Don't Marry a Man to Reform Him.

To God and your own self be true,

Don't link to his vice your virtue;

You'll rue it, dear girl, if you do. No matter how fervent his pleadings Be not by his promises led; If he can't be a man while a-wooing He'll never be one when he's wed, Don't marry a man to reform hun-

The mission of wives least successful Is the making of crooked limbs straight. There's many a maiden has tried it. and proved it a failure at least : ter tread your life's pathway alone, dear,

an wed with a lover that's "fast." d's much the sam e the world over ceptious you'll find are but few; rule is defeat and disaster.

inces are great against you. your bright hopes for the future. atical crown of youth, ing of him who holds lightly

ame of honor and truth. nd love" you must promise; age what you cannot fulfill, ve no respect for himself, dear,

s that the frown of a woman, ng as the blow of a man e world will be better when women wn an error as hard as they can. e virtue the price of your favor : lace wrong-doing under a ban ; Prove himself in full measure a man.

ely you then never will.

A RACE AGAINST TIME.

Dreams are not always true. conjured up by a disordered stomach

own experience, and judge for yourself whether shadows of the impending future can be projected in dreams.

the great Central railway for something more than a year, attending to all the day which I was riding.

for which the main line had to be always train to pass; a mail train night and morn- the special! ing which had right of way; one ordinary passenger, and half a dozen, perhaps, accommodation and freight.

To see that the main line was always was in condition for prompt and satisfacto- noisier as it nears us. ry working, kept me almost constantly at I stand up in the wagon; I urge to greatthe duties were not especially arduous to but my voice is beyond my control.

In order to be handy to my business, I notice whether the signals of "danger" or | time. "safety" were in their proper positions

to me with an alarmed face.

She was five years old.

red signals, that gave me an agony of ap- family. prehension. As I looked again at the line, my eyes fell upon an object-a small form ying upon one of the rails. My child! With a mighty effort Lawoke, turned over | false, and went to sleep, and dreamed the same ung again, with the addition that I seemmounted on a winged horse, and riding t life to close the switches.

and roused myself sufficiently to get up and | much of that. visit my little darling's crib, of course to. There is too much bad temper. find her safe. I walked the floor in my Too much scandal. stocking feet for awhile, looked at the clock. | Too much eyil thinking. and again turned in, to dream for the third | Too much hard judgment. time the same thing; to start suddenly and Too much impertinence. broadly awake, as if the voice which roused the Thane of Cawdor had hissed in my ear as in his, "Sleep no more!"

To awake, and find the first gleam of the incoming day glowing grayly on the eas ern wall was pleasing.

However, a visit to all those switchesmine, not those of the dream-a dash, headforemost into a cool, deep, running stream near, and a warm breakfast seemed to clear away whatever remained of the lingering to read. like myself once more.

which stopped, and the through express | ways be plenty of happiness in this world which did not, there was an interval of an

word I started the mare in a trot.

Nine twenty-two! Three miles of straight road-less, perhaps, a quarter of a mile detour to the station, when I should reach the track-and the main line open to westward for the passage out of the mail Three miles and eight minutes in which to

on the flank.

How can I describe that ride? I have been where charger met charger in the swirl and dust of battle, and men and horses have gone down together, but in that there was fellowship-association In this-but no words can fitly describe the fierce emotions of that solitary ride against time, where hundreds of innocent lives, all

I recall now the tempest which swayed my shrinking soul, as, outwardly calm and rigidly erect, with every muscle strong as steel, I held the mare firmly up to her work, and, by voice and touch, electrified the ess of the necessities and peril on this oc

Trees, houses, fences, gardens - sometimes men, staring in wild-eyed astonishment-flew past in one unbroken flight. My hat was off, my hair and beard streamng in the wind, my lips compressed, save when emitting low cries of encouragemen to the noble mare; and thus I reached a low rise of ground commanding a view of the line for a mile or more on either hand.

Up to this moment from the time I had drawn taut rein and glanced at my watclf, this point had been the objective point for If I could reach it before the whistle

blew at the crossing below, there would be possible accident had ever occurred to my hope. If not-I shuddered at the alternarecalled afterward, and many times,

express train ran day and night, both ways | switches-swept across me then! how my eyes for the first time swerved from their clear; a local express each way, which ran steady gaze at my horse's head, and flashon the turnout, and waited for the through | ed a glance up and down the whole line for Not in sight-thank God!

Stay! there is smoke on the horizon.

