

# Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature



## Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

### THE WAYS OF STEPFATHERS ARE HARD ON CHILDREN

#### Second Marriages Often Tear the Hearts of Mothers and Should be Carefully Considered Before the Step is Taken

Dear Miss Dix—I was a divorcee with one child, and am now married to a man whom I love devotedly and who is an ideal husband except for one thing. He is not willing for me to have my child with me. I left her with my parents when I was 12. I work and support my little girl, but I want to have her with me and give her a mother's love and care. I love her, but I am so lonely and so much that I would not even want to live if I couldn't be with her. What can I do about the situation?  
MAYBELLE.

Answer: The trouble with your husband is jealousy, and there is nothing that you can say or do about it that won't make it worse. If you repress it, it will grow more and more. If you separate a mother from her child, you are at being parted from her, you will only make him more green-eyed than ever because he will be necessary to you more than you do him, and that she is more necessary to you than he is.

If you tell him how unjust and unfair he was not to have told you before you married that he would not let you have your child live with you, and so have given you a chance to choose between him and the baby, he will say that his great love for you made him do it. He will say that he is a loving father and that he is a loving mother. He will say that he is a loving father and that he is a loving mother. He will say that he is a loving father and that he is a loving mother.

There is nothing that you can do except to wait patiently in the hope that time will mellow him and make him broadminded enough to accept the child as a welcome member of the household. Or that he may some day come to love you enough not to be willing to torture you by keeping your child from you. Or that his conscience may drive him into acting like a man instead of a selfish spoiled boy.

I admit any such hopes are thin as air. But the only alternative is to leave your husband and go to the child. And, as you love him so much, and he has no other qualities, it is not a solution of your difficulties that will bring you much happiness.

Do not, for the child's sake, force her an unwelcome guest on your husband. If you do, you will blight her life far more than you would if you put her in a school or an institution. Because she will grow up in spite of a thousand little subtle cruelties and insults that she and you would be powerless to prevent.

A friend of mine often tells me of her cowed and miserable childhood in the house of a stepfather who resented her presence. He never spoke to her except to call her "that beggar boy." At the table he would give her the meanest and scantiest portions of food. He beat her for any little misdeed. And she grew up so frightened of him that she would hide in a closet when she knew he was in the house and she never dared laugh or speak where he could hear her.

Your child is happy with her grandparents. Let her stay with them until such time as you can provide a happy home for her.

Change of Scenery Dear Dorothy Dix—What can I do with or for my son? He is 15 years old, has no job, no initiative, but is madly in love with a 17-year-old girl who is a beauty and a saint, soft, sweet, fitful family who live in a hut not fit for human beings, and make no effort to keep it clean or better themselves in any way at all.

My son does not try to get work, but spends all day and every evening with this family who foster the idea between him and the girl and are anxious for them to marry. They are the type who would just set up another cot and throw a wide more water in the bucket on the cot and sit down with them on the cot-nothing, stool and pe one of them.

I asked the girl what she could ever hope to have if she set him hang around going nothing, and she said she wanted nothing out of him, as there anything I can do about putting a line between my son and keeping him from marrying this girl until he has, at least, some way to support her.

E. L. D. Answer: You must get him away from home just as soon as possible. Nothing causes a change of heart in a youngster so quickly as a change of environment. If he can get away from this trifling family and among people of his own class, and especially among alert, active, ambitious people who have some purpose in life, you may save him.

If you Susan won't look so good to him when he contrasts her with smart girls who are up-and-down, and who can outswim him and play him and with whom he has to hustle to keep up.

Know what's in the news. If sports are discussed, be ready to break in with, "I see the Tigers won again today. I hope you're as thrilled as I am."

Put a shy person at ease by taking him into your confidence. "The funniest thing happened to me today. . . . Or ask his advice on a subject of mutual interest. "You're a gardener. Perhaps you can tell me what I should do for my rose bushes. . . ."

