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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Betrayed Wife

Preserves Marriage To Faithless Man To Provide Home For Children

When a wife finds out that her husband has been unfaithful to her, her first impulse is to break up her home, take her children and rush with her grievance to the divorce court. If she loves her husband, her world lies in ruins about her, and she knows that never again can it be the beautiful place in which she lived when she trusted her husband as she trusted her God.

Her very soul is torn to tatters with jealousy. She feels that she has been insulted and humiliated beyond endurance, for, as women judge women, the wife who cannot hold her husband has failed somehow as a woman. The pity of her friends, the shame of knowing that her husband is no longer interested in her and has forsaken her for glamour girls, the loneliness of solitary evenings, with nobody to speak to except the baby, get on the nerves of the wife of the philanderer until she finally comes to think that divorce is her only out, and that she would be once more young and beautiful and perfectly happy if she only had a decree absolute.

So myriads of unhappy wives believe that divorce is the cure-all for all of their troubles, and they ask the courts to break up their marriages without ever stopping to count the cost. In their disappointment in their marriages not remaining love idyls and finding that their husbands are two-timers, they want to chuck the whole business and go back to Mother. They forget that marriage is a wife's career, her means of livelihood, and that many a philanderer is a good provider, and that there is a lot of consolation that a woman gets out of a comfortable home and a charge account at the best stores.

COUNT COST

Confirming this theory that the woman who is married to a man with a wandering foot should sit down and do a little figuring before she lets her own feet carry her to the divorce court, is a letter from a wife who confronts this problem. She says:

"I am married to a man to whom every fluttering skirt is a signal to get up and follow, but I am not breaking up my home for these reasons: (1) Because we have two lovely little girls, age 3 and 4 years, and I feel that I would rather sacrifice my life as a forsaken wife than have them half-orphaned and to grow up in a home in which they would never know a father's love and care.

(2) "My husband's mother lives with us where she is very happy and contented, as she would not be anywhere else. She loves her son and adores the little grandchildren, and it would be a cruel thing to deprive her of the pleasure of being with them in her old age.

(3) "My husband is a good provider, and as I do not have good health I could not support the children and give them the advantages that their father does. (4) I have friends who love and respect me and who would be hurt by the gossip that a divorce always creates. (5) I feel that this would not only affect my own life, but also that of my children. It is a matter of common knowledge that the children of divorced parents almost always have their natures warped.

(6) "While my husband is untrue to me, he is not unpleasant to live with. He is kindly, sympathetic, with a charming personality. So even if I do regret my marriage to a philanderer, by the help of God I am able to go on for the sake of those I love, and to make a happy home for my children.

"My plea to other women faced with this problem is to do the same, and I believe that if we do, we will not only be rewarded in this world but in the world to come."

To which I say fervently: Amen.

Pastorelli-MacDonald Wedding

One of the loveliest and most colorful weddings of the summer season and of interest to friends and relatives took place on Wednesday, September 8 at 9 o'clock in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer when Mary Vernita, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Emmett MacDonald of Charlottetown, became the bride of James Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Pastorelli of Chestnut Hill, Mass. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. E. Baldwin, C.S.S.R., in the presence of guests and a large congregation of interested friends. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The bride, leaning on the arm of her father, entered the church to the strains of the Wedding March and took her place beside the groom. She was a picture of youth and loveliness in her bridal gown of white frosted organdie with fitted bodice and full skirt. Her long veil fell from a tiara of pearls. Her slippers were white satin and she carried a bouquet of white gladiolas. Her only ornament was a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom.

She was attended by her three sisters. Gloria, who wore a floor length dress of aqua dotted swiss organdie with matching picture hat as maid of honour, and Shirley and Helen, who wore floor length dresses of yellow nylon and net with matching picture hats, as bridesmaids. All three sisters carried a nosegay of multi-colored sweet peas. The groomsman was Mr. Reid MacKenna, and the ushers were Mr. Maurice Goodwin and Mr. Joseph MacKenna. Mr. Alex MacLean presided at the organ. The bride's mother chose a powder blue gown with black accessories and a brown squirrel neckpiece. She wore a corsage of pink carnations.

During the Nuptial Mass delightful hymns were rendered by Miss Maureen Brown and Dr. F. A. MacMillan.

