

# The Matrimonial Handicap

(from *Sweet Little Devil*)

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Handwritten musical score for 'The Matrimonial Handicap'. The score is written on seven staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with many notes marked with an accent (>). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff features a melodic line with a fermata over a note. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff is marked with a 'T.' (Trill) above the first note. The sixth staff contains a section with a double bar line and a '2' below it, indicating a second ending. The word 'Ensemble' is written above the staff. The seventh staff concludes the piece with a final cadence.

THE MATRIMONIAL HANDICAP

All: In the Matrimonial handicap  
He who gambles is a sap!  
When you pick "the winners at a glance"  
Steer clear of that plug, Romance-  
At the odds, he hasn't got a chance!

REFRAIN:

All: It's seven to one that Love'll take flight-  
~~Seven~~ Seven to one you'll end in a fight-  
Girls: Thirteen to one he will leave you!  
Boys: Fourteen to one she'll deceive you!  
Girls: Fifteen to one he'll go on a bat!  
Boys: Sixteen to one the wife'll get fat!  
All: All you beginners  
Who think you're picking winners -  
It's a hundred to one that you lose!

SECOND REFRAIN:

Girls: It's twenty to one you'll marry a brute!  
Boys: Thirty to one that wifie can shoot!  
Girls: Forty to one he'll get old soon -  
Boys: Fifty to one she'll grow cold soon!  
Girls: Sixty to one he'll fall for some fright!  
Boys: Eighty to one she'll rob you at night!  
All: All you beginners  
Who think you're picking winners  
It's a hundred to one that you lose!

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