

# Two Shorts

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The Best Years of Their Lives (George Grosz, 1923)

## Chastity Reconsidered

A woman able to abstain from sex

Before the wedding indicates that she  
Is in possession of the discipline  
Required to endure it afterwards.

## **Better than Nothing**

A hospital circumcision  
Is like a courthouse wedding.

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