INSURANCE SOCIETY TO PROMOTE WEDDED BLISS

Leave an Order for a Husband and Avoid Old-Maidship.

(New York Herald.)

To the Public:

We hereby beg to notify the American Ladies' Self-Assisting Association has changed the name of the society to the First American Ladies' Self-Assisting Association, and has the purpose of protecting and assisting women in their matrimonial affairs.

A good standing membership fee of $5 entitles the holder to a membership book and one membership card, entitled at the expiration of two years to from $200 to $500.

We understand that this circular might impress you as being a fraud or a humbug, but we want to assure the public that we are a legitimate body, acting under the laws of New York State, and that our books are always open for inspection to any one who desires to investigate.

The condition of society at the present time, which forces girls to work hard for a small pittance, barely enough for their living necessities, far less to put away anything for a rainy day, makes this society an absolute necessity, and we know that the public will not be slow in perceiving the advantages to be derived and assist in this noble effort.

All information and explanations can be had from the party handing you this circular or from Mr. ——, No. —— East, —— street.

Hoping you will give this matter serious consideration, we remain, fraternally yours,

First American Ladies' Self-Assisting Association.

Up, up, up, I wouldn't attempt to count the flights of stairs, I found Mr. Gustav Younglieb and Mr. Abraham Walker doing a land office business in one small front room of an east side tenement, the present headquarters of the society, pending the completion of more commodious and imposing offices elsewhere.

The most prominent characteristic of the office was the vociferous scratching of very bad pens driven by a middle-aged man of serious mien. Four young persons, three girls and a man, sat on a cold plush sofa, waiting their turn with the man of the noisy pen. A fifth young man looked at the ceiling, while the girls looked at the floor and with the ferrules of tightly rolled umbrellas traced out the faded red and faded, bloomed upon the desk of the scribe, and a pretty young girl was leaning over the desk, watching the busy pen.

All was so serious, so matter of fact, that I, too, thought I would wait my turn, and the pretty young girl was waiting with the rest, so I thought I would take advantage of the opportunity and looked up into the young girl's face as much as to say, "What next?"

"I should prefer a man with a moustache," hearing which I heard a suppressed giggle from the sofa.

"A dark moustache," echoed the girl.

A dark moustache, scratched the scribe.

"I am not particular," replied the girl, and one of which is his explanation almost word for word as he gave it to me:

"The chief aim of the society is to help women and girls to find good husbands, and to assist the less fortunate ones to obtain comfortable homes.

"This society is no like any more than marriage is like pretty near everything when a woman reaches middle age and finds herself left old, maid, and with no prospects before her but the charity of relatives or the poorhouse.

Love Only Incidental.

"Sentiment! Well, I guess not. This is business—strictly business. The society is organized on strictly business principles, like an insurance company or the Ice Trust. I don't say, understand me, that there isn't any such thing as love and sentiment, but they are only incidentals, when it comes to a poor girl marrying.

"Marriage for our east side girl is almost dependent upon the dot, unless, of course, she is lucky enough to find a fellow who is foolish enough or clever enough to win the love of a man just by her little tricks and ways. But when girls work hard all day in factories and sweat shops, they don't have much time to either practice up on catchy ways or to improve what good looks they have.

"If a girl has relatives or friends to provide the dot and she is half way good looking she needn't worry much about the future, but say she is homely as sin, and has not a cent in the world save her weekly wages,

What Chance Has She?

"Not a ghost of a chance. An east side girl can't expect to have enough money to buy furniture, and two, very least, so she can comfortably begin on is $200. Our scheme for furnishing the necessary $200 is very simple.

"When a girl joins the society she pays an initiation fee of $1.25, and fifty cents a month dues. At the expiration of two years she is entitled to from $200 to $500, exactly which amount depending upon the strength of the society by the time that her policy may become due. We call it a marriage policy just as the insurance companies speak of an insurance policy.

"We have now 300 members, and expect 500 within the next week—that is counting upon an increase at the same rate as we have been enrolling members.

