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LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGione Gibson

Alice and I converse to keep myself from thinking any more I called Alice to come and talk to me. She came in all smiles. "What is this I hear, dear?" she asked. "Is it really true that you are a rich woman? If it is I am very, very glad, for you surely will be happier."

"I am not so sure about it, Alice. I have been from childhood taught that money does not make happiness."

"What you should have been taught," said Alice, "is that money is not essential to happiness. But I believe that money almost always makes people happier than they would be in the same circumstances without it. I have never taken much stock in the idea that people can do without things and be quite as happy as others who have them."

Tom Expresses Unbelief "Tom says a good deal of the old teaching is nonsense, that he doesn't believe virtue is its own reward, he doesn't believe that money is the root of all evil, he doesn't believe that all you need is love to make a happy marriage."

"Why, Alice, I didn't realize that Tom was such a thinker. Tom and I have a great many tastes in common, a great many beliefs in common, and I think, perhaps, that is why we get along so well."

"I don't recall, Alice, that I have ever heard you say before that your married life is happy." I commented wistfully, for I did want to feel that someone was happy.

"Perhaps, Katherine, it is my temperament, but I must admit that I have never been radiantly happy. Rather, I am very contented, and, after all, that is best. You have a temperament that makes you feel poignantly every emotion. Perhaps you can enjoy more than I, but, alas, you can grieve more than I possibly could. Personally, I am glad to avoid the kind of love I have seen me at ways on the mountain top or down in the valley. I like the repose, the even tenor of my life much better than the constant nervous strain which you must be under."

"Then you think, Alice, that my temperament is quite as much at fault as John's in this feeling of unhappiness and unrest that seems to be always with me?"

Different Kind of Man. "No, my dear. I just feel that

you should have married a different kind of a man than John—one who is not always getting on your nerves."

"But, dear, I love John. Even today, when he was terribly angry with me because I would not turn over my oil business to him, I couldn't help thinking how handsome and splendid he looked."

"You're a queer little creature," said Alice, "but don't, I implore you, ever turn your business over to John. In less than six months he would be thinking that the entire business was his. Don't misunderstand me. I know that he would carry on your business efficiently, perhaps better than that nice cousin of yours, but it wouldn't be your business any longer—it would be his. By the way, John was furious with you for selling the diamond pin. Has he spoken to you about it?"

"I know he was furious," I said impatiently.

"Why, how did you know?" was her surprised question.

"Because I heard you and John talking when you thought I was still unconscious."

"Oh, woman, woman," was Alice's laughing answer. "How did you keep still under the lash of that discussion? By the way, are you going home with him?"

"No, my dear, I am going to stay here until my nerves get perfectly quiet again. Besides, I do not want to quarrel now with John over every little detail of this new fortune that has come to me."

"Which you would have to do, if, as you insist, you put it into another man's hands for management."

Splendid Business Man. "I think, myself, Alice, it is not very wise of me to do this, and under ordinary circumstances I would be very glad to have John handle it, for as you say, John is a splendid business man. If he had been generous with me with money, if he had ever allowed me to have one thing to say about my own money, I would have been very glad to have turned this whole thing over to him; but I'm sure, Alice, that you see that my very life's happiness depends upon keeping this business and income in my own hands. It seems freedom to me. I do not have to live with John unless I wish, I am economically independent."

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Tomorrow—Eyes That See Not

WOMAN PROPOSES.

In Some Lands It Is Always Leap Year.

Once again with 1920, women have a chance to take the initiative towards providing themselves with an introduction to the heavenly kingdom, a boon which marriage brings to them, according to Mormon philosophy. The return of a year which leaps forward a day, bringing to them a rivaled privilege that women had at least the privilege of expressing a preference if they did not actually do the proposing, for, if we trust the historian, Diodorus, a man promised his wife to grant her complete control over him and to offer no objection to her commands.

Some survival of this liberty of Egyptian women must have permeated other portions of Africa, for princesses on the west coast of that continent whose children may become future rulers choose their own husbands. Nor is a princess limited in her choice to unmarried men. She may just as easily decide upon one who has already entered the marriage state, and the poor fellow has to put away his other wives and become her slave. Moreover, she has the power of life and death over him. He sometimes has only one consolation—the inheritance of all her property if he is fortunate enough to be spared until her death.

