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MARRIAGE.

AS a reference for parties contemplating marriage, who wish to do all things in order, this volume will be found invaluable. Its originality, its completeness, poetical effusions, which are of the highest order—the samples of wedding cards from engraved plates—the forms for wooden, silver and golden wedding invitations, with other subjects relating to marriage, makes a book instructive and amusing.

LOVE.

GOOD shepherd, tell this youth what 'tis to love.

It is to be all made of sighs and tears ;
It is to be all made of faith and service ;
It is to be all made of fantasy ;
All made of passion, and all made of wishes ;
All adoration, duty and observance ;
All humbleness, all patience, all impatience ;
All purity, all trial, all obedience.

—SHAKESPEARE, "As You Like It."

THE MAIDEN'S CHOICE.

GENTEEL in personage,
Conduct and equipage ;
Noble by heritage ;
Generous and free ;
Brave, not romantic ;
Learned, not pedantic ;
Frolic, not frantic—
This must he be.

Honor maintaining,
Meanness disdainng,
Still entertaining,
Engaging and new ;
Neat, but not finical ;
Sage, but not cynical ;
Never tyrannical,
But ever true.

—ANONYMOUS.

"IS IT RAPTURE?"

HEART, my heart, why throbbs't thou so ?
Is it rapture—is it woe ?
'Tis at once both woe and bliss ;
Oh ! So sad a joy is this—
Ah ! So exquisite a woe
Not for worlds would I forego.
Beat, oh beat, my throbbing breast !
Sweet, oh sweet, is love's unrest.

—FROM THE GERMAN.

THE supreme event of life is conceded to be marriage. It is our dream—the ambition paramount to and controlling other interests. After the engagement, the next thought is how to be married in proper fashion. One might as well be out of the world as out of fashion. Whether the ceremony is to be performed with the pomp and

formality of the church or in the quieter circle of the home, the wedding invitations which announce the place and day must be, first, of excellent material as to paper, correct in form, artistically engraved and from the fashionable stationers, whose business it is to know the latest ideas for social functions. We claim to be The Society Stationers, because that position has been conceded to us, and we assert, without fear of dispute, that we execute more wedding orders than any other establishment in the world.

In our store, at 26 West 23rd Street, we have a beautiful room set apart for the taking of wedding orders, and where, comfortably seated at a table, customers may inspect our various styles and make their selection at leisure.

The Mail Order Department is an important branch of our business. Letters of inquiry as well as orders for goods receive immediate attention. Specimens of wedding invitations and announcements will be forwarded upon application. We invite correspondence upon all matters of wedding or calling etiquette.

All replies will have the attention of one who is versed in social forms.



" IF THOU'LT BE MINE."

IF thou'lt be mine, the treasures of air,
Of earth, and sea, shall lie at thy feet;
Whatever in Fancy's eye looks fair,
Or in Hope's sweet music sounds most sweet,
Shall be ours—if thou wilt be mine, love!"

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON'S LETTER OF ADVICE TO
MISS NELLIE CUSTIS IN THE SELECTING OF A HUSBAND.

MEN and women feel the same inclination towards each other now that they always have done, and which they will continue to do, until there is a new order of things; and you, as others have done, may find that the passions of your sex are easier raised than allayed. Do not, therefore, boast too soon, nor too strongly of your insensibility. * * Love is said to be an involuntary passion, and it is, therefore, contended

that it cannot be resisted. This is true in part only, for, like all things else, when nourished and supplied plentifully with aliment, it is rapid in its progress; but let these be withdrawn, and it may be stifled in its growth. Although we cannot avoid first impressions, we may assuredly place them under guard * * When the fire is



beginning to kindle and your heart growing warm, propound these questions to it. Who is the invader? Have I a competent knowledge of him? Is he a man of good character? A man of sense? For, be assured, a sensible woman can never be happy with a fool. What has been his walk in life? * * Is his fortune sufficient to maintain me in the manner I have been accustomed to live, and as my sisters do live? And is he one to whom my friends can have no reasonable objection? If all these interrogatories can be satisfactorily answered, there will remain but one more to be asked; that, however, is an important one. Have I sufficient ground to conclude that his affections are engaged by me? Without this the heart of sensibility will struggle against a passion that is not reciprocated.

Yours affectionately,
GEORGE WASHINGTON.

MY LOVER.

" I KNEW no light, but the ethereal light
That emanated from his soul-lit eyes—
They were my sun by day—my stars by night—
The moon to which my heart's full tide did rise—
I knew no music but the harmonies
Of his low voice—no bliss-filled nectary
But his high heart—no perfume but his sighs—
I knew no world, but the unfathomed sea
Of his pure love—no heaven but its Eternity."