"Of course it will be necessary to limit the number of marriages, as we will be able to wish only so many policies during a given period. We have stipulated that no more than

Ten Marriages a Month

shall take place among our members, that is, at first—and the girl must have belonged to the society two years at least before she can avail herself of the financial benefits. If, however, she marries before that time, and leaves us her membership, in the meantime, she can claim her $200 at the expiration of her two years' membership, with the $200, and come in just as good as ever.

"A memorandum of all these points is taken when they register as members, and from that time on we proceed, in a delicate manner possible, to bring them into the company of their ideal men. We help them to secure escorts to balls and theatres and parties, and in every possible conceivable way seek to further their matrimonial possibilities."

"But," I inquired, "at the end of the two years she were still single, or having found one, discovers him to be fickle and faithless, what would be her status with the Ladies' Self-Assisting Society?"

At this Mr. Gustav Younglieb beamed satisfaction.

"Now, that's just the beauty of the whole scheme," he said, triumphantly. "If we don't find anybody to suit her, or the fellow goes back on her, we refund the money on Oct. 10 following, and in addition there is the money on the policy which has been accumulating for two years, and which is quite a handsome sum."

Mr. Younglieb is a tailor by trade, and has his establishment on the east side, and one of which is widely brought to the attention of the public by the sign on the door.

The incorporators, whose names appear on the circular, and the officers are all working people, some of them middle aged men, with families, among whom the profits are to be divided, after payment of accruing policies.

MONEY TO LOAN at 4 1-2 per cent. and upwards according to security and

PLINY THE ELDER; IS FOUND HIS SKELETON

The noted archaeologist Lapolanda writes to the Athenaeum: In July, 1899, certain excavations were undertaken on the site of Oplontis, near the Villa of Poppaea, between the Rivers Sarno and the Scafati gate of Pompeii, near the Torre Annunziata, not for any archaeological or scientific purpose, but in search of valuable and marketable objects. The ruins brought to light include a set of shops, built in the retriculated style, opening on a portico or veranda, which runs parallel with the high road. One of the shops is filled with earthen amphorae, one is lounged in by a wine-seller, a third belongs to a carpenter, a third to a dealer in fishing implements. A large door opens behind the shops, with an oven in the centre; the place, in short, shows the characteristics of a country inn located on the Via Stabiana, near the mouth of the Sarno, on the main line of retreat of the panic-stricken Pompeians.

Seventy or eighty fugitives have been found, apparently smothered, while seeking shelter under the roof of the inn, almost in view of the fleet which had sailed from Misenum to their rescue. The greatest number fell at the least end of the porch, towards the river, where Pliny's Liburna was probably anchored. A poor and wretched lot of fugitives, carrying away in their flight only a few coppers. Six or seven skeletons were found lying in the court near the oven, also with objects of value; but a party of twenty-six women and children, of much higher rank, were overtaken by death in the middle sections of the triclinium. Their gold necklaces were still fastened around their necks; bracelets still encircled their wrists; precious rings still fitted their fingers.

Among this group of well-to-do fugitives one seemed to occupy the place of honor, a person whose skull betrays a superior intelligence, and of a noble temperament. He wore a chain of sixty-four gold rings wound three around the neck; two armillae on the right arm, a heavy signet ring, and a dagger on the left side. The dagger has a blade of steel, a handle carved in ivory, and a scabbard ornamented with gilded shells. This person was suffocated by the deadly fumes of the volcano while sitting against the wall, probably on a sedan-chair or a "lectica," the brass ornaments of which have been found "in situ."