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In North Transylvania, a young peasant woman may give a particular swain a tip that he is the "apple of her eye" by going with him to his cart at the time of the harvesting of the oats to help him carry in his crop. It is said that at this season one sometimes sees a procession of gaily-decorated carts going a-field, a willing maid seated in each.

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Among the Eskimos of the east coast of Greenland, a man captures the girl he wants, but from that time on the usual order of things is reversed. He has to exercise the greatest vigilance to prevent her from eloping with any other man whom she may prefer, as this seems to be her privilege.

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ed in her own country, she at least receives consideration in that of her neighbor, for a woman is an agricultural laborer and a man is not likely to refuse such a business asset.

The Galla woman on the eastern coast of Africa has the rare privilege among savage and half-civilized people of refusing to marry a man who is undesirable to her.

Little is known of the marriage customs of the ancient Egyptians, but we can easily believe that women had at least the privilege of expressing a preference if they did not actually do the proposing, for, if we trust the historian, Diodorus, a man promised his wife to grant her complete control over him and to offer no objection to her commands.

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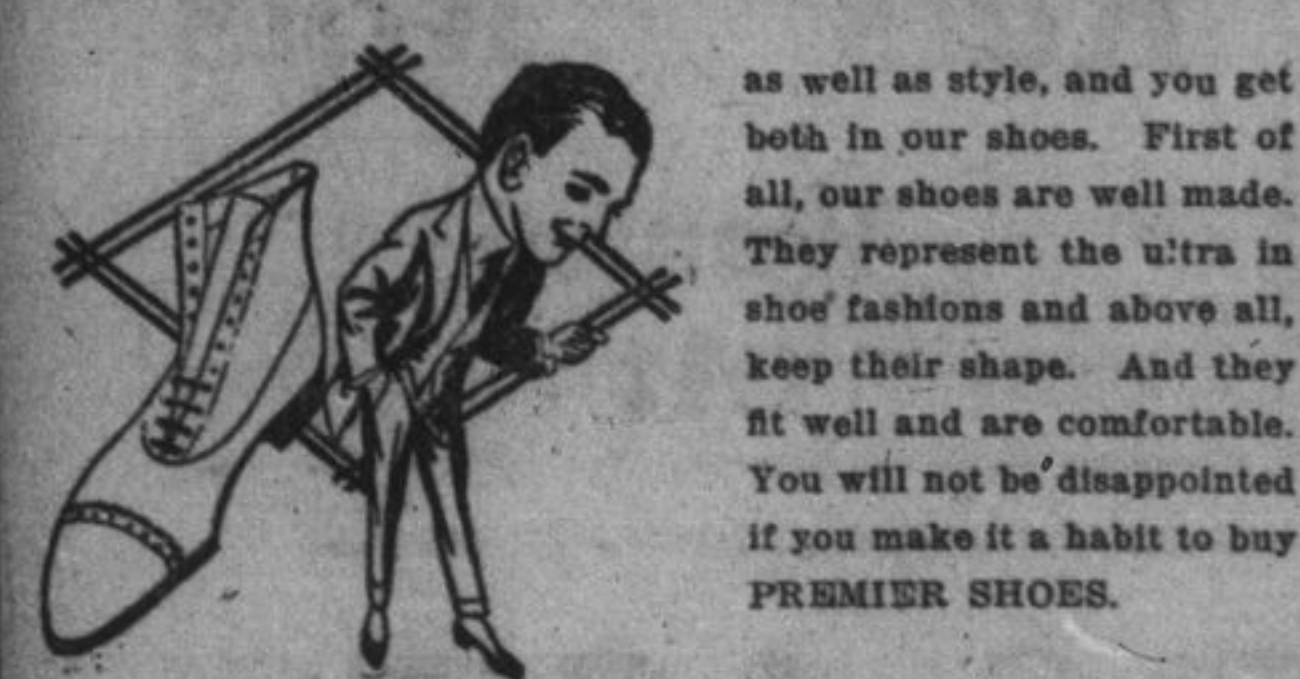


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