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Both men and women today are forced by economic and psychological necessity to repress the normal mating urge until they are twenty-five or thirty rather than the natural marriage age. Neurotic impulses are set up, and morals tend to become looser.

Chastity was a virtue when men and women were able to marry when they were mentally and physically of the proper age. There was far less repression, and so far less reason for vacillation of character. From that time, there has been little, no, an unnecessary diversion of the sexual urge.

But that is violation a sin today? Complex modern life demands a preparation for marriage, a depth of emotional stability and maturity unparalleled in history. Is such emotional stability in complete accord with virginity?

Is not the virgin still an unreal ideal? Is the male virgin properly prepared, in this age of shaky nerves, for a considerate handling of the technique of marriage? Authorities have said that marriage has been wrecked on the wedding night.

There is another hand in the question of an age that it can do without the restraining influences of a strict moral code? Promiscuity without much doubt produces disintegration of character and demoralization. From that viewpoint, chastity is a symbol of the imperfection of man, an artificial yet necessary restraint. And also from this viewpoint, might not discretion and controlled violation of chastity be a positive benefit, and not to be decried?

The Fallacy of Experience

It is a sad fact that as far as intelligence and moral stability are concerned, experience has very little effect on one’s thought. The only mind that is active and inquiring is to a degree independent of time. Experience adds merely experience and background, the person who lives the animal life gets nothing from experience but a maze of uninterpreted facts and a batch of advice. In the age now, he is no better company at fifty than he was at eighteen.

Age is not a criterion in choosing one’s fiancée. It is far better to marry with a lively intellect, regardless of age than be lured by the pseudo-knowledge and superstition of an older but perhaps false sophistication.

The Tech regrets to announce the death Saturday night in the home of Williamuy of Loughton, Lee Taylor, 12, Corice XVI.

Science in Brief

by Arthur M. York, '38

On Moonless Nights

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