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## Dorothy Dix Says—

### ELIMINATE ALIMONY AND YOU'LL CURTAIL DIVORCE

#### Wives Would Hesitate To Rush Into Court If They Knew Support Would Be Withdrawn

DEAR MISS DIX—Marriage has gotten to the stage now where for women it is no longer matrimony. It is matrimony. Few women are willing to work as hard to make a home as a man does to support it. They bring no enthusiasm to their job, and when the husband complains they throw it up. I think the trouble could largely be obviated by having a marriage contract that would be as binding on the woman as on the man. If the wife did not keep her end of the bargain, then the marriage could be annulled, without alimony. It isn't very often that a woman sues for divorce without asking for alimony. The divorce laws are not fair to men. A woman can pack up and leave and then sue her husband for alimony, but if a man leaves his wife she will have him arrested for non-support. Women have asked for equal rights and gotten them. They should have them in marriage and should give value received.

ANSWER—I entirely agree with you, Mr. Man. There are too many women living at ease on alimony that they have not earned. No man should be compelled by the courts to support an absentee wife unless she can prove by disinterested witnesses that she has done her part in making him a good and faithful wife and has been a good housekeeper.

I also agree with you that it would go a long way towards settling the marriage and divorce problem if before marriage every man and woman had a legally drawn up contract in which all of their duties and obligations were specifically set forth, as well as how profits and emoluments of the partnership were to be divided, and what each had a right to expect in case of the dissolution of the firm.

#### NO WORK, NO PAY

I think it would stop many of the quitter wives from flying off to Reno if they knew that they would not receive one penny to live on because they were defaulting on their bargain without cause. I think it would make many a slovenly housekeeper get busy with the vacuum cleaner and devote her attention to the cook stove if she knew she could be fired without pay if she didn't give satisfaction at her job.

I think it would make many a husband keep a civil tongue in his head if he knew that his wife could break the contract and get damages because his attitude towards her made the partnership intolerable. It would settle the allowance question because it was written into the contract that the wife was to have a certain definite sum of money paid her for her services.

No doubt it would be difficult to enforce a marriage contract, but just to visualize in black and white what they were agreeing to do in the home estate would give any woman quite a higher sense of their obligations than they generally have.

#### ABSENCE MAY HELP

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I am an old maid not altogether by choice nor without obvious, but because in youth I was hampered by responsibilities which forbade matrimony. Four years ago a man a few years senior declared he loved me and I admitted my love for him but he did not then, and has not since, proposed marriage. He takes me everywhere I want to go, considers my slightest wish, is the kindest, tenderest person I ever saw. He comes to see me every night and goes to see me other woman. He is an unencumbered widower amply able to marry. Besides which I am well off. I have lived half my life in single blessedness and could go on that way to the end, but it humiliates me to know that I have given the big love of my life to a man for a plaything.

ANSWER—I would go away on a long trip somewhere. All this man needs is a good stiff jolt to wake him up and make him see how big a place you hold in his life and how lonesome he would be without you.

You remember the old story about the bachelor who gave as his reason for not marrying the woman he loved that if he did marry he would have no pleasant place in which to spend his evenings. There are plenty of men like that. They would like to have part-time wives. They would like to monopolize the woman they are fond of. They want some woman to whom they can go with their troubles and their confidences, sure of being petted, and flattered and cajoled; women whose houses make an agreeable place to go to; women with whom they can keep up a certain romantic wooing.

#### MANY MEN ARE SELFISH

But they don't want to marry. They don't want to be bound. They don't want to have to adjust themselves to a wife's whims and peculiarities. Often they don't want to pay a wife's bills, or spend their money in supporting a family instead of indulging themselves. They want the perquisites of matrimony without having to pay the piper.

This is particularly true of widowers who having been married are frequently in the position of the burnt child who dreads the fire. They know that a woman with curl papers in the morning is not as alluring a sight as the same lady with her undulations combed out in the evening.

Evidently your friend belongs to this school of thought and so if you want him to give you a wedding ring, leave him flat, and let him find out how much he misses you and how necessary you are to his happiness.

