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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Could a Girl's Family Give Her an Allowance When She Marries?—A Son Who Would Avenge His Mother—Getting Acquainted With Friend Husband

Dear Miss Dix—I am in love with a boy of 23 who will graduate from Point in June. My family are opposed to the marriage because of poor pay a young army officer receives. However, I am deeply in love with this young man, who is a fine man in every respect, and I want my family to give me an allowance for the first few years of my marriage, as they are sufficiently well off to do this and I am an only child. What do you think about girls receiving allowances after their marriage in order to make them financially independent? H. C.

Answer: I think that when a girl marries her family should give her an allowance, or make some sort of settlement upon her if they can possibly afford to do so. Every other civilized country in the world does it. We are the only people who bring up a girl in luxury, and cultivate extravagance in her, and then thrust her on some poor young man to support with a "kiss" in her hand, or a rag to her back except the chiffons in her caseau.

It isn't right. It isn't fair either to the girl or to the man. It isn't fair to the girl, unless she marries a boy who has inherited a fortune, and she is few and far between and often spends and wastes that no sensible girl wants to marry, and who would be the poorest sort of match if she marries one of them—it thrusts her into a life for which she is unprepared and forces hardships upon her which she is not trained to meet.

We young man who is just starting out to make his fortune can support wife in the style in which she has been accustomed to live if her father is a prosperous man. He hasn't the income at 25 or 30 that father has at 50. He can't give his wife the clothes, the house, the servants, the money which her father gives her.

And while the girl may be willing to do without many of these and live in a simpler manner, there is no denying that it is bitter hard for one who has been used to having pretty frocks to have to go shabby, to one who has even had to make her own bed to have to cook and wash and iron, and who has always had plenty to be harassed by debts.

It is hard on the young man, too, who marries a girl who has been used to having everything. It hurts his pride to feel that he has dragged her down to a life of poverty, and it hurts his pride to have to deny her the luxuries which are necessities to her.

It is hard on him financially because she doesn't know how to save, she doesn't know how to make the most of the few dollars they have and she is not a helpmate. No man has the right to cultivate in his daughter a taste for the luxuries of life, and then expect a poor young man to support them. It isn't easy to change the habits of a life-time and a girl of exceptional strength of character and has an unusual capacity for love, she is apt to grow dissatisfied and peevish, and fretful and spiteful, when she faces all the hardships of a poor man's wife.

Bills and anxiety about the future get on a young couple's nerves and they quarrel and say bitter things to each other, and another home goes on rocks that could have been saved if there had been a little puff or two of winds of prosperity.

I know that many parents feel that it is good for young people to have a little for themselves, and go through hard times, but in a world that is full of sorrow at best, no reason for adding to this gloom, no reason why the joy of youth should be dimmed, no reason why all the joy and romance of the first years of marriage should be blotted out by the lack of money. I just a little would keep the dream unbroken. I can see no good in a body being made unnecessarily unhappy.

So I believe that parents should give their children when they marry the money to make them comfortable, but not enough to make them that they do not have to make an effort for themselves. Enough to make them independent, but not enough to make them parasites. And I believe every father who can afford it should give his daughter an allowance to have something of her own gives a woman a feeling of independence and self-respect that adds immeasurably to her happiness. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a boy 16 years old and have four sisters younger than I and a wonderful, good mother. I thought I had a wonderful dad, too, my mother told me the other day that my dad has another wife and two children, and that this other woman goes by his name and so do the children. My dad loves this woman and he spends most of the time with her. He does not want my mother to free him so he can marry her. My mother has tried everything to keep our little family together and at night I hear her praying and calling my dad's name to come home to her. She would free him or do anything she could to help him. You can imagine how after as he only makes \$37 a week.

I am in my last year at high school. My sister, 15 years old, is in her second year. Dear Miss Dix do you think I would be justified in killing this woman as she knew before those other children of his were born that she was a married man? JOSEPH.

Dear little Joseph so soon confronted with the sordid wickedness of the world, so young to have such a heavy burden laid upon your shoulders, I keep with you, and I wonder what punishment is great enough for a man like your father who brings helpless little children into the world and then leaves them to shift for themselves.

But, dear boy, the remedy for your trouble is not murder. Can't you see that would make the case infinitely worse? Your poor mother is miserably poor now, but the sorrow of an unfaithful husband, would be as long to her agony over a son whose hands were red with blood, and who stands in the shadow of the electric chair.

Vengeance is mine," said the Lord, "I will repay." Leave it to HIM to be sure that your dastardly father and his mistress will be punished for wrong doing.

The thing for you to do is to study very hard so that you can get to

Simple Suppers

By Barbara B. Brook

Many housewives plan to serve dinner in the middle of the day with a lighter meal at night. This custom is almost universal for one day in the week—Sunday, and usually there are callers who will be delighted to avail themselves of the invitation to "supper." The hostess will wish to serve dishes which are easily prepared, probably ahead of time, so that she can the more courteously entertain her guests.

There is a wide range of recipes from which the hostess can choose her supper dishes. Salads, sandwiches, creamed vegetables, meat or fish on toast, or perhaps a casserole dish with simple accompaniments may form the meal.

