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Marriage by Elopement Is Common in Bali Land

In Bali, prearranged marriage is the way for the feudal aristocracy to marry; but marriage by elopement is much more common, writes Miguel Covarrubias, in Asia Magazine.

The average boy in love with the girl makes his marriage arrangements directly with her and, aside from his father, perhaps, and a few friends from whom he seeks help, he keeps his intentions secret until the day, previously agreed upon between the boy and girl, when he will steal her.

Shy couples simply run away to the house of a friend, as a pander to their honeymoon in hiding. But the Balinese love spectacular kidnappings. The girl arranges for her clothes to be taken secretly to the future hideout, and on the appointed day she is captured somewhere on the road in the fields or on the river by the kidnappers led by her suitor.

She is expected to kick and bite the abductors. Although they may be witless, they would not dream of interfering, unless they are relatives of the girl, in which case they are supposed to put in as her disappearance is discovered her enraged father is supposed to run to the alarm drum-tower and beat the ter, but, of course, no one knows. Even a searching party may be organized for the fun of it, but after a while they return breathless and empty handed.

The great marriage ceremony is supposed to take place within 42 days after the kidnapping, but in some cases it has been performed considerably later if there is not enough money immediately available for the festivities.

Corn Boom to Colonists

The first Europeans to recognize corn's importance were the English colonists on our Atlantic coast. When they tried and it failed, they, and when the very existence of the Massachusetts and Jamestown settlements hung in precarious balance during those first hard winters, John Smith forced every family of his little band to plant corn. They were rewarded handsomely. Like the sparse crops of the first dawn of civilization, a form of money. Surplus corn built up trade and commerce, encouraged the growing stream of immigrants crossing the Atlantic, and opened the gates to wealth and prosperity.

Heroes

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CARMELA TORELLI was as ashamed her father. And the tragedy was the greater because she also adored him.

By sheer mental brilliance, Carmela had risen from poverty to the competence of first-class work, but until she stepped into the office each morning she was haunted by fear lest the mire of the squalid street in the section where she still dwelt might be clinging to the hem of her skirt.

To all her entreaties that they move to some pretty suburb, Pasquale Torelli stubbornly turned deaf ears. He had saved a neat little sum in all these years, but he had known the days when he had been obliged to draw in his belt, and he refused to give up his seat or move to more expensive quarters. So, of a morning, as Carmela left her three rooms in the overcrowded tenement house and stepped warily over the broken cobblestones, striving to keep her dainty footwear clean, old Pasquale often plodded close behind her, trundling his pushcart filled with fruit or vegetables.

Carmela hated that pushcart, even while she admitted to herself that it had earned their daily bread and clothed her in fine muscoto while the other children in her neighborhood had worn coarse cottons.

Carmela was in love. Yes, with "the boss," Luigi Mangano, head of the big firm of Mangano & Company. She was his secretary, and her desk faced his in the private office.

He was handsome and distinguished-looking, was Luigi, she was sure he must be of noble ancestry. Who was she, Carmela Torelli, daughter of Pasquale-of-the-Pushcart, to long for the love of this man? Nevertheless, occasionally she would look up and find his eyes fixed on her, with an expression that made her tremble, even while she wondered at his sadness.

There came an evening when they were working late together, and Carmela crossed the office to the washstand, she tripped over a small rug, and nearly fell. Nearly, but only that the Luigi jumped up and caught her in his arms. And he kissed her!

The next second she was free, and she was saying miserably, "Carmela, I didn't mean to do it. Please forgive me and forget about it. I love you, but I never meant you to know it. Our paths lie as far apart as the two poles."

"Do you suppose I don't realize that?" she replied, all the more bitterly because her pride was struggling with the unglorious joy of his kiss. "You have everything and you live in comfort and luxury. I live in the dingiest street in the city, and my father wheels a pushcart. What have we in common?"

"What, indeed!" he answered, with even greater bitterness. "Do you think that would hold me from loving you? You grew up in a dingy street, but you always had a roof over your head. Many a night I crouched in an alley corner or huddled in a doorway to keep from freezing. Sometimes I was so hungry I was tempted to steal. I educated myself, and I went to school in rags. And do you know what my father was? A poor man, a peasant. Your father has a pushcart, but he's honest. Honest, Carmela! Honest! I'd give the world to have had a father like him. Do you think I'd ask any woman to marry me, the son of a crook?"

Suddenly Carmela's mental vision saw a glorified picture of old Pasquale; saw him as he had always strolled through the streets behind his cart, facing cold and sleet and rain, or sitting under a torrid summer sun; saw him, always smiling, shouting his wares in a cheerful baritone, even while he shook with an ache.

She remembered the years when, at the end of a hard day, he had entered the tenement kitchen and handed her his earnings in her mother's apron. And she realized that the little peddler, father of whom she had been ashamed, was one of that vast army of patient, uncomplaining heroes, who go gladly forth to battle each day, that the ones they love may not know want.

