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When Husband and Wife Tell All

## Dorothy Dix

Sees Divorce Looming in Offing

### The Husband and Wife Who Vow Never to Have Any Secrets From Each Other Open the Door to Disillusionment, Boredom and Loss of the Faith Without Which No Marriage Can Survive

The other day a beaming young bride told me with an air of fatuous complacency that she and her husband had made a solemn vow that they would tell each other everything and never have any secrets from each other.

"What price tickets to Reno?" I inquired cynically.

"Why!" she exclaimed in amazement, "don't you believe that there should be perfect confidence between husbands and wives?"

"Perfect confidence, yes," I returned. "I believe that there should be such a perfect confidence between husbands and wives that they can trust each other to do the right thing without being spied upon and without having to furnish an alibi for every minute they are apart, but I think it is a fatal mistake for husbands and wives to give each other a detailed account of every single thing they do and everything they think and that they think they think."

There is no other surer way in the world of furnishing the material for criminations and recriminations and generally promoting family fights.

Because no man and woman, even if they are married and love each other, ever really understand each other or comprehend the motives that actuate the other, and so they never know how to put the right value on what they are told.

They may make mountains out of molehills and read significance into trifles that have no meaning and brood over things that have stuck in their memories like cockle burrs and generally upset the applicant that would have rolled on smoothly enough if they hadn't known too much.

There are many reasons why husbands and wives should not tell each other everything. One is that it does away with all illusion. It is just as indecent to strip your soul bare as it is your body. Common modesty demands that we should have some reservations, some private and secret thoughts and emotions that we do not publicly parade before any eye.

It is the mystery about each other that attracts men and women to each other, and husbands and wives destroy this at their peril. The thing that makes courtship a fascinating adventure is that it is a voyage of discovery. The youth and the maiden are exploring each other's minds and hearts and finding out what each thinks and believes, what tastes and desires of each are. Each is trying to get a mental picture of the background of the other's life.

The clever man and woman keep pep in married life by never furnishing each other with a complete chart of their mental reactions. They always keep themselves a strange co untry, with depths that the other knows that he or she has not penetrated and which keeps his or her interest perpetually piqued.

Another reason why husbands and wives should not tell each other everything is because it leads to boredom. When a man or woman has turned his or her mind out like a shallow drawer, the interest is all over. It is done. Finished. No companies are so stupid as those whose every thought we can anticipate, whose every opinion we have heard over and over again and whose very words we could repeat before they opened their lips. One of the main reasons why husbands and wives leave home is because they have told each other everything they know until they feel as if they would scream if they had to hear it again.

There are those who hold that before marriage a man and woman should confess their sins to each other, if they have any, and tell each other every detail of their past lives. Of course, if there is anything in their past lives that would menace the future of those they are marrying; if there is disease or shame or some previous complication with a woman or man that could bring danger and disgrace to an innocent party, then the man or woman has a right to be told of it and given a chance to decide his or her own line of conduct.

But when the dead past is buried and there is no possibility of the resurrection of its ghost, it is worse than folly, it is cruelty, for a man or woman to drag out all of their youthful follies and indiscretions from the grave and present them as a hideous wedding gift to their bride or bridegroom. It does no possible good. It only destroys the faith of the man in his wife and makes the woman suspicious of her husband. It only gives them material with which to torture themselves with jealousies. It only furnishes them with two o-edged swords with which to stab each other to the heart in times of anger.

And after people are married it is even more advisable that they should not tell each other of their follies. Nowhere is the old adage that what we don't know doesn't worry us more true than in marriage.

And surely no one will contend that it makes for domestic harmony

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Mrs. G.K.L., Montreal

for husbands and wives to tell each other what they really think of each other. It would not add to John's happiness to know that Mary sees through all of his bluff and brag and considers him a good deal of a gas bag. Nor would it please Mary to know that John thinks her a bum manager and the world's worst cook. It is because husbands and wives keep the secret of their own estimates of each other that matrimony is a going concern.

"So," I said to the bride, "scrap this dangerous idea of telling your husband everything. Tell him what he will like to hear and keep the balance to yourself. Tell him how much you love him and how wonderful he is. Tell him when you make a good bargain and save \$5, but keep mum as an oyster when you waste your money on foolishness. Call attention to your biscuits when they are light as a feather, but when they go flat on you chuck them into the garbage can and say nothing about it. So shall you celebrate your golden wedding day and be esteemed by your husband as a perfect wife."

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### Everything Would Turn BLACK

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He—well, don't blame me for your lack of business acumen. Instead of accepting the first offer that came along, you should have advertised for sealed bids and proposals.

### Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it proper to tip a stranger who has returned some article dropped on the street?

A. Not unless it is a valuable article and the man looks shabby and in need of money.

Q. What is the most important duty of a guest at a musicale?

A. To remain quiet during the selections.

Q. Must formal dinner napkins match the cloths?

A. No; they are often of fine linen rather than damask.

### LONG CREEK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Long Creek Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Norman MacLean on Wednesday evening Oct 7th with an attendance of fifteen members and two visitors, we were pleased to welcome one new member.

The meeting opened with the singing of the Ode and repeating the Creed followed by the reading and approval of minutes of last meeting, roll call was answered with, "What Interested me most at the Exhibition."

The various committees gave their reports after which a fruit contest directed by the president, Mrs. Annie Stretch was enjoyed by all present. First prize won by Mrs. Fred Stretch.

A dainty lunch was served by

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### For The Cook

#### OYSTERS ON TOAST

Melt two tablespoons of butter in a saucepan, and add one quart of oysters with their liquor. Season with 1 teaspoon salt, a teaspoon of paprika, a saltspoon of pepper and a dash of tabasco. Add two tablespoons of chopped celery, the juice of a half lemon and two tablespoons cooking sherry. Cook for four or five minutes and serve on toast. Cream may be added to the liquor if a richer dish is desired.

the hostess and the meeting closed with singing. Mrs. Malcolm MacNeill kindly invited the members to her home for the next meeting. Roll call to be answered with "How to Improve the Institute."

#### Baby Taken as "Pledge"

Declaring that he could find nothing else of value in the house, a tax collector in Patules, Bessarabia, "seized" a ten-months-old baby and took it away with him. The father was behind in his taxes, and the baby was held until he paid up.

#### Romans Relished Oysters

Excavations at Caerleon, Wales, have just disclosed a Roman oyster bar. In the ancient town have been found beautiful houses having 40 to 50 rooms, and numerous shops. In one of the shops was a pile of oys-

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