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# The Making of a Successful Husband

By CASPAR S. YOST.

It Is Contrary to Popular Tradition and the Newspaper Humorist, but It Is a Fact That a Man's Mother-in-law Is What He Makes

[Copyright, 1906, by C. S. Yost.] picture Framing on shortest Y DEAR JOHN-Marriage always means a great deal more than merely trotting a SHOW ROOMS-Next to Swallows girl up to a preacher. Most of the present day youngsters seem to door South of W. J. Lawrence's think that's all there is to it and never try to see beyond. They don't realize that marriage is the passing into a new life, or, rather, the graduation into real life, where the surroundings and conditions are different and the responsibilities much heavier than before. That's why there are so many disappointments. It's just like putting a green man into a football team at the beginning of a match. He doesn't know the game, isn't prepared for the contest and is carried out in the first half. Marriage is the greatest game on earth, and there ought to be such things as matrimonial coaches to teach those who would play it not only how to line up, but how to reach the goal. Such a coach would need to have many and diverse lessons for his pupils, and one of the most important in the course would deal with the treatment of one's wife's relations.

That, I judge from the lugubrious tone of your last letter, is the problem you're "rasslin'" with now, and it's a problem that better men than you and I have tackled from the days of Cain and Abel down. It's knocked out a good many of the best of them too.



A matrimonial coach to teach the treat ment of one's wife's relations.

Some of these dusty diggers after family secrets of the past are said to have found mother-in-law jokes in cunei form inscriptions. That may not be true, but nobody can deny the fact that there were mothers-in-law in the days when men wrote their letters with a pointed stick on a gob of mud, and they were doubtless as prominent in domestic affairs then as now. Yes, I know it's the present that's bothering you now, but I just wanted to show you that you haven't butted into an entirely new proposition, as you seem to think. Why, even your mother had some relatives when I married her, and a good many of them have the temerity to be alive yet. I am rather glad of it, too, because I have become as much attached to them as to my own blood kin, and there are one or two in particular that I'd feel mighty on hand the best brands lonesome without. There's your Grand-Rolled Oats. Also our make of mother Larson, for instance. Why, my dear boy, I don't know how many times that blessed woman has pulled me back from the pearly gates by ber nursing, and I have a mighty distinct recollection that she helped you over ods delivered anywhere in towr. the rough places more than once.

Don't Be Ungrateful.

And don't you remember what delightful doughnuts and cookies she used to make for you when you visited



Don't you remember what delightful doughnuts she used to make?

her and how she used to take you up on a cold winter night and, after you had said your prayers, bury you deep in a great feather bed, tuck the covers close around you and then sit by you and sing old fashioned songs until you wandered off into slumberland? And don't you remember-but, pshaw, could keep on reminding you all night and not exhaust the list of her good deeds to you and me! Oh, you say, but that's my grandmother! Sure! And you don't want to forget that she's my mother-in-law. You think a whole lot of your Aunt Fanny, too, don't you? I heard you say not long ago that she was a "peach." I don't know that I would express it just that way, but my opinion is the same as yours. And there's your Uncle Bill. Did either of us ever have a better friend? Yes, it's true that both of them are your blood relations, but they are not mine. They are just my wife's people, and I want to get that pushed clear through your thinker and clinched on the other side. These kinfolk you love so well bear the same relation to me that the people you are grumbling about do to you, and I don't believe my relations-in-law will average up

any better than yours. You feel aggrieved because your wife's father and mother and brothers and sisters are inclined to make themselves at home in your house. You say you didn't marry the whole derned family and want them to stay in

their own yard. Before I say anything more I want you to descend from your elevated steed, so I can carry on a conversation with you without a megaphone. You are right at the point where you are about to make some very bitter enemies or some mighty stanch friends, and true friends are rare enough in this world to make it worth while to go a little way to get them. It is true that you didn't marry the whole family, but by your marriage you assumed a good many responsibilities and secured some incumbrances and a few perquisites that the preacher neglected to mention. Your wife's people may be incumbrances, and they may be perquisites, but whether they are one or the other depends to a mighty considerable extent on your attitude toward them.

She's Been Maligned.

From time immemorial it has been the custom of humorists out of material for copy to fall back on the mother-in-law. She has been held up to

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of married men

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row. I have albeen pretty regular attendant at the neglected to mention.

theater, and I have yet to see a greater proportion of baldheaded men in front than of those more fortunate in the matter of hair. I believe in giving even the devil his due, and I am satisfied the debt the world owes its mothers-in-law is so great that not even the interest on it could ever be paid. It is true that the mother-inlaw has caused many a domestic upheaval, but the meddlesome mammas are not nearly so numerous as they are supposed to be, and if we could get at the facts we would find the chuckle headed son-in-law to blame for her meddling in most cases.

