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Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

Can a Legal Contract Drawn Up Before Marriage Insure Success and Happiness to Husband and Wife?—Wife Who Fights Over Height of Window Shades Runs Grave Risk of Alienating Husband

Dear Miss Dix—Would there not be more and happier marriages if the marriage contract was altered in such a way as not to throw all responsibility on the man? What would be an ideal marriage contract which would be equally fair to the husband and wife and place equal responsibility for the success of their marriage on both parties? Is it legally possible to make a marriage contract? A young man and myself are anxiously awaiting your answer.



Answer:

You can make a legal marriage contract that will cover the money question, what part each shall contribute to the support of the home, what interest each should have in the other's estate, etc.

ENGAGED. But, of course, you cannot make a contract that could be enforced that would cover the intangible things that really make a marriage a success. The party of the first part hereinafter to be known as John, and the party of the second part hereinafter to be known as Mary might bind themselves with miles of legal red tape to be tender and affectionate and considerate and never to quarrel or nag or criticize each other's families or to say mean things about the cooking or fishing trips.

But there would be no way by which Mary could make John put some pep in his kisses and pay her a few compliments. Nor could John get out any injunction against Mary's throwing up to him for the millionth time about that money he lent an old school friend that was never repaid, or prevent her from telling him at every meal how bad the things he liked to eat were for his stomach.

Still and all, even though a marriage contract could not be enforced, I am sure that it would be a fine thing for every young couple to have lawyers draw them up one in due form so that they could see set forth in black and white just what responsibilities they were undertaking as regards each other, and what each covenanted to do in the marriage relationship.

As things are now, marriages are gentlemen's and ladies' agreements, so to speak, which we all know to be the easiest bargain on earth to welch on because it is built on nothing but vague promises and hot air.

It is one thing for a man to say, for instance, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow," and another for him to agree to give his wife a definite allowance to run the house on and for her own personal use. It is one thing for a woman to promise to love and cherish a man, and another for her to agree to get up and get breakfast every morning for him.

So I think it would promote peace and harmony in the home if, before marriage, a young couple had a definite agreement drawn up in which they would settle some of the major problems of matrimony.

As to whether the wife should continue with her job after marriage or not, and, if so, what proportion of her salary she should contribute to the family exchequer, and how much of the housework the husband should do if the wife helped earn the living. What proportion of the family income the wife was entitled to. How much and how long visits from the in-laws there should be. How many nights out the husband should have. How many clubs the wife should belong to. How often the husband should take the wife out to places of amusement. And so on, and so on, and go off to his club or to some woman who will let him monkey with her.

After reading over this contract and realizing it is a life contract a boy and a girl would, at least, know which they were going into and wouldn't be so surprised and shocked at finding that marriage involves work and sacrifice and fair play and respect for one's obligations.

And perhaps it would save many a fight if, instead of arguing a point, the husband and wife could get out their marriage contract and see what they agreed to do and not to do.

Dear Miss Dix—I have been married ten years and my husband and I are very much in love with each other, but there is one thing that we can't agree on and that we fight over continually. I like the window shades to be down at least halfway, and he wants them up nearly to the

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Happenings of the Week

Queen Mary's taste is ruling this year's fashion in colors and fabrics, not because she has issued a royal decree or refused to receive visitors in mauve (which she much dislikes) but just by the way of the turn of the fashion wheel. The vivid greens, oranges and scarlets; the military colorings and royal blues of last year are extinct. Even heavy coats are made in those colors of royal preference, pale pink and pale blue. Rarely is Queen Mary seen in anything but pastel shades, and dearly does she love soft floral designs.

She received the Canadian debutantes this year in dresses of aquamarine, pale pink, pale blue, and peach-colored chiffon painted with tea-roses. As the London kaleidoscope whirls on, here are some of the patterns it forms for a moment. Waffle organdie, in pale pink, blue, green or yellow; organdie printed with tiny bunches of flowers on a pale ground—gone are the dinner-plate bouquets that graced last year's royal garden party.

Mrs. George Goodwin and Miss Maud Stewart of Montreal and Mrs. W. P. C. LeBoutillier of Knogan, Quebec, have arrived on a visit to their parents the Premier and Mrs. J. D. Stewart.

Miss Doris Ruprecht of Mt. Clair, N. J., is the guest of her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth, Hillhurst.

The indisposition of Dr. Coffin who is at present in the P. E. Island Hospital is regretted by his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Spencer and two sons of Saint John, were among the interesting visitors here this week.

Mrs. H. E. Stewart is spending a week in Saint John with her friend Mrs. Hodgson.

The Mayor and Mrs. W. S. Stewart spent the week-end pleasantly with friends in Moncton.

Dr. and Mrs. Pethick are enjoying a holiday with their son at Antigonish Harbor, N. S.

Mrs. A. G. Putnam and family of Sackville are summering at the old home in Eildon.

Mrs. A. H. Mould has been enjoying the sunshine of the outdoors for the past week as she convalesces from her tedious illness of several months.