The reception following the ceremony was held at the Charlottetown Hotel where approximately eighty guests were recipients of a delicious buffet breakfast. The table was tastefully decorated with carnations and centered with a beautiful three-tier wedding cake. The toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. Robert Bradley and fittingly responded to by the groom. After the reception the bridal couple left for a motor trip through Nova Scotia. The bride chose for going away a two-piece suit of powder blue moire with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. They then returned to the bride's home to spend a few days before proceeding to their future home in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kelly, and Mrs. Mervin Kahle. Prior to her marriage the bride was feted to several teas and was guest of honour at a shower. The numerous gifts of silver, china, crystal and linen go to show the popularity of this young couple.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Jamie, elder grandson of ours, who had appeared rather unexpectedly at our doorway last evening to spend the night, remained to breakfast with us this morning. Grand-daughter from the house across the lane who rises early sat opposite him at table. On fine morning when she is able to be out of doors, hers is apt to be a progressive meal which begins here and ends at her home or it may be vice versa. Today she was inclined to be choosy about her food, an indication that she had already eaten, "I don't care for any porridge" — wheatlets it was, a preference of Jamie's, who now as a schoolboy "must start the day right" by eating cereals—"I'd like a piece of cake, if you have any with frosting on it" she said. "Cake" Jamie echoed chuckling in amazement "now whoever heard of anyone eating cake at breakfast? and besides" he commented, addressing the small wide-eyed one "don't you know that if you don't eat some porridge, well, you'll never grow big? Do you always want to stay little like you are?" She nodded seriously 'What, no bigger than a doll! and never go to school at all to learn to read and write and do sum.? Aren't you funny?" Jamie continues to meet each schoolday with pleasant anticipation and it is surprising the way he is daily picking up new words and numbers They enjoyed a merry romp with the pup on the lawn before he was off home with the harvesters to prepare for his school.

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At mid-morning in a clatter of machinery on the 'gang-way" bridge this year's harvesting came to Alderlea. There came an oiling of the binder and a hasty adding of twine and a call to the women-kind to "watch the fowls the dogs and grand-daughter" before the cutting commenced in the field by our remnant of orchard. "That is a funny rig!" Grand-daughter observed of the machine as with Jeanie she watched the sheaves drop to the ground. Pretty now in the moonlight, is this first field of our harvest, though I fancied the breeze made lonely rustlings there in it's passing. "It's a good crop" I said when I hurried there with the supper which to save time must be eaten in the lee of the binder without time spent unhitching the team. "Oh just fair" James replied, skilfully shaping a band of straw to tie a missed sheaf "a fair, nice crop." The later-sown grain is the best, this year I notice" Jock offered, drawing up to the basket of food. Rob selected a sandwich to his liking and commented laughing "I suppose when you two were farming here it would take a couple of days, instead of a few hours to cut a piece like this —the old mare and a colt would be pretty slow!"

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James snorted derisively and offered his cup for tea. "We never lost any of our crop from lack of sufficient horse-flesh, did we, Ellen?" "And the old mare" I said slowly, forgetting our surroundings for the moment, and recalling how gentle and knowing she was. She would bend her head to let Rob bridle her as a small lad. He could catch her in the pasture when he was no older than Jamie, and lead her in the lift at the haying. I believe she would have gone as well herself, so wise she was. We, the small ones and I, could harness and hitch her easily —and unhitch without a sign of impatience from her. "Why" I continued, blessing her memory "I wouldn't have traded the old mare for two of those. No matter how willing and brisk they are" I added nodding toward those fidgeting in the machine "there never was a mare like her. Now those are only impersonal creatures, except of course the one of her line. No, at that, I wouldn't have given the old mare" "In her prime" James interposed "for any one of them." "For all of them" I corrected.

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And the sun caressed the gold of the sheaves, and the crickets sang their ageless harvest tunes In a near meadow still clothed with the lush green of the aftermath the cows were at pasture. Further afield the Nell-mare and her colt and another moved leisurely at their cropping while a long the rise near the barns, the sheep and lambs were moving. Thistle down floated by as light white cloudlets on the hillside, as the silver plane above, and beyond the last field, one fancied that Autumn was already touching the woodlands with her glorious colors.

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"It's better, if you have the money, to buy them from the fishman" granddaughter had remarked sagely to Jamie when she became impatient on our recent angling excursion, "he comes some day soon in a red truck." James is inquiring about him now and 'mackerel was it — well how about having a piece of one now? You know, Ellen, we were in such a hurry to move to the next cutting, that . . . well, I find I'm still a bit hungry!"

Until tomorrow — Diary — Goodnight.

The Key to.....

Successful Entertaining

KING COLE TEA COFFEE

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Isn't it proper to introduce two men by saying, "Mr. Allen, meet Mr. Jones"?

A. No. Do not use an imperative form, but merely say, "Mr. Allen, this is Mr. Jones," or, "Mr. Allen, Mr. Jones."

Q. Is it correct to use the phrase "my friend" when making an introduction?

A. No; this indicates that the other person is not a friend, and is considered in bad taste.

Q. Is it ever all right for a guest at dinner to mention any preferences in foods?

A. No, and it would be ill-bred to do so. Guests should accept what is offered without making any comments.

Better English

B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It was a brief distance."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "conjure" (to practice magic)?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Perfidious, perferate, peremptory.

