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**A Discussion of the Very Important
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Finances—It is a Fatal Mistake to
Begin Married Life by Assuming
the Entire Financial Control.**

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MY DEAR JOHN—Your inquiry
reminds me of old Tommy
Tucker, who lives around
the corner and who used to
be a member of my favorite club. You
remember him—the fussy little man
who always wears a high hat and a
sack coat and walks with a strut that
makes me think of a turkey gobbler of
which I was the proud possessor in
my boyhood days. Tommy is a gay
old boy, very fond of the fair sex in
general, and the rights of women used
to be one of his favorite topics for dis-
cussion at the club. He would talk
for hours about the poor downtrodden
wives who are little better than the
slaves of their husbands, who must
grovel on their knees for actual neces-
sities and who seldom have a dollar of



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their own from one year's end to an
other. Tommy's righteous indignation
was something fair to see. "Give your
wives an allowance, boys," he would
say. "Let 'em have money of their
own to spend. My wife has had an
allowance ever since our marriage, and
I tell you it pays." Well, after awhile
we were astonished to hear one day
that Tommy's wife had sued him for
divorce on the ground of nonmain-
tenance, and in the proceedings which
followed it developed that his much
boasted allowance was the sum of \$1
a week, out of which Mrs. Tucker was
required to clothe herself. He doesn't
belong to our club now, but his ches-
is as obtrusive and his tile sets at the
same angle as of yore.

A Very Important Question.
This question of an allowance is a
pretty serious one, and the disposition
of the woman in the case takes large
ly into its consideration. Some women
never get beyond childhood mentally
and prefer to be treated like children
all their lives. They know nothing
about their husbands' incomes and care-
less if they keep them liberally sup-
plied with the luxuries their childish
natures demand. With such women
there is only one course practicable
and that is the ancient and time hon-
ored one which is based on the theory
that all women are irresponsible be-
ings and are to be considered property
of a higher sort, to be fed and clothed
and perhaps regarded with a degree of
affection, but not to be treated as men-
tal equals or to be given any active
part in domestic administration except
as upper servants. The great trouble
is that there are so many wives who
are treated in this manner who do not
deserve to be. The human dolls are, in
fact, a mighty small minority of wo-
mankind. The supposed limitations of
the sex have been fixed in the mascu-
line mind by the customs and prej-
udices of centuries, and it is pretty hard
to change its attitude, but the change
is being made and made more rapidly
in this country than in any other. We
have learned that the average woman
has just about as much sense as the
average man, and, given the same
training and same conditions, she can
accomplish equally much. There al-
ways seems to be a subtle difference
in their mental equipment which en-
ables a woman to reach an instant con-
clusion by means of something we call
intuition, while man arrives at the
same point after a laborious pro-
cess of reasoning, but whether this
difference is actually physiological or a
curious result of ages of mental
repression we are unable to say. But
to be fed and clothed. I am wandering
from the main issue. And that reminds
me of a preacher who used to ride a
circuit down in southern Illinois and
who always preached from the same
text. "I like to start from a point
with which I am familiar," he would
say when asked for an explanation.
"but you notice that I never go
over the same road, and one text is as
good as another if you lose sight of it
as soon as you get started, as I and
most other preachers do."



Who must grovel on their knees for actual necessities.

Your Actual Partner.
All I have said thus far is beside the
mark so far as you are concerned, for
your wife is no child. As a matter of
fact, really childish women are com-
paratively few in number. The fault in
a great majority of cases where they
are treated as such is the husbands',
who can't or won't see the wrong they
are doing themselves and their wives
by such treatment. It has always
seemed to me that the proper view of
the marriage relation is one of actual
partnership. There should be, so far

as practicable, an equal division of
labor, an equal division of responsibil-
ities and an equal division of financial
returns. The woman's labors and re-
sponsibilities should be within the
home; the man's, for the greater part,
outside of it. Success in her realm is
of as much, if not more, importance
to both than success in his. A business
failure is a small affair when com-
pared with a domestic failure. The
one is a mere matter of money; the
other affects body, mind and soul. The
wife should be supreme within her
sphere, but with that supremacy she
should accept the responsibilities that
belong to it and be held accountable
for results. On the other hand, she
should not interfere in his province,
but each should ask for and receive the
advice and help and encouragement of
the other.

