

First Question for the
First Day of Summer:

Will She be Happy
in Wedlock?

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FORTUNE:

The bond of wedlock is to unite her
with one so worthy of her esteem,
that she cannot fail to be happy.

WISDOM:

...Provided she knows how to value
her happiness, and loses not in vain
dissipation abroad, the advantages
she may reap at home.



FORTUNE:

She is *so* irresolute in her choice
of a spouse, that it is to be feared
she will make, in the end, a bad one.

WISDOM:

Then let her friends choose for her,
in order to avoid, or at least to not
deserve, that unhappy fate which
threatens her.



FORTUNE:

She will find that it is more difficult
than she imagines to meet with
happiness in the state of wedlock.

WISDOM:

Although the paths of contentment
and sorrow are much entangled
together in that state, reason and
virtue may yet happily guide her
through it.





FORTUNE:

The yoke of Hymen is to be imposed upon her by the hands of Love. Can it be doubted that she will contentedly bear it?

WISDOM:

This may be questioned, unless a mutual confidence helps to make easy the weight that a tyrannical passion adds to that yoke.



FORTUNE:

She has such an odd temperament, and such particular whims, that unless she finds her proper match, she cannot be happy.

WISDOM:

Woe be unto her, if she meets someone with *that* resemblance! Then there will be no happy sympathy, but in virtues.



FORTUNE:

Her inordinate desire to please can hardly be kept in those bounds within which conjugal happiness lies.

WISDOM:

Before she engages in wedlock, let her remember that the moon receives light from no other planes but from the Sun alone.

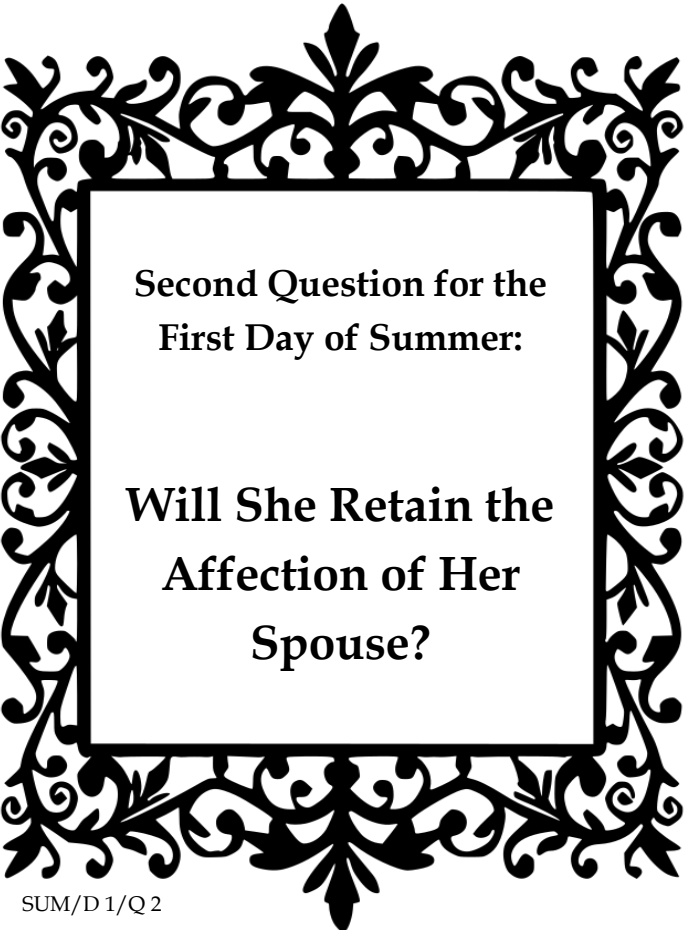


FORTUNE:

She is actuated by ambition and self-interest. She shall have a golden chain, which will create envy in others.

WISDOM:


Yes~ in those who, as giddy as herself, will be dazzled by the splendour of that chain, but without giving any thought as to it's galling weight.