4. What does the word "vexation" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with pro that means "fruitful of results; active"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "It was a short distance." 2. Pronounce kun-jer, u as in run. 3. Perforate. 4. Trouble; irritation. "To the discontented, even wealth is a vexation" 5. Prolific.

Morning Smile

WHUSTLE

A Scotsman was strolling along the quay, when his dog stopped beside a basketful of live lobsters. Instantly one of the lobsters snapped its claws on the dog's tail, and the surprised collie dashed off, yelping with pain.

For a moment the fishmonger was speechless with indignation; then, turning to his prospective customer, he bawled: "Mon, mon, whustle your dog."

"Hoots, mon," returned the other, complacently, "whustle your lobster."

MAIDEN'S PRAYER

Little Joan knew that her aunty was anxious at not having heard from her soldier sweetheart and offered to include him in her prayers.

"Thank you, darling," said aunty, "that will be nice."

"God bless me and make me a good girl," said little Joan, "and send aunty's soldier home safe and single."

How Can I !!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. What should one do when the amount of whipped cream does not seem to be quite sufficient?

A. Merely add the white of an egg, well-beaten.

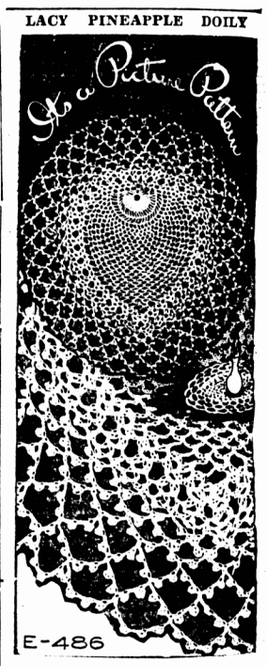
Q. How can I prevent the dresser top from becoming stained with perfumes and various lotions?

A. This will not happen if a sheet of waxed paper is placed underneath the dresser scarf.

Q. How can I efface ink stains from wood?

A. Apply equal parts of linseed oil and vinegar. Use a soft cloth.

LACY PINEAPPLE DOILY



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THE WOMAN'S REALM

"THEY SAY!"

"They say" he leads a double life.
"They say" he often beats his wife.
At club affairs and parties gay
Somebody whispers this: "They say."
And round and round the gossip
But who "they" are, nobody knows.

"They say" but with that opening
"They say" he steals; "They say" he lies
And never pays for what he buys
But if you question: "who are they?"
Not one who's quoting them can say,
"They say," but since no one can name
The ones who start these tales of shame,
With me, I let the scandals die.
Doubtful of all of them am I,
I find it much the better way,
Not to believe a word "they say!"
—Edgar Guest.

A thin mixture and liquid, such as that used for pancakes, is called a "pour batter;" the stiffest mixture of flour and liquid used in baking is called a "dough."

Those last elusive drops of fat can be removed from the top of soup by throwing a lettuce leaf into the pot. It will absorb the grease and may be removed as soon as it has served its purpose.

EVEN CURTAINS

If the draperies have been cleaned this year and do not seem to hang as even as when the upholsterer hung them, slip a curtain rod through the hem at the bottom and adjust the folds. Let it remain there for a few days and then remove. The draperies will hang in even folds.

PARENTAL POINTERS

If the discipline of a parent is too repressive and if not enough love is shown to the child he may become afraid to show even mild anger and develop a sullen or downtrodden manner. He may not speak for hours if he has been denied something or he may mope alone in a corner. All this is highly undesirable, mental health experts say. It will not encourage the child to grow up into a mentally healthy happy adult who will get along reasonably well with others.

HOME VACATION NOT REAL REST

Papa can't understand why Mama looks with such a jaundiced eye on his suggestion that "we spend our vacation at home this year, just loaf around and take it easy." Well, Mama has more than one good reason for disliking that idea.

First of all, it's always something of a strain to have the man of the house around all day for more than two days running.

Second, no matter how comfortable her home, a woman's idea of a vacation is to get away from it. And why not, since that's her place of business? Suppose Mama suggested that Papa just take his vacation loafing around his office?

Third, there's the old matter of eating. It comes up three times a day, and part of the joy of taking a vacation, so far as Mama is concerned, is being able to have those three meals a day cooked by somebody else and the dishes washed by somebody else.

Fourth, Mama is enough of a realist to know that long before two weeks of a stay-at-home vacation are up Papa will be wandering around like a lost soul.

And fifth, of course, is the fact that if Mama takes her vacation at home she'll be clear out of things when the girls start publicizing their own vacations.

So for all those reasons, and many more, Mama can't get very enthusiastic when Papa toys with the idea of a stay-at-home vacation.

CARE WARDS OFF FOOT AILMENTS

Many of the minor foot ailments which plague a woman's middle years can be minimized if she will make a choice of more sensible shoes.

