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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Shall the Wife With a Job Support Her Idle Husband? - Foolish Girl Who Would Live Life First and Think About it Afterward - Only One Love



Dear Miss Dix—I am a girl of 18, married to a boy of 21. We have been married two months, but so far have never lived together, I live at home with my parents and he with his. He hasn't worked for some time, but I have been working right along. We don't get along at all together, always fighting. Do you think it is because we are not living together? I have a nice home and hate to give it up, but would it be right for me to do so and get a little home that I would have to support? Would I be starting our life out wrong by paying all the bills? DOT.

Answer: I think you would, Dot. I think no woman ever makes a greater mistake than when she assumes the whole support of the family, unless it is in a case of necessity when her husband is sick and unable to work. Then she should be proud and glad to take care of him, as he has taken care of her in their days of prosperity.

But there is nothing else under the sun so contemptible as a husky, able-bodied young man who sits down in idleness and lets his wife work to support him. There are plenty of these male parasites and the number increases yearly as women gain greater skill and earning power in business, and are able to better provide for these lazy loafers who live upon them.

Not long ago I read in a paper that it was estimated that there were in this country more than a million of these kept men—fathers and brothers and sons, as well as husbands, who were amply able to work and earn their own livings, but who sponged upon the women in their families. I can well believe that because in a long lifetime spent among working women I am sure that at least three-fourths of them were being sapped of their earnings by some man whom they not only fed and clothed, but provided with money for his vices.

It is a common thing for fathers to knock off work at middle age, as some of their daughters get their working papers, though father is a hundred times stronger and more able to work than a frail little 18-year-old girl. It is still a commoner thing for fathers to be so temperamental or dissipated that they cannot keep a job, and for sister to have to feed and clothe them and furnish them with tobacco and bootlegger money, and it is commonest of all for wives not only to work and earn the bread, but to have to bake it for husbands to eat.

So don't make the mistake, Dot, of joining the brigade of husband-supporting wives. It will get you nowhere except into a life of slavery, for when your husband finds out that you can make the living he will just sit back and let you do it. And don't think that he will love you and be grateful to you for doing it. He won't. He will hate you for it because your working shames his manhood.

He knows that all worthwhile people despise the able-bodied men who live on a woman, and that makes him ashamed of himself, but not ashamed enough to go to work, only ashamed enough to take out his chagrin on you. As I said, I have known hundreds of women who supported their husbands and I have never yet known one whose husband treated her decently. Always the parasite husband is a snarling dog that bites the hand that feeds it.

Instead of setting up the home and supporting it yourself, Dot, why not make yourself the prize that your husband will win by making a home for you? Tell him that you are willing to live plainly and humbly with him in and out of a home, even if it is only one room, but that before you go to him he must show that he is man enough to make a home for a wife. And, believe me, if you don't get along with him now you will quarrel all the more bitterly when he is placed in the false position of being dependent upon you. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I believe that necking and kissing and petting is all right for girls to do because a girl must make herself entertaining to boys either by being decidedly different, or by acquiescing to the desires of her late-crush. So I say let each person live and then think life out for himself. G.

Answer: You have the cart before the horse in your philosophy, my dear, because the time to think things out is before you do them, not afterward. Then it is too late.

Pondering over the mistakes we have made after we have made them is as useless as crying over spilled milk. What we have done is past our recall, and if we have taken the wrong turn of the road there is no way to retrace our footsteps and get back where we were before. And it is cold comfort to reflect then on what might have been. Nor does any philosophy reconcile us to what we have lost.

So let me implore you to do your thinking now while there is yet time to choose the better course instead of waiting to do it until you are a gray-haired old woman with youth and beauty gone, with your power to charm men vanished, with your face ravaged by a wild and passionate life. If you will look at the bitter, hard faces of such burned-out old women, you will not envy them their memories, nor feel that they find much comfort in their philosophy of life.

The thing that always strikes me as so queer about girls who look at the *laxen* your standpoint is how cheaply they hold themselves, how poorly they think of themselves. Theirs is the worst form of the inferiority complex, for they seem to think that they have no powers to attract boys except physical ones.

They must consider themselves utter dumbbells, because it apparently never crosses their minds that they could be entertaining companions to boys, or that they could amuse and interest boys by a peppy line of conversation. They seem to think that the only thing their lips are good for is to kiss. They never seem to think that a boy could care about their minds, or their souls, or their hearts, or that he could spend a pleasant evening listening to music, or playing cards, or doing any decent thing.

And the next thing that astonishes me about girls with your point of view is that you sell out so cheaply. You put less value on yourself than a woman of the street puts on herself. For the sake of a date, for the price of a theatre ticket, or even being taken to the movies you give your lips to every Tom, Dick and Harry and let him paw you over. What price modesty? What price innocence and maidenly reserve?

