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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Why a Pre-Nuptial Contract Would Help Make Marriage a Success—Danger of Marrying a Man Who is a Critic—and a Flirt—Orders is Orders

Dear Miss Dix—I have just read the article in which you suggest a pre-nuptial contract setting forth in detail the duties, obligations, prohibitions, and restrictions which marriage is to impose upon each party to the agreement...

After all, isn't marriage the end of romance and the beginning of something wholly foreign to the romantic impulse? Isn't every unhappiness of married life an inevitable chafing at the bonds, which a pre-nuptial agreement would only make more irritating?

AN AVERAGE HUSBAND.

Answer: If romance is only illusion and delusion, then certainly marriage is the end of it. The familiar inevitably becomes commonplace. The expected loses its magic. You can't make a continuous performance of thrills. You can't keep yourself emotionally keyed up to the top register.

No man can live with a woman and see her with cold cream on her face, and when she is tired, and half sick, and nervous and cross, and still believe that she is an angel. No woman can live with a man and see him with a three days' stubble of beard on his face, and hear him swear when his collar button jolts under the chiffonier, and behold him lose his temper over dinner being five minutes late, or the soup having a little too much salt in it, and still regard him as a godling.

If romance consists in a couple palpitating at the sound of each other's footsteps, and regarding each other as creatures of impossible perfection, and always being to each other a wonder and a desire, then romance is slain by marriage.

For passion is dulled by satiety, and in the fierce light that beats upon the home a man and woman see each other as they are with all their faults thick upon them. More, they find out that men and women are human beings first, and husbands and wives afterward, and that their dispositions and tastes and temperaments are bound to clash, and that no man and no woman can ever possibly be all-in-all to another.

So the little romance dies with marriage. The thrills and the palpitations are over. The billing and cooling ceases, which is not to be regretted, for no sane person can imagine a more horrible life than a perpetual courtship. It would be as nauseating as having to subsist on a diet of chocolate cream.

That to my thinking, is marriage. Something different from the froth of romance, and something as much better than romance as roast beef is than syllabub. It is the settling down of a man and woman who are going about the business of life together, who have all interests in common, and who can make a success of their venture ninety-nine times out of a hundred.

That is why I think that a pre-nuptial contract would do a lot toward helping to make marriage a success, because it would show both the husband and the wife exactly where they stood, and what responsibilities and duties they were undertaking, and where and how they would have to make good to come to the requirements of the other party.

No man, for instance, would marry a woman if he knew beforehand that she would refuse to bear children, or to make a comfortable home for him, and that her idea of wifehood was to waste all a man made, and keep the house filled with her family, and spend her time playing bridge.

Nor would any woman marry a man if she knew beforehand that he would be stingy to her about money, and that he would expect her to be nothing but an unpaid servant.

Most of us have had experience of going into business with people on what is called "a gentleman's agreement," and we have found out to our sorrow that it left us with the bag to hold. Therefore, we have ascertained that the wise thing is to have all the provisions of our contract duly set down in detail in black and white.

I do not see how a marriage contract would dim romance. Men and women would still pick out each other because of the color of their eyes, or because of the way their hair curled on their necks, or because they had some mysterious sex attraction for each other.

Dear Miss Dix—I am engaged to a man who weighs my looks: Verdict superior. He weighs my intelligence: Verdict ditto. Disposition: Admirable, etc. But what if he should meet some woman who is better looking, more intelligent and more charming than I? I feel that he should have a love that would prefer me to all women, even if I was as ugly as mud and twice as dumb.

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Lessons in English

By W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "He stated that he was going to do it." Say, "He said." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: mar-ashino. Pronounce mar-a-she-no (not she-no), first a as in "at," second a as in "ask," e as in "me," o as in "no," accent third syllable. OFTEN MISPELLED: passe (masculine), passee (feminine). SYNONYMS: active, agile, quick, brisk, lively, busy, alert, diligent, industrious, energetic. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day.

glad I am broad-minded and not jealous, but I am afraid I would be very miserable if I were a flirt after we were married. What do you think of the situation?

