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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Why Must a Girl Have an Engagement Ring? Worried Wife Should Prove Faith in Her Husband by Ignoring Anonymous Letter - Bored Feminist

Dear Miss Dix-Why is it that girls are so foolish over engagement rings? I am in love with the one and only girl, and it will be some time before we can marry, so I can't see the necessity of buying a ring.

Answer:

My dear Red, there are a lot of things that a man can't understand about women and that keeps him surprised to his dying day, so the wise thing for him to do is not to vex his mind trying to figure out the whys and the wherefores or to start something by arguing about them, but just to fall in with them.

His not to question why, his just to go and buy, when it is a matter of engagement rings or anniversary presents or a box of candy or a bunch of flowers now and then if he wants to keep his wife rating out of his hand and sold to the idea that she has drawn the matrimonial prize.

As to why your girl insists on an engagement ring, that is easily explained. What the Croix de Guerre is to the soldier, her engagement ring is to a girl. It is her badge of honor that she can flaunt in the face of the world. It is the outward and visible sign of victory. It is the thing she has dreamed of having ever since she first began thinking about boys at all and to deprive her of that is simply to prick her little pink action with no more thrill to it than any commonplace business trade.

Just think of all she would miss if she didn't have an engagement ring. Nothing to gloat over, nothing to turn and twist on her finger and hold in this light and that light. Nothing to show the girls and have them "Oh" and "Ah" over. No excuse for telling that she is engaged. No putting it over the girls who aren't lucky enough to have achieved that magic symbol that shows that they are desired and loved by some man.

You don't have to have a great deal of imagination, Red, to see what her engagement ring means to a girl, and I am sure that when you do realize its significance you will hurry out and buy her the very prettiest one that you can possibly afford. Remember that this is her great moment and that she will be grateful to you to the longest day that she lives if you will enter into her feelings about it and also that it will be a sore spot in her memory to her dying day if you don't.

And while we are on this subject of things that mean so much to a woman and mean so little to a man, let me urge you to try to accept a woman the way she is made and not waste any effort trying to bring her to a commonplace point of view.

Why women put such stress on little things, goodness only knows. But they do. A wife will let her husband work himself to death to supply her with the comforts and luxuries of life and take it all for granted without so much as a "thank you." But she will shed tears of gratitude over a 10-cent bunch of flowers if he will bring them home to her because they match some dress she is going to wear to a party that night.

A wife will consider herself neglected if her husband merely supplies her with a charge account on which she could buy a ton of candy or a matched pearl necklace, but she will boast of his devotion to her if he brings her a box of chocolates or a string of glass beads.

Once upon a time I saw a rich woman's eyes fill up with tears as she looked at a modest fur coat that another woman was showing her. "Why," exclaimed her friend in surprise, "my coat is nothing compared to yours. Yours is real sable." "I know," replied the rich woman, "but I had to wangle it out of my husband and go and buy it myself while your husband gave you yours as a surprise and picked it out himself and knew just what you wanted and could wear."

So there you are, Red. That is what you are going to be up against when you marry. The little things that women think more of than they do of the big things. Your wife wanting you to notice what she wears and when she combs her hair a new way and putting great stress on your observing anniversaries, when you met and when you got engaged and when you were married and her birthday, and if you look after these small details the great affairs will look after themselves.

And if your girl is, as you say, a good sport, she will be worth it. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix-My husband and I have been married for ten years of perfect happiness, with me his first thought, but now I am undergoing



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grinding torment. Lately I have received two anonymous letters telling me to watch my husband and a widow who's in his employ. I have watched all hours of the day and night and have seen nothing suspicious. They both claim they are innocent. I demanded that he dismiss her, but when he told her to turn in her resignation she came to see me, pleading her case and telling me that I was taking the food from her, and her sick mother and her child just on suspicion. I am not heartless, so I told her that I would sacrifice my happiness before I would have that against my conscience. The other day my husband was forced to cut her salary and she tried to kill him by throwing a stone at his head and then attempted to take her own life with a dagger letter-opener, but failed. Now don't you think I have a right to want her fired under any circumstances?

Answer:

I think that if there ever was a case in which a woman should show mercy to a sister woman and try to put herself in that woman's place, it is this. That this poor soul should have tried to kill your husband and kill herself is no proof of her guilt, but of her desperation.

Try to think of what it means to a woman with a sick old mother and a helpless little child clinging to her skirts to be deprived of her job or even to have her pay cut down so that she cannot support them upon it. Think of the old mother and the little child crying to her for the bread she cannot give them. Think of them perhaps put out upon the street with no roof to shelter them and you won't wonder that she was driven to a moment of madness.

And back of that the mental torture she must have suffered at being accused of a crime of which both she and your husband declare they are innocent. It means as much to her to have her good name called in question as it would to you. More, perhaps, because if her reputation is damaged she will not find it easy to get another job and she becomes the target for scandal, and every rake of a man will feel he has the right to insult her.

You say that for ten years your husband has been devoted to you and his every thought has been of you. It seems to me that you make a poor return for that sort of love and faithfulness when you are ready to believe the worst of him without one iota of evidence against him and upon no better authority than a scurrilous letter written by a coward who wouldn't even sign his or her name. Knowing your husband as you do, you might have more faith in him and I should think that your suspicions would stab him to the heart.

