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Looking for mathematics in Hedy Lamarr

All my six husbands married me for different reasons.
                                                              ---Hedy Lamarr

Perhaps Hedy Lamarr married so often because six
is a perfect number – the sum of all its proper
divisors, "proper" meaning "less than six,"
"divisor" meaning "a counting number
that divides and leaves
no remainder."

After a perfect number of husbands, there is no
remainder. Six is the smallest perfect
number, the next is twenty-eight.
And twenty-eight
is too many
husbands.

Author's Note: Although not a mathematician, in addition to her acting career, Lamarr was also an inventor – see, for example, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hedy_Lamarr.