But you ask how can this theory be
put into practical application. By ap-
plying ordinary business principles—
principles which, I regret to say, are
very seldom applied to domestic affairs
in the right way. The trouble is that
the average business man runs his
home as he would his store, consider-
ing his wife as a simple item of ex-
pense—an expense which he pays in
an irregular way as her needs, expres-
sed or implied, seem to require, or in
the form of a fixed allowance. The
first method places her in the position
of a mendicant or a pensioner; the
second improves her standing, but makes
her relation to him something in the
nature of a salaried employee. While
the latter is far the better plan of the
two, giving the wife, as it does, a cer-
tain independence impossible with the
former, it is not, I believe, the true
relation, which should be one of equal
partnership, as I have said.

From a Business View.
If you were going into business with
another man as your partner, each hav-
ing the same interest, it is probable
that you would divide the duties of
management so as to give each a cer-
tain definite responsibility. One of you
perhaps would have charge of the
finances and accounting, the other of
the buying and selling. Each in his re-
spective sphere would be supreme, but
the profits would be yours jointly, to
be held in bulk, reinvested for your
joint interest or equally divided, as
you might individually elect.

With proper modification the very
same system may be applied to the do-
mestic partnership, the husband hold-
ing the position of senior, the wife that
of junior partner. The husband's de-
partment is his business; the wife's is
the home. The one produces revenue;



An equal division of labor.

the other does not, analogous to the
selling and accounting departments of
the commercial concern. But the home,
like the accounting division, is an es-
sential factor and, like it again, may
be the means of saving or losing
money as it is properly or improperly
conducted. I don't want to tire you,
but I am very anxious to get my ideas
into your noggin straight; then if you
don't like 'em you can do as you please
about 'em. You remember the story
about the white man and the Indian
who went turkey hunting and divided
the game in accordance with the white
man's proposition. I won't repeat the
story, but you will recollect that the
white man got all the turkeys. Some
business partnerships and a great
many domestic partnerships are man-
aged in this way, and that sort of thing
usually ends in a dissolution. If you
succeed in life, you've got to play
square with your partner, and particu-
larly so to the one with whom you've
made a life contract, solemnly signed
and sealed in the presence of the rep-
resentative of the Almighty. Give her
control of the home and let her under-
stand that she is responsible for its
management.

Responsibility makes character in a
woman just as it does in a man. Let
her have a fixed sum every month to
pay the household expenses as well as
to provide for her personal require-
ments and allow her to expend the
money without question or interfer-
ence. She'll come to you for advice
when she needs it. She'll come to you
for more money when she needs it, but
if the amount is rightly fixed she will
seldom have to do that. She will take
a pride in keeping within her limit and
more than likely will save more money
than you will. In the matter of small
economies a woman can beat a man
every time, but she must have a per-
sonal interest in the saving, must feel
that it is hers without restriction. She
will probably spend most of it on you
or will surprise you by digging up
a roll as big as your arm
some time when you are in de-
perate need of it. A woman is al-
ways trustworthy if she is
trusted. The man's point is
made her feel that there is no string-
tied to the amount given her, that it is
hers absolutely, but that she is ex-
pected to meet certain expenses.

Sit Down and Figure.