The cheapest of cheap bargains. No wonder boys do not value what costs them so little.

But at any rate take my advice about this. Think over life before you live it. Afterward it is too late. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am an unmarried man nearing middle age and have been very successful in business. When I was a young man I was desperately in love with a young girl who refused to marry me because my earnings then were "adequate to support her and my widowed mother. I am alone now, miserable and lonely and always thinking about my lost one. Am I wrong in believing there is no more than one true love in a life? LEE.

Answer: Perhaps there is only one dream love in a life. Perhaps only once are we privileged to hear the circling wings and see the trailing clouds of glory that encompass our first romantic love. Once we waken from a dream it vanishes into thin air. Once an illusion is dispelled we can never conjure it back. There can never be a first time but once for anything, and this is true of love as of everything else in the world.

Happenings of the Week

Mary, Mary, Oh, so fairy, how do the new styles go? "The slendering line of fabric so fine. Showing blossoms bright, row upon row."

Mary, Mary, dashing Mary, have trousers come to stay? "I do not know, though they say it's so, But they're smart on a summer's day."

Mary, Mary, coy and fairy, will suits be worn this spring? "Oh, yes, my dear, and I also hear. Fur scarves are the modish thing."

Mary, Mary, don't be scary, what about petticoat frills? "They're ruffled and wide, and woe betide The victim who pays the bills."

Mary, Mary, now be wary, have short skirts really returned? "On the street, maybe, but don't you see For the formal event they're spurned."

Much local interest centred around the opening of Parliament last week and in what was worn by the ladies who are known here:

Miss Mildred Bennett, sister of the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. R. B. Bennett, wore the model gown of gold lace, which she wore at the opening of the House of Commons in England. It was made on close fitting lines with a daring skirt. She wore gold brocade slippers and a bandeau of diamonds.

Mrs. Murray MacLaren, wife of the Minister of Pensions and National Health, handsome model of station blue chiffon and diamonds.

Mrs. W. Chester S. McLure, of Charlottetown, wore a smart Patou model of blue georgette and lace.

Miss Lena C. McLure was pretty in an Ardane model of crimson lace and panne velvet.

Miss Margaret MacLaren, daughter of the Minister of Pensions and National Health, frock of powder blue crepe and pearls.

Mrs. Robert Johnston, wife of Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Knox Presbyterian Church, was charming in a black lace gown.

Mrs. Alfred Edgar MacLean, of Summerside, P. E. I., black taffeta gown and fox fur.

Miss Catharine Macphail, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Macphail, wore an exquisite model of ivory satin made on long lines with a full skirt and shoulder straps embroidered in crystal. She wore long crystal earrings and a corsage bouquet of rose-buds and lily-of-the-valley.

Miss Jeanetta Macphail, of Saint John, N. B., was charming in a French gown of flowered chiffon in rose and black fashioned to the figure in long lines. She wore a handsome pearl necklace and long seed pearl earrings.

Mrs. P. C. Murphy, of Tignish, widow of Senator Murphy, was graceful in a handsomely designed gown of black velvet.

Mrs. Frank Baird, of Pictou, N. S., wife of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, black silk Swiss lace gown with crystal ornaments and seal wrap.

Following the Opening of Parliament, delightful receptions were held by the Speaker of the Senate and Madame Blondin, who were assisted in receiving by their daughter, Miss Louise Blondin, and by the Speaker of the House of Commons and Mrs. George Black. They were assisted by their son and daughter-in-law, Captain and Mrs. Lyman Black, of Victoria, B. C. Spring flowers were used effectively to adorn the rooms of the suites and refreshments were served in the Railway Committee Rooms. This was a new feature in the Opening ceremonies, as previously, tea was served in the Senate suite of the Speaker of the Senate.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Murdoch McKinnon entertained for Miss Roberta Spencer at the dinner hour this week at the Queen Hotel.

Miss Roberta Spencer was the guest of honor at a bridge and miscellaneous shower last Wednesday evening her hostesses being Miss Elinor Sterns and Miss Muriel Weeks. It was a most delightful affair.

The Musical Club also entertained at the Queen Hotel Monday for Mrs. Arthur Hunter Duvar received on Wednesday afternoon, for the first time since her marriage, at her mother's home, and although the weather was very inclement had a large number of callers. Looking winsome in her lovely wedding dress with corsage of American Beauty roses, Mrs. Duvar was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. J. G. Jamieson and the groom's mother, Mrs. E. H. Duvar. Spring flowers were attractively arranged on the dainty tea-table where Mrs. W. A. Stewart and Mrs. Woodman poured. Assisting were Miss Marjory Stewart, Miss Margaret Sterns, Mrs. D. A. Ramsay and Miss Mary McDonald. Mrs. R. H. Stewart and Miss Isabel Jamieson ushered. Little Janet Stewart prettily attended the door.