For a beverage, without which even a simple supper is not complete, we suggest decaffeinated coffee. Ordinary coffee is avoided by many at the evening meal on account of the caffeine which it contains which may cause sleeplessness.

Following are some suggestions for supper menus and some recipes for dishes which may be included in the menu:

- I Cheese and Olive Sandwiches with Bran Bread
Beef, Cheese and Tomato Sandwiches on White Bread
Frozen Fruit Salad, Macaroons
Decaffeinated Coffee
II All Bran Waffles
Baked Bacon Maple Syrup
Ambrosia
Decaffeinated Coffee
III Creamed Eggs Potato Chips
Toast Melba Waldorf Salad
Date Bars
Decaffeinated Coffee
IV Chicken or Veal Salad

All-Bran Muffins
Up-side-down Cake
Decaffeinated Coffee

Beef, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
1/2 cup ground dried beef
1/2 cup snappy cheese

Tomato Soup
Put dried beef thru the food chopper. Press cheese thru a sieve. Moistened with tomato soup.

Waldorf Salad
2 medium
2 medium apples
1 bunch of celery

Do not peel the apples as the red skin adds color to the salad. Dice the celery. Mix with Rice Krispies and salad dressing. Serve on lettuce leaf.

Date Bars
2 cups dates, seeded and chopped fine
1/2 cup nut meats, cut fine
2 eggs, beaten light
3/4 cup honey
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup All-Bran

Mix well, bake 20 minutes in moderate oven. Serve with cream, whipped or plain. May be rolled in powdered sugar and served.

All-Bran Waffles Supreme
1 1/2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
2 eggs (beaten separately)
1 cup sweet milk
1/2 cup melted shortening
3/4 cup All-Bran

Sift dry ingredients, Beat egg yolks and add milk. Add melted shortening and mix well. Add melted shortening and All-Bran. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in hot waffle iron until the mixture ceases to steam.

A Fashion Hint



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We suggest that when you send for this pattern you enclose 10 cents additional for a copy of our Spring Fashion Magazine. It's just filled with delightful styles, including smart ensembles, and cute designs for the kiddies.

For The Cook

Thisletown Cake

Take one pound of sugar, half a pound of flour, four eggs, one pound of currants, the equal half a package of raisins, five cents worth of mixed orange and lemon peel and citron, six ounces of butter, four ounces of lard, two teaspoons of baking powder and a pinch of salt. Cream the butter and sugar, and lard, add the eggs, beat separately, flour the peel and raisins in the flour you mean to use, and into which you have sifted the baking powder, and when you have mixed all as well as possible, add milk or water enough to make a stiff batter just thin enough to pour into a well-greased pan. Bake in rather a slow oven.

Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When is it proper for a woman to be presented to a man?
A. Only when the man is the president of a country, a ruler, or a cardinal.

Q. What should a well-dressed man wear with full dress?
A. A plain white waistcoat, white shirt, and white tie.

Q. Which edge of the knife is placed towards the plate?
A. The cutting edge.

A Morning Smile

Two little urchins were watching a barber shave a customer's hair. "Gee!" said one, "he's hunting 'em with a light."

Daily Argument

POOR PA

BY CLAUDE CALLAN



"I guess I shouldn't have punished Junior for breakin' that window, but I was still nervous about that mistake I made at the office today."

Milady Beautiful

By Lois Leeds



BEAUTY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Blackheads and Smooth Skin

Dear Miss Leeds—(1) What can I do to remove blackheads and make my skin smooth? (2) How can I reduce fat legs? I. C. E. Answer—(1) Blackheads are obstructed oil glands; the natural oily secretions have become mixed with face powder and dust from the air. The only way to overcome the condition is to keep your skin clean by using plenty of soap and warm water. Lather and rinse your face several times before the final rinse in cool water. After cleansing out the blackheads you should use an astringent lotion or ice to close the pores. Besides these local treatments you must avoid constipation, eat wisely, drink six or eight glasses of water daily between meals, exercise outdoors every day. Never apply new make-up over old, but cleanse the skin thoroughly before putting on a fresh coat of face powder or rouge. (2) Walk briskly five miles a day. LOIS LEEDS.

Pimples—Reducing Abdomen

Dear Miss Leeds—(1) I have a few pimples, some blackheads and enlarged pores. I do everything you suggest in your column to cure them but they do not improve. What more can I do? (2) My abdomen is large, although I do all the reducing exercises. It becomes larger after meals. I take many exercises both morning and night. (3) I am 14 years old and 5 feet 4 inches tall. What should I weigh? (4) I have golden brown hair, blue eyes and a fair skin. What colors are becoming? JERRY. Answer—(1) Please see my reply to I. C. E. above as to local treatments for your type of skin. The tendency

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to have pimples is common at your age and you will outgrow it in a few years. It is often one of the symptoms of adolescence. Be very careful to avoid constipation and get plenty of fresh air and outdoor exercise. (2) The large abdomen may be due to a number of causes, including indigestion, incorrect posture, constipation, the habit of bolting your food without thorough mastication, over-eating. Acquire the habit of standing tall and contracting your abdominal muscles so that your abdomen is flat. Do not expect immediate results from exercises, but keep them up day after day. (3) The average weight for your age and height is 118 pounds. (4) Becoming colors for you include most shades of blue (sapphire, electric, cadet, Wedgwood, navy), browns, warm tans, peach, pastel, pinks, old rose, beige, amber, soft golden hues, cream, black, blue-gray, bright red, rust, henna, dark green, almond, reseda and blue-greens. LOIS LEEDS.

