

### Birmingham before today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTER

The Cornelius Brayman home was on the N. W. corner of Daines and Woodward Ave. There was a daughter Ida. Mr. George Brayman and Mr. Cornelius Brayman were brothers. The Cornelius Braymans moved away from Birmingham early in the '90's and the house was occupied for a time. Later it became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Pickett and their daughter.

Mrs. Salter  
The mother's death, Mr. Pickett's daughter kept home for him. He was very fond of onion and would peel an onion and eat it just as most people would peel and eat an apple.

I have written about Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Beattie, who lived on the S. W. corner of Daines and Woodward. The Beatties had a daughter Jeanette who passed away while yet a young woman. It seems to me that a Mr. and Mrs. Runyan lived in the next house south of Mr. Beattie's about 1887. It was for many years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Voljeij.

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### The Rogues' Gallery



The President of That Union Would Probably Be the Guy Who Accidentally Drops a Hammer on His Wife's Head and Then Shouts at Her for Putting the Tool Box on a High Shelf.

### MATRIMONIAL UNION, LOCAL 13

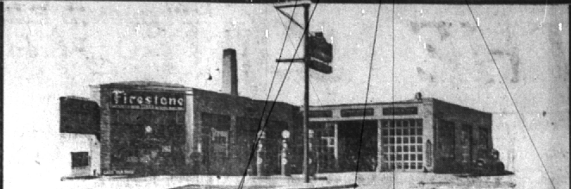
By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM  
A LOT of people are under the impression that the big controversy of the day is between Hitler and Europe, or between Father Coughlin and General Johnson, or even between the New Deal and the Republicans; but they are wrong. The big controversy which is occupying most of the human race, is the one between the husbands and the wives, to decide who's boss.

The minute the letter H precedes the word Alford, the trouble begins and for hundreds of years past the difficulties of this particular type of union were settled by the man, who used a club for the purpose. Each man had his own private club, and when he joined up with it and then brought sufficient pressure to bear, the lady yielded a lot about going home to Momme's care but generally didn't get any farther than holding because as there were no police radio cars, some of the neighbors telephoned in about it and the lady stayed locked and liked it. This undoubtedly is the origin of the male club as an institution. And in more modern times the mere mention of the fact that a man was going to his club was enough to start a panic in his home. His wife would promise practically anything if he'd go only once a week, hence the expression "holding a club over her head."

Then in quite recent years women got resigned to the club idea because it gave them something to reproach their husbands about. And next they got up some clubs of their own. Then some pants of their own and some votes of their own and the battle over who was boss got less acute and more acute.

The trouble with the women is, they want the man to be the boss, but they want him to prove it. And when a competent wife and man who's really asking too much. And the trouble with the men is, they want the woman to be boss but to pretend she isn't.

The Matrimonial Union ought to adopt some modern methods of operating if it wants to get anywhere. The first organization got the A. F. of L. No, you look, I can't quite bring myself to. But what I mean is, that clubs are out of date but strikes are not. And if this eternal man-woman question is ever to be settled satisfactorily, it should be done through protective associations which will see to it that the interests of both parties are stimulated. I beg pardon, I mean looked out for.



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