Second Question for the
First Day of Summer:


Will She Retain the
Affection of Her
Spouse?

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FORTUNE:

By employing the same means by which she gained her spouse's heart, she will be in great danger of losing it.

WISDOM:

Certainly this will be the case, if those means are such as are displeasing in a wife, however pleasing they may be in a lover.



FORTUNE:

Her sweet and even temperament will form the happy tie by which that affection is to be secured.

WISDOM:

...Provided she avoids carelessness and indolence, and shows, when the occasion requires, that she is a living being and not an automaton.



FORTUNE:

She married for convenience. Can she then preserve a heart which she never made it a point to acquire from the start?

WISDOM:

If she is willing to redress that fault, then let her now behave with her spouse as she would have done with her lover.



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FORTUNE:

Her disquietude and jealousy are to kindle a fire which it will be very difficult to extinguish.

WISDOM:

Let her be aware that jealousy often creates its own bitter food, and that confidence in one's partner is the foundation of conjugal happiness.



FORTUNE:

When she boasts of domineering over her spouse, can she then hope to preserve their affection?

WISDOM:

No. For to make her spouse appear ridiculous in the eyes of others is proof of her want of regard for them, which her spouse will sooner or later come to resent.



FORTUNE:

Her charms, virtue and accomplishments should be enough to secure that affection, but I cannot vouch for it in regard to her spouse.

WISDOM:

Let her join gentleness and forbearance to her other perfections, and I will insure her happiness in that respect.

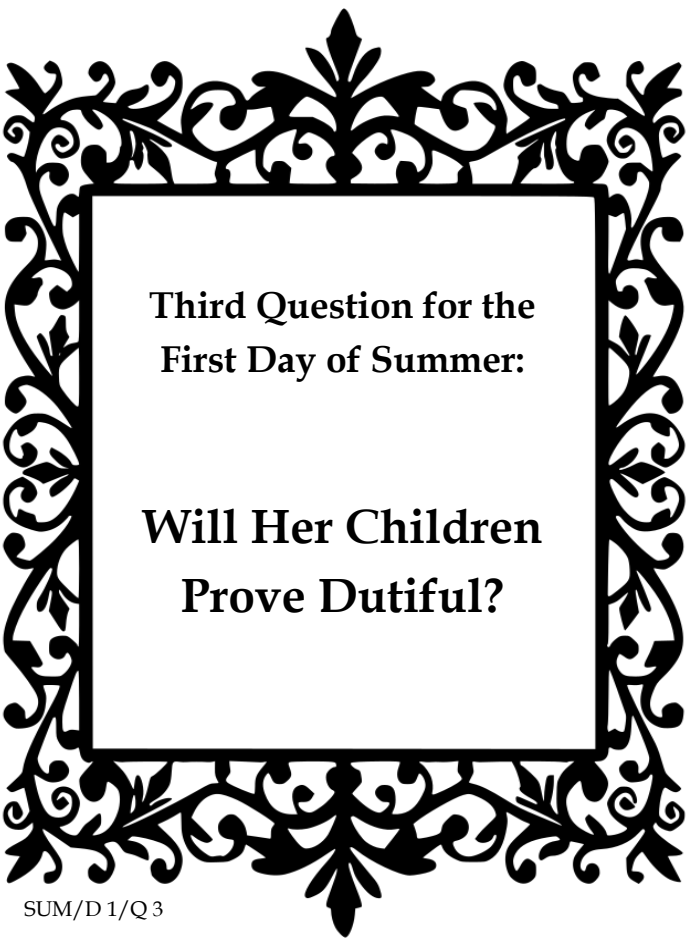


FORTUNE:

Her much-boasted-of virtue will be the bane of her happiness, by creating a feeling of disgust in her consort.

WISDOM:


You do not state the matter fairly, Fortune. Virtue *does* attract love, but it is the *boast* of virtue which excites contempt.



