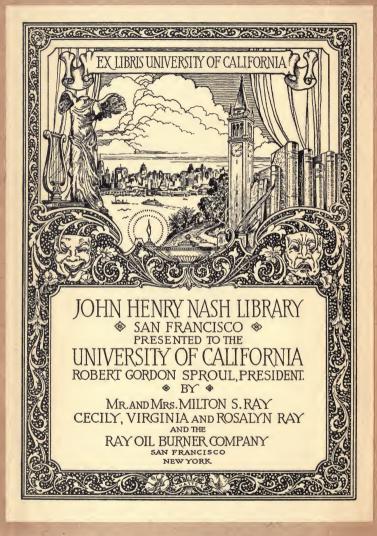
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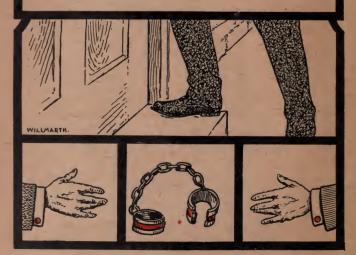
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"As for the women, though we scorn and flout 'em, We may live with but cannot live without 'em."





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> Man and the horse-radish are most biting when grated. - Richter

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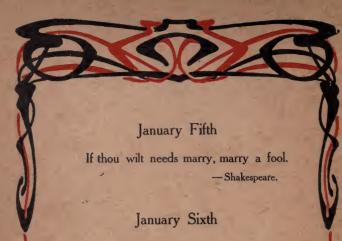
In spite of all that these pages may contain to prove the contrary

"I know the thing that's most uncommon (Envy be silent and attend), I know a reasonable woman, Handsome and witty, yet a friend."

To her, my sister, and to my
old bachelor brother
this little volume is affectionately dedicated
by the
OLD MAID







If a fellow's bound to marry a fool, and a lot of men have to if they're going to hitch up into a well-matched team, there's nothing like picking a good-looking one.

-George Horace Lorimer.

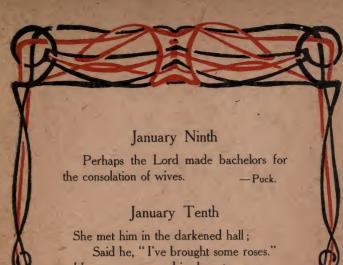
#### January Seventh

Lager, der girls, und der dollars—dey makes or dey breaks a man. —Kipling.

## January Eighth

All my friends who have embraced Popery have done better than those who have embraced wives.

—Houghton.



Her answer seemed irrelevant: It was, "How cold your nose is!"

-Varsity Fortnightly.

# January Eleventh

You spend a year worrying because you think Bill Jones is going to cut you out with your best girl, and then you spend ten worrying because he didn't.

-George Horace Lorimer.

# January Twelfth

These poor, silly woman things — they've not the sense to know it's no use denying what's proved. -George Eliot.



## January Fifteenth

\* \* \* it is only in old bachelors' and old maids' dreams of wedded life that there are no family jars or scrapping matches.

-Dorothy Dix.

#### January Sixteenth

Love is not in our power, Nay, what seems stranger, is not in our choice.

- Froude.



# January Eighteenth

A man finds himself seven years older the day after his marriage.

## January Nineteenth

-by love the young and tender wit Is turned to folly. -Shakespeare.

## January Twentieth

Keep your eyes wide open before marriage; half shut afterwards.

-Poor Richard.



The barb'ry droops its strings o' golden flowers,

Whose shrinkin' hearts the school gals love to try

With pins,—they'll worry your'n so, boys, bimeby.

-Lowell.

# January Twenty-second

Woman is a bundle of pins; Man is her pincushion.

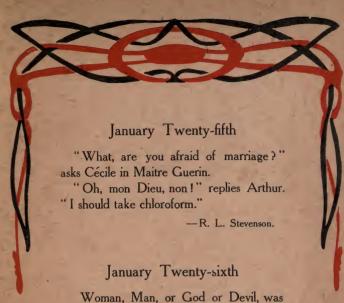
-Henry Harland.

## January Twenty-third

What a strange thing is man! And what a stranger is woman! —Byron

#### January Twenty-fourth

A story without a hero—"Recollections of a married man." — Puck.



Woman, Man, or God or Devil, was there anything we feared?

—Kipling.

## January Twenty-seventh

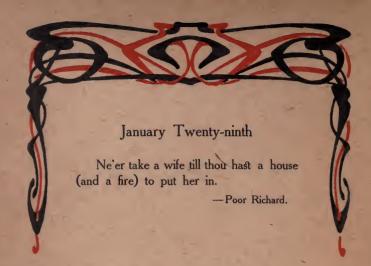
The man who shrinks from attracting attention should marry.

—Life.

## January Twenty-eighth

Woman's faith and woman's trust Write the characters in dust.

-Sir Walter Scott.



#### January Thirtieth

"They are fools who kiss and tell," wisely hath the poet sung;

Man may hold all sorts of poets if he'll only

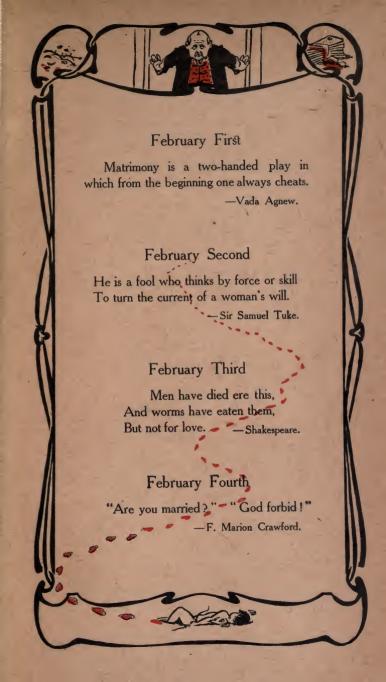
Man may hold all sorts of posts, if he'll only hold his tongue.

