

# Woman's Realm/Social and Personal/Fashions/Literature

## DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

### Uncontrolled Temper

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DEAR MISS DIX: Can you judge a man's disposition by the way he acts in his own home and his attitude to his mother and immediate family? I am in love with a man 32 years old. He is quite stubborn and given to outbursts of temper at home, but he tries to please me. Can a wife's influence change her husband to any degree? TROUBLED

ANSWER: You are wise to consider carefully the temperament of a man before you marry him, because the one most important factor in a wife's happiness or misery is her husband's disposition. It is that which settles the success or failure of her marriage.

You are right in thinking that the most important thing that any girl can find out about the man she contemplates marrying is what sort of disposition he has and how he reacts to domesticity, and there is no better laboratory in which to study him than in his own home.

As a general thing, it is a pretty safe bet that a man will treat his wife as he does his mother. There will be habit in this and it will also be the result of his father's attitude toward his mother and the way his mother has taught him to regard her. If his mother has made herself a doormat for him to walk on, he will wipe his feet on his wife.

But there are exceptions to this rule. Sometimes the mere fact that a woman is a man's wife, that she is his possession, gives her a value in his eyes that makes him cherish her. Sometimes a man never really has an unselfish affection for any human being until he falls in love with some woman.

Sometimes a man who has been callous to his mother's sufferings and willing for her to sacrifice to him cannot endure for his wife to have even a pin prick, and works himself to death to save his wife from having to lift her hand.

So you can't always tell how a man will treat his wife from the way he treats his mother and sisters, but the odds are that the man who is chivalrous and tender and kind to his mother and sisters will be that way to his wife.

As for stubbornness, that is a vice or a virtue, according to circumstances. It takes a lot of stubbornness to get along in this world. It is the people who dig in and stick to a thing in the face of discouragement who succeed at last. It is the men with determination of character who make faithful husbands and anyway, stubbornness is a much easier fault for a wife to deal with than weakness. Moreover, while you may not be able to drive a stubborn man, you can generally cajole him into going along the way you wish him to tread.

An uncontrolled temper is about the worst fault that a husband can have, and if you marry a man who is given to indulging himself in rages you will have your heart broken many a time and have to endure many an insult. The wife has a hard job in life who lives in terror of doing or saying something that riles her lord and master and sends him into a blind fury that makes her quake in her shoes and leaves her battered and bruised in spirit, if not in body.

Of course, every wife does modify her husband's disposition to a certain degree, but nothing is so overrated as woman's influence on man. All that she can do is just to push him along a little in the way he is already going. She cannot change his direction.

DEAR MISS DIX: My problem is this: I have kept company with a man for seven years and, although he calls once a week, he never proposes or even mentions marriage. I am very much in love with him and would be very grateful if you would tell me how to make him pop the question. HOPEFUL

ANSWER: You certainly must be one of the world's greatest optimists if you can still remain hopeful about a man who has not reached the proposing point in seven years. Believe me, daughter, a woman has got in her work sooner than that, or she never gets it in. Nobody can tell you how to make that kind of man pop the question because he is not in love with you and has no intention whatever of marrying you, and his coming to see you every week is no indication that his attentions have any intention. He probably likes your mother's cooking, and he finds you an interesting and agreeable companion, and your house is a pleasant place in which to spend an evening. But that is all. Nothing further.

Better wait such a man out into the air and center your interest on some man who is better husband material.

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

COSMETIC TAN LIKE REAL TAN

If a sun tan deepens lines in your skin, makes pores suddenly expand, drouns texture or accentuates dryness, better keep shy of Old Sol and take your tawny complexion out of a container.

Warning how savage Old Sol can be to the other woman, one famed beautician says that a severe sun-burn can add 10 years to the apparent age of her skin.

This beautician insists that since the sun doesn't wreck such ha-

## WRESTLES SNAKE AS PART OF JOB



Cargo of wild animals worth \$25,000 was chaperoned across 1,000 miles of ocean by Genevieve Cuprys, 24, who poses happily with a couple of the "passengers." Escaped python gave Miss Cuprys some trouble on trip. She grabbed snake near head, held on while two seamen grappled with 22-foot creature to prevent it coiling around her. It was finally caged again.

## Household Scrapbook

**Ironing**  
Table napkins and handkerchiefs should not be piled on top of each other after ironing. Spread out on a piece of brown paper, or clean towel, and let them dry thoroughly before stacking them. This will make them look better and stay fresh longer.

**Filling Jars**  
When filling jars with hot fruits, place a silver spoon in the jar to prevent breakage. When the jar is filled, release the air bubbles before sealing by running the spoon around the edge of the jar.

**Ink Stains**  
Remove ink stains from mahogany furniture by putting a few drops of spirit of nitre into a teacupful of water and touching the spots with a feather dipped in the fluid.

## How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How should oil cloth be washed?  
A. Take milk and water. Never use soap, as this dulls the color. Rub over with a mixture of 1/4 beeswax, melted, and while warm stirred into a saucer of turpentine. Apply with a flannel cloth and polish with a dry flannel. Or, wash as above and oil with sweet oil or butter.

Q. How can I keep the crust of meat pie from absorbing gravy?  
A. Gravy will not soak through the lower crust of the meat pie if the white of an egg is brushed over the crust.

