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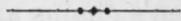
CONTAINING

A veritable list of some of the best looking, wealthiest, and most reliable single and marriageable men of the Country, with their Post Office address.

Those marked "M. C." denotes Members of Congress.

Those marked "B," denotes Bachelor.

Those marked "W," denotes Widower.



A strange and unparallelled dearth in matrimonial engagements this year, not only in Washington, but throughout other gay cities, lead us to ask the cause? and, also, to suggest a remedy.

At Buffalo, New York, and at the National Capital, as well as other places, many single reliable men are to be found—widowers *ad libitum*.

"Love in a cottage," or "for myself alone" till death us do part, is fast dying out of the American, as well as the foreign vocabulary of courtship.

Maneuvering mammas have become an abomination and a by-word—a something spectacular, that changes almost instantaneously into an irate mother-in-law; a terror to all men, and objects to be devoutly dreaded.

Although marriage alliances and matrimonial bureaus are conducted through third parties in Europe with success, in America they are as yet inadmissible in respectable society, being generally conducted by persons of doubtful character and reputation, and usually form a means of intrigue, subterfuge, and extortion from the ignorant and unwary.

American girls and women are known and admired for their independence and straightforward dealing. Being persuaded that nothing but an honest deal will prosper, we will give none but the names of respectable men in this Manual, and will from time to time add new names to our list, or take off as Hymen's chains are forged.

Each edition will contain some new and desirable candidates for the matrimonial market.

As matrimony is a lottery, all should make it a matter of serious consideration before they make one step towards it, and consider that the law of recompense is the only true and legitimate basis to work upon.

Therefore, let every lady ask herself the following questions, and answer them honestly, as an initiatory proceeding:

What has nature done for me to make me a worthy helpmate?

In what way have I fitted myself to make another happier and better by my companionship.

Have I taught myself self-control, so that with gentleness I can control others with whom I may be associated?

Is my health such as it will make me a blessing instead of a burden?

If sickness or adversity should overtake one with whom I should form an engagement or union, have I principle and strength of character sufficient to stand to my post?

Am I woman enough to be above petty jealousies and suspicions?

Can I forbear questioning and retort?

Am I in sober earnest in seeking a correspondence, or is it only for the purpose of carrying on a flirtation? No benefit can ever result from such a course as leading anyone on by rifling; therefore, what will be the result to myself in case of my not receiving the answers I desire to my communications?

In seeking an acquaintance with anyone on the list contained in this Manual, without further introduction, may I, as this is Leap Year, make the advance by writing, without compromising any of my womanly dignity?

The gentlemen's names herein mentioned are

all men of worth, position, and means ; now what have I to give as an equivalent, and what have I to offer to them for their taking my future responsibility upon themselves at my suggestion ?

After carefully pondering on the foregoing questions, and answering them to your satisfaction, make a written list of your wealth, in youth, beauty, education, accomplishments, and means. Place it on your table for examination. Then select from the list of names those you would like to address, having provided yourself with good note paper, stamped with your post-office address, some fine pens, and black ink, so that your writing may be seen without spectacles.

Then, in a neat, legible hand, write to the gentleman ; state your object, tell him how you became acquainted with his name and address, state your requisitions and what you have to offer in return. Ask for an answer promptly, and allow no trifling whatever. Fold neatly, envelope, and direct it distinctly, put a stamp on and dispatch it.

Do not be discouraged if you do not get a response for some weeks ; sometimes the parties addressed are out of town, and do not receive their mail. And very often second reading, and after consideration of this square, womanly way of dealing awakens respect, and curiosity as to the writer. I have known several instances of letters being answered after two months had elapsed in silence.

If one don't write, another may. Remember the old adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try again." We give you many fish in our list to angle for, you only want one to bite; the law wont allow you any more. As our list is a sea, see you to it that you secure one of the best—they are all desirable.

It is not well or advisable for too many ladies to address the same gentleman, as he cannot gratify them all; still, there's no telling—your chance is as good, and may be better than any. A nicely written word, or a pretty choice phrase, has just decided one's destiny; so have plenty of faith in whatever you undertake. Tell your friend to purchase, but do not loan your Manual, the price is so limited all may possess one.

COPY OF A LETTER.

SIR.—On consulting the Matrimonial Manual, published by ———, I find your name among the list of marriageable gentlemen, and as it vouches for your respectability, I have taken the liberty of addressing you.

I am of honest, respectable parentage, being born and reared in ———. My age is twenty-four years; my health is perfect; my disposition is affectionate; my temper good, and my tastes refined. I am of fair complexion, eyes and hair dark, and am called, generally, good-looking.