Kipling.

# January Thirty-first

Time is ungallant, it tells on a woman.

—Life.





#### February Seventh

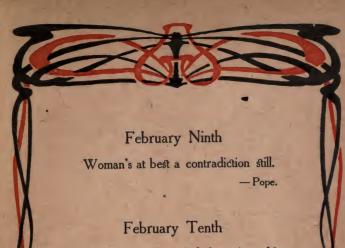
Wisely I say, I am a bachelor.

- Shakespeare.

## February Eighth

What courage can withstand the everduring and all-besetting terrors of a woman's tongue?

— Irving.



Once you are married there is nothing left for you, not even suicide, but to be good.

-Stevenson.

# February Eleventh

Single blessedness and married cussedness.

— Ethel Watts Mumford.

# February Twelfth

A man may drink, and no be drunk; A man may fight and no be slain; A man may kiss a bonnie lass, And aye be welcome back again.

-Burns.



## February Fifteenth

The life of an intelligent bachelor is very well worth living.

—Max O'Rell.

## February Sixteenth

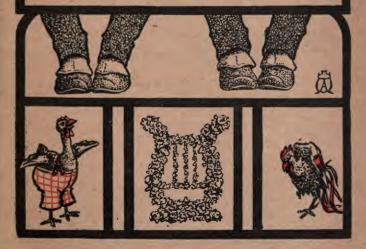
Ay; marriage is the life-long miracle!

— Charles Kingsley.



They saw two men by the roadside sit,
And they both bemoaned their lot;
For one had buried his wife, he said,
And the other one had not.

— John Hay.







Women are made for our comfort and delectation, gentlemen, with all the rest of the minor animals.

— Thackeray.

# February Nineteenth

It's the silliest lie a sensible man like you ever believed, to say a woman makes a house comfortable.

— George Eliot.



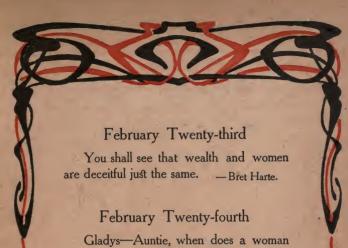
"You're all'as a layin' everything to women or religion, Captain Pharo Kobbe!"

"Don't mention on 'em in the same breath," said the Captain, "don't. They hadn't never orter be classed together."

- Sarah P. McLean Greene.

## February Twenty-second

First among the women, an' amazin' first in war — Kipling.



Gladys—Auntie, when does a woman commence to grow old?

Aunt Broadhead—Just as soon as she begins to understand why it is her husband does not seem to pity his old bachelor friends.

-Puck.

## February Twenty-fifth

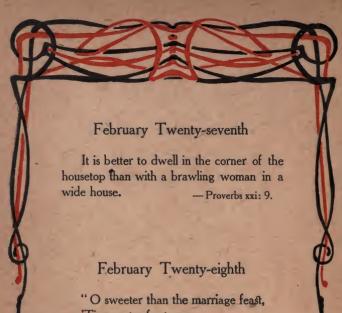
If ye gie a woman a' her will, Gude faith! she'll soon o'er gang ye.

- Burns.

## February Twenty-sixth

I know the ways of women; when you will they won't, and when you won't they're dying for you.

—Dr. Ramage.



"O sweeter than the marriage feast,
'Tis sweeter far to me
To walk together to the kirk
With a goodly company!"

Leap Year
February Twenty-ninth

Lasses gae to him And kiss him, and woo him.

-Burns.





#### March Sixth

Three things a wise man will not trust— The wind, the sunshine of an April day, And woman's plighted faith. — Southey.

#### March Seventh

If there's delight in love, 'tis when I see
That heart which others bleed for, bleed
for me.

—Congreve.

## March Eighth

All women are treasures, so much beyond price, that there's no getting rid of them.

—Harrison Ainsworth.



#### March Tenth

Matrimony—the high sea for which no compass has yet been invented. —Heine.

#### March Eleventh

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned,

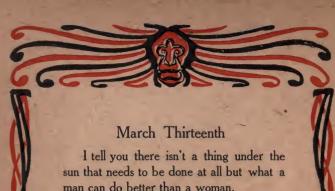
Nor Hell a fury like a woman scorned.

— Congreve.

#### March Twelfth

A violent woman drives a man to drink, but a nagging one drives him crazy.

-G. H. Lorimer,



man can do better than a woman.

-George Eliot.

#### March Fourteenth

If ever you feel disposed, Samivel, to go a' marryin' anybody-no matter who-just you shut yourself up in your own room, if you've got one, and poison yourself off-hand.

- Dickens

#### March Fifteenth

When man and woman die, as poets sung, His heart's the last part moves; her last, the tongue. -Poor Richard.

#### March Sixteenth

"You can't buy happiness," remarked the bachelor.

"Tut, tut!" said the married man. "What's the matter with spring bonnets?"

- Philadelphia Record.



#### March Nineteenth

I'll never love if I can help it, and if I love I'll bear it and never marry.

- George Eliot.

#### March Twentieth

It's love that makes the world go round, but it's marriage keeps most of the inhabitants hustling.

—Puck.



## March Twenty-second

Oh, I know the way o' wives; they set one on to abuse their husbands, and then turn round and praise 'em, as if they wanted to sell 'em.

— George Eliot.

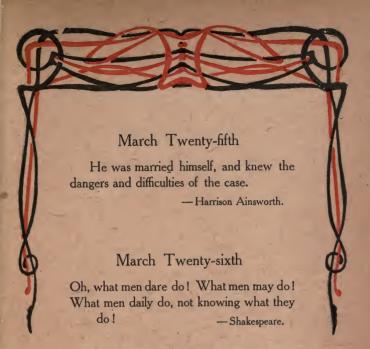
#### March Twenty-third

The instances that second marriage move Are base respects of thrift and not of love.