But there is no stay in the wild rush o our onward course. With as unflinching closed at the proper moment, that the turn- | nerve as when she started, the gallant mare out was always ready when it should be, stretches away down the gentle declivity, that the branch where the local made up while every moment the distance lessens, rich." was open, and, in short, that everything and the on-coming train gets larger and

my post, though, as I have already said, er speed; I wave scarf and hand; I shout, I am seen! Joy unutterable!

A whistle! The agent runs out with a each being taken in. lived in a cottage close by, from the open red flag! two whistles! Down brakes! The see any coming train for a mile away, and dozen yards from the open switch. It was

> dar-seven minutes and a half. This I confirmed afterward.)

I complete the last quarter of the detour with her pretty golden curls directly on the

That dream again! Shall I ever be thank-

in that line. That experience was too much for me. I left soon after, and my fortunes greatly improved. My golden-haired little darling is now a

So I end as I began : Dreams are not always true. Nor, on the other hand, are they always

some one. There is too much of a great Again I awoke, bathed in perspiration many things in this world, but not too

Too much weakness unforgiven. Too much of bad puns.

Too many courses at dinner. Too many chestnuts. Too many women who support the

Too many hars. Too many bores. Too many tiresome plays. Too many books written to sell and no

effects of my nocturnal visions, and I felt Too many-no, there are not too many husband, "but my remittances have not arbabies, and while there are a plenty of rived either." Between the passage of the down mail babies and plenty of love, there will al-

But that morning a dispatch had inually receiving egg-foods, red pepper they could not but admire each other's talobject will be to have them in such condition that they will always be willing t hant and scratch for their food, which i may be beneficial for awhile, but there will

Per Steamer Meteor.

ome time come a reaction.

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"I am loth to give up the huxuries to which I have been accustomed, and to continue them I must get a rich husband. am young, pretty and accomplished. style for about two years. I will mourn for my husband half that time, and then will begin my campaign."

The year wore slowly away and midummer came again. Her deep mourning had given place to lovely combinations cap was exchanged for lavender ribbons

She now determined to commence operations, and for that purpose went to a fashionable seaside resert, where her dresses and general style of living indicated her as the possessor of wealth.

Among the guests at the hotel was one Maurice Newman, a rather grave-faced man, who had reached the time of life when unconscious of the peril toward which they people whose business it is to look young are beginning to look old. His dark hair was plentifully silvered, while his mustache dyed and waxed with scrupulous nicet formed a marked contrast to his nose, the end of which was remarkably red.

Mr. Newman lived in the most expensiv manner, and was reported to be a retired stock broker, but his real character may ! gleaned from the following conversation, which took place between him and a com-

"Well, Jack," said Newman, "how are th "Running low," was the reply. "If you don't make a hit pretty soon, we will wine Here we have been living in elegant

"There you're mistaken, Jack. I have decided upon a lady whose fortune is ample to repay our outlay."

"Who is she?" "The Widow Stillman-the lady who is making such a sensation here now. She is just the material to operate on."

widow's resources?"

demonstration of her wealth. She asked my assistance one day to arrange some papers to ascertain their exact contents.

They consisted of deeds and mortgages, the whole bringing in enormous revenues, saw enough to convince me that she is very And this statement was perfectly true, the wily widow having prepared fictitious

deeds, etc., for the express purpose. The situation thus became decidedly teresting. Here were two needy adventurers, each bent on the same purpose, and

Matters were rapidly approaching a crisis door of which, looking eastward, I could train is saved, and comes to a halt not a for both were getting low in funds. One day they wandered by the shore, the widow the embodiment of sweetness. "This is my golden opportunity," though

"I wonder if he will propose?" thought

ning tones: "I have a favor to ask of you gave Estelle his hand to help her in.

When they reached the desired shad e Estelle laid aside her straw hat, push-

looked at the widow. Her head was droop-

"No," she answered softly, and with a smile, "but there is so much beauty here." "After a few moments she withdrew her

hand, but not before a light pressure had responded to her feelings. "Why does that make you sad?" and the male fraud sighed in sympathy. "Oh, I am so lonely," and the fema

fraud sighed in response. Here his arm encircled her willing waist and her head sank upon his bosom. There was some false sentiment uttered, each swallowing the other's bait blindly, and it was settled. They were engaged.

