A separately are equal to each other, X and A added or joined together are equivalent to X alone. But it is very easy to see that X and A together cannot be equal to X unless A is equal to zero. The complete analogy to matrimony is now evident. When a man and woman are joined together in holy matrimony, the two are made one, and it is always the man that becomes insignificant; and any honest married professor of Mathematics will tell you that this is true. The only way a man can get the best of his wife is by beating her, and if he beats her he is nothing anyway. But this is not the significance of the analogy.

In the mathematical demonstration above, in order to obtain $X=A+X$ both sides of an equation were divided by $A-X$. But if $X=A$, dividing by $A-X$ is the same as dividing by zero. It is to be remembered that a definite answer cannot be obtained by dividing anything by zero, and for this reason the demonstration is not a rigorous one. $A+X$ is equal to X only on condition that it is agreed that the equation can be divided by zero, or that the equation can be "divided by nothing." And thereby is a great secret divulged. You know that there is in the marriage ceremony a phrase: "What God has joined together let no man put asunder," and now, with the aid of mathematics, we are able to see why this phrase was introduced. It was meant to convey the idea to the man and woman that "nothing can divide them." And they live happily ever afterward, she running things, and he perfectly content with his insignificance as long as he agrees that "nothing can divide them."

Editor's note: We feel that the Armour Institute of Technology ought to be here publicly absolved from all blame for putting such nonsense into anyone's head. The Institute evidently has, however, failed to deter the feeble mind that conceived this rot from its course toward premature decrepitude.