

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

**NO MORE OBEY.
NO, TO ATHEISM.
RUSSIA THINKING.
BEAR TOOTH NECKLACE.**

The Protestant Episcopal Church House of Bishops definitely removes "obey" from the marriage ceremony. Many married ladies had already removed it from the routine of daily life, common sense telling them that if marriage is not an equal partnership, it isn't much.

The old idea about women is dying out not too soon. British husbands no longer are allowed by law to beat their wives with a stick "no thicker than the thumb." The French unwritten law gave fathers authority over their children, according to Westermarck, on the theory that the child was the property of the mother, and the mother was the property of the father.

The Moors, according to the same Westermarck (see "Origin and Development of Moral Ideas"), believed that old men became saints and old women witches.

Breach of promise cases prove that old men become foolish and old women have to be very patient.

In New York City a group of foolish young men seek to charter a corporation to encourage atheism, and "destroy the power of church and clergy."

Quite a programme, but the judge wouldn't let it go through.

In Russia, on the other hand, a delegation of orthodox priests and bishops begged the Government "for an equal civil status with citizens of the Soviet State."

The priests asked the right to publish religious literature and have for their children (priests

of the Greek Church marry) the same education as is given to the children of peasants. The Russian Government said NO.

Russian women also show intelligence fighting an attempt to reduce the marriage age for girls below sixteen, declaring that a girl at sixteen is "only a baby." She is more than that, but it is foolish to let her marry younger than sixteen. The right law would be no marriage under twenty.

The mother gives to the child health, strength, plus moral character, and many other good qualities. She should wait until strength and health are fully developed.

A man contributes to the child character and intelligence, if he has any. He should wait until both are fully developed, say until thirty among the mentally poorer sort; fifty—as Plato suggested—among the really intelligent.

At Eyzies, in France, has been found, made of teeth from the cave bear, a necklace 25,000 years old. Passion for adornment is as strong as it ever was. Twenty-five thousand years ago cave women pulled teeth from a dead bear to hang something shiny round their necks. Now pearl divers go "all naked to the hungry sharks" to bring up more expensive necklaces.

An estimable lady, just dead in New York State, leaves a collection of jewelry worth literally millions of dollars. It couldn't

make her look a day younger or any more beautiful. But, as with the lady that owned the cave bear teeth necklace, the "urge" was there.

Scientists investigating the alleged transmutation of mercury into gold by a German chemist say the thing has not been done.

Gold basis of currency will not be threatened until some genius finds a way to extract gold from the waters of the ocean as they roll through the English Channel, or out of the Bay of Fundy.

Every ton of sea water contains fifty milligrams of gold. Not much, from a ton, but a good deal if you could get it all. There are on earth about one quintillion three hundred and eighty quadrillion tons of sea water, containing about sixty-nine trillion tons of gold. Or one hundred and one thousand two hundred pounds of solid gold for each of the one billion five hundred million men, women and children on earth.

If each of us owned nothing but his share of gold that is in

the oceans, he would be worth \$48,000,000. However, if any man asks you to invest in a plan to get gold from the ocean, arrest him.

Interesting Facts

Bandits cease their looting and the warriors their fighting when it rains in China, insuring peace to citizens.



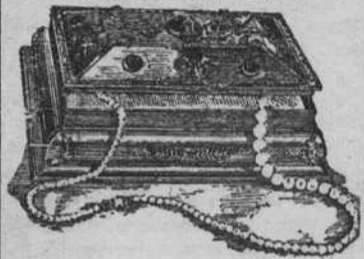
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Fireflies are greatly admired by the Japanese and firefly festivals are held on some of the rivers during midsummer, when thousands of the brilliant insects are released.

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