My advice to you is to prove your love to your husband by ignoring these anonymous letters, written by some one who wanted to hurt you and if any more come burn them unread. Then go to this poor woman and take her by the hand and try to help her instead of getting her fired. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix-I am a girl bored to death, with nothing to do. Girls don't get an even break in this world. Why can't we join the army and navy as boys do? SALLY.

Answer:

I don't think you would find the army and navy very exciting in peace time, and if there should be a war when there is something doing you can go into the push in some feminine capacity. Why don't you put in the time preparing yourself for some worth-while career that you can follow when times get better? DOROTHY DIX.

For The Cook

ICE BOX CAKES

Ice-box cake is an adaptation of either a charlotte or Bavarian cream, or a mixture of both. It always calls for whipped cream in some form, and frequently for butter. Nuts are often added, and the mould is either decorated or put together with some sort of a cake mixture, as macaroons, sponge cake, angel cake or lady fingers. In any case, the dessert is so extremely rich that it should be served only in small quantities in a meal containing very little fat.

Almond Ice-Box Cake: Three-quarters cup fresh butter, 1 1/2 cups sifted, powdered or confectioner's sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup finely chopped

toasted almond meats, 1/2 pint heavy cream, 1/2 teaspoon almond extract, 12 macaroons, 1 1/2 dozen single lady fingers.

Method: Beat the butter to a cream and work in the sugar, almond extract and egg-yolks. Then add the egg-whites, whipped stiff, and the chopped nut meats, and combine the mixture with the cream, which should be whipped stiff and folded in. Line a three-pint mould with waxed paper, put a layer of macaroons on the bottom, interesting them, if desired, with whole toasted almond meats to form a design. Line the sides of the mould with lady fingers, arranging them vertically, put half of the cream mixture in the mould, on this lay the remaining macaroons, adding the balance of the mixture, and set in the coolest part of the refrigerator for twenty-four hours. To serve, unmould and garnish with

A Morning Smile

INCORRUPTIBLE

Helen had been brought up as a Presbyterian and had always attended her father's church. When the family happened to be visiting relatives who were Episcopalians, the subject of going to church came up during conversation at the dinner table on Saturday night, and the family was invited to attend the Episcopal church. Helen begged her father to accept, but he replied that he thought they would go to their own church. "Oh, daddy," said the little girl, "if you'll only let me go, I'll promise not to believe a word they say."

additional sweetened, whipped cream, putting it on by means of the pastry bag and tube. Chocolate Ice-Box Cake: Follow the recipe for almond ice-box cake, omitting the nuts and adding to the creamed butter and sugar a half pound of grated sweet chocolate, melted.

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W. A. BAKER, SHERIFF OF R. DISTRICT

FORT FRANCIS, Ont. Aug. 1- On the last day of the month, the last hour of the day and almost the last minute of the hour Fort Francis and Rainy River District was thrown into sorrow on learning of the passing of William Andrew Baker, Sheriff of the District of Rainy River who died at his beautiful home on the bank of the Rainy River where he had lived for over thirty years. The late Sheriff Baker first saw the light of day in a beautiful country home near North Lake, Prince Edward Island, Sept. 24th, 1864 and was the youngest son of the late Ellish and Charlotte Baker. In his younger days he took up the art of tailoring and learned his trade in the city of Charlottetown, P. E. I., after which he went to New York and there learned drafting and cutting of all classes of garments. In the year 1891 he came to Kenora, Ont., then Rat Portage, where he entered into business with Mr. Nicholson, and in 1896 he with Mr. Nicholson came to Fort Frances and opened a men's tailoring establishment at this point; two years after Mr. Nicholson resigned and the late Mr. Baker carried on the business for a number of years under his own management and skill.

In 1908 when the Rainy River District was formed as a Judicial District, William Andrew Baker was the unanimous choice of the District as Sheriff and received that appointment on June 1st, 1908, the position he held most creditably until his death. The late Sheriff Baker was twice married but had no children, his first wife being Miss Annie Simmons whom he married in 1899 and who predeceased him about five years ago. He was again married to Mrs. Lalonde of Glenboro, Man., a sister of his former wife who still survives him. Other survivors are two brothers, F. H. Baker of Charlottetown and J. A. Baker of Elmer, P. E. I., and one sister, Mrs. E. B. Brown, of Lynn, Mass. Funeral will be conducted on Wednesday from the Masonic Temple at 2:30 p. m. The body will lay in state in the Masonic Temple from 3 p. m. Tuesday until 1 p. m. on Wednesday for friends to view the remains. The casket will not be open at the church.

Vessels Collide In Heavy Fog

OAK BLUFFS, Mass. Aug. 8- The steamers Vineyard and Nantucket of the New Bedford, Marthas Vineyard, and Nantucket Service were damaged last night in a collision near Cross Rip Lightship. Company officials said no one was injured and blamed the collision on heavy fog. The Marthas Vineyard, bound for Nantucket from New Bedford and the Vineyard, and the Nantucket making the return trip from Nantucket met almost head-on about half way between the two islands. Both vessels were damaged, but the crews succeeded in preventing pan-

ic among the 200 passengers aboard the steamers.

The vessels put into this port once. The Nantucket passengers were transferred to the Marthas Vineyard and started for Vineyard Haven and New Bedford, while the other steamer was sent out to take the Marthas Vineyard's passengers to Nantucket.



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