The excavations, unfortunately, were carried on with surprising negligence, no descriptions nor photographs being taken of the tale-telling details. I cannot express, therefore, any opinion on the statement, made by Signor Mariano Camizzaro (in a pamphlet published on Sept. 15th, 1901, for private circulation only, by the Ballantyne Press of London) that the skeleton may be that of Pliny the Elder himself. Camizzaro's deductions are extremely clever, but at the very outset I note an objection. The skeleton was found surrounded by a vast number of household goods, such as tripods, oil lamps with statuettes of domestic gods, some coins of bronze, some vases of terra-cotta. Unless these objects belonged to Pomponianus, in whose company Pliny probably was at the time of the catastrophe, we cannot reconcile them to the tradition of the gallant old admiral rushing to the rescue of the Pompeians and Herculaneans with a lot of clay figurines in his hands.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

A Parrot in a Whirlwind.

Here is a latest parrot story. A certain retired General of the Indian army possessed a parrot, and also a very irascible temperament. The parrot was a veritable bird, but was rather a nuisance by reason of its extreme talkativeness. One day, while the General was writing his business letters, Polly kept up a continual chatter very disturbing to the writer. At last the General could stand it no longer, and jumping up, seized the cage of the unhappy bird, which he whirled vigorously round and round, at the same time swearing vigorously. Then he set the cage down again, and silence for some time ensued. At length, however, a feeble voice came from the interior of the cage. "General," inquired, in quavering accents, "where were you when the cyclone struck us?"

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Argumentum ad Hominum.

Professor Sill, of the State University of California, cannot tolerate snobbishness on the part of his scholars, and any such offence is sure to call forth some keen, sarcastic comment. The other day, while calling the roll of one of his classes, he came upon the card of a Miss Greene. He paused and expressed his disapproval of the final "e" in her name by saying: "G-r-e-e-n-e, does that spell Green or Greenie?"

Miss Greene thought a moment and replied innocently: "S-y-l-e, does that spell Syle or Sill?"—The Argonaut.

He Wanted to Explain.

The man up by the front door of the car was badly bowlegged, but no one had noticed it as he entered, and the fact would have entirely escaped observation had he not suddenly queried of the passenger on his left:

"You noticed my legs, of course?"

"Not particularly," was the reply.

"I thought I saw you squinting. My legs are bowed."

"Sorry to hear it."

"But I want you to know how it came about. Continuing, the man wasn't to this way.

"No?"

"No, sir I wasn't. It has all come to me from having to hitch along on the kitchen roof and climb through a window when the old woman locks me out of nights, and I want the blame fixed where it belongs.

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This was in the spring of 1898, and to-day Mrs. Barnett states positively and in the strongest and most grateful terms that the cure Dodd's Kidney Pills brought her three and a half years ago was absolute and permanent; that she is to-day stronger and better than she had been for years before taking the pills. Nothing could be more convincing than this good woman's plain and truthful statement, and it proves beyond doubt the lasting character of the cures effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

A Few Points.

There will always be enough trouble to go 'round.

Some people would like to see heaven closed on Sundays.

Every man believes that he is an exception to some rule or other.

A man doesn't have to be generous to give you his word and then not keep his promise.

A man is never so bad that he can't be worse, nor so good that he couldn't be better.

Vaccination won't keep a thief from taking things.—Philadelphia Record.

TAKE NOTICE.

During the year the space devoted to advertising MINARD'S LINIMENT will contain expressions of no uncertain sound from people who speak from personal experience as to the merits of this best of Household Remedies.

POOR MAN'S

The Trouble With Mr. Vanderbilt: He Was Born Rich.

It is stated that Mr. William K. Vanderbilt is unhappy because he was born rich, and has therefore had no opportunity to lay the foundations of a great fortune. Inherited wealth is certain death to ambition, as cocaine is to morality, Mr. Vanderbilt is reported to have said. Well, the gentleman should certainly be regarded as an authority on this subject. I cannot gainsay him in the alleged assertion, because I have never stood exactly in the same shoes of fortune which many have envied him. But surely the announcement will come to thousands as a revelation both novel and interesting. Speaking theoretically, I should say that Mr. Vanderbilt, if correctly reported, is wrong, since the laying of the foundation of a fortune of any size is not, after all, the greatest mission in life. To earn the original dollar is fraught with a pleasure which no subsequent dollar brings, of course; but, after all, there are other things to be done beyond the mere piling up of gold pieces that, to my mind, are more satisfying. To earn the gratitude of a human soul is a great thing; to enable others to lay the foundations of a strong character is a splendid thing; to build up sound bodies for the occupancy of sane minds is a transcendently useful thing; and inherited wealth properly applied, administered somewhat as a trust, makes possible the achievement of all these things.—The Observer, in Harper's Weekly.

