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—OF COURSE, CUPID HAS A SAY!—

Q--What Job is Most Likely To Lead Girl to Husband? A--Secretary, Public Says

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PRINCETON, N. J., May 9—Suppose you were a young woman anxious to find a husband, get married and settle down.

What would be the best sort of job or occupation for you to take in order to meet eligible men and find a good husband?

When interviewers for the Institute put that question to both men and women in a Maine-to-California survey, here is what they found:

Working in an office as a secretary or stenographer is rated tops as a way to snare a husband.

This should come as good news to the nation's secretaries who incidentally will be celebrating the first National Secretaries Week June 1—7.

Being a nurse ranks next. You meet rich patients and there are so many handsome young internes!

The third best way to a man's heart is by being a waitress, in the opinion of the public. (Provided, of course, the restaurant permits its employees to have dates with customers.)

With the arrival of spring, traditional season of match-making, the Institute took time out from its surveys on politics to ask a nationwide cross-section:

"What kind of job or occupation do you think offers a young woman the best chances of finding a husband?"

Here is the vote:

Office job—secretary, stenographer, clerk, receptionist	32%
Nurse	14
Waitress	7
Airline Stewardess	5
Selling in department stores, men's clothing stores	5
Factory work	4
Armed forces: Wacs, Waves, Wafs, Marines, etc.	4
Teaching	3
Show business	3
Other occupations	12
No opinion	14

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103%

The table adds to more than 100 per cent because some persons named more than one occupation.

Some people said, "Never mind a job — just go to church and be a good old-fashioned girl; that's what the men like."

Others said the best way for a girl to find a husband is to learn to be a really outstanding cook.

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Men and Women in Agreement

The survey found comparatively little difference of opinion between men and women about the best occupation for encountering Cupid, except that women gave nursing a higher vote than men did.

The five top choices of the women were:

1. Office work
2. Nursing
3. Waitress
4. Airline Stewardess
5. Armed Forces

The men ranked the top five this way:

1. Office work
2. Nursing
3. Waitress
4. Sales work
5. Factory work

At least two men who were being questioned by a young lady interviewer asked in return, "Isn't being a poll interviewer a good way to catch a husband?"

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Should Girls Propose?

In an earlier Leap Year survey reported by the Institute in February, it was found that the great majority of women turn a cold shoulder on the idea of girls proposing matrimony, even though the legendary right to "pop the question" is theirs.

Out of every 100 women questioned, 58 said women should not do the proposing, while 34 said they should and 8 were undecided.

With men it's a different story. They like it.

Out of every 100 males, 49 said it's a fine idea to have women propose, while 38 were against it and 13 wouldn't commit themselves.