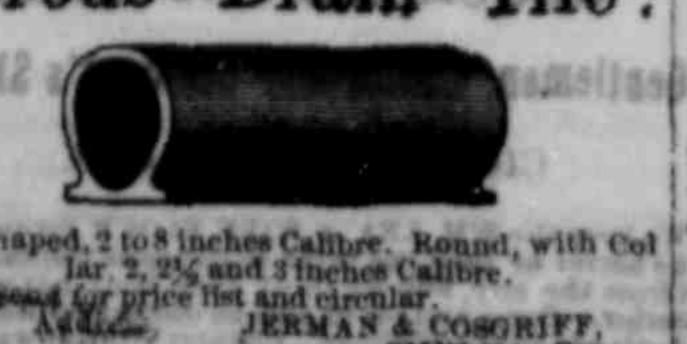
The next day they met again, and, both being in a hurry for the consumation of their plots, it was arranged that they should be married immediately. It was easily done. They were married within a month, and were to leave for Lake George the same and were to leave for Lake George the same

"By the way," said the bride, "I have been disappointed in my remittance, and you had better settle my hotel bill-only a few hundred dollars."

saw that upbraidings would be useles, whi

"Undoubtedly," agreed the ex-widow. "Then let us prey."

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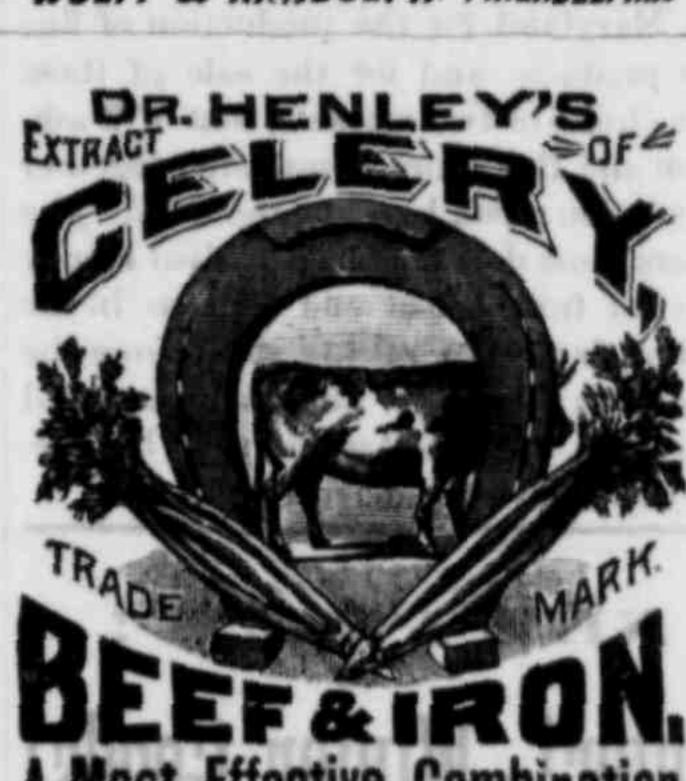
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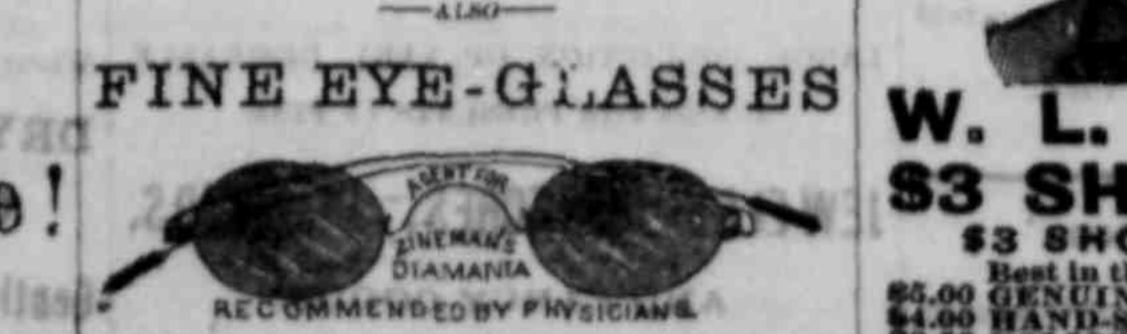
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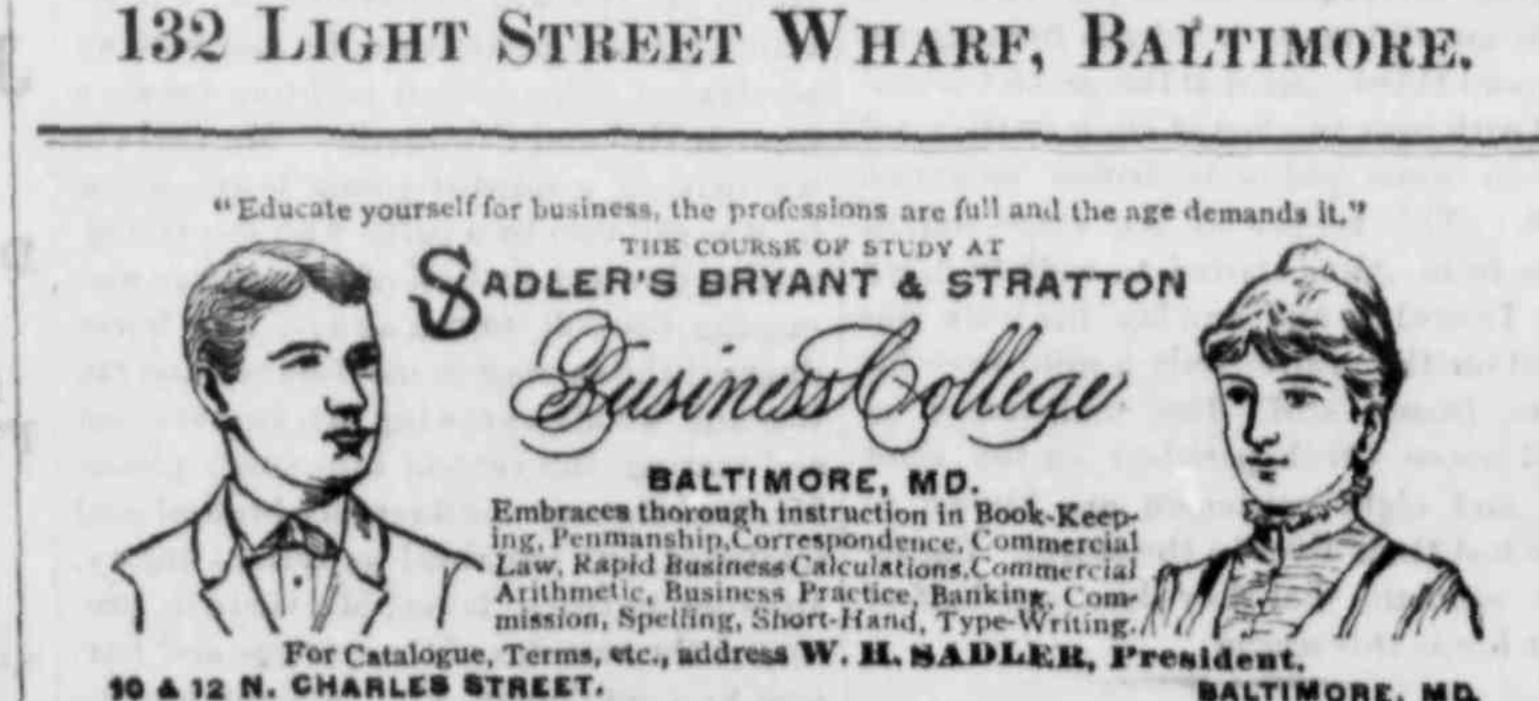
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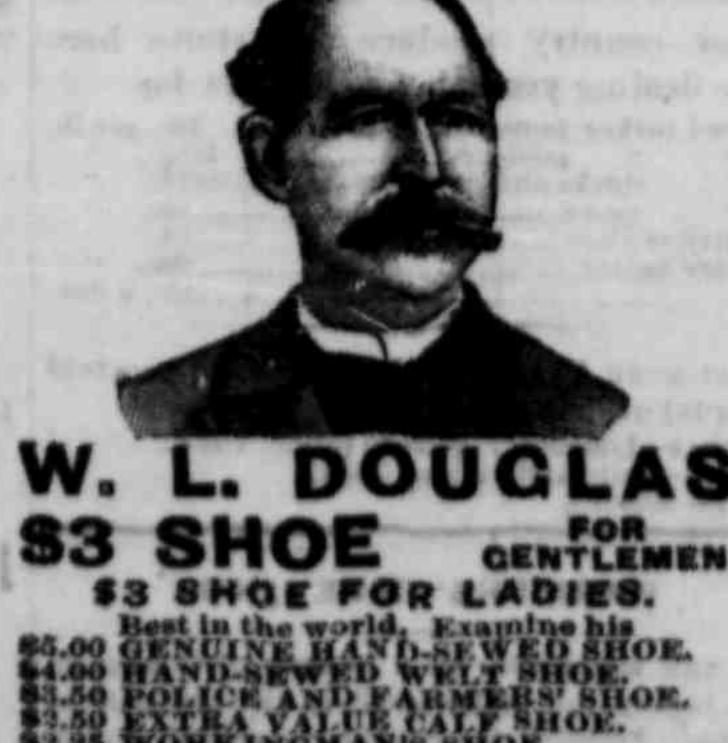




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