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Dorothy Dix Says—

MANY GIRLS MARRYING CRAZY

Epidemic Of Boy Nuptials Bound To End In Misery. Parents Powerless To Act

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Here is what my 18-year-old son writes me: "Dolly and I have kept company three months and she has asked me to marry her and take her back to Michigan with me. So don't be surprised if you see us driving up in my bright red Ford V-8."

When my son marries, I expect to help him, not hinder him, but I can see nothing but unhappiness for him if he marries while he is still just a kid, and I am writing him today begging him to wait a few years before taking on a family. If the girl wants to come to Michigan I would gladly give her the trip, provided she will wait for the boy to grow up. Is there anything I can do about the matter?

ANXIOUS MOTHER.

NOTHING MASCULINE SAFE NOW

ANSWER: I am afraid not, because the girl is on the spot and you are far away, and it is hard enough to influence adolescents when you can throw in the personal appeal and a few tears, but it is almost impossible to do anything with them by remote control.

Maybe it is the man shortage that has the girls panicked. Maybe it is the dire prophecies that we hear on every hand that there won't be enough husbands to go around after the war that has made so many women marrying crazy. But, however it is, nothing masculine between the cradle and the grave is safe from the predatory females, seeking whom they may inveigle to the parson.

And so we are having this epidemic of boy-marriages that are bound to end in misery for all concerned. And there is nothing that their parents can do to stop them. They have to stand helplessly by and see their little kids being sacrificed on the matrimonial altar.

Sometimes, as in this case, the girl is as young and ignorant as the boy. She is only marrying because all the other girls are doing it, and because she wants to take a bridal tour. Under such conditions the boy's mother is wise if she buys the girl a round trip ticket to New York or Hollywood or Florida or some other place she has been pining to go, provided she goes alone.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a girl of 15, deeply in love with a boy of 16. My problem is this: My boy friend doesn't want me to go out with any other boys. If I do, I will lose him to some other girl. But my mother doesn't think I should go out steady with him because we are both so young. What shall I do?

LYNN.

TOO YOUNG FOR MARRIAGE

ANSWER: I think your mother is right. A girl of your age is silly to tie herself down to any one boy and get branded as Joe's girl or Tom's girl. You should keep yourself free to look them all over and find outwhat you really want in a boy friend.

You see, at your age, your taste is always changing, just as your taste changes in clothes and hats and amusements. So the boy you were crazy about one year, you wouldn't have on a bet the next year. And, anyway, the boy is just as liable to get tired of you as you are of him, and when he walks off he leaves you flat. So the wise thing is to keep yourself in circulation. If you will notice, the boys always flock about the girl who has many dates. The one with no dates has no takers.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am in love with a married man and he is in love with me and wants to marry me, but his wife refuses him a divorce unless he will turn over to her half of everything he has, plus his business, and give her the custody of their child. She treats him terribly in every way, but he is afraid to make any move because he doesn't want to lose the child. What can we do?

E. S.

ANSWER: Consult a good divorce lawyer. But if you wait a little while, the chances are that the woman will want to marry herself and will moderate her terms.

Better English

By C. D. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I drank two cupsful of coffee."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "bayou" (a sluggish inlet or outlet from a lake or bay)?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Tomatoes, negroes, pianoes.

4. What does the word "contingency" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ino that means "immoderate: excessive"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I drank two cupfuls of coffee." 2. Pronounce bi-oo, i as in bite, oo as in too, accent first syllable. 3. Pianos. 4. Possibility of happening. "We shall prepare for such a contingency." 5. Inordinate.

When Allies liberated Elbeuf, France, they found this tot wearing evidence that her mother did some fast and fancy knitting and purling under the very eyes of the Nazis. She produced red, white and blue dress with apron bearing American, British and French flags for the child, and popped the victory ensemble on her when the Germans fled.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

The Umbrella

To mend a leak in the umbrella, cut a piece of mending tissue a little larger than the hole, then put a piece of silk or cambric a little larger than the piece of tissue. Place tissue over hole on under side of cover. Then place silk or cambric over the tissue, tucking edge under the tissue. Place a wet cloth over all and press with hot iron

Wine Stains

To remove wine stains from fabrics, cover the stains with salt and then pour boiling water through it.

Eggs

A fresh egg is indicated by a rough surface, and how quickly it dries when it is taken from boiling water.

The Cooks Corner

PUMPKIN MARMALADE

Three quarts of finely cut up pumpkin, put in a stone crock overnight with two quarts of granulated sugar. In the morning slive very thin, 1 lemon and 1 orange, or 2 lemons and let boil in a little plain water until tender. There will be syrup and tiny bits of pumpkin in the crock. Turn this into a preserving kettle, and when it comes to a boil add the lemon, or lemon and orange peel, as well as the juice, and boil until it jellies. Field pumpkin is the best. If a particularly rich marmalade is desired, add 2 cups of chopped nuts a few minutes before bottling.

PICKLED ONIONS

Place silver onions in bowl. Pour boiling water over them. When cool, skin. Put in pan and steam 30 minutes. Place in jars and pour boiling vinegar over. Seal.