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## Living & Leisure —The Woman's Realm

### TEA IN THE GARDEN

Outdoors, somehow, verbenas change the flavor. Of honey bread and butter; boiled eggs savor. Walled with the evening gloom. The garden is a spacious, lovely room. Voices are muted; teaspoons clink on glass. The simple meal need ask no word of pardon. When garnished with the beauty of a garden.

—Virginia Brasier.

### ATTIC SPACE HAS MANY USES

More and more home owners are learning that there is valuable space in the attic which can be reclaimed from cobwebs and old trunks and converted into bedrooms, study rooms, or play space. In planning this reclamation, the home owner should examine all details of the project as many problems are likely to arise before the job is completed. One feature of this modern reclamation which must be handled properly to achieve a neat appearance is that of finishing the chimney. Plaster niches say that if plaster is applied directly to the chimney, the shape of the bricks will soon show through. Also, the bond between the bricks and the plaster is usually so poor that the plaster will crack and perhaps much of it will fall off.

If the chimney is slightly inclined, as is said to be the case frequently in older buildings, the sloping faces of the chimney will be too rough for plastering. Extending the chimney brickwork in metal lath to serve as a base for the plaster is said by one way of overcoming these difficulties.

In the latitude of northern United States, the crescent moon is on its back in winter and more erect in summer.

### JUPITER'S SLOWEST AND MOST DISTANT MOON

Jupiter's slowest and most distant moon requires nearly three years to make the circuit around the parent planet.

### HOW TO CHOOSE RIPE MELONS

Honeydew melons and honey-balls are creamy yellow when ripe. The rind is close to the stem. The well rounded, the odor is sweet, and there is a softening at the blossom end. Be cantaloupe should have a slight golden cast underneath the netted markings, a sweet, musky odor, a smooth even stem and slight softening at the blossom end. Watermelons should be heavy for their size, have a deep sound when thumped and be a bright, lustrous green. Avoid melons that are at all bruised or spotted.

### PSYCHOLOGY APPEARS TO BE A NEW SCIENTIFIC METHOD OF MAKING YOURSELF UNHAPPY

Psychology appears to be a new scientific method of making yourself unhappy.

### BRIMS DOUBLE

The double brim represents one of the parent planet.

## LIPTONS

LIKE MY TEA WEAK LIKE MINE STRONG

EITHER WAY You'll find

is always full flavored

## BLACK HORIZON

By JOSEPH LEWIS CHADWICK

Dull red crept up Maya Jack's throat and into his face. He choked, "Sirby," he said, "you are a fool." Silence hung over the room, as if the world had stopped. The forward windows and looked down at the bow breaking through the ocean swells. His manner was like that of a man who has become punch groggy. Rand decided to apply more pressure, shake the man further—and hope for the best.

He said, "What?" "The word was like an explosion as Maya Jack whirled about. The veins in his throat and at his temples stood out like corded hemp. He was pale. His big hands worked convulsively at his sides. For one fleeting instant Rand thought the man would attack. He would have welcomed it; there would have been some sort of an end to the affair then.

"So you sold out?" Maya Jack said, dazedly. Then the tenseness left him and he laughed boisterously. "So you sold out!"

Sonya asked, "What do you wish to know?" "This: Are you in love with Maya Jack Cannaghan?"

"Heavens, no! Why do you ask such a ridiculous question?" "Did you ever give him reason to think you cared?"

Her glance wouldn't meet his probing eyes. Then, "Perhaps I did. When I first met Maya Jack at Magliaya—I thought he was a handsome fellow. He was a new type. I had never known a man like him—crisp like you. You see, I had just come from the states, where—"

Rand chuckled. "When men are civilized, is it at all?" "Yes. And she laughed, a short tinkling laugh. "There was a time when you were a girl."

"You know, of course, that Maya Jack is interested—rather in love with you?"

"I suspected it." "So I didn't guess wrong. I see what his motive is. This motive for bringing me about this boat? Maya Jack asked. "Wasn't it to force Henri Durand to sign over Magliaya to him?"

"What about this man Burnell? Then: 'Are you in love with him, aren't you?' "No," came her flat denial.