Third Question for the
First Day of Summer:


Will Her Children
Prove Dutiful?

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FORTUNE:

She makes so light of her duty toward them, that it would not be strange that they should do the same toward her.

WISDOM:

Let her know that even the wisest heads have found it a hard matter to govern well their family, even though they bestowed their whole attention upon it.



FORTUNE:

By her too-great indulgence toward her children, she will insensibly lose her ascendancy over them.

WISDOM:

To neglect punishing children for small faults, is to let them serve an apprenticeship for committing great ones.



FORTUNE:

She will not be sparing of her good lessons to them. And consequently, she has a right to hope for the best.

WISDOM:

If she does not instruct them by her example as well as by her words, then that hope will prove deceitful.



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FORTUNE:

By her excessive severity, she thinks she is rendering her children accomplished, but she will only make them defective in their love for her.

WISDOM:

To pretend that children should be without faults is to desire that human beings should change their nature.



FORTUNE:

Her solicitude in sowing the seeds of virtue in their tender hearts, will entitle her to a happy harvest.

WISDOM:

It will prove the most-delightful harvest that humankind can reap, in distinction to all other animals



FORTUNE:

What can she expect from them, when she minds only those external qualifications which they owe to nature?

WISDOM:

She can expect nothing but an empty satisfaction. The brutes teach men that filial duty is not inspired by nature, but by education.

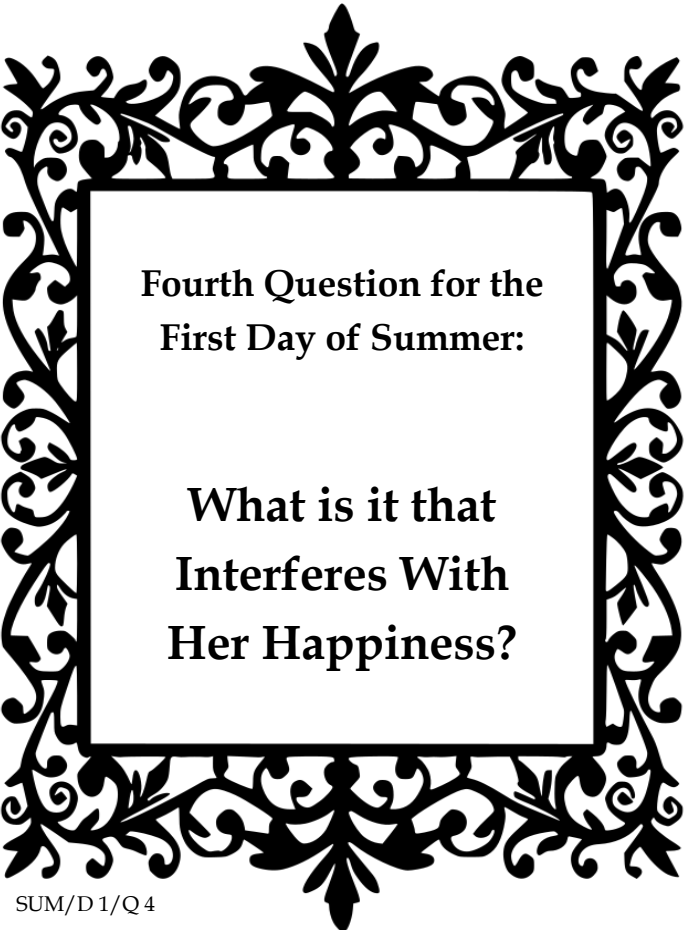


FORTUNE:

She allows her children to be harsh and imperious with service-persons, and because of this, they may eventually come to be so with her.

WISDOM:


To allow children a preposterous authority over adults is to disqualify their weak reasoning powers and empower their insubordinate tendencies.



Fourth Question for the
First Day of Summer:


What is it that
Interferes With
Her Happiness?