- Shakespeare.

## March Twenty-fourth

"Philosophers like yourself are either too sane or too insane to marry. I cannot make out just which is the wise one, he that does or he that doesn't, and I don't know that it makes much difference whether I can or not."



# March Twenty-seventh

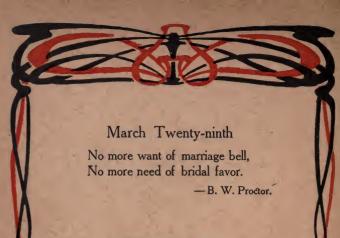
Death itself, to the reflecting mind, is less serious than marriage.

— Landor.

# March Twenty-eighth

Women mean trouble, and dress-clothes.

— Josephine Dodge Daskam.



#### March Thirtieth

"It is very curious about women," he broke forth after a long meditative pause. "In spite of all my pondering on the subject, I never could quite understand the secret of their fascination. Their goodness—if they are good—is usually of the quality of oatmeal—and when they are bad"—
"They are horrid," I quoted promptly. "Amen," he added, with a contented chuckle.

- Boyeson.

## March Thirty-first

"Most of man's troubles are caused by woman."



## April First

Thou art a woman, and therefore a fool.

— Quida.

## April Second

No wise man ever married, but for a fool it is the most ambrosial of all possible future states.

— Byron.

## April Third

So true a fool is love, that in your will,

Though you do anything, he thinks no ill.

— Shakespeare.

## April Fourth

Soft music is beguiling,
But so are girls when smiling.
A smile, a muslin gown, a curl—
Take care! a snare—the Summer Girl.

- Life.





Let the toast pass;
Drink to the lass;
I'll warrant she'll prove an excuse for the glass.

—Sheridan.

## April Seventh

To say why gals act so, or so, Or don't 'ould be presumin'. Mebby to mean yes, an' say no, Comes nateral to women. —Lowell.

## April Eighth

Many a woman has cut her own throat with her tongue.

—Dorothy Dix.



# April Eleventh

Before going to war say a prayer; before going to sea say two prayers; before marrying say three prayers.

—Proverb.

## April Twelfth

Love burns as long as a lucifer match. Wedlock's the candle.

-George Meredith.



## April Fifteenth

It is good for a man to be brought once, at least, in his life, face to face with  $fa\mathcal{E}t$ , ultimate fact, however horrible it may be.

- Charles Kingsley.

## April Sixteenth

Ladies, whose love is constant as the wind.

—Young.



There lives within the very flame of love A kind of wick or snuff that doth abate it.

-Shakespeare.

## April Nineteenth

There is probably no other act of a man's life so hot-headed and fool-hardy as this one of marriage.

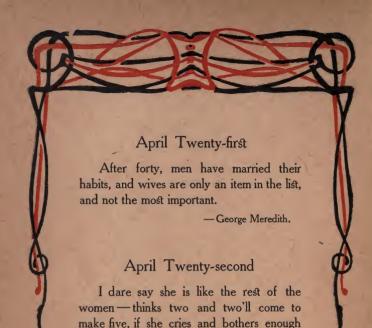
— Stevenson.

## April Twentieth

For Man is fire and Woman is tow,

And the Somebody comes and begins to blow.

— Longfellow.



## April Twenty-third

-George Eliot.

about it.

A second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience. —Dr. Johnson.

## April Twenty-fourth

Love cools, friendship falls off,
Brothers divide. — Shakespeare.



## April Twenty-seventh

A fool and his honey are soon mated.

— The Cynic's Calendar.

## April Twenty-eighth

It is very beautiful to be in love, but it is a great relief to be out of it.

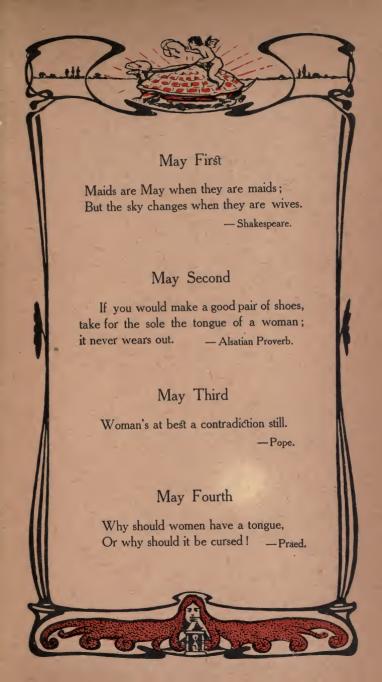
-R. W. St. Hill.



April Thirtieth

Men are April when they woo, December when they wed.

- Shakespeare.





Poor Mountford Wilts boasted of knowing women, and he married. To jump into the mouth of an enigma is not to read it.

-George Meredith.

## May Seventh

Wooing, wedding, and repenting is as a Scotch jig.

— Shakespeare.

## May Eighth

Old King Cole
Was a jolly old soul,
And a jolly old soul was he;
And why was he merry?
'Tis endent, very,
Because there was no Mrs. C.

-Puck.



## May Eleventh

Seek not for favour of women. So shall you find it indeed;

Does not the boar break cover just when you're lighting a weed?

-Kipling.

## May Twelfth

A mighty pain to love it is.

- Cowley.



## May Fifteenth

Can I again that look recall

That once could make me die
for thee?

No, no! the eye that beams on all
Shall never more be prized by me.

-Moore.

## May Sixteenth

Well, dere ain't no tellin' 'bout womin; de mug wot tinks 'e's er safe winner wen womin is de stake, dat mug is a farmer, sure!

— Townsend.



I fear no woman.

-Shakespeare.







## May Nineteenth

What they do in heaven we are ignorant of; what they do not, we are told expressly: they neither marry nor are given in marriage.

— Swift.

#### May Twentieth

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels which are in heaven.

—St. Matt. xxii: 30; St. Mark xii: 25; St. Luke xx: 34-36.