Doctors suggest that the lady whose oft-heard complaint is "my feet are killing me" wear shoes of proper size with broad, low heels. She is advised to be particularly choosy about finding a last that conforms to the shape of her foot. For solid support, she needs shoes which have both leather uppers and leather soles. Leather soles should be flexible enough to accommodate foot muscles. Soles and uppers should be of a type of leather which prevents overheating and over-perspiring of feet.

As important to foot comfort as well-fitting shoes are stockings of proper size. To give toes room in which to stretch out, a stocking foot should be one-half inch longer than the longest toe of the foot.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Cloudy Mirrors

Often an effective remedy for cloudy and streaky mirrors is the following: Add three tablespoons of ammonia to a bucket of water, dip a clean chamois into the solution, and swab the mirror. Then wring the chamois dry, and wipe off the water.

Birthday Cake

Why not decorate the little girl's birthday cake with tiny dolls instead of candles If giving a birthday party, supply enough dolls that each little guest will receive one with her slice of cake.

Furniture Scratches

Scratches on dark furniture can often be made invisible by applying a small amount of tincture of iodine, and then polishing.

Cook's Corner

CRANBERRY APPLE JELLY

5 pounds high bush cranberries
3 pounds crabapples
Water by measure
Sugar by measure

Method: Wash and pick over the cranberries and place in a preserving kettle. Wash, stem and cut the crabapples in quarters or eighths, and combine with the cranberries.

Add enough water so that it will be barely visible through the top layer of fruits. Bring the water to a boil and keep boiling until the fruit is quite soft. Turn into a jelly bag that has been wrung out of hot water and strain off the juice.

Measure the juice and then place about 4 or 5 cups of this in a preserving kettle at one time. Bring to a boil and boil for about 5 minutes, then for every cup of fruit juice, measure and add a scant cup of sugar. Stir over low heat until the sugar is dissolved, then bring to a full rolling boil and keep boiling like this until the juice will test for jelly.

It may test for jelly in 5 minutes, and then again it may take up to 10 minutes. It is best to start testing for jelly almost as soon as the juice comes to a full rolling boil after the sugar has been dissolved.

Pour into hot, sterilized jars and cover with a layer of melted paraffin. When this hardens, add a second layer, then cover the jars with lids or tie paper over them. Store in a cool, dry place.

Continue cooking the juice in small lots until all the juice has been made into jelly.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M. D.

RHEUMATISM CAUSED BY THE EMOTIONS

More and more we are learning how nervousness, emotional disturbances can affect the various organs and processes of the body.

Among the disturbances most recently discovered are skin ailments and asthma. And the latest ailment research workers blame on the emotions is that old disease, rheumatism. It is agreed among specialists in rheumatism that infection is the commonest cause, that starch foods, cold and dampness make up most of the balance.

That what is called psychogenic (caused by the mind) rheumatism is now being found frequently, is reported from "Annals of Rheumatic Diseases," London, by Dr. E. W. Boland. Dr. Boland, after listing the disturbances in the various organs caused by the emotions, states that physicians are not aware of the large number of rheumatic cases this caused. The number was very high among soldiers admitted to military hospitals who had bone and joint injuries. In a series of 450 successive cases admitted with rheumatic complaints, the largest number (34 per cent) were caused by psychogenic or emotional disturbances.

How can physicians be sure that the rheumatism is due to the emotions and not to infection, diet or climate? By searching for these usual or common causes and finding them absent, they feel justified in calling the case psychogenic rheumatism, especially in the emotional or nervous type of patient.

The most common symptoms of psychogenic rheumatism are pain, tenseness, less motion in joints, tiredness — together with headaches — indigestion, sighing respirations, sleeplessness, tremors, cold and moist hands and feet, anxiety and nervousness. Usually there is a history of nervousness and emotionalism.

Dr. Boland states that it is often hard to find out what type of disturbance is the spark that starts the symptoms, "but smoldering resentment seems to be the common, basic emotional disturbance in psychogenic rheumatism."

The point, then, is that while the commonest causes of rheumatism are infection, faulty diet and cold and dampness, emotional disturbance cause many cases of rheumatism.

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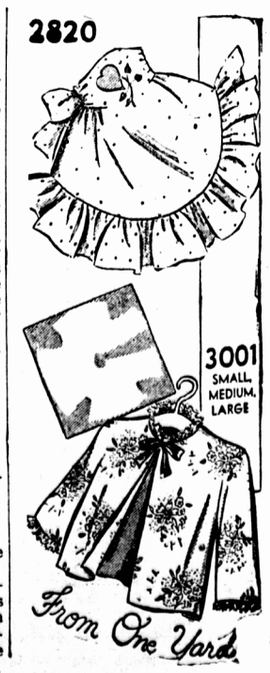

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