

Wanted: A Match - Summary of a Nice Wife  
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A woman whose intellect has field enough for her in communion with her husband, and whose heart asks no other honors than his life and admiration; a woman who does not think it a weakness to attend to her toilet, and who does not disdain to be beautiful; believes in the virtue of glossy hair and well-fitting gowns, and who eschews rents and raveled edges, slip-shod shoes and audacious make-ups; a woman who speaks low, and does not speak much; who is patient and gentle, intellectual and industrious; who loves more than she reasons, and yet does not love blindly; who never scolds and rarely argues, but adjusts with a smile; such a woman is the wife we have all dreamed of in our lives and is the mother we all worship, in the backward distance. *Exchange*.

The man to mate with such a wife must possess the following characteristics:

First; a *gigantic intellect*. Not a few "intellectual" women, were their "field" limited by the capacity of their husbands, would find poor fodder. Give her breathing room if she is to be fenced into that light little pasture lot, -- *please do!*

Second; *entire devotion* to the woman of his choice. If she is to desire "no other honors than his love and admiration," by all means give her plenty of that! Don't be stingy!

Third; he must *fully appreciate* her efforts to please, and must himself not be unmindful of the duties of the toilet. For a woman of refined tastes would be pained with the lack of that quality in her husband.

Fourth; he must *regard her opinions and wishes*, when she *does* speak. Otherwise she might be compelled to speak oftener, and in a distincter tone.

Fifth; although she may be never so "patient and gentle" we would suggest the propriety of *consideration*, on the part of the husband, and advise him not to experiment too far, on her powers of endurance.

Sixth; he should be a good *provider*, for if the wife is "industrious" it follows that she must be supplied with materials upon which to exercise her industry.

Seventh; he must possess *large reasoning faculties*. "Two heads," they say "are better than one," but if the wife's is minus the logical bumps his should be of sufficient magnitude to supply the deficiency.

Eighth; he must be a man of such *lovable traits* that she will not be *obliged* to "love blindly," if she loves at all.

Ninth; he must never give her occasion to "scold" or "argue," and – since she, not having cultivated those accomplishments, might not be able to appreciate the same in another – he would do well to himself refrain therefrom.

Such a man we may have "dreamed of," but have never seen.

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