DOROTHY DIX.

#### SNOW CRYSTAL MEDALLION



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## THE COOK'S CORNER

### STUFFED FLANK STEAK

1 large, or 2 small flank steaks  
Salt and pepper  
Sausage dressing  
1 cup boiling water  
Method: Wipe the steak or steaks well with a damp cloth, then pound with a wooden potato masher or with the edge of a saucer, or the back of a knife—this will have a tendency to break the connective tissue and will make the meat more tender. If only one steak is being used, spread the sausage stuffing over this after seasoning the steak with salt and pepper and then roll up like a jelly roll, either skewering together or tying with string. Two steaks are used, spread the dressing over one of them and lay the second steak over the first and either skewer the sides together or tie together with string.

Melt about 3 tablespoons fat in a pan and brown the stuffed steak in this on all sides. Then add a cup of boiling water and place a tight-fitting cover on the pan. Cook on top of the stove over low heat for about 2 1/2 hours. Then reduce heat in a moderately slow oven (300 deg. F.) for about 1 1/2 hours, or until the meat is tender. If desired, the gravy in the pan may be thickened and served over the steak.

### Sausage Dressing

1 cup sausage meat  
1-4 cup diced celery  
1 tablespoon minced onion  
1-2 teaspoon sage  
Salt and pepper  
2 cups soft crumbs

Method: Combine the sausage meat, celery and onion and cook over moderate heat until the sausage meat is nicely browned, about 10 minutes. Drain off excess fat and combine the meat mixture with the crumbs and seasoning. If a little dry, moisten somewhat with hot water. If the stuffing is to be used for meatballs, fried, and used to garnish the steamed pudding for dessert, as you will notice, use no sugar. If, however, you use a custard sauce with it, there is a little used in this.

### TABLE CANDLES

Candles can be used to the last inch by fitting a cork into your candlestick and driving the point through this, allowing the point to protrude about half an inch. Press the candle firmly on to the point of the screw.

### BEETS MAY BE PLANTED ALMOST AS SOON AS THE GROUND CAN BE WORKED

Soak beet seeds overnight before planting, if the garden soil is dry.

### WHEN YOU WANT LOSS OF BEANS BUT HAVE ONLY A SMALL SPACE IN WHICH TO GROW THEM, PLANT POLE VARIETIES.

To clean gilt frames apply white of egg with a soft brush. When dry rub gently with a soft cloth.

### PEGGOTTY'S HOUSE

A tiny house with an old boat as a roof which has stood beside Gravesend canal for 100 years and is believed to have given Dickens the idea of Peggotty's boat-roofed "David Copperfield," mentioned in "David Copperfield" has been pulled down to make way for factory extensions (says the London Evening News).

### DON'T NEGLECT SMALL REPAIRS

No one can afford to allow a minor repair to develop into a big job in these days. If a palting comes out of the house, put it back at once. Keep the gates in order.

### WEAK IN HISTORY

A famous alienist was visiting Bermuda and a certain prominent official, after discovering to his surprise that the alienist was an authority not on immigration but on the mentally unsound, asked him:

"Doctor, how do you really tell if a person is insane?"

"Oh, we merely ask him a few ordinary questions which ordinary people can answer correctly."

"Well," replied the alienist, "this is the sort of thing. Captain Cook made three voyages round the world and died on one of them. Which was it?"

"Oh, I say," objected the official. "I think that's a bit steep. I'm not very good at history."

Keep Mirnard's in the home.

### NEW YORK STYLE LETTER FROM ANNE M. GRIFFIN

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Here's a cute twirl every American ought to cotton to—necklines and bracelet twisted of part-colored strands of—that great white hope among American fabrics—satin. Favorite colors are vermilion, green and yellow mixed in the Mexican manner.

And since we've mentioned the Mexican manner, fashion says more power to the Good Neighbor policy. Those South of the border pursuings one another in bold, bright pottery tones, broomstick skirts; basque bodices; boleros—real and make believe—give them a big hand this season. They've made good!