Q. How can I remove iodine stains?  
A. Try soaking the stained area in two cups of warm water and soap suds, in which one tablespoon of household ammonia has been mixed.

## Cook's Corner

**CHEESE STRAWS**  
6 tablespoons grated cheese  
12 tablespoons flour  
4 tablespoons butter  
Nutmeg—salt  
Salt and pepper  
Milk or cream  
Cream butter, add cheese and flour, then seasonings. Mix to a dough with milk or cream. Chill. Roll out 1/4 inch thick. Cut in strips 5 inches long and 1/4 inch wide. Bake about 8 minutes in an oven 400 degrees.

**CHICKEN A LA KING**  
4 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups milk  
1 can mushroom soup  
4 hard boiled eggs sliced  
1/2 cup mushroom liquor  
1 No. 2 can of mushrooms  
2 cups diced chicken  
1 green pepper minced  
1/4 cup chopped stuffed olives  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
Seasonings

his uncle, "without looking it up in the Bible."  
"My word!" gasped the child, "is he old enough to be mentioned in the Bible!"

## Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

"This has been quite a day!" Jock observes with a smile. At end of evening choring he has come to the door of this study-of-sorts to chat awhile before going home to the house across the lane. Pleasant it is to have ones children and grand-children, their mothers as well, enjoy any time spent within these walls. Jock refers in part to an important item in our farming which happened today—the fat cattle went this morning.

Their going caused a flurry of work and excitement which did not spare even the youngest member of the family. It comes to mind now that we awakened some time during the night, interrupting a dream which had kept us loitering along a roadway where sunlight sifting through still branches illuminated the dew-drenched grass. There, but then to try to remember it now is only to be perplexed.

How could we have been there alone on that familiar path and not grand-daughter over the bit that had hopped away in startled haste to the cool depths of the woods nearby? However, ever this was the dream from which we had awakened last night to hear raindrops pattering, much later that James tucked the covers about our shoulders with: "It's cooler, Ellen—it's been raining. There'll be no drying today so we needn't rise so early." That is how it came about that we were caught napping, in the new barn where these cattle are to go this morning.

"Prompt at the signal of alarms" the rounding up began in the dampness of this morning's meadow. The farmers themselves and presently Rob. Breakfast, choring and all was postponed in the insistent urgency of the day that had suddenly arrived. And before long, a great truck moved off from the vicinity of lane's end, and the new herd of fat cattle, those animals which nearing Spring and since, had been among our most prized possessions. "Off the grass" was the plea for more hospitals for rheumatic patients and more money for research workers to study rheumatism. The man thought in his plea is that research workers should gather more information and hand this knowledge on to the general practitioner.

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## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M. D.

THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND RHEUMATIC DISEASES

It has often been said that the most comfortable specialty in medicine, from the physician's point of view, is skin diseases; the patient never gets better, never dies, and does not call his physician at night. From this standpoint it might be said that rheumatism could be considered the next most "comfortable" specialty in medicine because it is the oldest disease known to man, patients do not usually die directly from it, and it often remains with the patient for life.

However, although rheumatism stands low as a direct cause of death, it stands first on the list of diseases that cripple men and women and make life miserable, physically, mentally and financially.

We learn from a physician who knows health and welfare, something of the effects of rheumatism on the people of the United States and Canada. In the "Canadian Medical Association Journal," Dr. R. C. Ratz, Chief, Civil Service Health Division, Department of Health and Welfare, Canada, we learn the following facts: rheumatism leads the list of specified chronic diseases and the disability from it exceeds that of tuberculosis by a ratio of 10 to 7, against that from diabetes by nearly 10 to 1, and that from cancer and tumor by a survey of 25,000 households across Canada including 60,000 to 70,000 persons over 14 years of age, shows that, of an estimated seven million days lost on account of illness during the month of November, 1947, almost 1 in 4 was caused by arthritis or rheumatism. Of this number 1 in 4 thus suffering in Canada had never had any medical care at all.

One reason that so many suffer with rheumatism and so many receive no medical advice is that rheumatism does not stand high on the list of causes of death. One of the good things that came from World War II was that so much lost time from duty was caused by rheumatism that something had to be done to lessen the loss of man power.

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## The Stars Say—

By Genevieve Kumbie

For Friday, August 12

A STRANGE upheaval or unforeseen calamity may prove startling and of far-reaching consequence, according to this day's planetary aspects. Unpredictable and revolutionary, with surprise and dynamic force, it will take more than customary shrewdness in order to "hold the fort" and reap surprising benefits from strange or curious factors. Fortunately the qualities for integration, diligence and solid work are excellently fortified, and as well an undercurrent of the subtle, profound or a rare gift of penetrating the obvious by hidden spiritual faculties may be drawn upon to protect the highest values against curious curves.

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## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. May a bride carry a bouquet even if she isn't dressed in white?  
A. Unless she is attired in a going-away costume or tailored suit, the bride may carry a bouquet. A corsage is more suitable if she is wearing a suit or going-away dress.

Q. If additional silverware is needed at a dinner, how should it be brought to the table?  
A. With the course it accompanies.

Q. Is it obligatory that relatives and friends send engagement gifts to a girl?  
A. No; most people concentrate on the wedding gift.

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