Suppose, for example, you figure up
your fixed charges, as the railroad man
would say. Under this head will come
your rent, your water license, taxes, in-

urance, servant's hire, etc. Make a
liberal allowance for indefinite ex-
cesses, as provisions, clothing, car fare,
doctor's bills, repairs, and so on. Take
upon yourself the payment of all ac-
counts except the current fluctuating
expenses of the household and the per-
sonal expenses of your wife. That
would give to her the responsibility for
the payment of all the bills from the
grocer, the butcher, the milk and ice
dealers and other table accounts, as
well as her own clothing, etc. Then
divide your salary in proportion to the
relative expenditures of each. If you
assume one-half the expenditure, di-
vide your salary equally. If your part
of the expense is three-fifths or three-
fourths, reserve that proportion of your
income for yourself. That is the plan
I have followed for many years, and it
has worked well.

Another plan which has its advan-
tages and which is based, like the oth-



Give your wife the responsibility for the payment of household bills.

er, on the partnership idea is to place
your salary each week or each month,
as you may receive it, in a common re-
ceptacle at home. Each of you should
have free and unquestioned access to
this fund, and whatever is left can be
deposited in the bank from time to
time. A memorandum book should be
kept with the money, and all withdraw-
als should be properly noted. The ad-
vantage of this system is its simplicity.
Its disadvantages arise from the dan-
gers of loss by theft or otherwise and
from the fact that it lessens the in-
dividual responsibility and the stimulus
to individual saving when compared
with the first mentioned plan. But it's
a good scheme nevertheless and vastly
superior to the mendicant or allowance
methods.

Don't Enslave Yourself.

I never believed in the plan of giving
all one's salary to one's wife any more
than I believe it right for the husband
to keep all of it himself. In the first
place, it throws upon her a burden
that properly belongs to him, in part
at least, and, in the second place, it makes
it necessary for him to ask her for
what he needs, and too often he may
be required to explain his needs in de-
tail before he gets it. Some men are so
weak that they need restraint of this
kind, and for such this method is com-
mendable, but for a man with average
backbone it's humiliating to have to
ask his wife for money even if he has
voluntarily placed himself in durance.
It reverses the position of mendicancy
and is harder on a man than a woman,
because in her case it has the sanction
of the ages. I believe in woman's in-
dependence, but I don't believe in re-
versing the traditional relations of the
sexes. It is possible to give your wife
freedom without enslaving yourself,
and a certain amount of starch in your
spinal column is just as important un-
der the conditions I have suggested as
in any other situation, domestic or oth-
erwise. I know a man whose wife
allows him barely enough to pay car
fare, and when he wants more
he has to make
an itemized re-
quisition. She
is unquestion-
ably his superi-
or as a financial
manager and is
saving money, a
feat he never
could accomplish. But he
is unhappy. Her thrift should be a
blessing to him, but blessings may
become curses if they are worked
overtime. He might have taken ad-
vantage of her greater thrift and
at the same time preserved his self
respect if he had reserved to himself
a sufficient amount for his necessary
personal expenses and a margin for
the unexpected.

Now, my boy, just one more word
before I tiddle off to bed. Consider
your wife as your equal—in every re-
spect. She may not be in some, but
she is entitled to the consideration.
Consult her about your affairs, tell her
your troubles that are worth telling at
all and take no liberties yourself you
are not willing to grant her. And now,
with love to your dear girl, much for
yourself, I will bid you good night.
Affectionately,
JOHN SNEED.

He Knew.
Pete—I, too, have been a great duck
hunter in my time.
Dick—Go on! You don't know a wild
duck from a tame one.
Pete—Yes, I do. The wild ones are
the ones that always get away from
me, and the tame ones are what I
bring home.—Cleveland Leader.

Ambiguous.
"Yes," said the would be author, "the
editor sent my manuscript back, but he
inclosed a nice note saying the rejection
of the manuscript 'did not neces-
sarily imply lack of literary merit.'"
"Oh, I guess he didn't read it, then,"
said his friend.—Catholic Standard and
Times.

An Insult.
Della—Ye didn't stay long in yer new
place, Maggie.
Maggie—Faith, I did not. Me self
respect wouldn't let me. Shure, they
had the keyhole of ivery door in the
house plugged up.—Philadelphia Press.

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