## May Twenty-first

The fact that there is no marrying in heaven goes still further to prove, perhaps, that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

•—Puck.

## May Twenty-second

But the marriage which is not made in heaven, where is it made?

I don't know, except when such a marriage is contracted there's the devil to pay.

-Puck.

## May Twenty-third

Make 'im take 'er, an' keep 'er; that's hell for 'em both. \_\_Kipling.

## May Twenty-fourth

Old maids lead apes there\* where the old bachelors are turned to apes.

\* In hell.

-Poor Richard.



of hanging as if they went by one and the same destiny.

-Ben Jonson.

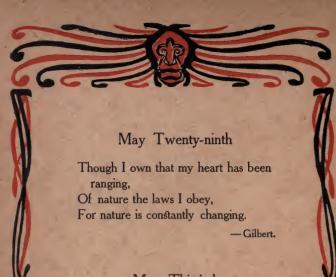
## May Twenty-seventh

Ho! pretty page, of the dimpled chin, All your wish is woman to win: This is the way that boys begin. Wait till you come to forty year.

- Thackeray.

## May Twenty-eighth

Most men know what they hate, few what they love. -Colton.



## May Thirtieth

Can we forget so easily, my Lord? A woman can.

—Lew Wallace.

## May Thirty-first

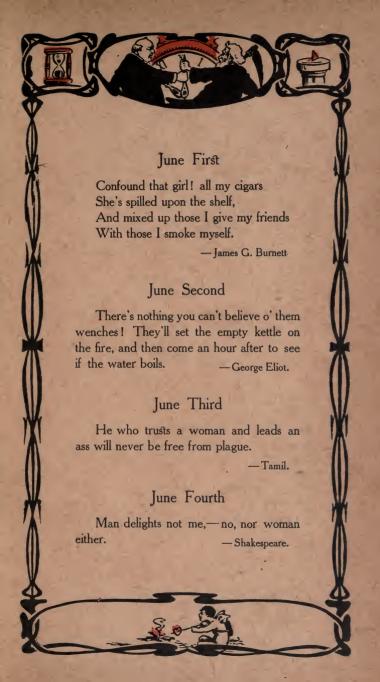
We aren't no thin red 'eroes, nor we aren't no blackguards, too,

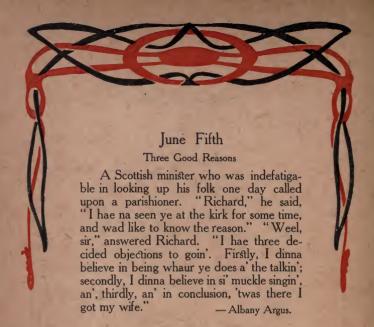
But single men in barricks, most remarkable, like you;

An' if some times our conduck isn't all your fancy paints,

Why, single men in barricks don't grow into plaster saints.

—Kipling.





#### Iune Sixth

A woman's double.

-Hood.

### June Seventh

A man must be tolerably weak who submits to petticoat government and allows himself to be henpecked. —Ednah Robinson.

## June Eighth

Love is a sudden blaze which soon decays.

—Gay.



## June Tenth

Their tricks an' craft hae put me daft,
They've ta'en me in, an' a' that;
But clear your decks, an' here's "The Sex,"
I like the jades for a' that.

\_Burns.

#### June Eleventh

We've got to take the bitters with the sweets; but unless they are very carefully compounded with other choice ingredients, they make a mighty poor cocktail. —Puck.

## June Twelfth

Marriage is a desperate thing.

- John Selden.



### June Fifteenth

"Do you think bachelors ought to be taxed?" asked Willie Washington.

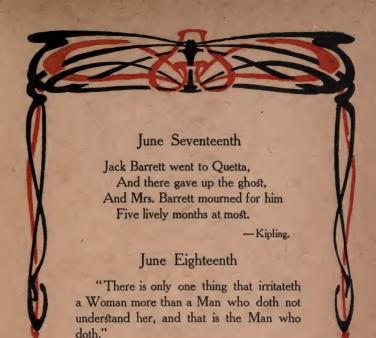
"No," answered Miss Cayenne. "I think the girls ought to make up purses and pay them bounties for not making homes unhappy."

— Washington Star.

#### June Sixteenth

—it's an impious, unscriptural opinion to say a woman's a blessing to a man now.

— George Eliot.



## June Nineteenth

"Drink to fair woman, who, I think, Is most entitled to it; For if anything drives men to drink She certainly can do it."

## June Twentieth

Men talk of the influence of women, but do women really influence us at all?

- Richard le Gallienne.



"In all this foolish world, no creature is so unmitigated a fool as man—excepting always woman."

## June Twenty-third

To paint an angel's kittle wark,
Wi' Nick there's little danger:
You'll easy draw a lang-kent face,
But no sae weel a stranger.

—Burns.

## June Twenty-fourth

"Commend a wedded life, but keep thyself a bachelor."



Marriage from love, like vinegar from wine — A sad, sour, sober beverage. — Byron.

### Iune Twenty-seventh

Women are books, and men the readers be, Who sometimes in those books errata see.

- Poor Richard.

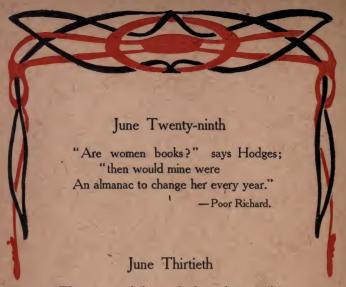
June Twenty-eighth

My only books

Were woman's looks,

And folly's all they've taught me.

