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There is an affinity that shapes our ends, Avoid her though we may.

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Laying all jokes aside, what excuse has the old bachelor for living? Possibly the better one is that he cannot help it and that it is no fault of his that he is or that he continues to exist. These observations are made from the ladies' point of view, which seems the point from which the bachelor is viewed. The fact remains, however, that he still exists and still has natural force enough to develop a halo of sentiment that is more or less attractive to the opposite sex, if not really magnetic, and strong enough to draw attention to him, and respectful attention, too. The bachelor ought to know why he is as he is, and no doubt he does, but for some reason or other he has not been entirely successful in satisfying the girls that his reasons are good and sufficient. It is up to him, therefore, to set public opinion right concerning himself. The object of this little volume is to amuse as well as to abuse him.

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January 1

One half the world doesn't know how the other half lives, even after she marries him.

January 2

Some bachelors are bachelors by choice—but it is very often the girls' choice.

January 3

Any man can fool a woman, provided she does not fool him first.

January 4

Bachelors are very even tempered. They are just about as irritable one day as another.

The best man at a wedding is sometimes the fellow who isn't getting married.

January 6

Never turn your back on a friend. Watch him.

January 7

A woman is sure her husband can be trusted if he goes down town without being shaved.

January 8

He makes love best who makes love last.

January 9

Everybody said he must be a drinking man because he thoughtlessly tried to blow the whipped cream off his charlotte russe.

Many a rich bachelor has made a poor husband.

January 11

The chivalry of the average man consists in defending a woman from every man but himself.

January 12

If men were philanthropists they would go about proposing to women they were certain wouldn't have them, as it does the women so much good. However, the men may not care to take chances.

January 13

'Tis better to have loved and lost Than to marry and be bossed.

Girls are kissed in different ways. Some are just kissed. Others help.

January 15

Nothing so needs reforming as other men's habits.

January 16

The golden rule—Give your friends the same cigars you smoke yourself.

January 17

A girl is a fool who doesn't marry rich.

There's only one bigger fool.

The man who marries the girl who thinks that way.

Never try to sink your troubles with any thing having a cork in it.

January 19

What a single man doesn't know about women he is willing to learn.

January 20

The man who asks for a kiss or the man who says he is going to take it, but doesn't, are equally insufferable.

January 21

Considering the softness of feminine hearts, it is no wonder that men think fooling a woman is about the easiest thing in the world.