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FORTUNE:

She reflects too much on what
she needs, and others possess,
and unjustly repines at her lot.

WISDOM:

Whoever reproaches Nature
for not having made her gifts
to humankind with an arithmetical
distribution, is both rash and
ungrateful.



FORTUNE:

She bewails that the openness of her
heart is not requited by her friends,
because they may light of her
confidences to them.

WISDOM:

Let her consider that there is not a
more tedious Orator that she who
always speaks of herself, especially
if it be with a selfish complacency.



FORTUNE:

She is affected by mere trifles,
either with joy or sorrow.
How then, can she be happy?

WISDOM:

Since ignorance and weakness
are the sources of her disquiet,
it is to be hoped that judgement
and experience will change her
perspective.





FORTUNE:

Her pretensions to opulence and great qualifications put her to numberless inconveniences, and unceasing trouble of mind.

WISDOM:

Whoever boasts of possessing what she really wants, is affected with a kind of folly which deserves contempt still more than pity.



FORTUNE:

Her sensitivity is so strong, that it is hardly in the power of Fortune to procure her a tolerable share of happiness.

WISDOM:

Although that sensitivity may sometimes prove painful, it is a necessary ingredient of happiness, and it is the great characteristic of her sex.



FORTUNE:

The goodness of her heart causes the uneasiness of her mind. She impatiently bears the bounds that her fortune sets to her generous temperament.

WISDOM:

Liberality has so few shrines in the world, that the glory of being Her votary is a full compensation for that uneasiness of mind.




FORTUNE:

An inveterate habit of falsity throws her daily into such embarrassments, that she must be in a constant state of misery.

WISDOM:


Falsehood is so weak in itself, that there is no degree or manner of cunning which can always support it.



Fifth Question for the
First Day of Summer:


Can She Trust
Her Friend?

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FORTUNE:

I answer for her sincerity and good nature. But who can be so bold as to insure a woman's secrecy?

WISDOM:

Never tell your friend a thing that could be hurtful to you if it were known, nor anything not useful for her to know.



FORTUNE:

She is so desirous of knowing your secret, and of directing your inclinations, that I would advise you to be upon your guard with her.

WISDOM:

Trust Nature for that. The soul was born free, and cannot be but jealous of any attempt upon her sentiments.



FORTUNE:

Her assiduous demonstrations of friendship have already extorted your confidence, you need not consult Me about it.

WISDOM:

Although these shows of love are often but a dazzling snare, even the most prudent persons may fall into it.



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FORTUNE:

You so often disapprove of the conduct of your friend, that it is strange you would think of placing your confidence in her.

WISDOM:

Have no connections with those whom you would not resemble; much-less trust them with your secret.



FORTUNE:

Keep your secret if you can, or have a care not to accuse your friend for your own indiscretion.

WISDOM:

When she probably does not know herself, how can she be just to her friend?



FORTUNE:

When the love of pleasures and diversions is the only tie that unites two thoughtless fair ones, who can answer for the steadiness of their friendship?

WISDOM:

Those sort of friends make too-often the saying good:
'Throw a bit among playful dogs, and they will fight.'

