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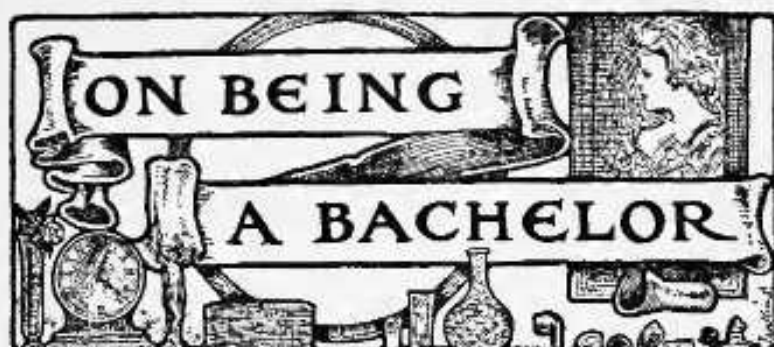


TO  
**The Sole Survivor**  
OF  
THE FIVE BACHELORS OF "THE SHACK,"  
I AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATE  
THIS BOOK.

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## CHAPTER I



"Ah! drink if you will to the handsome man,

Or the proud athlete undaunted,  
And toast him, too, the husband true,  
Whose faith has long been vaunted.  
And drink to the strong and handsome man,

But lift your glasses higher  
When the toasts ring out, in a merry shout,

For the man that men admire."

—JAMES CLARENCE HARVEY.

BEING a bachelor is easy. Staying a bachelor—ah! there's the hitch! But that's another story. Yes, it's easy to be a bachelor, but to be a thoroughbred, unless it is inbred and the single man is "to the manner born," is more difficult. It requires unlimited time, patience and education as well as a store of myriad bits of information on a multitude of subjects.



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### On Being a Bachelor

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The "correct" bachelor must not only know *how*, but he must know *why*. He must be a woman's man and a man's man, an all-round "good fellow." He must "fit" everywhere and adapt himself to all sorts of society under all sorts of circumstances. Good breeding and kindness of heart are the essentials. These, above everything, he must have; and given them, the other attributes may be easily acquired by study and observation.

Any man may be a bachelor—most men are at some time in their lives. The day of the "dude" has passed and the weakling is relegated to his rightful sphere in short order. But to the bachelor the world looks for its enjoyment and inspiration and gayety. Upon him, as a matter of course, fall many burdens. These, if he knows how to bear them, are speedily transformed into blessings and counted as privileges.

Have not some of the world's greatest men enjoyed lives of single-blessedness? Have not some of its greatest bon-vivants, epicures, artists, musicians, and writers led the solitary life from preference rather than necessity?

"I am a bachelor," says one gallant, "because I love all womankind so well I cannot discriminate in favor of *the one*."

Bachelors are the most charming of entertainers. What woman ever refuses an opportunity to chaperon at a bachelor dinner or studio tea? What *débutante* does not feel secretly ecstatic at the very idea of look-

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ing behind the scenes and peeping into the corners of some famous bachelor ménage? And who, indeed, can be a more perfect host than a bachelor? He can be equally gracious and devoted to all women because of the absence of that feminine proprietorship which always tends to make the married man withhold his most graceful compliments, his most tender glances and his most winning smile.

It is the bachelor who makes society; without him it would indeed be tame and find itself dwindling down into a hot-bed of discontent, satiety and monotony. He adds just the right touch of piquancy to its hot-house existence and furnishes husbands for its débutantes and flirtations for its married women.

His versatility makes him a valuable acquisition to any gathering. He knows the correct thing in dress, the latest novelty of the London haberdasher and what the King is wearing to Ascot. He is familiar with the etiquette of European courts and American drawing-rooms and can tell of the little peculiarities of social functions in Washington, Boston, Baltimore, Charleston, London or Vienna. He can valet himself if he has to, and does not scorn to clean his own boots in an emergency.

He can quote that prince of epicures, Brillat-Savarin, and tell how Billy Soule broils trout over the coals. When it comes to condiments, he can tell by the aroma of a dish what its seasoning is; at mixing toothsome devils and curries he is a past master. He is an au-