

## 1 OUT OF 4 MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE

June brides in Michigan have a four to one chance of staying out of the divorce courts, according to statistics released by the Michigan Department of Health. Despite the odds, their opportunities for marriage have increased 59 per cent

since 1922, when prospective bridegrooms were silenced by depression worries.

Divorces last year totaled 10,846 compared with 45,313 marriages, a ratio of four marriages to each divorce. This is a far cry from the early days of this generation in 1920 when there was but one divorce for every ten marriages. Prosperity appears to have a sad effect upon marital bliss, for the years 1929, 1930 and 1931 saw one marriage out of every three ending in the divorce courts.

Economic troubles, however, are a deterrent to appearances before the marriage altar according to comparative figures in the accompanying table for the ten-year period 1926-1935. Marriages decreased from 33,788 in 1926 to a low of 28,552 in 1932. With the return of more favorable economic conditions in 1935, they reached their highest figures since 1925.

Divorces, too, reached their depression low in 1932 and 1933

when the necessary legal fees were scarce. Returning prosperity in 1935 brought a 41 per cent increase in divorces compared with 1932.

## 1936 Traffic Deaths Show 10% Decrease

Traffic deaths in Michigan for the first four months of 1936 are 10 per cent lower than for the corresponding period of 1935, according to statistics released today by the Michigan Department of Health. Fatal automobile accidents in April, however, indicate an 11 per cent increase over those for March.

Automobile accidents took the lives of 416 persons in Michigan during the first four months compared with 462 deaths over a similar period last year and 445 in 1934. Traffic fatalities accounted for 122 lives in April, the highest monthly toll in 1936. Increased traffic and the urge for speed with the approach of favorable weather make spring and summer driving more hazardous than the slippery highways of winter.

## Facts About the Telephone

Los Angeles' first telephone exchange was established fifty-five years ago, on February 1, 1881.

Commercial telephone service between Great Britain and Ceylon has been inaugurated. The service is by radio telephone to British India and thence by land lines and submarine cable to Ceylon.

Thirty-five years ago, Bell System telephones could be connected with only 45 per cent of the telephones in the world. Today, about 93 per cent of the world's 35,000,000 telephones are within reach of any Bell or Bell-connecting telephone.

About 40 per cent of the shares of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company are held by women; 54 per cent by men; 4 per cent in joint accounts; 19 per cent by trustees, insurance companies, corporations, private firms, etc.; and 3 per cent are in the names of brokers.

Miss Carrie Christlancy entertained at dinner at Devon Gables one night last week. Her guests were Major Christlancy Pickett, her Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warner, Mr. and Mrs. William Slocum and Miss Ruth Carlisle.

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## Stains

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TAILORED STEIGER was making no effort to live up to his reputation for reliability about getting garments ready at the promised time. The coat lying on his table had been promised for three o'clock. It was nearing that time, and since he had hung it there early in the forenoon Steiger had not touched it. His mind went over and over the details. The background would soon be coming soon. With lips set awry, Steiger gazed grimly on his eyes smoldering, his breath coming irregularly.

Morris Steiger marrying at forty a girl of seventeen, had been thought foolish. But things had turned out well after all. Not until this very day had he had reason to deplore the fact that his wife had been married too young. It was because she had had no experience of life herself that she had not been able to guard their lovely young daughter, Rosa.

But never had her father had one moment of serious worry concerning Rosa until the moment when, as he was holding Floyd Ranger's stained coat in his hand, there dropped from the breast pocket the string of genuine pearls her father had given her on her eighteenth birthday six months before.

Floyd Ranger, known by his evil reputation and his high family connections, had come into Steiger's little shop one day of the previous spring to have a coat cleaned. Pleased with the speed and quality of Steiger's work, he had continued to patronize the shop.

Suppld that he had been, Steiger had not taken alarm when Ranger had spied his wife and pretty daughter on the next little porch of the cottage. And so, on successive visits, he had been allowed to repeat his gallantries to the ladies, joking with them when they happened to be in the shop, sitting with them for half an hour on the porch while waiting for some garment to be finished, even entering the cottage. And always Steiger would be secretly flattered by these attentions to his women. And always his wife would say nothing, though she would seem more than necessarily flustered. And always Rosa acted as if there were nothing at all to be either flustered or flattered about.