Miss Sixteen's Beauty Problems

Dear Miss Leeds (1) I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall and weigh about 112 pounds. How can I reduce, especially around the hips? (2) Please name a hair-growing tonic. Some one recommended vaseline. Is that good? (3) My skin gets blotchy with pimples around my mouth. How can I cure this? ABIGAIL. Answer—(1) You are about five pounds underweight. You need to gain, not lose, weight. Unless your hips are more than 36 inches they are not too wide. (2) It is contrary to my policy to recommend any commercial products by name. Vaseline is good for the hair, especially for dry hair that is falling out. Do not forget to massage your scalp well for at least ten minutes a day, and brush your hair well. (4) See my

Clothes To Match Hair

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. March 13 The implication in the charts of stylists at the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers, in session here, which show how to harmonize clothes with the hair but make no provisions for the bald headed man may cause the hairless some chagrin if the afore said charts ever are accepted as the dictum of fashion. Red heads, it was indicated, started the fad of matching their attire with their complexion, and now light haired, dark haired and grey haired men are provided with the perfect ensemble.

Lesson in English

By W. B. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "I beg to state." Say, "I wish to state." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: drolery; o as in "no," not as in "of." OFTEN MISSPELLED: appropriate; not plate. SYNONYMS: able, capable, competent, qualified, adequate. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: ASSUME; to take for granted; suppose. "Are you satisfied to assume that this is true?"

Household Hints

By Roberta Lee

Ink On Silk

To remove ink from silk, saturate the spot with turpentine. Allow it to remain for several hours, then rub between the hands. This will also take ink out of cotton and worsted goods without injury.

Buttermilk

Buttermilk is a healthful drink. It aids digestion, exterminates the waste matter that clogs the system, quiets the nerves, and induces sleep.

Dry Shoe Polish

If a few drops of turpentine are added to shoe polish that has become dry and hard, it will soften it.

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

WAR CEMETERIES

Q. How many war cemeteries are there in which Canadians are buried?
A. The Imperial War Graves Commission looks after all the war cemeteries for the different countries of the Empire. There are a thousand in France and Belgium alone, with 300 to ten thousand graves in each and, in addition, 1500 plots in Paris cemeteries in all of which are many Canadian graves. The work of the Commission extends from the Baltic to the Bosphorus, from Antwerp to Jerusalem, across Indian and China in New Zealand and Australia. There are 7000 war graves in Canada in 1500 different places.

work as quickly as possible to help take care of your mother, and by your love and tenderness make up to her for her unfaithful husband. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I have been married four years and I don't know my husband any better today than the day we were married. We can't understand each other, can't agree on anything, can't please each other, have nothing in common. Therefore, we are always quarrelling. What would you advise us to do? B. H. W.

Answer: Try to get acquainted. Unless you are an utter moron, and your letter does not indicate that, you can understand your husband and find out what he likes and dislikes, and what his opinions are. Then cater to them.

When we say we don't understand people, nine times out of ten we mean that we can't force them to do our way and conform to our taste. We say we can't understand why John likes onions, or prefers musical comedy to a sob drama, or why he likes the radio, because we ourselves like our beef steaks without onions, and like high-browed plays, and loathe the radio. If you will get his point of view you will understand him easily enough, and if you will agree with it, you will stop the quarrel. DOROTHY DIX.



Ankle Socks For Evening

Ankle socks, which proved so popular in Europe for feminine sports wear last summer, have invaded the ball room. They are made of the finest silk decorated with gold and silver thread, and are worn over flesh-colored gossamer stockings.

Londoners Dining Out

More women in London are dining out than ever before. One observer estimates that in the exclusive West End there are about 4,000 first-class diners nightly, with about 8,000 on Saturday. But for the women, he says, the number would be much smaller.

Slot Machines For Bicycles

Coin-in-the-slot locks for cyclists are being placed in prominent places in Berlin, Germany. Depositing the coin releases a chain with a lock and key, and the cyclist fastens his bicycle, pockets the key and goes on his way feeling sure that his wheel will be protected.

Girl Architect Wins

Competing against 20 men, Miss Betty Scott of Kensington, England, a twenty-two-year-old architectural student, has won the Victoria Scholarship of the Royal Institute of British Architects. She is the first woman to win the scholarship. The prize includes a silver medal and \$750.

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Advertisement for Cuticura Ointment, featuring an illustration of a woman's face and text describing its benefits for skin conditions.

Large advertisement for Mikado Congoleum Gold Seal Rugs, featuring a large illustration of a rug and text describing its quality and availability.