



In Search Of a Constitutional Bride

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The parents of Mr Repertory, Mr and Mrs Materia were anxious to get their only son married. So they all went to Mr Philosophy who was known to arrange marriages and had photos of many deserving girls. He showed them each photo and gave their important characteristics.

First of all *Belladonna*, the beautiful lady, lively and entertaining when well, but when sick she gets violent. The next was *Ignatia* who looked stylish even without trying to look good. But she had a contradictory personality -she laughed at serious matters. The third photo was of *Pulsatilla*, the fleshy, mild and gentle maid, who could be moulded the way one wants but remained a chameleon and wept at the slightest pretext.

Next was *Sepia*, whom they thought could be the ideal choice. But the tell tale face of washerwoman could not make her the ultimate choice. She was greedy, had dread of men and meeting friends and even a great aversion to her family members. *Calc* was fat, fleshy, sweating type who loved eggs and raw potatoes but had hearing problem after being treated with quinine.

Next in line was *Phos*. The lean, thin, tall lady with delicate eyelashes who loved ice-cold drinks. She had fear of thunderstorm and family history of Koch's. Next to follow was *Nat-mur*: sadness personified sitting in the corner of the house with some salt by her side. But the groom didn't want a brooding bride.

Causticum was likeable, but got too excited by the news of marriage. Next to follow was *Platina*, the nymphomaniac, who looked contemptuously. She was proud and had no regards for others and they felt she would not fit in their family. They took another photo and it was of *Hyoscyamus* who seemed like a schizophrenic who talked shamelessly about her sexual encounters.

Next, *Staph* was a very sensitive and the least, harmless word offended her and then she had suppressed her anger. But she had decayed teeth at edges, which put the groom off. The next photo was of *Lil-tig* who had the tendency to curse, strike and to think obscene things. She had to keep herself busy to repress her sexual desire. Next to come was *Apis*, who was a young widow, so anxious, she often let things fall from her hands and how would she be in the kitchen? Last was *Silicea*, the yielding anxious lady who was sensitive to all impression. But she had sweaty feet which were horribly offensive!

By this time, the groom and his parents were bored and they could not find any suitable bride for their son. The middle man Philosophy told them "You couldn't find good looking, intelligent, obedient, positive girl without any negative trait. You'll have to marry to six different girls!"

Hurt with the sarcasm, they drove the middleman away.

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