At the same moment she knew that the man before her, Luigi, who had been so hungry that he "was tempted to steal," but who nevertheless had conquered temptation and probably crushed an inherited tendency to steal as he had done another sort. For what greater foe can man have to battle than gnawing hunger?

Her arms crept up about his neck, and he, too, overheard she kissed him, laughing a little hysterically.

"If you won't ask me to marry you, Luigi, then I'll have to do the proposing myself. You're a thousand times more worthy of any woman than if you had been born in a castle, with a gold spoon in your mouth. Luigi, I love you."

"Carmela!"

And when, somewhat later, they wended their way through the streets where she lived, Carmela glowed with pride over the anticipated joy of presenting her sweet heart to her father—real men, both, each capable of appreciating the other's qualities.

Calamus Grows in Swamps

Calamus grows wild, and abundantly, over a large part of the temperate zone. It inhabits muddy swamps, branching and extending most widely. It is said it should be gathered in the spring, though calamus may be given as a mild aromatic stimulant and tonic, it is no longer employed to any large extent in medicine. It was formerly used in the treatment of colic and dyspepsia, and was supposed to be beneficial as a mild diuretic in typhoid states. The dried root may be chewed to relieve dyspepsia.

Crough Patrick

Crough Patrick the holy mountain in County Mayo, Ireland, is not as huge as it appears to be, although it is a monarch of its mountain. It gives the impression of great altitude because of the moist atmosphere. The Irish hills, under atmospheric influences, seem to rise to twice their natural height.

Many Varieties of Honey

How's your taste for honey? Are you one of those fortunate people who has really studied honey, and can identify the many varieties of this sweet by taste? The true honeylover begins to recognize types as soon as he sees it. By its taste he can tell what part of the world it came from; and from which flowers the bees drew the nectar. Red and white clover honey, orange and raspberry blossom flavored honey, Grecian hymettus, Australian and New Zealand honey butter, peanut butter honey—these are some of the bounteous favorite varieties.

Girls of Today Still Prefer Sewing as Hobby

Detroit.—The schoolgirl of today may swim like a fish, play a fast game of tennis and go in for rough and tumble to extents undreamed of in Mother's day, but according to Dr. Harry J. Baker, director of a psychological clinic in Detroit schools, the modern schoolgirl favors, of all things, sewing as her favorite hobby.

"In several tests conducted in Detroit schools, we found that sewing was not a lost art, but ranked head and shoulders above other hobbies," Dr. Baker told a conference on mental hygiene at the New York State Teachers college in Buffalo recently.

The boys of today don't deviate much from the boys of another generation, except that they are deeply interested in aircraft of all types, Dr. Baker said.

No Housing Problems in the Land of the Eskimo

The snow house is generally regarded as the typical Eskimo dwelling, but most Eskimos have never seen one. In Alaska the natives build the houses of driftwood logs and whalebone, sometimes they use unfinished lumber, brought in by the trading vessels. In Greenland, whalebones and stones are largely used and snow houses are found nowhere except in the northwestern section. Only among the most remote Eskimos of the Canadian Arctic is the snow house generally used, and there are no better snow mansions than the Canadian Copper Eskimos, observes a writer in the Los Angeles Times.

No housing problem arises among these people. They are nomads the year round, with up dwellings save the snow house in winter and in summer the tent made from skins of caribou—the deer of that country.

In some sections of the Arctic most of the summer clothing is made from the skins of the seal, and in winter bearskin is utilized as well as deerskin.

The Copper Eskimos, however, use nothing but deerskin, except for summer footwear, when sealskin replaces the caribou. The clothing consists of two suits—outer and inner. The inner is worn with the hair next to the body, "fur-lined underwear," and the top coat and pants have the hair outside.

The Copper Eskimos eat everything that runs, or flies or swims. Often the meat and fish are eaten raw, on account of the difficulty of lighting a fire, or from shortage of fuel. As a rule they prefer their meat cooked, but often they like to eat it raw "for a change."

"The Thinker"

The statue "The Thinker," by Auguste Rodin, the great artist of French sculpture, his original idea was to employ the figure above a museum doorway he had been commissioned to make, and a study which had this use in view was displayed in Paris in 1889. But he did not use it for that purpose, and the huge bronze "The Thinker," was not exhibited until 1919, in Paris. Soon afterward it was shown in plaster at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. This plaster figure is now in the Metropolitan museum in New York. There are several bronze casts in this country—including the one at the entrance of the Cleveland Museum of Art, another in Detroit, and a third in Golden Gate park, San Francisco. The first cast of "The Thinker" is at the Rodin museum in Paris. Rodin was born in 1840 and died November 17, 1917.

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