

## II.

Lust is Not Love.

The fifth point noted in the remote preparation for marriage reads as follows:

"Never confuse either infatuation or lust with love. Love implies reverence. A girl who does not command your respect is unworthy of you. Your own self-respect, demands that you shun such company; and if you are lacking in self-respect, you are doomed to learn by bitter experience that lust is a usurer who sucks blood even to the grave."

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On the matter of self-respect little need be said. It can hardly be taught; and if it has not been imbibed with your mother's milk you will have to wait for experience, slow moving but sure, to offer you a substitute for it. In other words, if your mother was a lady you have self-respect instinctively; if she was not, you will have to wait for education to produce some of the effects of self-respect.

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Don't marry a girl to reform her. Infatuation is likely to lead you into this stupid experiment, but cold reason argues against it. It doesn't work out. And don't run around with young widows, grass or sod. Leave widows to the widowers. They may make perfectly good wives, but they make fools out of freshmen, and bigger fools out of seniors.

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While love is essential to marriage, lust is its greatest enemy. Passion aroused and not satisfied leads to many of the physical ills of women, including neurasthenia, irritability, premature loss of beauty, sterility, and insanity; and on the moral side it so degrades her moral sense that she is incapable of instilling virtue into children -- if she has any.

Its effect on man is to make him coarse and licentious (like those who guffaw loudly in the dark at a suggestive movie) and to incline him to insane jealousy, suspecting in his wife the continuance of the incontinence that marked their courtship. You will never know what it means to a man until he breaks down and tells you -- as so many men tell a priest -- that his life is wrecked because his beastly lack of restraint in courtship has made it impossible for him ever to respect his wife.

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You and Yours, The Home World, and Letters on Marriage will give you the right ideals if you want them; but if you have let lust come into your courtship, you will have to pay the penalty. The restoration of ideals can be brought about by severe penance, which includes the giving up of the occasion of sin; most men are not fond of penance, however, and they will simply have to pay the penalty by leading a dog's life in marriage.

The Questionnaire.

The questionnaire for the Religious Survey is now in your hands. It is about eight days later than last year, and we need to speed up to get a good return this year. Send in your answers today; get your roommate busy by tomorrow at the latest.

If you don't want to answer all the questions, don't; send in your answers to the rest.

If there is any question you don't understand, write a letter to the Bulletin for explanation. The questions are largely new this year; they have been suggested by the students of other years and by other schools that are now conducting Surveys.

The influence of the Survey is world-wide. Yesterday a letter came from Japan, asking for a few copies for use in Yokohama. It has gone round the world and come back again.

Prayers.

A telegram from the four Grinager brothers Monday night announced that their mother would have an operation Tuesday morning; Tuesday afternoon a second telegram announced the success of the operation. Three special intentions are recommended.