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Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

One Woman's Recipe for Domestic Happiness; Straight Talk to the Foolish Man Who Would Marry a Flapper—Should a Woman Work After Marriage?

DEAR MISS DIX—Here is the happiness schedule in which I have run my home for years, and which has worked out perfectly: Our week begins Sunday. On that day of rest and worship, we rest and worship. After morning service, whenever the weather permits, we take our lunch to some fascinating spot out of doors and there spend the remainder of the day.

Monday night all family problems are discussed. The children present their little troubles, are sympathized with and advised. Then we all go for a ride. Upon our return the children are put to bed while husband and I discuss the business and financial side of our home, as well as the children's welfare. At no other time during the week is money mentioned nor domestic troubles of any kind brought to my husband's attention unless they are of the utmost importance.

Tuesday night is husband's liberty night. He is free to go wherever he pleases. I never ask questions but when he tells me of his own accord I am interested and pleased that he enjoyed himself. On his night out the children and I go to the movies, after which we walk around until the kiddies are satisfied with seeing things.

Wednesday is home night. The children play games, we read, I play the piano and husband sings. Thursday is my night. My husband plays the gallant role of suitor once more, and takes me out to dinner or some place of amusement or goes with me to visit friends, whatever I choose to do.

Friday night is children's night. They plan cunning little programs for the entertainment of their parents. Often they make unsuitable presents. They may invite their playmates, and I always serve them some little dainty I may have prepared for them.

Saturday night father and the kiddies go shopping and buy the daily supplies while I stay at home and prepare for Sunday. Quarreling is prohibited in our home and punished by the quarrelers being banished from their father's companionship. The children enjoy making home happy for their father, whom they regard as the best man alive. He never is cross, crabby or impatient. If you think my system good enough to pass on to other home-makers, it is yours.

MRS. B. H. H. — MAKE-HUSBAND-HAPPY.

Answer: I do think your system good enough to pass on to others, and I am sure that in thousands of other homes it could be put into effect as successfully as it is in yours.

Making a happy home is not a matter of luck. It is just bringing good, hard common sense, unselfishness and self-control to bear on the problem, and then its difficulties fade away like mist before the sun.

You and your husband seek each other's happiness before your own, and so you find love and peace in your home. You must do their part toward your children and teach them that they must do their part toward making a happy home, and you fill their young minds with a sense of gratitude and respect for their parents. You may depend upon it that children brought up with these principles and in this atmosphere will never give you a minute's trouble. On the contrary, they will grow up to be fine men and women who will be a crown of honor to you.

You and your husband find happiness in simple things, in your home and in your family, and in that you have found the secret of knowing how to live. I hope that many of the readers of this paper will follow your example.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I am 39 years old and going with a nice girl who is 35. She understands how to get along, as she has had to make her own way in the world. She is industrious and thrifty and a good housekeeper and would make a splendid wife. On the other hand, there is a pretty little flapper with me. I do not like her ways, but she is awfully pretty. What I want to know is, would I be happier with the girl who is 35 or the one who is 19?

WORRIED THIRTY-NINE.

Answer: This question is really too silly to answer, except that it presents the point of view of so many men. They marry the woman who is the desire of their eyes for the minute instead of the woman who comes up to their ideal and then have the nerve to complain that marriage is a failure.

It would be all right for a man to marry a girl because she is young and pretty and cute if he were going to be satisfied with her being merely young and pretty and cute, but he is not to marry either for a wife he wants her to have all the domestic virtues besides, and to be steady and reliable and economical and homestayng, and a good cook.

Here you are, a man of 39 with certainly some experience of life and at least one degree of intelligence. You know perfectly well that the flapper, whose ways you do not like, is in no way fitted to marry you, sort of wife you want, but you are going to marry her, nevertheless, and then be dissatisfied with her.

And all the time there is the woman waiting around the corner who would make exactly the kind of a wife you want and whom you could have for the asking!

But here is the tragic part of it. You won't be happy if you marry either one of these women. You won't be happy with the flapper because she isn't industrious and economical and a good cook and you wouldn't be happy with the industrious, economical girl because she has the looks and the charm of the flapper. My advice to you is not to marry either one, but to wait until you find a girl who combines the good qualities of both.