My weight is ———, and my means moderate,
[or ample, as may be.]

I am a widow, [or maid, as the case may be,] and
I desire to correspond with you honestly, honor-
ably, and squarely, and as this is Leap Year, I
am not overstepping its limitations.

I am, most respectfully, yours,

LILLIAN JONES.

Address : ——— ———.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Carl Schurz, Secretary of the Interior. Hand-
some, fond of music; talented. W.

W. A. Wheeler, Vice-President United States.
Very fond of young girls. W.

Charles Devens, Attorney-General U. S. Ex-
ceedingly genial and attractive. B.

A. H. Garland, U. S. Senator. Owns a beau-
tiful home in Atlanta, Ga. W.

Thomas W. Ferry, U. S. Senator. Can only
be caught by a young girl. Of retiring dispo-
sition; would probably wilt if the question was
oral. B.

William Sharon, U. S. Senator. Charming
characteristics; lovely home in Virginia City,
Nevada; two children. W.

Ex-Governor McCook. A walking lexicon ; might tumble. B.

Judge David Davis, of Illinois. Splendid every way, with a heart as large as a nation. A millionaire. W.

Benjamin Marsh, M. C. Large and soldiery bearing ; a very petite angler might get him. W.

Emory Speer, M. C. Very elegant ; most courteous and handsome. W.

Benjamin Wilson, M. C. Very liberal in his sentiments towards the female sex ; easily captured, if by a rich widow. W.

Newton Booth, U. S. Senator. Handsome ; is very susceptible to experienced ladies or widows ; owns a fine home in San Francisco. B.

C. P. Berry, M. C. A man that would be a prize to whoever is fortunate enough to get him. W.

Phillip Cook, M. C. Is quite handsome and would be easily mated, but despises broomstick exercise. W.

Alex. Stephens, M. C. Seize him, ye leap yearers, he is only fit to be fondled and carressed ; rich, but delicate. B.

Joseph Jorgenson, M. C. Very learned ; grand, gloomy, and peculiar ; well worth many efforts to secure ; rich. B.

J. H. Acklen. Beautiful brunette; the popular guardian of pretty girls and widows; wealthy; plantation in Louisiana; very desirable. W.

J. Floyd King, M. C. Not space enough to enumerate all his good qualities; not decidedly handsome, but rich. B.

Rollin M. Daggett, M. C. A diamond in himself; a spicy and versatile character; good writer; a widow with money could torment him amazingly. W.

Benjamin L'Fevre. Has been in love once; very fond of children. Young lady would suit him best. B.

Amos Townsend, M. C. A very fine looking brunette, who has turned the hearts of many women; has remained single long enough. Experienced girls, please see to him. B.

A. Herr Smith, M. C. Would be handsome if he were stouter; very popular with the fair sex; enjoys sleigh riding; rich. B.

Ambrose E. Burnside, U. S. Senator. Elegant; perfect suavity of manners, and most imposing bearing; wealthy. W.

Wade Hampton, U. S. Senator. Remarkably fine looking; a scholar, a soldier, and a statesman; millions in him. W.

J. Bradley Adams. A merchant; handsome, young and rich. B.

Gen. Casey Young. Handsome, brave, and an idol in the hearts of the people of Tennessee for his conduct during the yellow fever reign in Memphis; is easily suited and not yet spoken for. W.

Geo. L. Garmon. His bump of self-esteem has a remarkable development; is quite handsome; likes widows, but she must be rich. B.

Gen. R. B. Marcy, Inspector, U. S. A. Grand, beautiful, and fond of young girls or cheerful widows; a catch for either. W.

Col. J. E. Tourtellotte, U. S. A. Blonde; a fine specimen of the genus homo; might be mastered by a school mistress; money no object with him. B.

Col. Geo. A. Otis, U. S. A. Decidedly fine looking; could be captured by a lady who had domestic tastes; ample means. W.

Surgeon Basil Norris, Colonel U. S. A. A perfect gem of a man; wants any lady upon whom he confers his name to have a taste for fishing, hunting, &c. B.

Gov. M. B. P. K. Young. Such a catch! Bryonic in features, Creosus in wealth, and nothing mean about him. W.

Judge Ord. Charming home in West Virginia. A most desirable catch. W.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

John W. Wiley. A perfect Adonis, and wealthy; very fond of stylish ladies. B.

Charles Peterson. Tall and handsome; wealthy and generous. B.