Your marriage to Anna May didn't make her an orphan. Her mother's just as much her mother as she was before and just as much interested in her welfare. She has a natural desire to see her happy, and she has her own ideas about the process. You must remember, too, that she has known her daughter somewhat longer and rather more intimately than you. She knows her disposition, her tastes and her wants much better than do you. She probably has her doubts about your ability to fill the role of the model husband, and she views your conduct at the beginning of your married life with some anxiety,

not to say suspicion. All this is nothing more than the expression of the mother love, prejudiced, of course, and therefore getting a more or less distorted view of things, but it is the part of wisdom to give her views consideration, no matter how much they may yours. It isn't

advisable in any The proud position in life a c llege degree. to be too cocksure. You know, John, there's just a bare possibility that you may be wrong and she may be right as to some things, in which case you would be a fool if you did not accept

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her views and act upon them. Try to Be Logical. There's another point that may not have occurred to you, although you are the proud possessor of a college degree, Your marriage did not alter your love for your mother. Neither in that ceremony did your wife concentrate all her affection on you. All her life her moth- health. er has been her most beloved counselor. Now, it is true she has transferred her allegiance to you, but a few words spoken at the altar cannot change in a moment the influence and training of a lifetime. Anna May is still her mother's daughter, still respects her advice and cherishes her love, and, although she may do as you wish in every particular, if your wishes are opposed to the influence that has hitherto guided her she cannot yield without a struggle within herself. Now, don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that you should let your mother-in-law run your house-not by a jugful. But you must take all these facts into consideration and bring your wife gradually to your



Add to her happiness by making that mother your friend.

way of thinking, if you are sure your Pumps of all Kinds. way is the right way. Don't attempt to destroy her love for her mother. You can't do it, in the first place, but if you could you would deprive her of a friend whose help she will often need in times when you are helpless. No matter how deep her love for you, you cannot fill a mother's place, and you can add to ber happiness and to your own by making that mother your friend. It isn't hard to do. She is not an ogre.

Let her be once convinced that you can be depended upon to give her daughter the care and love she is entitled to, and she will become your most devoted ally. Take her into your confidence, treat her as you would your own mother, show her that you are to be trusted, and you will have made a friend you will have many occasions in after life to be thankful for. Make her your enemy, and you not only make your wife unhappy, but you lay the foundation for some mighty uncomfortable moments for yourself. Don't be a chump, my boy. Diplomacy has ever won more victories than war, and tact will accomplish what opposition cannot effect in the least.

Give Them Their Due. It is much the same with your wife's

sisters, but the conditions are considerably modified. It is quite important to obtain and retain their good willimportant, I mean, for your peace of mind and comfort as well as Anna May's-and you can't get it by force of arms. Keep in mind all the time that they are your sisters-in-law and therefore entitled to greater consideration than most other women. Once make them your friends, it will take a eataclysm to change them. As to your father-in-law and brothers-in-law-well, they are men and comparatively easy to get along with. Just let them see that you are a real man and that you are going to give their daughter and sister a square deal, and they will stand by you until the lower regions become congealed.

So, John, it all resolves itself into the right treatment of your wife in the first place and the kindly and tactful consideration of her relations in the second. You are not required to yield any of your rights; you don't have



The driver who goes over obstacles will need a blacksmith.

to make a martyr of yourself; you don't need to get down on your knees to anybody. Simply be a man of sense, plain hoss sense. Keep your wagon in the middle of the road, but dodge the stumps. The driver who goes over instead of around obstacles may reach his destination, but he'll need a blacksmith when he gets there. Make tact, tact, tact, a compound with your love, and you will eventually praise the Lord that your wife has relatives. And now, my boy, right now, is the time to make them friends. Now you are on trial in a way; now they are sizing you up to see whether Anna May has drawn a prize or a biank. The judgment will be rendered soon, and your conduct toward them has much to do with that judgment See that it is rendered in your favor and you will have provided capital for your future life that will yield interest compounded semiannually to the

I have treated this matter seriously. John, because it is really a mighty serious subject in spite of the jokes it has caused. Your wife's relations are of much more importance in the main tenance of your domestic happiness than your own, and you cannot do too much to secure their respect and love. Your affectionate father,

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