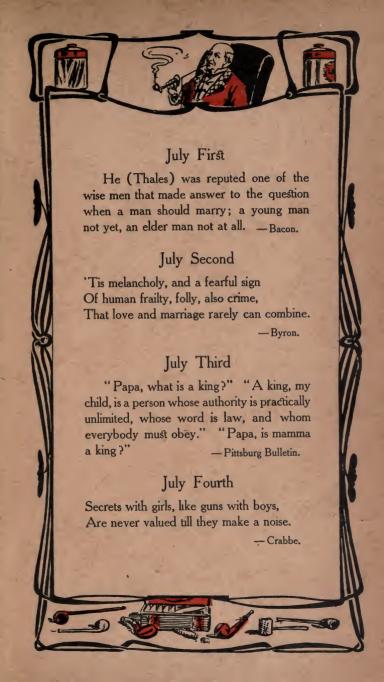
-Moore.



The temper of chums, the love of your wife, and a new piano's tune—

Which of the three will you trust at the end of an Indian June?

—Kipling,





Ah, the women are quick enough—
they're quick enough! They know the
rights of a story before they hear it, and can
tell a man what his thoughts are before he
knows'em himself.
—George Eliot.

#### July Seventh

That man that hath a tongue, I say, is no man,

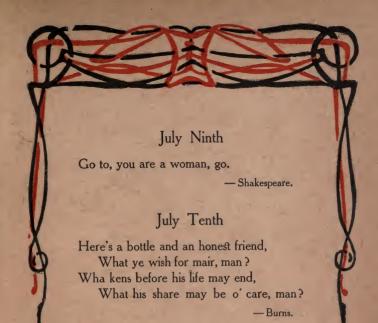
If with that tongue he cannot win a woman.

— Shakespeare.

## July Eighth

Rash mortals, ere you take a wife, Contrive your pile to last for life.

-Poor Richard.



### July Eleventh

I commended mirth because a man hath no better thing under the sun than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry.

- Ecclesiastics viii: 15.

## July Twelfth

Love is not altogether a delirium, yet it has many points in common therewith.

- Colton.



## July Fifteenth

Thou art wedded to calamity.

-Shakespeare.

## July Sixteenth

I cannot eat but little meat,
My stomach is not good;
But sure, I think, that I can drink
With him that wears a hood.

-Bishop Still (John).



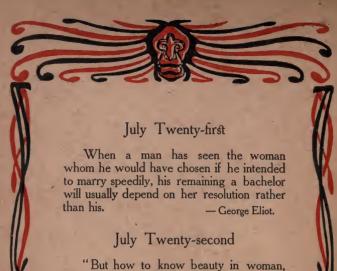
July Nineteenth

Most women have no characters at all.

—Pope.

## July Twentieth

— if dere's a woman in de game, youse wanter keep yer eye peeled all de time, fer if yer snooze — wy wen yer wakes up, yer ain't in it. Dat's right. — Townsend.



"But how to know beauty in woman, when one sees it, that is the question," said a disappointed bachelor friend the other day.

- William Sharp.

## July Twenty-third

'Tis not her air, for sure in that
There's nothing more than common,
And all her sense is only chat,
Like any other woman. — Whitehead.

## July Twenty-fourth

Get you home and do not stand disputing with me, for you know I am a Salamancan Bachelor of Arts, and there is no bachelorizing beyond that.

— Cervantes.



— Judge.

## July Twenty-seventh

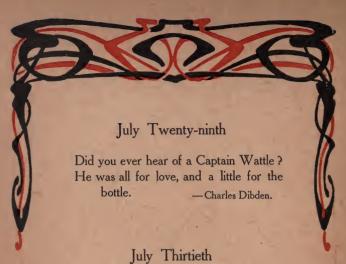
Plain women he regarded as he did the other severe facts of life, to be faced with philosophy and investigated by science.

-George Eliot.

## July Twenty-eighth

The handsomest woman looks homely sometimes, and so you get a little variety; but a homely one can only look worse than usual.

-G. H. Lorimer.

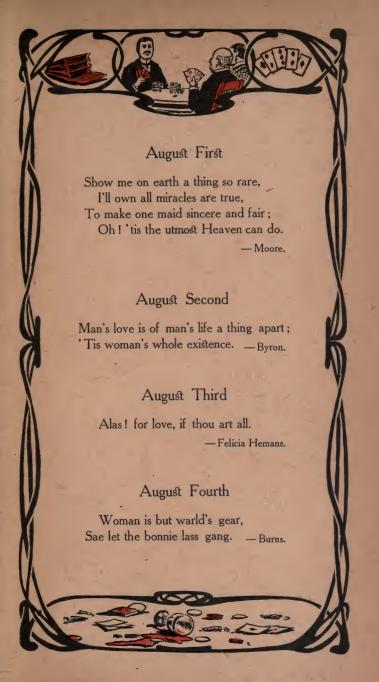


Love is a familiar. Love is a devil. - Shakespeare.

#### July Thirty-first

In matrimony, love is only hors d'œuvre; friendship is the piece de resistance.

-Max O'Rell.



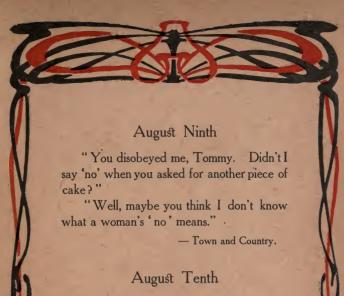


#### August Seventh

Madam, we have no Animosity —
We hit off a little now and then, but no
Animosity. — Shakespeare.

## August Eighth

Have you not heard it said full oft, A woman's nay doth stand for naught?
—Shakespeare,



In wedlock a species of lottery lies, Where in blanks and in prizes they deal.

- Moore.

### August Eleventh

Marriage is a raffle, not a lottery. One man gets the prize, while the other gets the shake.

— Chicago Daily News.

### August Twelfth

These are Women, are they not?

-Shakespeare



O marriage! Marriage, what a curse is thine! - Aaron Hill.