Answer: Not so good. I think it would be rather wearing on a wife's nerves to know that her husband had her continually in the scales, and was watching whether she came up to standard or not.

You would always be afraid that he was thinking that your complexion had gone off a little, or you had taken on a few pounds weight, or that your hair was beginning to get a little gray, or that you had told that story before, and that your line wasn't as peppy as it used to be.

A comfortable husband is one who takes his wife for granted, and who thinks that she is the most beautiful and wonderful woman in the world because he picked her out, and who never finds out that she has had another birthday.

Nor would I care to have a man for a husband who was a kissing bug and who fancied himself a devil among the women. That kind of thing grows on a man, and it takes more broad-mindedness than the Lord gives any woman not to get green-eyed when she sees her husband petting a flapper ten years younger than she is and twenty pounds lighter. Doesn't look to me as if your fiance was a good matrimonial risk.

Dear Miss Dix—Why do girls starve themselves in order to get thin? I belong to a club of boys who have vowed to be old bachelors unless girls fatten up. We have pledged ourselves not to marry until we can get girls who are an armful.

Answer: You tell 'em, Bub. They won't listen to me, but the only reason girls are living skeletons is because they think boys like them that way.

Let them find out that the young men are going in for the Oriental standards where fat is considered an evidence of beauty instead of a disgrace, and where the more there is of a girl the better they like her, and we will have some more curves and dimples in the feminine form instead of angles you can hang your hat on.

More power to your organization. May its numbers increase. It will save a lot of young women from T. B.

SOME QUEER DREAMS

Further archaeological finds of great interest have been made on the site of the buried church at Chilton Candover, Hants, England, the excavation of which was described in the Daily Chronicle last April.

A strange story of a dream, which led to the discovery of a window which has not been seen for 300 years has been revealed by the Rev. E. P. Gough, rector of Chilton Candover, who supervised the excavations, in an address to Basingstoke Rotary Club.

Relating the story of the dream, Mr. Gough said he had a man from the labor exchange employed on digging work on the site for about six weeks.

One morning he got a message that the man wanted to see him particularly. As they walked up the hill together to the church the man said to him: "Last night I had an extraordinary dream about that old church. I dreamed that in a certain place at the back of a wall I found a window."

They not only found the window, but the northern wall extending, as they had conjectured, further westwards. They had now laid the whole building clear.

In the fourteenth century chancel were found two Norman-French sepulchral stones of Purbeck marble. One of them bore the inscription, "John of Candover lies here."

In the debris above was discovered a twelfth century Purbeck marble font, while masses of broken pottery had been unearthed.

Mr. Gough said he took some specimens up to the British Museum for Mr. Reginald Smith (deputy keeper of British and mediaeval antiquities) to see.

He pronounced that it was nearly all early mediaeval pottery, while one piece might be prehistoric.

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For the Cook

Snowballs Beat the yolks of three eggs slightly and add a cupful of granulated sugar and beat well. Stir in three tablespoonfuls of water and the grated rind of one lemon, two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice and one scant cupful of flour with a half teaspoonful of baking powder. Add the beaten whites of three eggs, mix lightly and steam three-fourths of an hour in a buttered baking-dish or in pudding cups. Serve hot with lemon sauce.

Lemon Sauce Cream a fourth cupful of butter with one cupful of sugar and add a half cupful of cream, one teaspoonful of lemon juice and cook in a double boiler until creamy.

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Answer—Brew the tea in the proportion of one ounce of the dried flowers to a pint of boiling water. After your hair has been well shampooed and rinsed, apply the tea, full strength, with a tooth brush evenly all over the hair.

Exercises for Reducing Buttocks Alice—Here are two good exercises for the purpose. (1) Stand with back pressed against a wall. Alternately contract and relax the seat muscles, keeping up the pressure against the wall. The same exercise may be done while seated on a hard chair.

(2) Sit on the floor with arms around your bent knees. Roll around on the floor to give the seat muscles a deep massage. Walking, swimming and stair-climbing are also good exercises for reducing this part of the figure.

