

Leap Year

Once every four years we find ourselves with an extra day on the calendar because the earth takes $365\frac{1}{4}$ days to revolve around the sun. Leap Year occurs when the four $\frac{1}{4}$ -days add up to a full day, which is then tacked onto the end of February.

Somewhere in antiquity, there began the Leap Year custom which permitted unmarried women to aggressively go after the man of their choice . . . or any man they could catch. Of course, according to custom, if the maiden failed in her attempt she was supposed to wait another four years before she could try again.

But the female of the species is not easily dissuaded from what she wants.

She does not — if she ever did — restrict her manhunting to the Leap Year open season. She merely devised methods more subtle than all-out pursuit, but lets the man think he is the pursuer.

The fact that very few males wait until Leap Year to sample the joys of matrimony is proof that feminine wiles are successfully practiced every day of every month.

For the truth is, as some sage once observed, "A man chases a woman — until she catches him."

And deep down inside, most men prefer it that way.