

# Woman's Realm :- Social and Personal :- Fashions :- Literature

## Dorothy Dix' Letter Box

### Has Onlooker Right to Interfere to Save Girl From Disastrous Marriage? — How Can Younger Generation Live "Own Life" When it's Parents Who Pay for Their Blunders?

Dear Miss Dix—Is an onlooker justified in trying to break up an engagement in which the girl is headed straight for disaster? The girl is attractive, a good cook, thrifty, sweet-tempered. Her fiancé is a pelted, well-to-do son of a wealthy family who has never worked a day in his life and calmly admits that he doesn't intend to until it is forced upon him. He never has money to take her anywhere or make her a gift. If she does anything that doesn't suit him, he calls her all kinds of names which she excuses on the ground that she likes masterful men. His one interest in life is gambling, for which he constantly tries to get her to give him some of her small salary to use in betting on horses or numbers. Yet this girl confidently believes that on their wedding day he will change into a loving husband who will be her heart's desire. Her mother is dead. She has no one to advise her. Should I take that office on myself?

**A WOMAN FRIEND.**  
It would be no use. A girl that infatuated has taken leave of her senses and is blind to every fault the man possesses, no matter how clearly you point them out to her and deal to all reason, no matter how logically you try to convince her that marriage works no miracle in a man's character, and that what he was before marriage he will be afterward.

Nobody on earth can explain why an otherwise intelligent woman can delude herself into believing that a man who is a lazy loafer who has never earned a penny before marriage will become a hustler and a go-getter as soon as the preacher mumbles a few words over him. Or how one can befool herself into thinking that marriage will change a sot into a sober man or a rone into a domestic one or make a gambler a lover of games of chance or turn an abusive sweetheart into a tender and considerate husband, but thousands upon thousands of women do stultify themselves this way and marry on this platform.

Which is why we have so many miserable wives and so much divorce. It is very, very seldom that a man has either the subtlety or takes the trouble to deceive a girl about the kind of man he is. He doesn't bother to conceal his faults and his weaknesses from her. Not once in a hundred times does a girl marry a man who wrinks too much without knowing it. Nearly always she has seen him drunk dozens of times. Nor does a girl often marry a philanderer without knowing he is a woman-chaser. Almost always she has had her heart torn into ribbons with jealousy time and again and has known she could not hold him even in the days of courtship.

Rarely, if ever, does a girl marry a man who is brutal or grouchy or stingy without knowing it. He has given her a taste of his quality by saying insulting things to her or being niggardly to her and by making her crawl in the dust before him and apologize to him for the things he has done himself.

But the poor deluded creatures, knowing the men for what they are, go on and marry them believing with childlike faith that marriage throws some sort of conjure over a man that changes him from what he is into what he ought to be. And against this superstition all argument is in vain. Though you spoke with the tongues of men and of angels you couldn't convince a girl that the renegade she is in love with will not turn into a saint on her wedding day. Nothing but her own experience will teach her the truth and then it is too late.

That is why people are so loath to interfere in a love affair, even when they feel it their duty to at least light a red lantern of warning that might apprise a girl or boy of the danger ahead. I knew, for instance, of a splendid young man who moved into a community in which he knew no one and who promptly fell in love and married a girl who went insane within a year. Every one knew, but nobody told him that for generations the girl's family had been filled with lunatics and epileptics. I have known highly bred and cultured girls whose lives were embittered when they had to live among their husbands' relatives and found out that they were coarse and vulgar and illiterate, with no social position whatever. Yet a friend knew this and kept silence.

And the excuse of these people is that it would have done no good and only made them enemies. That the young man and the girl in love would not have listened to the voice of warning. And ninety-nine times out of a hundred this would be the case.

Dear Miss Dix—My wife had an argument with our daughter the other day about marriage and among other things the girl told her was this—that it was her life and she had a right to live it as she pleased, and that was more that she did not ask to be brought into the world. What would you have answered her?

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## Daintiness With Chick Styles

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Frocks that reverse their colour scheme in crepe silk prints are exceedingly voguish.

Today's model is conservatively smart in navy and white topped by a white and blue print in crinkly crepe silk.

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It appears that cool moist weather such as we have in spring is the most favorable for the development of apple scab. Moral: Spray early, and keep spraying.

## FOR THE WOMAN READER

### LAUGHTER

Laughter has bright, golden hair; Laughter met me on the stairs, Smiled, and said, as she passed by, "Come and meet me by-and-by."

Laughter dances on the green; Laughter has the gayest mien, She's always merry as she goes Through the world on tripping toes.

Would that I might be like thee, Always happy as can be; Laughter, take me by the hand, Teach me, dear, to understand.

