CHILD WIVES AND MORALITY

MATTER DISCUSSED BY WRITER IN ENGLISH NEWSPAPER SHOWING CURIOUS CUSTOMS OF EAST

The English are, after all, not singular in taking it for granted that their peculiar social code is alone in harmony with the law of nature says J. T. Gwynn, writing in the Manchester Guardian. The orthodox Hindu is equally sure that the relations between the sexes are conducted on a far more decent and sensible basis in India than in any Western country. This was amusingly illustrated by a letter published last month by Mr. Gandhi in his weekly "Young India." The letter was from a Hindu of position, who felt called upon to remonstrate with Mr. Gandhi because he has taken the opportunity presented by a shocking case of the murder or suicide of a child-wife to denounce the practice of child-marriage, arguing more suo (a) that the Hindu Scriptures give no sanction to the custom, and (b) that even if they do so they are wrong. The writer of the letter relied chiefly on the argument that since the Hindu social system is notoriously more successful than the European in producing virtue and happiness, therefore child-marriage must be a good arrangement.

POSITION OF GANDHI

Mr. Gandhi, as he was to be expected of a man of his humanity, declined to enter into odious comparisons between Europe and India in respect of sexual morality. But even he let it appear that he regards "courtship" as an evil or at least as a danger which a well-regulated society should render unnecessary. Like his correspondent, he does not appear to recognize any special injustice in compelling the boy or girl to take the consequences of the parents' errors of judgment, and like his correspondent he seems to regard it as probable that the average parent will choose more wisely than the children.

Perhaps Mr. Gandhi is right. A lawyer might not care to defend the validity of the reasons for which boys and girls choose each other. But then perhaps the will to make a success of an experiment for which they are themselves responsible should count for something. And do the parents choose so wisely? Relationship, the horoscope, wealth, and education, viewed principally, but not entirely, as a means towards securing income, are the considerations by which the Hindu parents' choice is usually guided, and the tendency to treat matchmaking as an occasion for hard bargaining is very marked. The parents of the girl are often placed at a cruel disadvantage by the fact that the girl must be married before she first attains maturity, while a boy's marriage can be postponed indefinitely. How the system works in practice may be understood from the following case.

HUSBAND WANTED

"A" was a Government servant in high position, an intelligent man interested in all social reform movements, and at the same time a good father to his family. He belonged to one of the innumerable exclusive subsects of Brahmins. He had a daughter aged eleven. For the first five months of the year he had been occupied with urgent Government business, and so had been unable to do more than make inquiries about possible bridegrooms. June was the last auspicious month in that year, and no marriages could be celebrated after it was over. He dared not wait till the next year for fear lest his daughter should attain maturity in the interval, and so become unmarriageable. Accordingly on June 1 he took a month's leave, and set out to visit the parents of the three possible bridegrooms whom he had placed at the top of his list. He had never seen any of them before, and all three lived in different towns a day's journey distant from each other. X had the best degree, but as yet no appointment or income. Y was well placed in Government service, but there was something fishy about his horoscope. Z had lands as well as education, but the dowry he was asking seemed altogether too high. The girl was duly married before the end of the month to Y, an astrologer having been found capable of explaining away the awkwardnesses in the horoscope; and let us hope she never had occasion to regret her father's decision. To throw more light on the considerations which influence matchmaking where courtship is barred here are some advertisements which appeared in a recent issue of a Punjab paper:—

ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted, a suitable match for a middle passed, beautiful girl of 18 years, well versed in household affairs. Belongs to a respectable Sikh family. A Sihk gentleman of any caste possessing good means and holding Goyernment service should apply.

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Such advertisements are a regular feature in the Punjab newspapers. Apparently it is chiefly the families that have broken with the caste system and the custom of infant marriage that have recourse to them. Castemen can usually make their inquiries through caste channels, and the custom of marrying near relatives obtains widely. But even where caste has no hold the social conditions rarely give boys and girls the opportunity of choosing for themselves. For the claims of the family are still all-powerful in India, and the individual's claim to freedom is hardly regarded where it may clash with the interests of the family, so no boy or girl is allowed an opportunity of inconveniencing the family by falling in love with an undesirable partner. India claims that her family system produces more human happiness than we know in the West, and many European observers have supported that claim.

