

SWEETIES' PHOTOS VANISH

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TOO MANY GIRLS FOR WATCH

Watch case—An object used by men in which they keep the picture of their sweethearts. *

That definition is no more. The day when a man took his watch from his pocket, not to find out what time it was but to take a lingering look at the face of the maiden of his heart, has passed. The busy man is no longer pestered by the man who wishes to show him the picture of the "only girl." No longer is the lover required to produce his watch and show his sweetheart that he still carries her picture with him.

Those days are but a sweet memory of the past. And behind these assertions are the watch repairers of Duluth, who say that, as time passes, fewer watches are brought in that have photos of any nature pasted in the watch case.

Once upon a time, as the sandman story would begin, nine out of every ten watches brought in jewelry stores to be repaired or cleaned would contain a photograph of a girl, the jewelers say. But in these days, such pictures in watch cases are conspicuous by their absence. For, the repairmen intimate, how can a man have three or four photographs in only one watch case?

Occasionally a person leaves a watch with us to be repaired in which is a picture concealed in the case, but those days are rapidly disappearing." Harry Witz, proprietor of a Superior street jewelry store said. "It is a peculiar coincidence that time pieces with photographs in their cases usually show the most handling. Of course, there are many watches left for repairs that contain pictures of the owner's children, but of their sweethearts—no more."

Mr. Witz is upheld in his statements by a watch repairer at the Albert company, who said: "It is only once in a long, long time that we are given a watch with the picture of the owner's sweetheart in the case. Whether he removes the photo prior to bringing it in, I am not in a position to say, but think that is highly improbable."

"But the fact that they do not carry the pictures of their 'sweeties' in their watches does not mean that they have no sweethearts. They probably have more than one, and it would be rather precarious to carry more than one picture in a watch-case, not only for himself but to the watch, so they play on the safe side by not carrying any."