—Elizabeth Whittemore Willey

### THE MAGIC CLOAK

Here is a jolly party game for you. All you need is a big coat or a rug. One player goes out of the room and while he is gone, all the others lie on the floor with eyes shut.

Then the player comes in and covers one of them with the "magic cloak" which is the rug. All the others then get up and try to guess who is under the cloak.

The first one who guesses correctly goes out of the room for the next try. As you can imagine, the more children the merrier the game becomes. It is difficult to tell at once, then, who is under the cloak.

When is a ship like a bird; When it is flying before the wind.

What has branches but no leaves? A railway line.

If all the seas were dried up what would people say? We haven't a notion (an ocean).

### TRY THIS TREATMENT FOR SCIATICA

One of the most obstinate types of neuritis, that is, inflammation of a nerve, is found in sciatica. The pain is usually worse after movement and during the night. It generally passes down the back of the thigh, and may even affect the leg.

Rest in bed to begin with is sound treatment. Heat in any form—hot ironing, and hot water bottles—is of benefit and relieves the pain. Electrical treatment is sometimes beneficial. Massage should be avoided for this increases the inflammation. It is useful only in chronic cases where the muscles of the leg have become wasted from lack of use.

It is important to keep the bowels regularly open. The diet should contain plenty of green vegetables, not too much meat, and very little sugar.

The teeth should also be examined. An unsuspected abscess at one of the roots, even if causing no pain, may be at the bottom of the trouble.

### HOME COURSE INCLUDES "KEEPING HOUSE"

Home management is not a mere academic course of studies for girls taking the House Economics Course at Manitoba Agricultural College.

For at least one month in each of their last two years girls have to "keep house" with all the myriad duties it entails. They take their turn at planning and cooking meals, mending, tending babies and generally making the home machinery run smoothly and make both ends meet.

Begun as an experiment four years ago, the students "home" has developed into a permanent institution. It is now located in a snug little brick cottage on the campus and it is the only thing of its kind in Canada, with the exception of a students' house at Acadia, and the girls love it!

### MAKE YOUR SKIN GLOW WITH COLOR

Don't greet the fine weather with a dirty face! Now I know you think you are keeping your face clean! But with the spring winds blowing, just a casual once-over morning and night just simply won't do the trick.

There is nothing like good, bland soap and water, plus a wash rag, to get your face clean. Start with some cold cream, if your skin feels particularly dry and taut and tired. Cleansing cream will do if you aren't too dirty.

Then wipe off all the dirt that you can, and you're probably constantly surprised at how much comes off.

Now start with your real washing. Use rather warm water, and scrub. Lather your wash cloth well. Water itself merely slides over the skin

where sweat glands are active. Particularly after you've creamed your face, water slides even more. So it is your pleasant task to actually scrub your face, particularly down those lines by the nose, corners of the mouth and under your chin.

Rinse with clear water, using the wash cloth, after it has been rinsed of its soap. Then dash cold water over your face and pat your cheeks with cold water until they feel fresh and look it.

Now use either a little facial oil or a face lotion, for you'll find that your powder won't stick to such a smooth surface as you have now achieved. And before you apply make-up, be sure you use a cream powder base. It's the only way to keep make-up on with spring winds blowing.

When you have meticulously cleaned your face in this manner, you'll find yourself much more on tiptoe to greet spring.

### Saved By a Jest

Sometimes, of course, one finds oneself involved in a tactless situation. Hyper-sensitive, very vain or eccentric people are quite easy to offend, and often not easy to propitiate, and in trying to set matters right one may often go deeper into the mire. Here a sense of humor should come to our rescue. It is really best to laugh matters off frankly; to confess to a heavy hand or a heavy foot, to throw yourself on the mercy of the one you have offended and try to make him laugh, too. If he won't laugh or can't, you are indeed lost, and so, for that matter, is he!

If many a true word is spoken in jest, certainly many a crisis may be averted by a jest. Situations are often saved by a joke. The man or woman who makes a joke at a difficult moment, however bad the joke may be, should always be blessed. For the joke always makes the moment seem less difficult or helps it to pass more easily. Argument waxes too warm, words run high, old gentlemen are getting testy, young things are too intolerant; then is the moment for the outsider or onlooker, who sees most of the game, to intervene.

### BANKER WHO KEPT HIS SERVANTS MANY YEARS

Edward Wag, a retired London banker, who died recently aged 89, and was cremated at Golden's Green, might well go down in history as an employer to whom the servant problem meant nothing.

For 80 years he had maintained a large staff of servants at his beautiful riverside home, the Islet, Maidenhead, and also at his London house.

New faces appeared in his servants' halls during those 80 years, but always the newcomer was predestined to long service with "the man who kept his servants."