Miss Dorothy Gordon, R. N., is home from Montreal for the holidays the guest of her mother Mrs. D. Gordon.

Mrs. A. A. Bartlett is being welcomed home from a most enjoyable visit to Toronto.

Mrs. Arthur Bearsto and young son Bill are here from Toronto, visiting Mrs. Bearsto's mother Mrs. McCready.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward H. Mason and family of Montreal are among the arrivals this week at Holland Hall where they will spend the summer. Dr. Mason returns to Montreal on July 24th.

Mrs. Samuel Kennedy entertained delightfully at her lovely home in Brighton at six tables of bridge in honor of Mrs. Lorne Unsworth of New York. Many friendships were renewed as the guests chatted over the tea-cups.

At the Golf Links this afternoon the tea hostesses are Mrs. H. M. Davison, Mrs. C. E. McNutt, Mrs. E. D. Nicholson, Miss Alice Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Longworth and Miss Rosa Longworth are summering at Shaw's Hotel, Brackley Beach.

Miss Richot of Montreal, who is an annual visitor to the Province, is being cordially welcomed. She is

A very interesting event took place in St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, on Sunday, June 25th at 4 p. m. when Colin Harrington Campbell, son of Captain Colin H. and Mrs. Campbell was christened. Rev. Monsignor Hetherington performed the ceremony. Miss Maudie Harrington, sister of Mrs. Campbell, and Colonel L. McDonald acted as sponsors. The christening robe worn by Colin H. Junior, was the same one which has been used in the Campbell family for the past three generations. It is now 175 years old. After the ceremony the participating parties and guests were entertained at Captain Campbell's home. Col. L. McDonald presented Colin H. Jr. with a beautifully engraved silver mug in memory of the happy occasion.

Mrs. Wilfrid Bovey and Miss Kathleen Bovey of Montreal left on Friday for Metis to occupy their cottage for the remainder of the summer. Lieutenant Col. Bovey and Mr. John Bovey, who are at

present in Charlottetown will join them at Metis at the beginning of August.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Filliter and sons of Moncton are spending their holidays at Fortune.

Mrs. C. F. Holland, Halifax, has as her guest her daughter Mrs. J. E. Gillies and two interesting children Charles and Flora, also Miss Mildred Harrington, all of Charlottetown.

Doug And Mary To Separate?



After 13 years of apparent happiness, Mary Pickford, Toronto-born moving-picture star, and Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., are seeking separation and possibly a divorce on the grounds of "incompatibility." Announcement from Miss Pickford that their mansion, "Pickfair," is for sale comes as a shock to the country as the "first family" of Hollywood's moving-picture centre were believed to be most happy. At the height of her career, following her divorce from Owen Moore, she married Fairbanks in March, 1920. It is stated that much of his success is due to the business acumen of Miss Pickford, who is said to be a shrewd financier.

Cyrus McMillan will be pleased to learn that he is convalescing satisfactorily from an operation for appendicitis in the P. E. I. Hospital.

The Countess of Willingdon arrived in London on June 20, having flown from India by Imperial Airways. She is staying at 27 Wilton Place, London, with Sybil Countess Brassey until July 22, when she leaves again for India.

The afternoon tea at Government House yesterday given by The Lieutenant Governor in honor of the lady delegates to the Women's Institute of the Province was a most delightful social function. Governor Dalton, although suffering from his regrettable accident received, with his daughter, Mrs. Murray, assisted by the Provincial Secretary of the Women's Institutes for P. E. I., Mrs. S. J. Rose. Major W. J. McDonald announced the guests. Following the welcoming a short musical program was delightfully given by Miss Nan Shaw at the piano, Mr. James L. McDonald, violinist, of Sydney, accompanied by Mr. Harry Dean, of the Conservatory of Music, Halifax. Miss Lena McLure sang with pleasing effect and was much enjoyed.

Government House was a bower of beauty, banked flowers and exquisite bouquets and baskets of flowers being lavishly used throughout the spacious rooms. In the dining room the exquisitely appointed tea table was presided over by Mrs. G. Shelton Sharp and Mrs. W. D. Gillis, who were assisted in serving by Miss Lena McLure, Mrs. LeBaron Tait, Mrs. F. J. Casey, Miss Amy Earle, Miss Katherine Irving, Miss Ethel Stewart, Miss Mary Gaudet, Miss Kathleen Hornby, Miss Florence Dorsey. As a pleasant diversion and to facilitate the visitors meeting and chatting with their friends ice-cream was served under the beautiful trees on the lawn, the ices being cut by Miss Louise Hazard, Miss Josephine Blake, Miss Elizabeth McMillan. To Mrs. W. E. Bentley and Mrs. (Dr.) J. A. Clark, Mrs. J. A. McDonald was assigned the pleasant duty of mingling with the guests, adding greatly to the sociability of the occasion. Miss Helen Grant, Social Secretary ushered to the tea room. Twelve bright young girl guides passed the ice cream, Misses Mary McNutt, Virginia Scarth, Dorothy Reagh, Marion Morris, Jessica Jenkins, Katherine Hyndman, Marjory Reddin, Helen Tidmarsh, Helen Hyndman, Constance Hyndman, Marjory Roop, Mary Doyle.

