are parents going to have a say in the education of their children?	When are parents going to have a say in the education of the teachers.
10. Why should you marry me?	Because I need somebody to take care of me.
11. Why should I marry you?	Because you need somebody to tell you if your nylons are on crooked.

After Edelbert had finished the answers to these questions, he slipped this examination under the door for her to mark. Yes folks it's true. Edelbert and Merry Milly got married. Did they live happily ever after? Friend, if you still ask questions like that you're either not dry behind the ears or else there's a little man in a white coat just waiting to see you.