DEAR MISS DIX—You seem to think that a woman can work after marriage. I mean office work—and still make a success of her married life. I feel sure that you are wrong. A man likes his wife to be dependent upon him. It makes him love her more and if she supports herself and furnishes money to run the house on, there is going to be serious trouble. I know six couples who are contemplating separation, and in every case the trouble resulted from the wife's working. A man just doesn't like it, and a woman should know better than to expect to make a comfortable, happy home for a man and be a bread-winner at the same time.

MRS. J. W. S.

Answer: I do not advocate a woman's working outside her home after marriage unless it is necessary or there are exceptional conditions which make it advisable. I agree with you that generally speaking, it is best that a man support the home alone and that the woman devote herself to making the home, but there are many men who are fine and noble and lovable who are not endowed by nature with the gift of moneymaking.

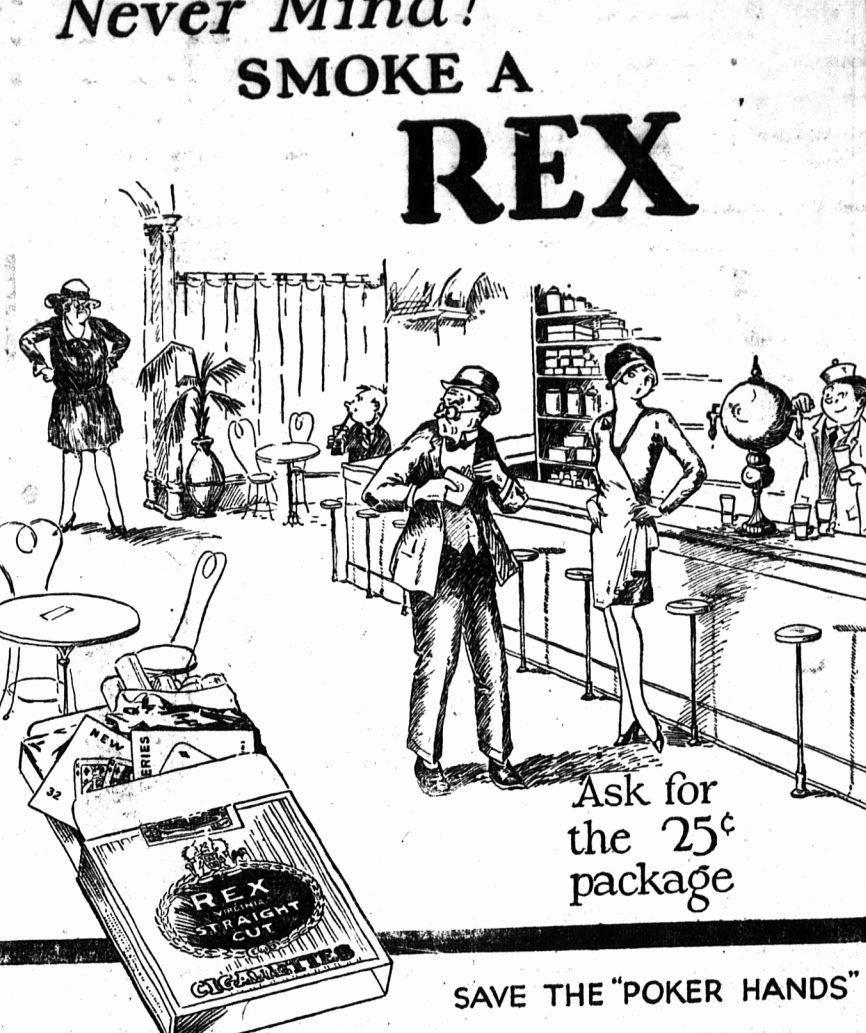
Strive as they will they will never make more than a small salary, not enough for two people to live upon, even ordinary comfort and in such a case a woman who loves such a man must give him up entirely or sink into dire poverty with him or help him make the living. Often, also, a young couple can get a start in life that they could never get otherwise, by the wife's working for a while after marriage.

But it is true that it is a dangerous experiment for a woman to try, for many men turn loafers on the wife who can support the family, and let her do it.

When a woman has children she should never work outside of the home unless it is a matter of starvation. Rearing children is a job that cannot be relegated to any one but the mother, and it takes all of the time and strength that any woman has.

DOROTHY DIX.