How Can I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a powder for sachet?

A. By mixing ½ lb. Florentine orris root, ½ lb. ground rose leaves, 2 oz. powdered tonquin bean, ½ grain of musk, and 2 drops of essence of almonds. Mix well by passing through a coarse sieve several times.

Q. How can I keep fruit from sticking to the meat grinder?

A. Dates, raisins, or figs will not stick to the grinder if lemon juice is squeezed into the chopper and then the fruit put through it.

Q. How can I make bacon easier to digest?

A. Bacon will be easier to digest if it is boiled for five minutes before frying. This also prevents smoke.

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Ellen's Diary

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Fortunately no rain came last night to interfere with our work of threshing "from the field" today at Alderlea. This was the loveliest autumn morning, pleasantly warm and clear. I knew when I saw the sun's reflection on the wall beside me even before I rose, there was likely to be a busy day ahead. This is one day among many on a farm when there is a bit of excitement in the air, a wondering as to the degree of work that can be accomplished. Then if the machine works well, one enjoys the great satisfaction of a day well-spent when finally the sun sinks down behind the western trees. I think too, I catch the spirit of the work from James, who the minute breakfast was over this morning, went to the stables to assist Jock in harnessing the horses for their work in the grain-wagons.

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Rob expected to be later this morning for he was to fetch a carpenter from a neighboring community to frame and construct a garage on the concrete foundation laid some time ago. This building is not only to house a very good friend of Rob's—and at present, ours—his car-of-sorts but to serve as a storing-place for the winter's supply of fuel-wood as well. I was mixing a cake, after the breakfast things were put away when James come to ask me to accompany him to the field to build "just one load of sheaves" for him. At Alderlea there are no refusals on a day like this. The kitchen is disregarded excepting at meal-times.

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I went with him on the jolting grain-wagon to the field across the creek. Before leaving the house my duties were many and insistent. In the field, my cares dropped from me one by one. Pard was with us, enthusiastic in his search for fat and tawney field-mice, scurrying from the shelter of sheaves being lifted to the wagon. The "wee sleekit cow'rin tim'rous beasties." I recalled the poet's words of sympathy: "Still thou art blest compar'd wi' me, the present only toucheth thee". But the present was awful for the poor mice for Pard shows no mercy and even if I "guess and fear" for the future, my present was fairly enjoyable. I was perhaps, a little uneasy about the weather. The train's wailing—whistle came from the north very clear this morning. Overhead was like a plump mackeral's sides. Blotched silver and grayer and blue. Rain was in the offing. The present only was ours to live and use as best we knew.

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Even after Rob's arrival I could see my services were still going to be needed. Karolyn was detained at home this morning. Jamies too was missing. When I came indoors at intervals to note the progress of my baking-cake, Jamie's "pig" of yesterday swung neglected on its rope. I left it there. It will stay I think 'till he himself removes it or 'till one day not too far distant James will say: "Ellen, did you see a plough-line anywhere about?"

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My steps today were not so much between stove and pantry. They went to and fro between the threshing-machine and granary. I "carried away" the golden grain, not quite so golden now after its lengthy wait in the field but still the best of feed. It is a toilsome chore, this emptying baskets at Alderlea for there are steps to ascend and descend. Rob said as he noted my efforts: "Why not get your brains to work? Use three baskets instead of two." It was a better plan and saved me many steps. In mid-afternoon, a neighbor came to help. And another with a wagon piled "twixt earth and heaven" with great sheaves of barley, with drooping, bearded grain to be threshed between-times. Then, I gained a respite from my labors to plan and cook the supper. Jeanie said: "It was a good one." The harvest-field is the best of places to find an appetite. Even commonplace food tastes good. At meal-time, James said there was a chance of finishing the threshing this evening if we made "an extra push." I think when the end of a task is in sight the extra effort comes itself unbidden. At dusk with dark and threatening skies two farm-wagons were still heavy-laden. Enough to fill two others remained in stook in the field. We lunched and James surveyed the skies if only to find the least sign of a fine day to follow this one. No bright star sparkled. All was dark and still. And then he felt a drop of rain. Once more the work of threshing was taken up, this time with a smaller crew. We worked in the darkness, not even was there any "struggling moonbeam's misty-light" although two lanterns were "dimly burning". Once above the din of the threshing-machine, I shouted at James pitching sheaves to the "gear": "When that Miramichi project gets to workin' we'll be able to thresh 'till all hours." James never heard me, just warned: "That basket's running over." Mr. Evret, lending a hand, said he sometimes worked on outfits in the west, threshing at night, perhaps finishing-up before moving on to the next farm. There, car-lights were used for illumination. Our car still awaits an elusive pinion, in the garage. Her lights were out tonight.

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Those loads of sheaves are threshed. I slipped away through the dark to the house when the men began to carry the filled sacks to the granary. The sky is still an inky canopy filled with foreboding. Although James thinks now it may be fine tomorrow!