At Mr. Wag's death his head coachman was still holding that position after 47 years.

His housekeeper, Mrs. Keats, is still living, at the age of 92, at the Islet, after 43 years in his service. For many years she has been an invalid, and Mr. Wag has provided for her in her old age.

Many other servants had been in Mr. Wag's employ for upwards of 25 years, while others were pensioned off.

### A BACHELOR

"Mr. Wag's servants were not his servants but his friends," said an old friend to a reporter.

"There will never be another master like him. There were scarcely any changes in his staff throughout the years except those enforced by age."

Mr. Wag never married. For 50 years he lived with his servants, and in the company of his life long friend, Mr. J. K. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was married last year at the age of 73, and was present when Mr. Wag died in his sleep at his home.

### Suspected A Feud

It was on his first visit to London. At Marlborough House he stood for some minutes watching the pair of sentries as they passed each other in silence.

## Happenings of the Week

Sales, especially of antiques, have as much attraction for the Queen as for any other collector. Her Majesty spent twenty minutes at a recent London sale and bought a Chinese tear bottle, a miniature glass scent bottle—relics of the days when ladies had the "vapours"—and a Chinese vase with a design of raised flowers upon it.

English rose growers have just sent their annual spring gift to the Queen in the form of a big basket of the loveliest blooms, deep-red roses, yellow roses and orchids. The flowers form a mass of glowing color over 3 ft. high and the Queen, always a lover of roses, is particularly impressed with the growers' gift this year.

The Easter holidays passed off very pleasantly with many happy family reunions, gay dances at the I.O.O.F., Canadian National Hotel, and a much enjoyed play at the Prince Edward.

Regretful farewells are being said to Mrs. F. S. Wilkins and her mother Mrs. Stewart, who are leaving next week for Halifax to take up their residence, Mr. Wilkins having preceded them earlier in the month. On Tuesday afternoon the Study Lovers Club entertained at afternoon tea at the Canadian National Hotel in their honor and also made it the happy occasion for presenting Mrs. Wilkins with a silver bracelet as a memento of the pleasure given by her as an active member of their Club. Mrs. Stewart also received a dainty guest gift which was much appreciated.

Mrs. F. S. Chandler and Miss Marjory Chandler returned Thursday night from a ten day trip to Montreal.

Mrs. F. A. Johnston and Mrs. James Robinson are spending the week-end in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Roy Holman had as their week-end guest Mr. Howatt of Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Miss Jessie Sheraton of Saint John is being cordially welcomed and is the guest of Miss C. A. Palmer, Brighton.

Mr. Charles Fawcett of Sackville spent the week-end in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fowler.

Mrs. T. Roy Cudmore accompanied by Miss Mildred and Miss Elsie Melhins are spending two weeks in Boston.

Mrs. J. A. S. Bayer left Wednesday morning for Halifax where she will spend a few weeks renewing old friendships.

Dr. and Mrs. Heath McIntyre had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. James Murdoch, of Montague, who were cordially welcomed, Mr. Murdoch having fully recovered from his recent serious illness.

Mrs. W. A. Cutcliffe, Brighton, entertained at a nicely arranged bridge on Thursday evening.

The flowers and shrubs in the gardens at Buckingham Palace look lovely these days, and the Queen has been passing some amount of her time strolling about these. The crocuses have been in full bloom for a few weeks and now the daffodils will soon be at their best.

## A Morning Smile

Teacher: "Really, Johnny, your hand writing is terrible. You must learn to write better."

Johnny: "Well, if I did, you'd be finding fault with my spelling."

The young man who had been calling so frequently on Helen came at last to see her father. Finally, the suitor made this announcement: "It's a mere formality, I know, but we thought it would be pleasing to you if it were observed in the usual way."

Helen's father stiffened. "And may I inquire," he asked, "who suggested that, asking my consent to Helen's marriage was a mere formality?"

"Yes," replied the young man. "It was Helen's mother."

Sympathetic Person—Hello! What is the matter, little boy? Are you lost?

Little Boy—Yes, I am. I mighta known better'n to come out with grandma. She's always losin' sumptin'.

There is always a wonderful mass of these to be found in the corner of the gardens known as "the Wilderness," which is close to Hyde Park Corner. Her Majesty delights to gather large bunches of them for the decoration of her private apartments.

Mrs. Ewen McKinnon has gone on a holiday visit to Boston and New York.

Mrs. Gordon Hughes has joined her sister Mrs. Keefer of New York. They intend spending some weeks in Bermuda.

Miss Betty Duff who is attending Halifax Ladies College, spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. Duff at the Norfolk Hotel, New Glasgow, N. S.

Miss Harriet Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bradshaw of Summerside, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Archibald, Rosebank Avenue, Halifax.