### August Sixteenth

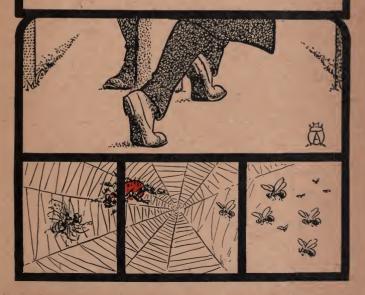
Pleasant the snaffle of courtship; improving the manners and carriage; But the colt who is wise will abstain from the terrible thorn-bit of marriage.

-Kipling.



Is not marriage an open question when it is alleged from the beginning of the world that such as are in the institution wish to get out, and such as are out wish to get in?

—Emerson.







# August Nineteenth

Sweet is revenge—especially to women.
—Byron.

### August Twentieth

Half the sorrows of women would be averted if they could repress the speech they know to be useless—nay, the speech they have resolved not to utter.—George Eliot.



-Swift.

### August Twenty-third

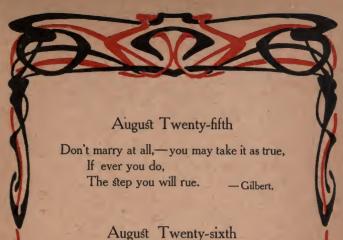
An angry woman never won a man.

—Lew Wallace.

### August Twenty-fourth

Tongue; well, that's a werry good thing when it ain't a woman's.

— Dickens.



### August Twenty-sixth

Marriage, indeed, may qualify the fury of his passions, but it very rarely mends his manners. - Congreve.

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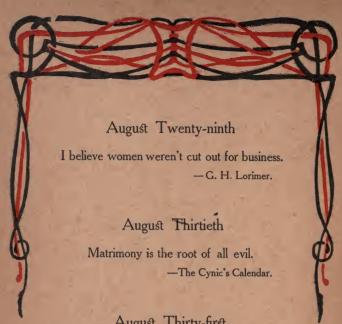
One bad woman can ruin more men than twenty good women can redeem.

- Lavinia Hart.

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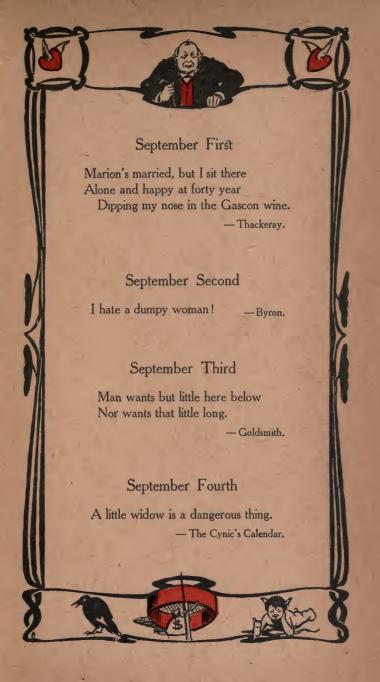
The sex, the fair sex, the unfair sex, the gentle sex, the barbaric sex.

-Henry Harland.



### August Thirty-first

The love of books, the love of books, It passeth love of maids; It doth not fade with fading looks. Like love of them—the jades! - W. D. Elwanger.





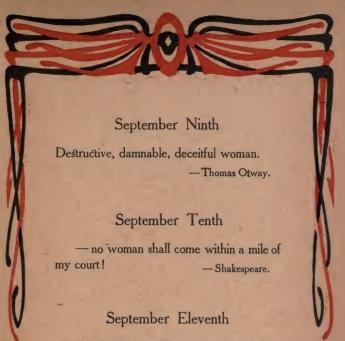
### September Seventh

Who lost Mark Anthony the world? A woman.

### September Eighth

Who was the cause of a long ten years' war,

And laid at last old Troy in ashes?
Woman



A silly, big-eyed, clinging little woman who doesn't weigh a hundred pounds, can drag down the strongest man like a millstone around his neck.

—Nancy Huston Banks.

### September Twelfth

Fatal this marriage, cancelling your fame, Razing the characters of your renown.

-Shakespeare



# September Fifteenth

I hate a match. I feel sure that brimstone matches were never made in heaven; and it is sad to think that with few exceptions matches are all of them tipped with brimstone.

— Ike Marvel.

### September Sixteenth

A wit should be no more sincere than a Woman constant.

—Congreve.

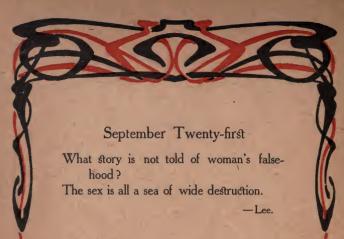


### September Nineteenth

Love seldom haunts the breast where learning lies. —Pope.

# September Twentieth

"An honest man may like a lass," Most honest men prefer a glass.



### September Twenty-second

Be werry careful o' widders all your life,
Sammy. — Dickens.

### September Twenty-third

The faithless winds, blind rocks, and sinking sands.

Are women all—the wreck of wretched men!—Lee.

### September Twenty-fourth

Fortune is capricious because she is feminine; for the same reason she is easily bluffed.

—Life.



### September Twenty-seventh

Marriage is the hitching-post on the road of life.

— Exchange.

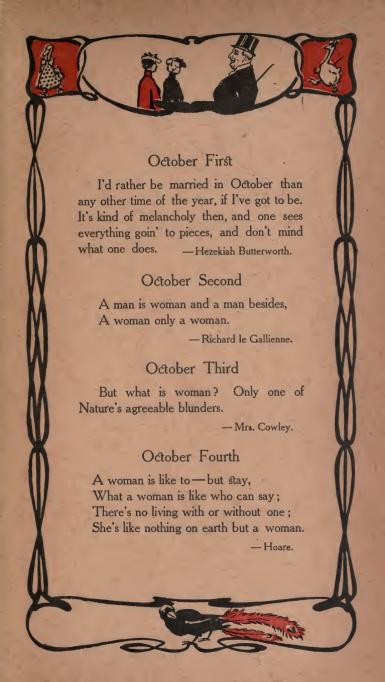
### September Twenty-eighth

Think not thy friend can ever feel the soft, Unmanly warmth and tenderness of love.

