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Dorothy Dix

Daughter Says - Like Mother Like

It Will Pay Any Young Man Who is Casting a Favorable Eye Upon a Pretty Young Girl to Get Acquainted With Her Mother Before He Commits Himself," Suggests Dorothy Dix

A young man asks: "How can a chap find out before marriage whether a girl will make a good wife or not?" You can't son. Marriage is one of the things that is not governed by any law of cause or effect, and that defies all logic and reason.



There are, however, certain signs and portents that will tip a man off to the kind of wife a girl is likely to make, and wise is the youth who heeds them.

For in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, what mother is at middle age Arabella will be at 45. The way mother keeps house will be the way Arabella keeps house.

For in the case of a girl and her mother, both heredity and environment have a chance to do their perfect work. Mother not only probably transmits to Arabella the Jones' temper or the Smith's amiability, but hers was the hand that molded the plastic character of the baby girl into the shape that it would carry through life.

So it will pay any young man, who is casting a favorable eye upon a pretty young girl, to get acquainted with her mother before he commits himself. If he finds that mother is intelligent and wide awake and broad-minded and tolerant in her views and an interesting companion to spend an evening with, then he may safely go forward and tie up with Arabella for life.

But if, on the other hand, mother is narrow and bigoted and cocksure that she is always right and her way is the only way, and if she is dull and stupid and boring to talk to, then a man takes a foolhardy risk if he espouses Arabella.

Same way about housekeeping. Like mother, like daughter. If mother is a thrifty manager and a crackerjack housekeeper, then daughter is pretty sure to know how to run a house on a schedule and how to feed her husband and children properly.

But if a girl has been brought up in a slovenly house where nobody ever sweeps under the beds, or washes a dish until it is needed, where meals are never on time, where money is wasted and half of father's income goes into the garbage can, then she is very likely to keep the same sort of house that mother did simply because she has learned idle and wasteful and untidy habits in her childhood.

And observe closely mother's attitude toward her husband, son. If mother is solicitous of his comfort; if she caters to his little whims; if she is companionable with him; if she shows him in a thousand ways that she loves him and appreciates him, then grab Arabella and rush with her to the nearest parson. She will be like mother, a wife whose price is above rubies.

But beware of marrying a girl whose father is a meek, suppressed, down-trodden man who sneaks about his own house with an apologetic air, and who goes shabby while his wife and the girls are dressed like Solomon in all his glory.

There is only one exception to this rule of judging a girl by her mother, and that is when the daughter disapproves so much of her mother that she swings to the opposite extreme. Sometimes the daughter of a shrew is so disgusted with the spectacle that her mother makes of herself in her rages that she acquires an iron self-control.

But you can easily tell whether a girl is going to imitate her mother, or be warned by her example, by observing whether she admires her mother or despises her.

Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Should a lady ever step out of a car ahead of her escort? A. No; she should permit her escort to step out first in order to help her.

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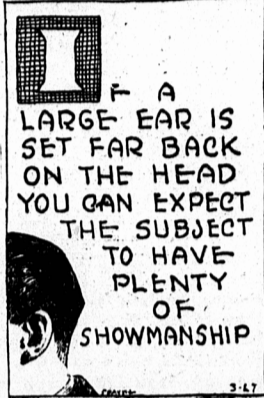
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Character Close-Ups



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Household Hints

Polishing The Gas Stove To keep the gas stove a nice black without much trouble, try rubbing it with olive oil or boiled linseed oil, instead of blacking it.

Milady Beautiful

By Lois Leeds



HALITOSIS

Queries about how to rid oneself of that dread enemy to charm, halitosis, come from readers ranging in age from the young high school lass, who is also concerned about the freckles on her nose, to the older woman whose other main beauty concern may be a chinline which has become baggy.

Weak, Watery Blood

Is the Cause of Much Distress and General Weakness

Anaemia - which really means weak, watery blood is responsible for the pale faces, thin cheeks, dull eyes and drooping figures one sees so frequently. It is the chief cause of headache, weak backs, aching limbs and uncertain health.

A Morning Smile

For an opportunity to show his samples to a merchant in a small "tank" town, a customer entered and bought two night shirts.

As in most beauty problems, the first place to look for the cause of halitosis is to one's health. A person in perfect health should not have halitosis; on the other hand, any sign of internal or digestive trouble or any trouble with the teeth is pretty sure to taint the breath.

Weak, Watery Blood

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