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Too One-Sided.

Sam Jones, in one of his sermons, took women to task for spending more time in printing than in prayer. "If there's a woman here," he screamed finally, "who prays more than she prinks, let her stand up." One poor old-maidish specimen of femininity, in the sorriest, shabbiest of clothes, arose. "You spend more time praying than prinking," asked the preacher, turning to her. The poor creature said she did pray all the time, prinked not at all. "You go straight home," admonished Jones, "and put a little time on your prinking."

SILVER GIFTS ARE IN FAVOR.

The jewelry stores are showing many novelties in the way of wedding gifts, and by far the most fashionable are those of silver. The most unique are of antique silver with a partly gilt finish in old Dutch designs. A very beautiful service was among the gifts at a recent fashionable wedding at Philadelphia. The extreme oldness in shape of the punch bowl with this service was much commented on. It was a perfect reproduction of the pineapple.

As it is in vogue to use odd pieces in silver as well as in China on the tea table, it will be proper to combine the antique and the Dutch silver. Tea caddies make very attractive additions to the tea table in Dutch silver.

The new idea in glassware makes a most desirable gift, and one any bride may be proud of. This enamelled glassware is shown in olive and bonbon dishes. A particularly effective olive dish has a design in strawberries in wreath form with a narrow gilt border on either side.

Perhaps the most acceptable of gifts are the beautiful pieces of bric-a-brac in Royal Vienna ware and the shops are showing an unlimited variety.

These effective bronze electroliers are also there to tempt one, and with their flowerlike globes in orchids, lilies and roses they certainly make a pardonable extravagance.

These electroliers are far more dainty in design and coloring than the majority of lamps, of which the bride of old was always generously supplied with.

I will not close without telling you of another gift just ordered for a bride of the near future. It is a fruit compote in Dutch silver, supported by three small cupids.

A Left-Handed Explanation.

A servant girl, who always attended divine service, but who also could not read, had, from constant attendance, got the service by rote, and could repeat it extremely well. But a few Sundays previous to her marriage, she was accompanied by her sweetheart, to whom she did not like it to be known that she could not read. She therefore took up the prayer-book and held it before her. Her lover wished to have a sight of it also, but unfortunately for her, she held it upside down. The man, astonished, said, "Good heavens! why you have the book the wrong side upwards." "I know it," replied she, confusedly, "I always read so, for I am left-handed."

Too Much to Expect.

Farmer Swackhammer—I lost my wife yesterday.

Farmer Pildecker—No! Dead Swackhammer—Naw! Run away with a lightnin' rod peddler!

"Wall, Josh, I offer ye may sympathy. I'm mighty sorry fer ye."

"Yes. I never did have any luck a-losin' things. Why, I lost a yaller dog fourteen times before he strayed lost."—San Francisco Bulletin.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

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Barnum's Monkeys

"All well—all happy—lots of fun". That is the regular report from the monkey cage of Barnum's Circus ever since the keepers began dosing the monkeys with Scott's Emulsion. Consumption was carrying off two thirds of them every year and the circus had to buy new ones.

One day a keeper accidentally broke a bottle of Scott's Emulsion near the monkey cage and the monkeys eagerly lapped it up from the floor. This suggested the idea that it might do them good. Since then the monkeys have received regular doses and the keepers report very few deaths from consumption. Of course it's cheaper to buy Scott's Emulsion than new monkeys—and that suits the circus men.

Consumption in monkeys and in man is the same disease. If you have it or are threatened with it can you take the hint?

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