PRINCE OF WALES LETS COLLIERY TO UNEMPLOYED CARDIFF, Wales, July 6—The Prince of Wales as the landlord of the Duchy of Lancaster estate in the Garw Valley of Glamorgan, has let a colliery to local unemployed men at the normal rent of \$150 to enable them to obtain coal for their own households. Each workman will work four hours a week in the col-

Mrs. Harry Silliphant was hostess for the East End Bright Club on Wednesday evening for five tables of Mixed Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Callaghan, who returned on Monday evening from their wedding tour, were the guests of honour. At the conclusion of play, the bride was presented with a beautiful occasional table from the club.

Mrs. H. C. Mills, Mrs. W. B. Mills and the Misses Green, have returned from a delightful motor trip through Cape Breton, N. S.

Mrs. Lee Horne, of Summerside has as her guests, her sister, Mrs. MacFarlane, of Cambridge, Mass., and her two sons, Malcolm and Andrew.

Mrs. Arthur Allen entertained on Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Wm. Cotton, Mrs. Murdoch MacKinnon and Mrs. Benj. Rogers, (Sr.), of Charlottetown.

The hostesses at the Summerside Golf Club this week are: Mrs. (Judge) Inman, Mrs. Walter Beers, Mrs. E. T. Tanton and Mrs. F. J. E. Wright.

The Summerside Tennis Club entertained a number of members of the Charlottetown Club on Wednesday afternoon. The hostesses at the tea hour were, the Misses Helen Manson, Margaret Sinclair, Mildred Allen and Martha Nicholson. The visitors were afterwards guests of the local club at a delightful dance at the Capitol Grill.

Mrs. Wm. McK. McLeod, of Sydney, President E. D. W. M. S., who was the guest of Mrs. L. A. A. Mutch, Water Street, left on return home yesterday afternoon. The many friends of Hon. Dr. Jery,

FOR THE WOMAN READER

Take stock of your blessings; You have plenty of them, that's the truth; Only think how you'd swear if each separate hair Should decay and then ache like a tooth. You're in luck that your knees don't bent sideways, And consider what words would be said If your ears and your nose and your fingers and toes Petered out, like the hair of your head.

Such economies make it possible to serve delicious food for a moderate sum and do much to prevent monotony in the daily diet of the average family.

A Morning Smile

A golfer was considerably annoyed by the actions of a very slow player in front. And it happened that the latter was the owner of a perfect pair of bow legs. Finally, his patience exhausted, the victim drove "through" the deliberate player in front, and his ball passed neatly between the wide-spread bow legs.

This breach of etiquette enraged the gentleman with the arched underpinning, and he marched quickly back to the offender. "Do you call that golf, sir?" he stormed. "No," answered the other, suavely "but don't you think it was darned good croquet?"

THESE LITTLE TRICKS IN THE COOKING OF MEAT CUT DOWN THE WASTE

The question of how much we actually pay for meat purchased in the form of steaks and chops when we take into consideration the waste in bones and fat is important. But the question of how much of the meat bought in this form is wasted through careless cooking is of greater importance to the housewife and is given little attention.

The initial cost per pound is determined by supply and demand and is naturally out of control of the home-maker. But the cost of waste, due to thoughtless cooking, is the cook's sole responsibility—she alone can control it.

Porterhouse steak is an example of thoughtless waste in many households because it seldom is cooked to give its full value. Aside from the waste in bone and fat, the tail is usually unfit to eat. It is overcooked before the rest of the steak is done and appears on the table an unappetizing portion. However the tail has a fine flavor and if it is cooked properly is just as desirable as the tenderloin itself.

Put Through Chopper

Try trimming the meat from the fat and put this piece of lean "tail" meat through the food chopper twice. Season with 1-4 teaspoon salt and a few grains of pepper. Mix with a few dried bread crumbs and add one or two tablespoons milk. Stir lightly with a fork until thoroughly blended and shape in a small cake the thickness of the steak.

Meringue

2 egg whites 4 tablespoon sugar 1-4 teaspoon vanilla Beat chilled egg whites to stiff froth. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time and beat until stiff but creamy in consistency. Add flavoring. Top pie or pudding and bake in a slow oven 300 degrees F. for 15 minutes

Cream of Carrot Soup

Prepare enough tender young carrots to make two cups of small cubes. Cover with enough water to boil gently until tender. Or use two cups canned carrots. In either case keep one cup of the liquid from the kettle or can. Add one medium sized onion; two tablespoons butter, one-half cup dried bread crumbs, three cups bouillon (meat or chicken), one teaspoon salt, one tablespoon sugar, one cup top milk or cream. Cook the onion slowly in the butter for five minutes. Add the crumbs and bouillon, the liquid of the carrots, salt and sugar and simmer twenty minutes. Add the carrots and cream. Reheat to boiling. This makes six cream soup dishes.

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