EVIDENCE CONFLICTING

But the evidence is conflicting. The infant mortality statistics tell a pitiful tale, and no sophistry can conceal the wretchedness of hosts of little girls condemned in their teens to a despised and lifelong widdowhood. The happiness attained would seem to be due less to the system than to the disposition of the people, or else it must be regarded as being built up on the self-sacrifice of a multitude of Patient Grisels. We need not regret the emancipation of the individual in the West.

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus

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OONA RIVER MUCH ALIVE

BOAT BUILDING AND HOUSE BUILDING MAKES PORCHER ISLAND SETTLEMENT ACTIVE

OONA RIVER, Dec. 9.—The saying has passed that Oona River is dead. One has but to glance around to find out that it is very much alive.

There is quite an activity in house-building and T. Axelson is keeping two sawmills running. He is cutting lumber for his new cottage. Nelse Lynn is getting out material for a villa but its location is as yet undecided. E. Enroth is cutting timber for a new residence but doesn't know where to put it.

Groop Bros. are building new trolling boats.

A petition has been sent in for a plank walk to George Lett's property, so the children can go to school dry shod instead of having to hike through the mud.

Capt. Emil Quist is stumping his garden in order to plant a bigger crop of spuds. Gus Quist is terracing his lawn to be used as a tennis court for the enjoyment of the young ladies in summer time. E. Karlson has fixed up Noulties house in a cosy way and has moved in.

Ed. Johanson is working might and main on his new boat to get her in readiness for next season's fishing. J. Bergman is building a new boat with the able assistance of Emil Rosang. Capt. Chapman is overhauling his engine.

The land owners and taxpayers held a meeting and had the mayor on the roast.

Arne Barstad is piling up lumber on his place and it looks as if it may be a new house. He recently left for the trapping ground and is not expected home until after Christmas.

Mr. Iverson is extending his garden and chicken yard and improving the right of way.

The new bridge that has been a long felt want is now completed and makes a good short cut to the newly surveyed lots at the upper end of the river.

Many are away trapping and are soon expected home with their furs.

The Hadlund sawmill is working full time.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Prince Rupert

J. F. Strang, A. L. Weaver and W. Ballantine, city; F. W. Welsh, R. T. Goodfellow, C. H. Macaulay, A. Farrow, H. A. Rose, L. McAllan and P. Warwick, Vancouver; Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Butedale.

Savoy

Miss E. K. Magar, Port Simpson.

SPORT CHAT

The leading Elks will meet the Native Sons of Canada, second place team, in the Senior Basketball League tonight. In the Intermediate League, Grand Terminals and Bankers will tussle while Colts and Stars will meet in the Junior League. The leading teams have, so far, been having an easy time but it is a long lane that has no turning and, with the hopes and energies of second and third place teams still undiminished, there is liable to be a change in the tide of affairs almost any time.

The definite charge that Jack Dempsey was poisoned just before his fight with Gene Tunney, in which he lost the heavyweight championship of the world, has been made by Capt. Charles J. Marbutt, one of Dempsey's friends, who was at his training camp. In a signed article appearing in the Baltimore News, Capt. Marbutt said that the champion and members of his training staff were taken suddenly ill after breakfast, and that he was convinced the poison was contained in cream used at that meal.

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	10:45 p.m.	4.2 "	
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High	5:18 a.m.	18.8 ft.	
	4:56 p.m.	19.7 "	
Low	10:56 a.m.	9.3 "	
	11:36 p.m.	5.1 "	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11			
High	6:16 a.m.	18.6 ft.	
	6:04 p.m.	18.5 "	
Low	12:04 p.m.	9.4 "	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12			
High	7:17 a.m.	18.8 ft.	
	7:22 p.m.	17.7 "	
Low	0:34 a.m.	5.9 ft.	
	1:19 p.m.	9.1 "	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13			
High	8:20 a.m.	19.3 ft.	
	8:43 p.m.	17.4 "	
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	2:36 p.m.	8.1 "	

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