Rand looked at her puzzled. "But you were going off with him?" "I couldn't stand it any longer. I was sick of him. You see, something happened—"

## YOUR INDIVIDUAL HOROSCOPE

(By FRANCES DRAKE)

Look in the section your birthday comes in, and find what your outlook is, according to the stars.

For Thursday, July 18th MARCH 21 to APRIL 20 (Aries) —Several disquieting influences today. But we must not grow discouraged. Be sure your vision is focused on high ideals; don't swerve from Right. Take courage to strive afresh for that which is best and sponsored by Him Who created us to be good.

APRIL 21 to MAY 20 (Taurus) —Neither stimulating nor exactly unfavorable. A day to test patience, self-reliance, and your ability to triumph over harassing incidents. Its never too late to win, to try again!

MAY 21 to JUNE 21 (Gemini) —As with Aries and Taurus, intelligent conduct and patience in affairs are paramount issues to your success and attainment. Exploit only your best qualities.

JUNE 22 to JULY 21 (Cancer) —Good work can be accomplished today, particularly if you don't dog the happy angles and wear a long face! Be exactly what you hope and pretend to be! Keep moving ahead.

JULY 22 to AUGUST 21 (Leo) —"Curtain" and "retrench" seem to be the best arguments for best results in important matters today. Diplomacy is also an essential, especially in dealings with the opposite sex and in affairs of the heart. Be kind to loved ones.

AUGUST 22 to SEPTEMBER 21 (Virgo) —Matters with which you are familiar, work and interests requiring keen scrutiny and investigation, activities connected with shopping, aeronautics and chemicals are among the most favored.

SEPTEMBER 22 to OCTOBER 21 (Libra) —Private interests, government and state projects, institutional work, investigations and confidential matters more favored than financial transactions, quick monetary gain.

OCTOBER 22 to NOVEMBER 21 (Scorpio) —Do not permit harshness or intolerance with others' shortcomings to cause you to make others and yourself unhappy. It is as much our duty to sow seeds of kindness as it is to make a success of material undertakings. You are capable of great good.

NOVEMBER 22 to DECEMBER 21 (Sagittarius) —Day should be all right for finishing work previously begun and for improving matters at hand. It may not be auspicious for new investments or quick gains, however. Opportunities and valuable buys should be investigated.

DECEMBER 22 to JANUARY 21 (Capricorn) —Exercise care dealing with the public and with strangers. Pause before making important decisions and don't promise to do more than your physical strength will permit. Avoid irritating persons.

JANUARY 22 to FEBRUARY 21 (Aquarius) —If you are resourceful and ambitious you can turn today to your credit. But you must support your ambition with alertness and persistent effort. Be helpful, cheerful and self-reliant. Be amenable to sound suggestions.

FEBRUARY 22 to MARCH 21 (Pisces) —You may have to bolster yourself with a pep talk, especially if your day calls for sustained effort or strenuous activities. However, the right kind of quiet reflection and patient endeavor will gain ground no matter how difficult the task or situation.

A CHILD BORN ON THIS DAY has these characteristic outstanding: Sincerity, thoughtfulness, prudence, fine moral culture. With reasonable education and good rearing, this individual should make a success of life. He (or she) will be an asset to any group, with his (or her) charming personality and entertaining qualities.

## Needlecraft—For The Home

A gored skirt for fit... soft bodice fullness for flattery and interesting yoke treatment for chic... these are the smart points of this style for the larger figure. Make your new Summer afternoon or travel frock of dark ground printed silk or rayon crepe for practicality and beauty. Outline the yokes and becoming neckline with a tiny lace edging and put a row of buttons down the front of the bodice. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you will feel and look smart in this dress, with or without its matching hip length jacket. Style No. 3370 is designed for sizes 16, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50.

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A Morning Smile

SEEKING'S BELIEVING The drill sergeant was drilling a squad of men, but could not get them into a straight line.

At last he cried: "Bih! Your line is as crooked as a corkscrew. All of you fall out and have a look at it!"

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