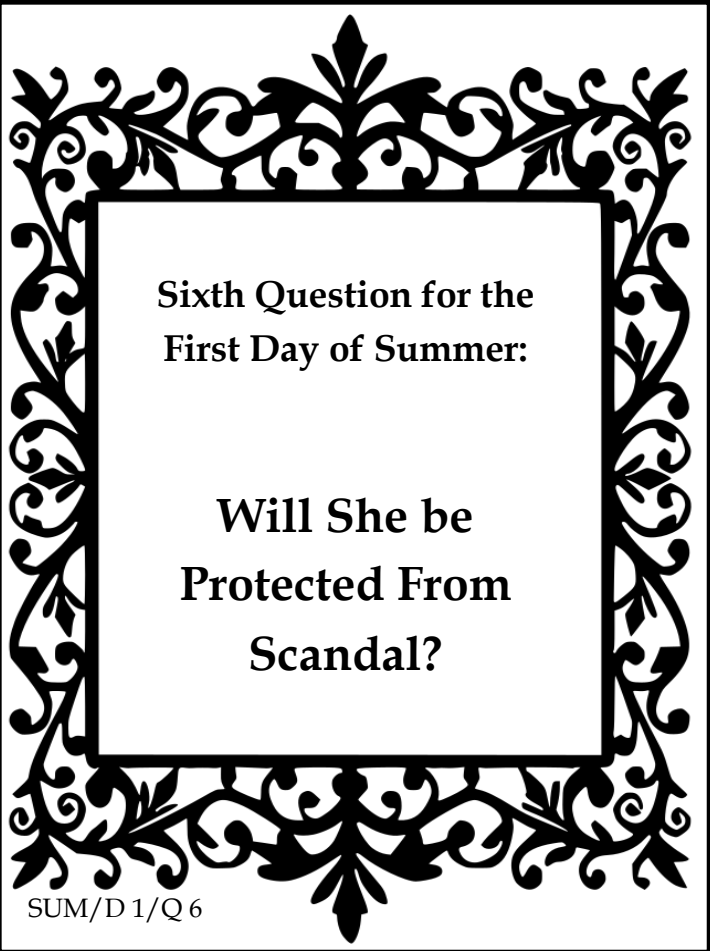


FORTUNE:

You may trust your worthy friend, and laugh at the sarcasm thrown upon the delicacy of your mutual sentiments.

WISDOM:


...You may also comfort yourself with the thought, that weak and vulgar souls have no notions of exalted friendships.



Sixth Question for the
First Day of Summer:


Will She be
Protected From
Scandal?

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FORTUNE:

She finds detraction so agreeable
an entertainment, why would she
deprive others of it?

WISDOM:

Almost everyone likes to see
slander adorned at the expense
of truth, but none likes to see it
at his own cost.



FORTUNE:

Never, I fear. Unless you
should obtain from your vanity
not to be so conspicuous to the
world as you are.

WISDOM:

Keep yourself within your
sphere of activity, undertake
nothing above your power
to compass, and you will be
overlooked by the detracting crew.



FORTUNE:

Content yourself with being
approved-of by the wise few.
I cannot answer for the
impertinent multitude.

WISDOM:

Be deaf and blind
with insulting fools. It is
the best satisfaction you
can have of them.



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SUM/D 1/Q 6/A 6



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FORTUNE:

It is in vain that she endeavours
to avoid the censure of others,
by never forgiving any fault
of her own. Scandal will
overreach her.

WISDOM:

But it shall not wound her peace,
if, in doing what she thinks good
in itself, she cares neither for
approbation nor censure.



FORTUNE:

By a very strange felicity, she has,
and ever will be, sheltered from
scandal, though she is not entirely
free from faults.

WISDOM:

This must be owing to her
forbearing temperament,
benevolent heart, and
modest behavior. Nothing less
could have effected such a wonder.



FORTUNE:

The less her conduct gives room
for malicious animadversions,
the more envy will pursue her
with lies.

WISDOM:

Envy is the shadow of merit.
But happily, it is no more hurtful
to merit than a mere shadow
would be.