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For The Cook

APPLE TARTS

Plain pastry. 8 to 8 sour apples. 1/2 to 1/4 cup sugar. 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg or cinnamon.

1/4 teaspoon salt. 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Few gratings lemon rind. 1/2 tablespoon butter.

Line tart tins with plain pastry. Pare, core and cut apple in eighths, and put into pastry shells. Mix sugar, nutmeg, salt, lemon juice and grated rind and sprinkle over apples. Dot over with butter. Wet the edges of the under crust, cover with the upper crust and press the edges together.

Set the pie in the bottom of a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) for ten minutes. Then move to the middle shelf, reduce heat to moderate (350 degrees Fahrenheit) and bake forty to forty-five minutes.

Yield: Six tarts. One tart: Total, 290 calories; protein, 10 calories, fat, 79 calories; carbohydrates, 201 calories.

Miss Spencer, marking the happy event with a lovely gift. They continued their musical evening at Mrs. J. A. Lawson's pretty home on Euston Street.

Three prominent citizens celebrated their birthdays this week. Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, M. P., on Monday, Mr. Donald Nicholson and Mr. Benjamin Bremner yesterday.

Many happy returns of the day are extended to them by their hosts of friends.

Mrs. C. E. McLagan, of Terrace Street, New Glasgow, has gone to Halifax to be the guest of Dr. Jane Bell, for a short time before Dr. Bell goes abroad.

Mrs. J. W. Wakeford, was hostess on Wednesday afternoon at a very enjoyable bridge of six tables at her home 27 Great George Street.

The choir of Trinity United Church were entertained at a delightful banquet on Tuesday evening the table decorations being artistically carried out in green and white, flowers and favors appropriate to St. Patrick's Day.

The B. I. S. play "My Irish Cinderella," which was the feature of the St. Patrick's celebrations was very cleverly given by a popular local cast at the Prince Edward on Monday and Tuesday.

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What the Fashionable are Wearing

Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Furnished With Every Pattern

By Annabelle Worthington



3017

A smart interpretation of peplum styling that will be found so generally becoming. A panel front and panel back from waistline to hem.

creates a lengthened line and cinches hip breadth. The softly draped cowl effect also has a narrowing effect on the bodice. It's perfectly adorable in printed crepe silk in new purplish blue colouring. It will meet any daytime occasion graciously, and at the same time it may be worn for shopping or for street wear.

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Daughter (having just received a new mink coat from father): "What I don't see is how a wonderful fur can come from such a low, sneaking beast."

Father: "I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I really insist on respect."

Belquette

Q. In what should a card of introduction be placed? A. In an unsealed envelope.

Q. What is an important requisite of a dinner menu? A. Originality.

Q. Is it proper to have a married woman as a bridesmaid? A. Yes; half the maids may be matrons, if most of the bride's friends have married before her. It is not suitable if the bride has an unmarried girl as maid of honor, but this rule is usually broken in the case of a bride's unmarried sister.

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Paris Styles

By MARY KNIGHT United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, March 20.—(U. P.)—Sport coats have taken a straw vote and elected taffeta to represent them on smart occasions when novelty is the order of the day. From a distance the rather uneven and irregular, though always smooth weave of straw resembles one of those short coats made of breitwanz in a dull beige color, but has it all over the fur model when it comes to usefulness in spring and summer. In the first place, it is warm enough, because it is suitably lined, for chilly days, and cool enough for the hottest evening when one has been dancing informally and needs something just to throw over the shoulders to keep from catching cold from a stroll on the beach during intermission. And of course, there never was a lighter weight garment made or less bother to carry around. It never thinks of wrinkling when you fold it longways because that's the way the raffia runs. When packing it in a trunk, or suit case, you can fold it up around an umbrella or just in a long tube-like package and slip it in a convenient crack. Schiaparelli is the originator of this useful article.

Cotton pique has become material for tailoring and lace and tulle have taken to making gloves. Even clothes are switching types, for coats are no larger than scarves, and wool is used for evening gresses, to say nothing of kasha and heavy cotton lace. Things fashionable have not gone topsy-turvy as they first seem, but instead are just showing a streak of real originality.

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For the matron who has "grown old gracefully," the silvery white hair hats are charming. If anything, they give a more youthful look to the face that has been well-cared for regardless of its age. Perhaps it is the contrast, for one is sure to hear someone say, "What a young face she has, she must be prematurely white!"

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