

## ESSAY ON MAN

Man is what a woman marries.

Men have two feet, two hands, and sometimes two wives, but never more than one collar button or one idea at a time. Generally speaking, they may be divided into three classes—husbands, bachelors and widowers. An eligible bachelor is a man of obstinacy surrounded with suspicion. Husbands are of three varieties—prize, surprise, and consolation prize.

Making a husband out of a man is one of the highest plastic arts known to civilisation. It requires science, sculpture, and common sense, faith, hope and charity—mostly charity.

It is a psychological marvel that a soft, fluffy, tender, violet-scented, sweet thing like a woman should enjoy kissing a big, awkward, stubbly-chinned, tobacco and bay-rum-scented thing like a man.

If you flatter a man it frightens him to death, and if you don't you more him to death. If you permit him to make love to you, he gets tired of you in the end, and if you don't, he gets tired of you in the beginning.

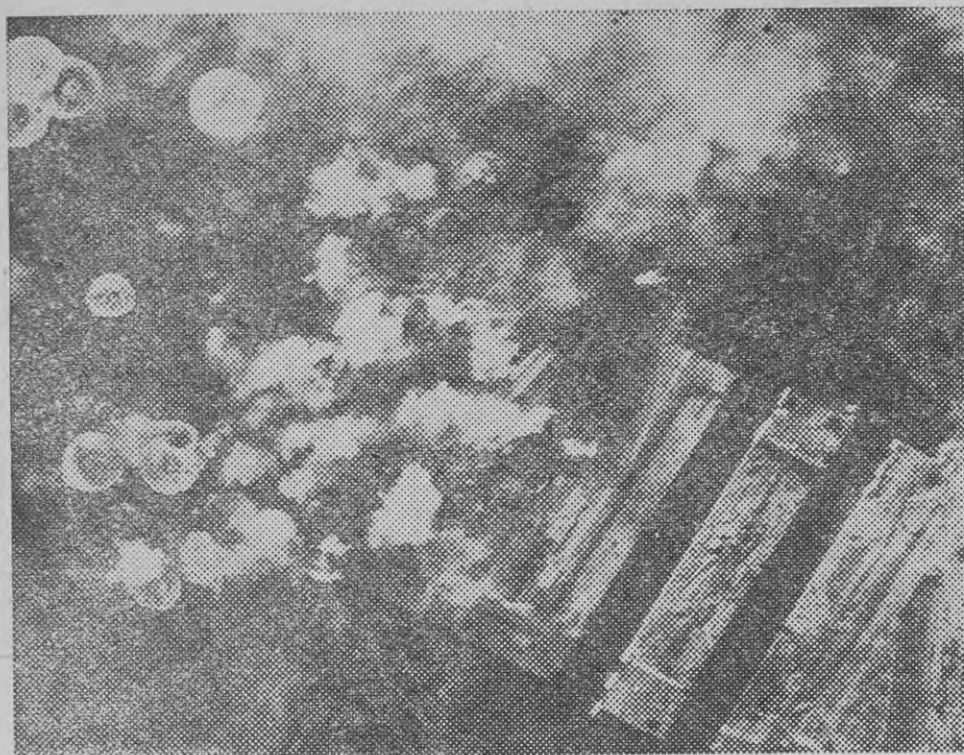
If you wear gay colours, rouge and startling hats, he hesitates to take you out. If you wear a little brown toque and tailor-made suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colours, rouge and a startling hat.

If you are the clinging-vine type, he doubts whether you have a brain. If you are a modern type, an advanced and independent woman, he doubts whether you have a heart. If you are surly, he longs for a bright mate, and if you are brilliant, he longs for a playmate.

If you are popular with other men, he is jealous, and if you are not he hesitates to marry a wallflower. If you please him he seldom mentions it, but if you displease him, he never fails to tell you about it, especially if you are his wife.

That's all.

—"DOUBLE SIX"



ALLIED BOMBERS POUND GERMANY—Bomb bursts and smoke mark hits by Flying Fortresses as they strike the German Naval Base at Wilhelmshaven. The base, named for Hitler, was heavily blasted in the U.S. Army's first air attack on Germany.

## OPEN FORUM

### CARTOONS, PLEASE

In one of the early issues of "FLAK" the Editor invited comment on this paper, and now he has started an Open Forum. That's asking for trouble, and here it comes.. May I suggest that he drops the war pictures now published and replaces them with cartoons (preferably by Petty!)

These war pictures do NOT print well in "FLAK" and we get enough of them in the daily press, anyway. Cartoons would brighten up the rag and would probably print better.

In conclusion I would say that almost the only complaint I hear about

"FLAK" is that it is "too respectable." —H.M.T.

Thanks for the suggestion, H.M.T. The whole question is one of expense. You will admit that it would look a pretty dull rag with just page after page of solid grey print. Pictures of some sort are needed to brighten its appearance. And the process of making a "block" from a photograph is a mighty expensive one—more than we can afford unless our circulation increases considerably. We are fortunate in getting the pictures we now use free of cost.. Cartoons are not available. Of course, if some phil-anthropist likes to pay the cost of having one made we will gladly accept it.

When considering the complaint that "FLAK" is "too respectable," you should remember that girls are numbered among our readers, and copies of our Mag., find their way into many homes.. Risque material needs delicate treatment.—Editor.

### Inquisitive

An army nurse went to stay with her sister' when on leave.

Her small neice said: "Do you nurse soldiers on your knee, too, aunty?"

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