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But now, its time to climb "dem stairs." I'm glad to night they are not steep. Even to climb dem golden stairs" would be an exertion tonight. I suppose when finally I climb those steps, my threshing will be all over and done with. There will still be chaff, I think. As I mention this to James he says warningly: "Not all climb."

Until tomorrow — Diary—Goodnight.

BIG BUSINESS

Floorwalker (to impatient customer, leaving) — "Can't you get waited on, Madame?"

Madame—"No, I'm afraid I came at an unfortunate time; your saleslades seem to be in conference."

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Living & Leisure

The Woman's Realm

MYSTERY

When I looked across vast spaces
And seen the distant mountains high,
Raising their grave and reverent faces
With heads uncovered 'neath the sky—
I too have prayed ... I know not why.

When I have listened through sadness
And heard a feathered songstress nigh,
Singing in ecstacy of gladness,
As of needs must sing or die—
I too have sung...I know not why.

DISHES THREE TIMES DAILY

Get you down? Well, don't play martyr...get cracking with a revamp of the whole system.

Ask each member of the family to carry his own dishes to the kitchen and help with the scraping, rinsing and stacking.

Rinse all the cooking utensils after use and put to soak.

Have paper towel holder at sink.

After pouring off dripping, wipe greasy pans with paper before washing.

Do pots and pans first if they depress you at the end.

Good hot water makes drying less of a chore, as do clean, dry towels.

And have a good light if you have to install one yourself . . . the pin-up kind is a good investment.

The art of pleasing is a very necessary one to posses; but a very difficult one to acquire. It can hardly be reduced to rules; and your own good sense and observation will teach you more of it than I can. Do as you would be done by, is the surest method that I know of pleasing. Observe carefully what pleases you in others, and probably the same things in you will please others.—Lord Chesterfield: Letters to his son.

HOME NURSE

The care of a sick child during the absence of the working mother requires careful planning, writes Mary Beard, director, Nursing Service, American Red Cross. If there is no nurse or relative who can be called in to help, the only answer is for the mother to take time off from the job and give the child the care he needs.

When the child is old enough to take some responsibility for himself and is convalescent or not seriously ill, it may be safe to leave him alone for several hours at a time, provided some neighbour can drop in, or be available by phone in case of emergency. The doctor should be the judge of whether this is a safe arrangement.

One working mother I know leaves her 18-year-old son at home with a minor illness if necessary but provides him with amusement. She has trained him to a feeling of responsibility about his own health, so that she can depend on him to put on his bath robe and slippers when moving about the apartment, and to heat his soup on the kitchen stove at noon, and to drink his fruit juice at regular intervals.

To provide a feeling of security and to relieve the loneliness of the long day, she telephones him during her lunch time, and for a few minutes they converse about things in general and settle any problem that may have arisen. The boy knows that he is not to telephone her during business hours except for an emergency, in which case he presents his problem to the office supervisor and asks permission to speak to his mother.

Toys, record collections, radio, books, and handcraft materials will help to pass the time for most children from the age of 10 to 11 to adulthood. The visits of other children should definitely be prohibited, however, unless an adult is present.

STRICTLY FOR TYROS

Canning is like knitting!* If you proceed step by step it's easy. And see if you don't feel superior and accomplished with a tidy display of gleaming jars on the fruit cellar shelves. Remember that canning requires no imagination. It's precise and mathematical. If you can mix a baby's formula, work on a production line, type a letter, you're a canner.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When addressing a letter to a widow, should her late husband's initials be used?

A. Following her husband's death, a woman is known socially by the name which she used during her husband's lifetime. Mrs. John Jones continues to be known as Mrs. John Jones.

Q. When monograms are used should the initial of the last name appear in the center, or in natural order?

A. This is a matter of choice. When the initial of the surname is in the center it is usually larger than the others.

Q. In serving people at dinner should the dishes be passed to the left or right?

A. Dishes are always removed from the right and served from the left.

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Q. Please send me a list of ceiling prices on fur coats.

A. There is no ceiling price on fur coats . . . so no such list is available. The purchaser is protected by a Board order which makes it necessary for furriers to attach a tag to each garment showing the correct name of the fur as well as the trade name.

Q. Would you be good enough to tell me what kind of honey is not rationed?

A. Comb honey in those little wooden sections, 4¼ x 4¼ or 4 x 5 is no longer rationed. Honey of this type is very perishable, and it is to avoid possible waste that it has been removed from the ration list.

A Morning Smile

HE WON

A witty political candidate after making a speech in an agricultural district, announced that he would be glad to answer any question that might be put to him.

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"Certainly," replied the candidate nervously.

"How can you tell a bad egg?"

The candidate waited until the laughter had died down, then replied, "If I had anything to tell a bad egg, I think I should break it gently."

TILLIE THE TOILER— By Webster

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Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening until well mixed. Add raisins and orange rind. Beat egg slightly in measuring cup and add milk to make ¾ cup. Add to first mixture. Roll out about ½-inch thick; cut with floured biscuit cutter. Place on greased pan. Bake in hot oven (475°F.) about 12 minutes. Makes 16.

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