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Milady Beautiful

BY LOIS LEEDS



BEAUTY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Exercises for Waist and Hips Dear Miss Leeds—I would like to reduce my hips and waist. I do a lot of walking and exercise, but it does not seem to do any good.

Answer—I wonder what you mean by "a lot" of walking? If it is less than five miles a day it is not really a lot. Regular exercise of the right kind is the only way to reduce excess fat at waistline and hips.

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BY PATHS OF NEWS

NEW PLANE RISES VERTICALLY

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CORK SUITS FRANCE'S LATEST

Cork suits are the latest in wearing apparel in France. They are made of sheet cork, a French scientist having developed a method of treating the material to remove all the resinous matter, which leaves it so soft that it may be folded in the hand without damage.

Compulsory education of girls in central districts like Delhi, Aizmer and the Northwest Frontier is being considered by the Government of India. A bill to that effect has been introduced in the Assembly. A committee including a woman member is examining the present facilities for primary education of boys and girls and the possibility of expanding them.

Household Hints

BY ROBERTA LEE

Ironing When there is no way of heating an iron without the article and place it between blotters. Then stretch out smoothly and place a weight on top.

Baking Cakes In baking cakes be careful not to have the oven too hot, or they will scorch, especially if the ingredients are rich. Rich cakes take much longer to bake than plain ones.

Cut Glass Spirits of ammonia in hot water is an excellent wash for cut glass. Then polish with a chamois.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is there any certain hour that a wedding should take place? A. No; almost any hour of the day is permissible.

Q. What is the customary and correct form for addressing an envelope, as to margin? A. The straight margin is now preferred.

Q. When a motherless daughter sends invitations for dinner is it proper for her to include her father's name in every invitation? A. Yes, it is necessary for her to do so.

A Morning Smile

One day when Mr. Gaddis was golfing, he discovered an old lady calmly seated on the grass in the middle of the fairway.

"Don't you know it is dangerous for you to sit there, madam?" he reminded her. The old lady smilingly replied: "It's all right; I'm sitting on a newspaper."

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FASHION HAS BLUES SO TURNS TO CHARTREUSE

Once again fashion has the blues. Almost every shade from the deepest to the faintest has its niche. Apurmarine takes its place among the tints reported as significant in winter playgrounds.

The season to the south of us has made it definitely clear that one may no longer go about even in a casual manner without being gloved. It also has demonstrated that the slip-on leads for sports and general wear. While the sleeveless dress has found itself in headlines, it is usually accompanied by a separate jacket, which accounts for the feeling that one must be gloved.

Resort shoes are inclined to white with one color matching the dominant color of the costume. Perforated kids, printed fabric shoes and a diversity of other types, including modified oxfords, T-strap and single-strap models and pumps are also reported as making the primrose path more gay.

Beach scenes are brilliant from all reports, chartreuse pale blue and white being among the more spectacular beach costumes, while purple and orange are liberally sprinkled over the sands. The sleeveless coat is an interesting addition to the long line of attractive ensembles.

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Suppose you have a dining room in which green is to be the predominant color. Remember that as green is a mixture of blue and yellow, all the greens, from blue-green emerald and jade, right up to the yellow greens, can be used. And with greens can be used certain tones of red.

Walls—A neutral tone, say putty color or deep cream. A subtle grey tone would suit equally well. Skirting—One tone darker than the walls. Ceiling—A little lighter than the walls. Floor covering—Patterned carpet in deep blues, greens and mulberry, on a dark, rich brown background.

Curtain draperies—A fadeless rep in stripes of yellow green, old rose, and orchid. Or rough grey silk bound with leaf-green velvet. Upholstery—A deep wine-red with oak; old rose or olive green with mahogany or walnut. Cushions—One jade green, one blue green, one yellow one rose.

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The Daily Argument

AUNT HET



"Jane always winds up by sayin' we oughtn't to believe evil until we know, but she gives all the horrible details first."

POOR PA

By Claude Callan



"No matter how careful I am when our youngest daughter-in-law is here, she is sure to hug her baby close to her an' tell him his grandpa don't love him one bit."

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