

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

Strange Case of the Man Whose Marriage is Too Perfect—A Genius Who Has Solved the Mother-in-Law Problem—Marriage or a Business Career?

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a bit worried for fear that my home environment is TOO PERFECT, too good to last. Three years ago I married a splendid girl with a good education; pleasant, quiet ways, unselfish habits, good-looking, neat, industrious and always considerate of others. She is a splendid cook and housekeeper and is also a great help to me in my business, as she handles my bookkeeping and correspondence, and, having worked in a law office, she is able to advise me on matters of a legal nature. We have a fine baby, and she is a model mother.

We have never had a cross word between us and my worry is, can it last? Shouldn't we have a family quarrel once in a while? Is it safe to continue in an atmosphere as perfect as this? TOO PERFECT

Answer: You are certainly a trouble hound if you are out hunting for something to worry over in co-existence as the one that the gods have vouchsafed you.

Evidently you would join in the chorus of the old song that says, "Spring would be but dreary weather if we had nothing else but spring." The skies and roses and sunshine have begun to pall upon you, and you want a few squalls and earthquakes and things to shake you up and get a little thrill and excitement into life.

I have long believed that the real reason for the family spat was the unconscious need of people to break the monotony of domestic life. A good husband somehow crisped their nerves and made the blood run quicker in their veins. Somehow, they got a kick out of hurling insults back and forth, and in scenes that ended in tears and make-ups.

For unless husbands and wives enjoyed these domestic scraps, there is no reason whatever for their taking place, as they could always have been so easily avoided by either party's exercising the slightest self-restraint, or handling the situation with a particle of tact. Instead of being so, however, they would deliberately provoke each other to mortal combat and drag out into the arena topics that inflamed each other as a red flag of the torreador does the mad bull. Then they would go to hammer and tongs.

But what a sad commentary it is on matrimony that you feel there is something unnatural and abnormal in your marriage when it is only that every marriage should be, and you have only the peace and calm in your home that every home should possess!

To begin with, you picked out the right sort of wife, an intelligent, educated, sensible woman who went into marriage intending to do her part and be a real helpmate to you. Apparently you are the same type of a man that she is of a woman, so why is it strange that you get along amicably together? If you had wanted some one to keep you irritated and a family row all of the time, you should have married some selfish little flapper who would have run you in debt with her extravagance, and dragged you around to a party every night.

When a man picks out the type of wife he wants and does his part toward making marriage a success, he takes matrimony out of the gambling class and makes it a sure thing.

Why should husbands and wives quarrel? If we can get along with strangers, why not with those to whom we are married? Of course, no two human beings can agree on every point, but any lady and gentleman can discuss any subject without losing their tempers, or saying mean things to each other, and any two reasonable human beings can reach some satisfactory compromise.

So I should say that your happiness can last just as long as you want to last. It will last until you get tired of it and through sheer perversity stir up trouble. DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I claim to be one man who has solved the mother-in-law problem, and I pass on my tip to other men. My mother-in-law used to come to see us very often and she not only interfered with everything we did, but she would complain about things until she made my wife discontented and miserable. I stood it with patience for a while, then I said to her: "Mother, I want you to feel that you are always welcome in our home, but from now on when you come you must keep silent about our affairs and let us run them just as we see fit. When we want your advice we will ask for it. If you cannot comply with these conditions, it will be better for us all for you not to come to see us any more."

That settled mother-in-law's butting in, and since then we have got along together beautifully. A MARRIED MAN OF TWENTY YEARS.

Answer: A Daniel! A second Daniel come to judgment! Wiser words than these were never spoken and I have no doubt that many another poor troubled young husband could save his home by presenting just such an ultimatum to his mother-in-law.

For the interfering mother-in-law is seldom deliberately malicious. She does not really want to break up her daughter's home, nor alienate her from her husband. She doesn't even intentionally make trouble.

She is just a conceited, bossy woman who thinks she is incarnate wisdom and who has a mania for running things, and she feels that she has a perfect right to exercise her authority in her daughter's house.

Generally she feels that she is even doing her son-in-law a favor in doing him the benefit, free, gratis for nothing, of her unsolicited advice, and that he should be grateful to her for telling him where to get on and where to get off, and what he should wear and what he should eat, and how much he should spend, and whether he should smoke or not, and generally managing him and his affairs. Hence, it seems to her highly unreasonable for him to resent her tyranny.

But, after all, mother-in-law isn't a bad woman. Generally her heart is in the right place, and she can be appealed to by just such a frank show-down as you had with your mother-in-law. Make her see that she is ruining your happiness by her interference and she will, nine times out of ten, let you alone and keep her fingers out of your pie. And if she won't, you are quite right to shut your door on her.

