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## *PREFACE*

Love should be the Lord of Marriage. True happiness cannot exist without it, however great the wealth or exalted the position of the married pair. The worst evils of life are made bearable by its presence. Only a passion based on selfishness will plunge the beloved into despair and privation. True love has a substratum of common sense, self-restraint, and thought for others.

There are those who say that mutual respect and sufficient means are the only reliable things with which to enter upon matrimony. Both are compatible with love, in fact respect must be part

of the softer passion or it will not wear well. No one will deny that a marriage founded on mere respect may one day be crowned by lasting love ; nor that pre-matrimonial love may die a speedy death soon after the couple is united. These possibilities don't alter the fact that Love is the most precious asset with which to begin married life.

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## I.—*CHOOSING A SPOUSE.*

DON'T single out a girl if you don't intend to propose to her.

Don't eschew possibilities for an informal introduction. Rescue her dog from a street fray, pick up a trinket she has dropped, or travel with her on a long journey and prove yourself her cavalier.

Don't despair if you are a lady and seek an entrée to a particular man. Confide in your brother or married lady friend. Either will seek an introduction without giving you away.

Don't permit girls to form foolish ideas about men. A girl with brothers or men friends will make a wiser choice than one who has formed her ideas from heroes of fiction.

Don't haunt a girl whose acquaintance you seek. There is a wide margin between accepting invitations in the hope of meeting her and walking past her house several times a day, or shadowing her in public places.

Don't assume to marry your first love, for matrimony demands as much special attention as the learned professions. Unqualified amateurs swell the lists of the divorce court.

Don't spurn the suitor with some experience of women and their ways. He makes a better lover than one who is ignorant.

Don't discourage the girl in her teens who offers her love ; she may find full satisfaction in matrimony. Blind self-confidence and impulsive inexperience may though lay up sorrows for the future. Don't hurry a young girl into marriage.

Don't rule out the boy or girl you grew up with. You may wake one day to find a new shyness between you, to be dispelled by fuller, sweeter comradeship.

Don't forget that other men will supply your deficiencies if you are negligent.

Don't discount the power of existing friendship, as you know the tastes and weaknesses, temperament and surroundings of the woman you have chosen.

Don't be surprised if love awakens during a separation, or when a rival appears.