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Don't Marry Her Unless She Has . . .

2. Ability to cook. Don't forget that most of the dinners you had at the home of your girl were cooked by her mother. And you aren't marrying the mother. Call the girl some night on the phone when you know she will be alone, and tell her you are coming up with a steak for two, with mushrooms. If she faints at your proposal, you will know how little she knows about the kitchen. If she agrees to take the job, stay in the kitchen with her while she tries her art over the stove. Watch her work. A number of things may turn up: her temper, her ignorance of things domestic, her natural complexion. Make sure she can cook a tasty pot of coffee.

3. Unselfishness. When you go courting, remember this principle: that a girl who persists in being selfish before marriage, will be selfish in marriage. If she demands her own way in her home, with her own family and with you, pull stakes and go elsewhere. An unselfish girl is willing to give, to do things for others. She will learn to do some of the things you do, play golf, bowl, swim. Keep your eyes open for the girl who won't let you spend all your money on her. Unselfishness is charity, and where there is charity there are other desirable virtues.

4. Devotion to prayer and the Sacraments. You are on the right track if she takes you to devotions during Lent and to confession before the show Saturday night. When you tell her some of your problems and worries and she suggests prayer to our Blessed Mother or to some saint, it's evident she is doing a little praying herself. And you want a wife who prays. God blesses a home in which there is prayer. In marriage there will be times of sorrow and hardship. Children will get sick, there must be operations, jobs are lost - it's not a hopeless battle with a wife kneeling beside you in prayer.

A mother devoted to prayer and the Sacraments will raise some dandy children for you and for God. They will be obedient and thoughtful. You can depend on them to imitate their mother and pray for you and your needs. And, of course, if your wife prays, her example will keep you on the path to virtue.

Skeezix and Nina Advise You On Marriage - Harmfully.

The actions of Skeezix of Gasoline Alley have been admirable and inspiring, until now. And no doubt Uncle Walt's boy has been responsible for keeping the ideals of many young readers on a Christian level.

But now Skeezix and his fiance, the blonde Nina, have lost their heads and are giving bad example to their many young friends. They are not saying it in so many words, but they are advocating marriage without first seeking the advice of their wise and experienced parents. A day or so ago, they decided to rush to the Justice of Peace. Today, Nina, touched by a flush of common sense, thinks of kindness toward their parents and says: "If we don't take them into our confidence, it might hurt them terribly". Common sense is short-lived in Nina. She returns to her blindness and gives her followers this dangerous rule to follow: "If they were against us, I'd do it in a minute".

We have lost our respect for Skeezix and Nina. They are giving scandal. And we don't doubt that many silly kids will now get married "because their parents were against it" and Nina said it.

Seek advice before you marry - from your parents. Make the Novena for a Happy Marriage.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) brother of Sebastian Nowicki (O.C.); Fabian Johnston '12; father of Ed Freeman (2nd anniv.); Miss Edith Lawton; Sr. Mary Joseph, C.S.C.; brother of Sr. Victoria; mother of Michael '31, and Robert, ex '34, Teders. (Ill) mother of George Kelly (Dil); Mike Leding; Edward Hagarty. Seven special intentions.