W. R. Chaffin. Dark and *distingue*; worth five thousand a year. B.

Wm. Palmer. A very prepossessing gentleman; fair and forty; good business qualifications. B.

Alvin S. Southworth. A gentleman of good means, a scholar, and would make a cultivated lady, of not more than thirty, happy. W.

Daniel Willord. A wealthy man; loves to travel; wants a wife to stop his roving—should have one. W.

Wm. Baker. Blonde, smart, and prudent; good chance for a nice young widow. B.

Wm. B. Rankine. Handsome man of Buffalo; quite young; travels a great deal. Catch him on the wing. B.

Geo. Haisch. Not forty yet; very desirable; scholarly, and fond of music; worth about six thousand a year. W.

Prof. Wm. Doggitt. Large and imposing appearance; dark; fine bass singer; learned and courteous. W.

Wm. Jackson. Good business; has been in matrimonial market some years; very wary; rich. W.

George Moore, sewing machines. Very good looking, quite young, and will, if he gets the right girl, be a rich man. B.

Louis Palmer. A very fine young man, religiously inclined; is saving, and has some money; wants a real good, energetic wife. B.

George Palmer. A male flirt; good looking, but spoiled by the girls. A sensible woman of twenty-seven would be best for him. B.

James A. Newton. A blonde, strawberry tinge; smart as a whip, and likes ladies' society; about thirty. B.

H. Shelden, Jr. Not thirty yet; very fond of young widows with dark eyes; very good position. B.

Charles Peterson. Fair complexion, a nice home, but no housekeeper; worth about five thousand a year. W.

Louis Zeiger, Jr. A worthy young man, good to look upon; in grocery business; is laying up money; wants a sweet and smart girl to help him. B.

C. L. Pratt, Conductor on N. Y. C. R. R. Is very good looking and a teetotaler; wants a wife who has a few hundred dollars. W.

Charles Lacker. Not decidedly handsome; fine eyes; will be rich, as he is the only heir to a fortune. B.

Frank Smith. Good as gold, but has had a long spell of bachelorhood; is forty; nip him, girls. B.

Mr. C. S. Rice. Jolly good fisherman; fond of ladies and dancing; plenty of money. B.

J. G. Evans. Is very handsome, and could be easily mated with either widow or maid who can command ten thousand dollars; smart. B.

NEW YORK CITY.

George Leland, Sturtevant House. A prince of good livers; handsome and generous; very kind disposition; elegant basso profundo voice. This is the very right time to tie him. W.

Gov. Daly, 130th street, west of fifth avenue. Elegant brown stone front; very fond of large women; money would be some consideration. W.

DeGrasse Livingstone, New York Hotel. Heavenly side whiskers and mustache a la English; very fond of ladies, and wealthy. B.

Albert Maxwell, New York Hotel. Splendid in every way. None but a lady of culture over thirty will suit him. W.

Gen. Averill, New York Hotel. A big catch; is a great admirer of any stylish lady with white hair; rich, very. W.

Leroy Edgar, of Newport, Windsor Hotel. A perfect Inno Apollo, and a Creosus. B.

Samuel Freeman, Esq., Delmonico's. An Adonis; happy the woman that gets him; a millionaire, and delicate. B.

Mr. Kneeland, Windsor Hotel. Handsome, kind, unassuming, and rich. W.

Carroll Livingston, of Staten Island, Windsor Hotel. Bald headed bachelor, big hearted and rich. B.

George Hoey, Fifth avenue, near 49th street. Elegant; making his mark in Hamlet. B.

Albert Shattock, Esq., Fifth avenue, opposite Windsor. Every inch a gentleman; rich. B.

William Sims, M. D., Madison avenue, near 38th street. A very prince of good fellows. B.

James G. Bennett, N. Y. Herald. Heart as big as his pocket; eyes as blue as his blood. Nab him. B.

Fred. Qerraga, Jerome Park Club, N. Y. Very handsome; Cuban; rich. B.

Jack Sniffen, 42d street, near Fifth avenue.

The handsome Jack of the Seventh Regiment.
Has been free too long; Leap Year him. B.

Mr. Tibbitts, Fifth Avenue Hotel. Exquisite
and very wealthy. W.

Gen. Duryea, Sixth avenue, near 126th street.
Soldierly, elegant, and rich. W.

E. S. Abell, Baltimore. Worth his millions. W.

Harris Hodges, Baltimore. Chesterfieldian
and a wit. W.

Gen. Piper, San Francisco. Such a beau ideal,
and excels in Yellow Jacks. W.

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