—Shakespeare.



-Atchison Globe.





Marriage is so unlike everything else. There is something even awful in the nearness it brings.

— George Eliot.

#### October Seventh

There is scarcely a lawsuit unless a woman is the cause of it.

— Juvenal.

### October Eighth

Twentieth century progress—a marriage certificate with a divorce coupon attached.



an' a man can raise a thirst.

-Kipling.

#### October Eleventh

Good wine I find a great strengthener of the Bachelor heart. - Ike Marvel.

#### October Twelfth

Of all the actions of a man's life his marriage doth least concern other people; yet of all actions of our life it is most meddled with by other people. -Selden.



### October Fifteenth

"Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

-Pope.

#### October Sixteenth

We are beguiled by woman, fooled by woman, led on, put off, tantalized by woman, fretted and bullied by her.

—Henry Harland.



What is a first love worth, except to prepare for a second?

— John Hav.

#### October Nineteenth

What does the second love bring?
Only regret for the first.

— John Hay.

#### October Twentieth

A wedding is a licensed subject to joke upon, but there is really no great joke in the matter, after all.

— Dickens.



### October Twenty-third

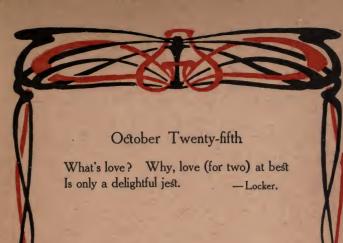
Frailty, thy name is woman!

- Shakespeare.

### October Twenty-fourth

To think of all the wrong, and wretchedness, that one foolish baby face can cause!

- Robert Grant.



# October Twenty-sixth

Love is merely a madness.

- Shakespeare.

### October Twenty-seventh

You can trust a woman's taste on everything except men.

—G. H. Lorimer.

## October Twenty-eighth

I cannot fitlier compare marriage than to a lottery. —Boyle.



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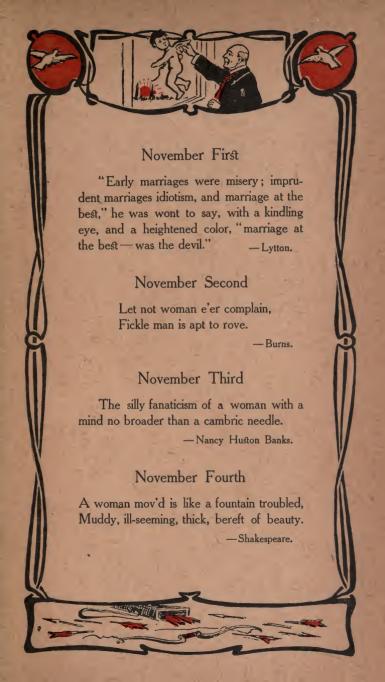
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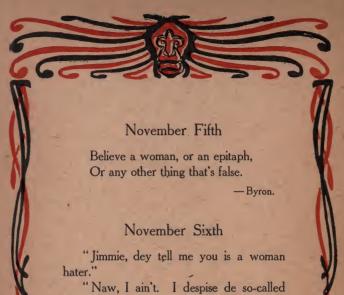
Don't tell me about God having made such creatures to be companions for us! I don't say but He might make Eve to be a companion for Adam in Paradise—there was no cooking to be spoilt there, and no other women to cackle with and make mischief; though you see what mischief she did as soon as she'd an opportunity.

- George Eliot.

### October Thirty-first

"MARRIED!" He stopped short, smiled dully, and added in a low, vindictive tone, "It serves him right!" — Dickens.





fair sex too much even to hate 'em."

-The Examiner.

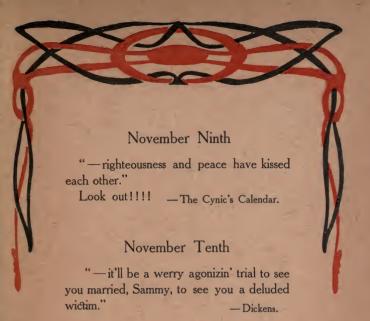
#### November Seventh

They that marry ancient people merely to bury them hang themselves in the hope that some one will come and cut them down.

-Thomas Fuller.

## November Eighth

Love! Fantastic power! - Prior.



# November Eleventh

There's small choice in rotten apples!

— Shakespeare.

#### November Twelfth

I've seen your stormy seas and stormy women,

And pity lovers rather more than seamen.

-Byron.



A bachelor May thrive by observation on a little, A single life's no burthen.

- John Ford.

#### November Fifteenth

Man proposes and woman sues him for breach of promise.

— John Eliot.

#### November Sixteenth

To remain a woman's ideal, a man must die a bachelor.

—Smart Set.

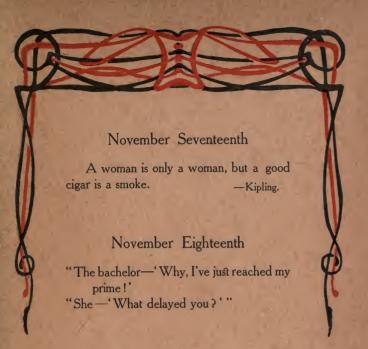


Times are changed with him who marries; there are no more by-path meadows, wherein you may innocently linger, but the road lies long and straight and dusty to the grave.

- Stevenson.







#### November Nineteenth

She has a tongue with a tang.

-Shakespeare.

#### November Twentieth

O woman,—what distraction was meant mankind when thou wast made a devil!

- Beaumont and Fletcher.



### November Twenty-third

"Jack wants a quiet wedding."

"Let him have it. It's the last quiet day he'll ever have."

— Examiner.

### November Twenty-fourth

Edith — The man I marry must be bold and fearless.