But what a pity mothers-in-law can't attend to their own affairs and let their married children alone! It would save so much misery. DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—I have been a widow for a number of years. I am not interested in anything in particular, though I belong to several societies, because such things do not appeal to me. I have an offer of marriage, anything that brings me before the public. I have an offer of marriage, would you advise me to accept it, or to go into business? LONESOME.

Answer: I do not advise any woman to marry unless she is very strongly attracted toward the man and feels very sure that she will be happier with him than without him, and evidently this is not your case.

It is very difficult for a middle-aged woman to adapt herself to the ways of a stranger, and in marriage it is always the wife who has to do the getting along with another. She is the one who has to change her habits, and alter her point of view, to do the things she doesn't like to do, and leave undone the things she likes to do, in order to make a peaceful household, unless she gets an exceptional man for a husband, of whom she is very fond and whom she finds very congenial.

It's bad business to marry just to be a-marrying, because you are lonesome and don't know what to do with yourself, and I think you will be happier if you embark on a business career instead of a matrimonial one.

If you go into business, you will have something to keep you busy all day and occupy your thoughts at night. You will have the interest of planning new things, the excitement of building up an enterprise, the satisfaction that goes with doing good work, the thrill of success. And if you get tired of it you can give it up without any messiness of divorce. DOROTHY DIX.



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- 3 Myrtle White, 4 Mae Jordan, Leap Frog for boys under 12, 1 Chester Cooper and Bruce Stewart, 2 Gordon MacKay and Lewis Harris, 3 Ralph Billard and Lloyd Herring, 4 Nelson Kennedy and Luther Herring, Leap Frog for boys under 9, 1 Nelson Kennedy and Willard Kennedy, 2 Max Cooper and Gerald Bell, 3 Luther Herring and Preston Robertson, 4 Clarence Herring and Lloyd Herring, Teachers Race, 1 Rosie Moore, 2 Tom Harris, 3 Ewart Keeping, 4 Mildred Cooper, Race around block for girls over 12, 1 Myrtle White, 2 Grace Penny, 3 Clara Beck, 4 Claire Stewart, Race around block for boys under 12, 1 Bruce Stewart, 2 Chester Cooper, 3 Lloyd Herring, 4 Machon LeLacheur, one eight mile for boys under 12, 1 Willard Kennedy, 2 Aubrey Bell, 3 Alonzo Irving, 4 Gordon MacKay, one eight mile for boys 9 and under, 1 Ralph Billard, 2 Bruce Stewart, 3 Lloyd Herring, 4 Gordon MacKay, Relay Race, 1 Murray Harbor—Roy Bell, Marvin Herring, Marshal MacLeod, Chester Cooper, 2 Cape Bear—Lewis Harris, Gordon MacKay, Willie Harris, Alonzo Irving, 3 Cape Bear—Charles MacLeod, Rosie Moore,

Chaplain Proposes Memorial Be Raised At Valcartier Camp

HAMILTON, Nov. 16.—The erection of a suitable memorial at Valcartier to signalize Canada's entry into the Great War was urged at the Armistice dinner of the Central Branch of the Canadian Legion in the Royal Comaught by the Rev. Archdeacon C. F. G. Scott, C.M.C., D.S.O., of Quebec, former Senior Chaplain of the First Canadian Division. Archdeacon Scott, who responded to the toast to "Our Fallen Comrades," said that as Armistice Day came around each year it seemed to bring back a deeper and more everlasting remembrance. There ought not to be any regret over Canada's participation in the Great War, even though the toll was heavy. The only thing possible to save Canada, to save the Empire, and to ensure the freedom of the world was done by Canada when it voluntarily declared war, he said. The valiant Canadians, he said, earned an enviable reputation in the Great War, because they never broke. As for peace, Archdeacon Scott said no men were so eager for a lasting peace as the soldiers who went through the war, who experienced something of its hideousness and knew there was no glory in it. Expects Future Wars Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., D.S.O., former Chief of Staff at National Defense Headquarters and now Managing Director of the International Airways, Limited, said he might be wrong, but he did not believe that wars would never again occur. From his reading of history and his observation that human nature showed no great change, and that there appeared to be no let up in the commercial rivalry of nations,

FARMERS IN THE WEST ORGANIZE FOR TRADING

Preparatory work has been completed in connection with the formation of what is expected to be a large co-operative buying and selling organization in Saskatchewan. The plan is for this organization to take over the trading department of the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan branch, on Jan. 1, 1929. More than 200 trading units exist throughout Saskatchewan at present, and over 1,000 farmers lodges have been linked up as customers. At the next session of the Provincial Legislature, application will be made for authority to take the name of Wholesale Society, Limited, with wide powers for trading. The scheme of the organization is to purchase commodities on a large scale through co-operative society units. The wholesale society will be the buying agency and will sell to any groups of persons who form themselves into a co-operative society. These groups need not be identified with the United Farmers of Canada, nor need they even be farmers. This new society is another example of the popular trend in Western Canada,

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