They say Carmen Miranda's behind it all but you've seen those blouses with the sprawling tropical prints splashed all over them or those dotted with tight, men's tie designs. The last minute wrinkle is to wear a turtleneck of material to match the blouse.

Shades of a certain tree-chopping episode on the Potomac—a sure-fire patriotic innovation (this Spring is diary patent,

## Living & Leisure

### The Woman's Realm

#### A SPRINGTIME VERSE

For now the Heavenly Power  
Makes all things new,  
And thaws the cold, and fills  
The flower with dew;  
The blackbirds have their will,  
The poets too.  
—Tennyson.

#### HAPPINESS

To be truly happy is a question of how we begin and not of how we end, of what we want and not of what we have.

#### COSMETIC CURB THREATENS BEAUTY

The woman of today will not be the woman of tomorrow as far as appearance goes according to new restrictions in the women's realm planned by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Rouge, lipstick, face powder and fingernail polish are the latest articles to receive the attention of the administrators, and lines hitherto available in anywhere from a dozen to a score or more shades are to be limited to five shades by any one manufacturer.

Although the restrictions will not become effective until present stocks are exhausted, and no obligatory orders have been issued by the board, it is understood consultations have been held with manufacturers and distributors and others in the trade, and the intentions of the board announced.

Also curbed will be new products or new lines of existing products, and there will be gradual elimination of non-essentials such as special facial creams.

In addition to reducing costs and absorbing the "squeeze" on these products, the object is also to conserve labor, production facilities and available manufacturing materials.

#### USES OF AMMONIA

Ammonia has many uses, but in these days of clothing coupons, many people are finding ammonia a great help in freshening up an old suit or costume, and giving it a new lease of life.

The well-known "Plyline" brand gives full directions for this service. The water with which ammonia has been used should not be thrown away, but should be utilised in the garden for fertilising purposes and for destroying garden pests which become active again with the warmer weather.

#### SMART HINTS

Coloured blouses worn with ankle-length black skirts, have beaded yokes; primis, too, are featured in dinner frocks, or, if you like to mix colours, a frill-trimmed poplin blouse violet over electric blue, is shown over a long purple skirt.

One "Moca" economy hint is a detachable white pique waistcoat worn with a deep round yoke at the back fastened with rather large, white buttons and straps to hold it in place at the waist. With its help a quite plain navy blue wool frock is transformed into a smart afternoon dress.

Try, too, the renovating effect of a face-frilled jabot (with frills of lace forward above the fastenings) on an old suit.

Navy blue, by the way, rivals black as favourite for formal town wear.

#### CLEAN EASIEST WAY

Metal scouring pad is excellent for cleaning some vegetables. Celery, for instance, and some vegetables need only a stiff brushing and thorough washing instead of peeling (saves time and vitamins).

#### A Morning Smile

"I don't understand why mothers can't see the faults in their children," said Mrs. Jones.

"Do you think you could?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"Certainly I could, if my children and any."

#### TEACH YOUR CHILD TO SAVE

We grown-ups are constantly being told not to be wasteful. Parents pass on this teaching to our children.

One is that they might have more good things later on, and secondly that they might grow up with a strong sense of responsibility.

A child should be trained to handle its playthings with reasonable care, and not deliberately break or destroy things. Explain to it that the toys cannot be replaced and that it will have nothing to amuse it if it is deliberately destructive.

The older child should be told why it mustn't waste things like pencils, paper, pens, books, food, and why it must look after its clothes.

Children should also be taught that they must not be wasteful with other people's things—such as school equipment—any more than they are with their parents' property.

Whether your child grows up careful or wasteful depends on you. He can't do it on his own. Are you doing your part?

#### STAR SAFETY FIRST

SOUTHEND, Scotland—(CP)—This Argyle town's street cars, which have carried 510,000,000 passengers without a fatality since 1901, have been replaced by trolley buses.

## Claudette Colbert

### Gives you advice about Beauty!



How this Famous Screen Star Cares for Her Exquisite Complexion

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