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Have you ever seen a jellyfish floating on the ocean surface? One time when I was swimming in salt water, I saw several jellyfish floating about. I picked one up, but I let it go again. It seemed that I had been stung though the pain was not very severe.



A jellyfish

Jellyfish are most often seen in bays and harbors. The top of the creature may be compared to a saucer, with threads and ribbons hanging below.

Usually the "saucer" has no color and you can see through it, but some kinds are colored blue, violet, red or orange.

One kind of jellyfish, common along the Atlantic coast, has a body which is about 15 inches across.

Another kind is of an amber color, and has a disk three feet wide. From the disk hang "ribbons" 12 or 15 feet long.

The largest known jellyfish lives in the chill waters of the Arctic. It measures more than seven feet across the disk.

Jellyfish are able to sting, and they sometimes give off a bit of poison with the sting. By means of the sting, they have been known to kill fish a foot long.

The animals, however, are not able to eat fish of any size. The best they can do is to make use of their mouths, and the eggs of fish are their more common food.

Most jellyfish float at or near the surface, but there is a kind in the East Indies which has a different habit. It lies in the bottom, flat on its back (as we may say) for hours or even days at a time.

WANT CHILDREN TO BE PROPERLY CLOTHED

EDMONTON, Alta., Nov. 5.—A child care society interested in the welfare of the human race has persuaded to start an educational campaign with a view to having the legs of small children properly clothed in cold weather, says Edna Kells in the "Journal."

"Coming along Macdonald drive one morning recently I met a party of four, father, mother and two small children. My first thought was that they had driven in from the country for all seemed to be well wrapped up. My second thought was bewildering. It came when I got a closer view of the children. They wore woolen caps, very short coats and dresses, equally short or underdressed—while father and mother were warmly clad to withstand the chill of autumn. Short socks are no doubt all right for children in summer, but when late September or October come, and the cold winds sweep down from the north, or worse still in from the east those who fail to cover up small legs with stockings are either very thoughtless or downright cruel."

Archbishop Made Peer By The King

LONDON, Nov. 3.—His Grace Right Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, retiring Archbishop of Canterbury, has been elevated by His Majesty to the peerage. His retirement takes effect on November 12, when he will be succeeded by Right Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, present Archbishop of York.

The conferment of a peerage on the Archbishop of Canterbury will enable him to remain in the House of Lords, where he has been a prominent figure for many years. He is 80 years of age, and has served as Archbishop for 25 years. The Archbishop's new rank is that of "Baron."

Surprised at Development

(Special to The Guardian)

VANCOUVER, Nov. 2.—Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain in replying to an address of welcome presented to him here last night by several former residents of Birmingham expressed his surprise at the great development he saw on the Pacific coast and said the present prosperity was only an overture to the future.

"In the old country we look forward to your growth without jealousy for your strength is ours as our strength is yours. As you grow in stature so you give strength to us," he said.

"Britain has none of her old carelessness towards the Dominions as once she had in the past," Sir Austen said. "We view your development with surprise and with admiration. We hope that our people who come to you may bring their industry and skilled help to develop

COMBINATION BULB PLANTINGS

The finest and most interesting display of early spring in the garden is made by combination plantings of the hardy bulbs, mingling groups of tulips, hyacinths, and narcissus, with the taller crown imperials, and the smaller bulbs thickly studded over the bed between the larger bulbs. By this method a colorful display may start as early as a February thaw with the first snowdrops and last through March until the late days of May with the Darwin, Breeder and Col-

lage tulips.

The earliest color will be supplied by the crocuses, Siberian squills, and grape hyacinths. Then the daffodils and the early tulips will give the brilliant reds and yellows with the hyacinths adding their delicious fragrance and heavy spikes in the various blues, red, rose, pink, yellow and whites with the fritillaries, checkered lilies, coming along between the early tulips and the late snowdrops, crocuses, scillas, chionodoxas, hyacinths, grape hyacinths, daffodils, tulips late and early, and the two fritillaries, the crown imperial and the guinea hen flower or checkered lily. No more interesting and colorful arrangement can be attained during the entire year than such a bulb border.

It is an admirable arrangement for gardeners who spend most of the summer away from home during the warmer weather. The bulbs may be left to ripen their foliage and the only care necessary will be an occasional hoeing to remove the weed crop after the foliage of the bulbs has disappeared.

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