

PROSPECTIVE FIRST LADY

BACK in February a spirit medium told Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt that her distinguished governor husband would "probably" get the Democratic presidential nomination, and, if he did, he would be elected. But spirits of another kind may be the determining medium in the election. However, the Democratic choice for First Lady of the Land does not believe in crossing bridges before you get to them, so she will not abandon her various present activities at this time.

Besides teaching American history and English literature three days a week as vice principal in the Todhunter school in New York (having to commute from Albany), Mrs. Roosevelt runs the Val Kill furniture factory where reproductions of early American furniture are made to give work to the unemployed on the environs of the big Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. She belongs to several women's clubs but never neglects her duties as mistress of a governor's mansion. Then, too, she has shared in the care and guidance of her five children.

In fact, child welfare and youth education largely occupy Mrs. Roosevelt's thoughts and time, and her ideas are modern and practical. "We ought to get out of education the ability to look at things straight and to decide for ourselves what we believe—then we ought to have the courage to go out into the world and live according to our beliefs." So speaks the niece of "Teddy" Roosevelt, who was president at the time of her marriage in 1905. In fact "Uncle Teddy" gave away the bride.

Somewhat of a philosopher, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (so christened) who married her cousin as if to say, "the Roosevelt name is good enough for me," says this about marriage:

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"Among the changing factors of marriage is the passing of the old idea of one morality for men, another for women. Marriage is a partnership—you must learn to give and to take, to be tolerant. Argument gives zest to life. It sharpens wits, but it should have no malice. And no person has a right to tyrannize over another."

Wool yarn and knitting needles accompany Mrs. Roosevelt almost every place she goes. However, she owes her tall, slender figure to the fact that she swims, rides horseback and plays tennis and golf—"all badly," she admits. Born in New York City Oct. 11, 1884, her parents died before she was 10 and she was educated in private schools. She is finance chairman of the woman's division of the New York State Democratic Committee and was a member of the advisory committee on women's activities in the 1924 and 1928 Democratic campaigns.

Oddly enough, though, she is as ardent a prohibitionist as her husband is wet. But, as she explains, "He, not I, is candidate for president."

HAPPY HOME HINTS

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in a recent issue of Pictorial Review, offered these 10 rules for a successful marriage:

1. Have a definite life pattern.
2. Keep a household budget.
3. Let both husband and wife share in housemaking duties.
4. Let neither husband nor wife strive to be the dominating person.
5. Expect to disagree.
6. Be honest.
7. Be loyal, keep your differences to yourselves.
8. Talk things over; when hurt do not keep it to yourself brooding over it.
9. Avoid trivial criticisms, grumbling and complaints.
10. Keep alive the spirit of courtship, that thoughtfulness that existed before marriage.