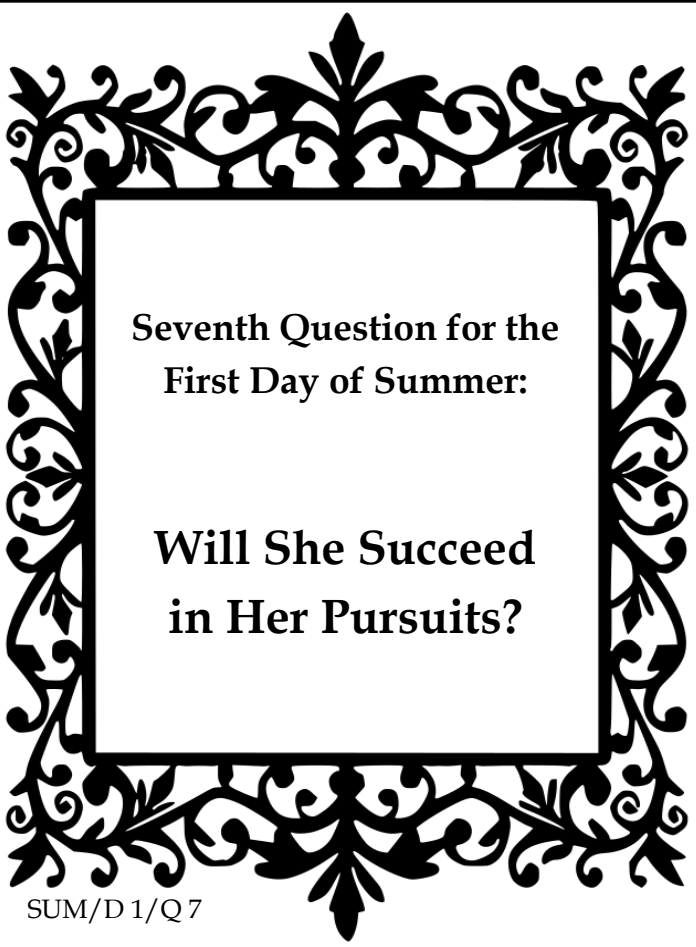


FORTUNE:

When she neglects her own
concerns in order to pry into
other peoples' affairs, can she
then expect that nobody will
take advantage of it?

WISDOM:


Certainly not. The warrior is
not the better for having
his quiver full of arrows, if he
wants the defense of his shield.



Seventh Question for the
First Day of Summer:


Will She Succeed
in Her Pursuits?

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FORTUNE:

If I were not to disappoint her
in *some* of her many pursuits,
what moving tales of woe would
be lost for her acquaintances?

WISDOM:

Keep your disappointments to
yourself, you fool, lest you should
afflict or tire your friends, and give
reason to gladden your enemies.



FORTUNE:

She does so much for obtaining the
esteem of the world, that it would be
a pity if she should miss the end of
her pursuit.

WISDOM:

If she really deserves that esteem
she so covets, then she will not lose
her peace of mind for the want of it.



FORTUNE:

She pursues admiration and flattery.
And, to her sorrow, her successes
are as precarious as the means she
employs for obtaining them.

WISDOM:

Her particular affliction for such
disappointments is not the *worst*
evil she sustains by her inconsiderate
pursuit; let her seriously reflect upon it.



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FORTUNE:

Although in her pursuit of domestic happiness she employs the best means for attaining it, she is still very far from meeting with success.

WISDOM:

When she has done everything that is lawful and possible in such a case, she will have still the resource of trying what time will do for her.



FORTUNE:

A perpetual round of diversions is the object of her most serious pursuit, and I will take care that she shall not be disappointed.

WISDOM:

Intoxication is not a better remedy for the dropsy of the mind than it is for that of the body. In both cases, it aggravates the pain and the danger.



FORTUNE:

She would succeed in her pursuits, which are all of a laudable nature, if it were not for her doubts and anxieties.

WISDOM:

Be not uncertain in your judgement. As long as you are wavering between hope and fear, you will execute nothing worthy of success.



FORTUNE:

Her interested heart pants only for gold. Her parsimony at home, and her covetousness abroad, shall not want encouragement.

WISDOM:

The dear-bought successes of avarice are not to be envied, unless it should be a good bargain to purchase trouble at the price of enjoyment.

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FOLLOW-UP NOTES

Looking back some years later, were the answers you received a hit, a miss, or only partially-correct?
How did events transpire? Record your observations below, along with the date you're recording them:

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