The necklace lay upon the counter where Steiger had dropped it. Pearls were for innocents, he remembered. Rosa? Rosa! How was he to face her again? She would be back home today. She had gone to visit her cousins at Maryville for two days, and it was Wednesday she left, the day of her mother's evening club. She would be back on the four o'clock interurban. She would come running into the shop to give him a hug and kiss. Suddenly he heard a bug and his door. He had scarcely time to fling a cloth over the necklace. Clearing his throat noisily and trying to assume a noncommittal air, he turned toward Rosa.

Her arms were around his neck and she was kissing him. His own arms were limp and his lips were working. "Here already?" he managed to grate out; "your train—"

"I didn't come on the train. Father. I came by car. Cousin—Cousin Albert brought me."

She was nervous. Almost as tense and shaking as he. "Uncle Bartie said to tell you—" she was beginning, but he stopped her. "Yes, he would speak to her now, at once, before Ranger's arrival."

"Rosa," he began, and he could see his daughter start at the unusual tone of his voice. "Rosa, haven't you something to tell me, to confess?"

She went a bit white. "You saw him, then? We didn't think you would. Yes, it was Goodwyn. Old who brought me home. He came to Uncle Bartie's to see me. We're—we're engaged. I know, Father, how you dislike Goodwyn—"

"Goodwyn—Goodwyn—Old?"

"Yes, Father. I know it was wrong. And Goodwyn feels sorry, too. We really didn't intend to do it this way. Father, he is really the finest young man in the world. If you will only give him a chance to show—"

But Steiger's joy could contain itself no longer. He burst into hysterical laughter and at the same moment the tears sprang into his gray eyes so that there before his astounded daughter he was laughing and crying at the same time.

"Rosa," he said in as startled a tone as he could command, "your necklace!"

Her hand went automatically to her throat. But her frightened look was too much for him. Quickly he snatched off the piece of goods he had hung over the necklace and looked at her, laughing.

Rosa smiled, though her eyes still looked startled and wondering.

"Oh, you—you believed I would think I had lost it? What a what thing!"

Steiger's triumphant laughter checked itself. "You didn't think you had lost it? Wasn't worried?"

Rosa shook her head, smiling. "No, I didn't wear it when I went away. I lent it to mother to wear to her society that night."

## EXPERT TELLS MOTORISTS HOW TO SAVE GAS

Simple rules for turning 100 per cent of the gasoline used in a motor car into comfortable and economical transportation are:

Accelerate gently. Tramping on the accelerator pumps more gas into the cylinders than can be used. Keep the foot steady.

Holding the car in second gear until it gets up to high speed may easily double the gas used in getting under way.

Always try to coast to a gradual stop. It costs money in gasoline to rush up to a stop light and then jam on the brakes.

Keep tires properly inflated. Underinflated tires mean extra work for the engine, which means more gas consumed.

Army Medical Corps insignia

The insignia of the medical corps of the army is the Caduceus, a winged staff of Mercury (Greek, Hermes) with which he controlled the living and the dead so that he could go unmolested where he wished; he carried it especially when he escorted the dead to the world below. In its earliest form it is composed of three branches—one forming the handle and the other two intertwined. Later the intertwined branches were replaced by snakes, and still later wings were added to the staff. Among moderns the Caduceus is used also as an emblem of commerce, over which Mercury was the presiding divinity.

## Astronomy Ancient

The study of astronomy was ancient in the time of Confucius. More than 4000 years ago the Emperor Yao of China ordered the death of the official astronomers Hsi and Ho for neglecting to perform the rites customary during the eclipse of the sun. Records dating from the reign of Sargon of Akkad in Babylon (3800 B. C.) imply that even then the varying aspects of the sky had long been under expert observation.

Used Alcohol to Light Tombs  
Evidence indicates the ancient Egyptians distilled alcohol for use in lamps to light tombs that were being decorated.

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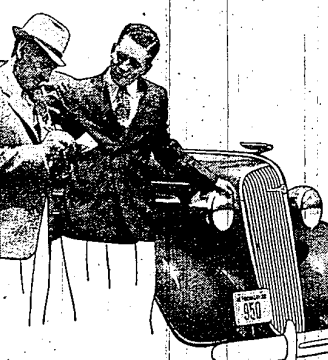
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