A notable occasion in Summerside this week was the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. W. H. Harding and Mrs. Harding, on Easter Sunday. On Monday they were at home to their friends. Mrs. Harding was assisted in her duties as hostess by her daughters, Miss Harding and Mrs. Marlett.

Plaid silk dresses are smarter than printed ones this spring. Many of them have pockets of solid colors and it is very chic to have a jacket of the same colored plaid in larger squares.

## THE COOK'S CORNER

### IDEAL ICING

4 tablespoons water  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
2 egg whites  
1 teaspoon vanilla or lemon  
Put water, sugar and baking powder in upper part of double boiler. When sugar is partially dissolved add unbeaten egg whites and place boiler over rolling water. Beat mixture continually, first with egg beater, then with wooden spoon for eight or ten minutes. Remove from lower part of the boiler, add flavoring and beat until stiff enough to spread on cake.

### FROZEN MOCHA PUDDING

1 cup sugar  
4 tablespoons cornstarch  
2 cups scalded milk  
1/2 cup very strong coffee  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup cream  
Pour the scalded milk over the coffee, stir gradually over the cornstarch mixed with the sugar. Cook in a double boiler until smooth and thick, stirring constantly. Cool. Add the vanilla and fold in the cream whipped. Pour into tray and freeze stiff.

### BAKED HAM WITH APRICOTS

Select a two-inch slice from near the centre of a ham, remove skin and soak for an hour or more in cold water, drain, put in baking dish, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Place under broiler for 10 or 15 minutes. Arrange canned apricots over the top and pour the apricot syrup around the ham. Bake at 400 degrees for two hours. This serves from 6 to 10, depending on the size of the ham.

### TOMATO ASPIC SALAD

1 package gelatine  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 can of tomatoes  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
Cook tomatoes and onion together for a few minutes, put through strainer. If there is not a full pint of tomato juice, add enough water to give this amount; add boiling hot to gelatine, add salt and stir until gelatine is dissolved. This may be used immediately or stored in a glass jar in the refrigerator for future use.

### CARROT PUDDING

One and one-half cups flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup suet, 1 egg, 1 cup chopped dates, 1 cup chopped nuts, 1 cup grated carrots, 1 cup grated potatoes, 1 teaspoon baking soda.  
Method—Beat egg, add sugar, suet, raisins, dates, carrots and potatoes. Then the nuts, and lastly the flour and soda, which have been well sifted together. Steam or boil for three hours. Use empty baking powder tins (pound size). Fill two-thirds full. The pudding is easily removed, and slices easily.



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## GARDENING

### SPRING CARE OF THE LAWN

Feeding in early spring, as soon as the ground is firm enough to permit applying plant food without marring the surface of the lawn, assures a plentiful supply of food for the grass plants as soon as they begin growth. Practically all of our soils have been so depleted of plant food that grass cannot make good turf unless it is fed. Apply complete plant food at the rate of four pounds per hundred square feet and soak it into the soil immediately after application.

All areas devoid of grass and those in which the grass is not thick should be reseeded. This can be done by loosening the soil in such areas slightly making the surface level, and then sowing the seed at the rate of about three pounds per thousand square feet. It is best to do the seeding before rolling. After rolling the areas should be watered, applying the water in a fine spray. Care should be taken not to allow the surface of the soil to become dry or the young grass plants will be killed.

### WAR ON THRIPS

Gladiolus growers who are now checking up their store of bulbs will find this discussion of control of the costly thrips by Professor A. V. Mitchener, professor entomology, M. A. C. worth putting into service in safe guarding next summer's flowers.

The gladiolus thrips "Taeniothrips gladioli" M. and S. has been known only since 1930 when gladioli were first found to be infested. During that year infestations occurred in Ontario and in Ohio. Since that time this very destructive insect has spread over a very wide territory including Manitoba and has done a great deal of damage to gladioli. These insects increase most rapidly and do most harm during hot dry weather. Their damage is confined almost entirely to gladioli.

Adult gladiolus thrips are small winged insects 1-16 inch in length.

## MOTHER... they're too little!

### Don't give them an adult's laxative

If your child is fretful, listless... isn't hungry... is bored with his toys... Mother, you can be certain there's a physical reason for such a change in disposition. Often the trouble is constipation, and you should not delay in giving him a good laxative.

But—careful, Mother—laxatives made for adult use are often too harsh for a child's sensitive system. Even in reduced doses they may do more harm than good.

When your child needs a laxative, give him Castoria, the laxative made especially for children. It is safe, sure and gentle. It contains no harmful drugs—no narcotics.

Castoria is not nauseating. It does not gripe. Children actually like to take it. Get a family size bottle today.