Ethel—Yes, dear, he must. \_ Puck.



### November Twenty-seventh

Woman

Away, away!— you're all the same, A flattering, smiling, jilting throng.

- Moore.

### November Twenty-eighth

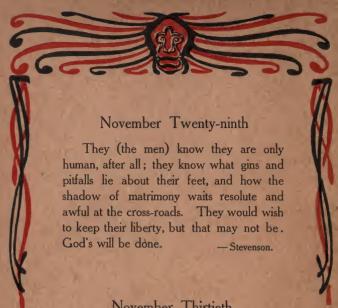
He Knew

St. Peter (to first applicant)— Were you married while on earth?

F. A.—I was; twice.

St. Peter — Walk in — you deserve it. (To second applicant) — And you?

S. A.—Single all my life, your Holiness.
St. Peter—Then you've had your good time. What the devil do you want here?
(Slams the door viciously.)—The Wasp.



November Thirtieth

If there's anything on God's earth troublesome to deal with at the breakfast table or on the witness-stand it's a woman.

Troublesome? Exasperating? Devilish! - Mrs. Burton Harrison.



Love — a Highland plaid — All stuff; and very often full of crosses.

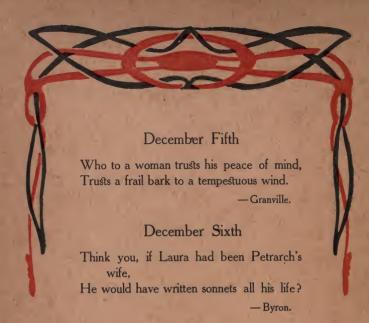
-Praed.

#### December Fourth

— debt leads man to wed, And marriage leads to debt.

-Kipling.





#### December Seventh

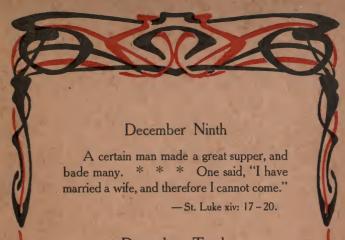
Never thread was spun so fine, Never spider stretched the line, Would not hold the lovers true That would really swing for you.

- Holmes.

### December Eighth

Marriage is a step so grave and decisive that it attracts light-headed, variable men by its very awfulness.

—R. L. Stevenson.



## December Tenth

"He who marries a wife and he who goes to the war must necessarily take the consequences."

#### December Eleventh

Marriage is a feast where the grace is sometimes better than the dinner.

-Colton.

## December Twelfth

"Thou dost look the very Priest of Hymen!"

In short, I may be called so, for I deal in repentance and mortification. — Sheridan.



make a stand. - Anthony Hope.

#### December Sixteenth

A ribbon bright or dull, which I can skein About my fingers, or a flower of spring Which stales at noon of plucking in the morn.

For they are solid things compared with faith

> In woman. -Lew Wallace.



#### December Nineteenth

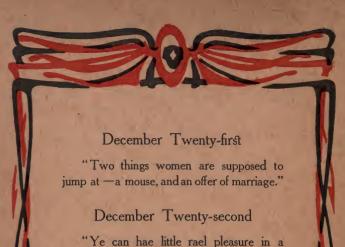
What is a Sage, Papa? A Sage, my son, is a man who never marries.

—Exchange.

#### December Twentieth

Dick—He married, did he? Well, some fellows don't know when they're well off.

Jack — Well, in this case he knew the girl was well off. — Puck.



"Ye can hae little rael pleasure in a merrige," explained the grave-digger, in whom, perhaps, the serious side had been abnormally developed, "for ye never ken hoo it will turn out; but there's nae risk in a burial."

—Ian MacLaren.

# December Twenty-third

Thus grief still treads upon the heels of pleasure;

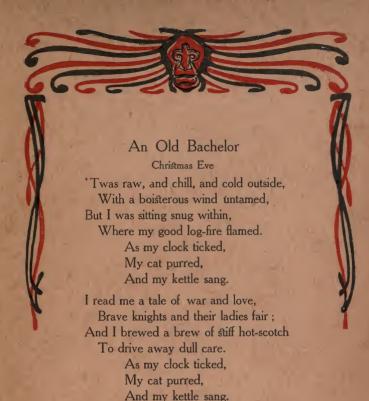
Married in haste, we may repent at leisure.

— Congreve.

December Twenty-fourth

My God! I have fallen in love!

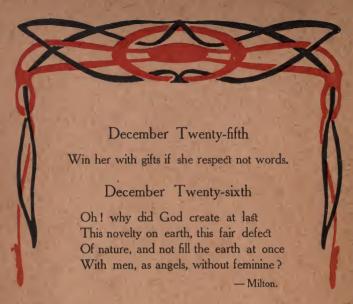
—E. F. Benson.



At last the candles sputtered out,
But the embers still were bright,
When I turned my tumbler upside down,
An' bade m'self g'night!

As th' ket'l t-hic-ked, The clock purred, And the cat (hic) sang!

— Tudor Jenks.



# December Twenty-seventh

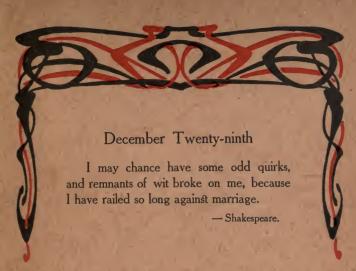
Paint that figure's pliant grace,
As she toward me leaned her face,
Half refused and half resigned,
Murmuring, "Art thou still unkind?"
Many a broken promise then
Was new made—to break again.

- Matthew Arnold.

# December Twenty-eighth

Trust not a woman, even when she is dead.

—Buckley.



### December Thirtieth

If you trust a man, let him be a bachelor, let him be a bachelor.

—George Eliot.

## December Thirty-first

When I said I would die a bachelor, I did not think I should live till I were married.

-Shakespeare.

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