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Etiquette By Robert Lee

Q. How should a person make the correction if his name has been pronounced incorrectly?
A. Casually and smilingly, without displaying embarrassment.
Q. Are all wedding gifts sent to the bride?
A. Yes, never to the groom.
Q. What kind of napkins should be used at formal dinners?
A. Use napkins of the same material as the cloth; and they should be large, dinner-size.

For The Cook

SPICE CAKE

½ cup dates.
½ cup raisins.
1 teaspoon baking soda.
1 cup boiling water.
½ cup butter.
1 cup sugar.
½ teaspoon cinnamon.
1 cup walnuts.
1½ cups flour.
2 eggs.
½ teaspoon baking powder.
½ teaspoon cloves.
½ teaspoon nutmeg.
Boil the dates, raisins, baking soda and water for 10 minutes. Cream butter and sugar. Mix and sift the flour, sugar, baking powder and spices. Add eggs. Beat well, then add butter and sugar. Add the first mixture which has been allowed to cool, and the walnuts. Bake for 30 minutes.

Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Should a Girl of 23 Be Thinking of Marriage? —Pleasant Girl Who Finds Men Think Her in Love With Them— Shall Widowed Mother Marry Her Brother-in-Law?



Dear Miss Dix—Why are mothers so anxious to get their daughters married? Do they want to be rid of them? Or is it that they like to think that they have landed a man? I am 23, have a good job and am self-supporting so I am no expense to my parents, but my mother is always urging me to get married and telling me that I will soon be an old maid if I don't hurry up. I want to marry some day, but not now. I am interested in my work. I go to night school and am trying to improve myself, and am having a fine time with plenty of dates and amusement. Why can't my mother let me enjoy my girlhood and wait until Mr. Right comes along, which he hasn't done as yet? Or is my mother right and should I be thinking of a home? R.

Answer:

At 23 you are just beginning to be old enough to be thinking about getting married. If all girls would wait until they are your age, or over, before they picked out their mates there wouldn't be so many misfit marriages nor so many divorces.

No girl is really grown up until she is 23 or 24. It takes her that long to come to herself and to know what she wants in a husband. Also, if a girl marries before she has had any girlhood she always feels that she has missed something that she regrets as long as she lives. If you will notice you will see that the women who at middle age get flirtatious and have silly crushes on movie actors that they never see in the flesh and who get into compromising affairs with drummers or gigolos or the grocery boy are almost invariably women who married too young and who never had any playtime in their youth.

The happiest and most contented wives and mothers are the women who do not marry until they have had their fill of dancing and love-making and running about and who are ready to settle down and be good wives and mothers and who get a kick out of making a home instead of being bored to death by it.

So you are very wise not to rush prematurely into matrimony, and you will be still wiser if you do not let your mother stampee you into marrying some man you don't really care for, by holding the threat of old maidenhood over you. After all, there is no stigma in being a spinster, nor does it offer a barren and forlorn life now as it used to in the old days.

The modern bachelor girl is oftener to be envied than pitied. She has her work, her own pocketbook and her own latch key, a thousand varied interests and amusements, and nine times out of ten she is a cheerier, happier, better-dressed and younger-looking woman than her married sister.

Of course for a woman to be ideally married to a man who loves her and whom she loves and respects and who is generous and kind and tender and sympathetic and a good provider is the happiest lot that can fall to a woman, but not many women are lucky enough to draw these matrimonial prizes and the old maid at least plays safe. If she doesn't get a Prince Charming she escapes, anyway, the grouch, the tightwad, the drunkard and the philanderer.

As to why mothers are so anxious to get their daughters married, nobody really knows, not even the mothers. They simply are. At a wedding you can always tell which is the bride's mother and which the bridegroom's. The bride's mother is the happy, beaming lady who looks as if she had just eaten the canary, and the woman in tears is the bridegroom's mother.

The reason mothers used to want their daughters married was because they wanted to shift the burden of their support on some man, but that doesn't apply nowadays to the girl who pays her own way and generally contributes to the upkeep of the home. But, anyway, a grown daughter in the home always seems to get on mother's nerves and she likes to get her established in her own house.

Perhaps, though, the real reason that mothers are anxious to have their daughters marry is that they still cling to the superstition that a girl should have a husband to protect her and take care of her, which would be a good argument if it only happened that way oftener. Also, mothers have a queer feeling that it is sort of a reflection on them for their daughters not to be admired enough by men to enable them to catch a husband. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—Why can't men be friends with women? It seems that a good-looking girl can't be merely friendly and agreeable with men without their getting amorous, and that they can't distinguish between pleasantness and coquettishness. I am a business girl with a friendly, happy and pleasant disposition, but I am getting so I have to be careful and put on a dignified air in dealing with the men with whom I work or else they think that I am in love with them. MARY ANN.

Answer:

Practically every man tries out every pretty young woman with whom he comes in contact to see how far she will let him go. One of the reasons for this is that few men are averse to a little philandering and the other reason is that men always think that every woman wants to be made love to.

But it is easy to disabuse their minds of these notions, and once a man finds out that a woman doesn't desire to be kissed or told what wonderful eyes she has and that he never loved before, why, he is rather grateful to her than otherwise and glad enough to put their relationship on a friendly footing. Especially in business, where love talk doesn't mix very well with sales talks or figuring out how to meet a note in the bank.

I have known many beautiful and enduring friendships between men and women in which each gave to the other a companionship and an understanding and a loyalty that added much to their happiness.

So don't be afraid of trying to make friends among the men with whom you work. Just register firmness and meaning what you say when you rebuff their philandering, and they will settle down on the platonic platform and like you and bless you for it. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—What do you think of in-laws marrying? My husband died five years ago and left me with two boys who are now 10 and 12 years of age. His brother wishes to marry me. We are very fond of each other and are very congenial companions and my boys idolize their uncle. We want to marry, but some of our friends tell us that it would be a wicked thing to do. Would it? LONELY WIDOW.

Answer:

On the contrary, it would be the most sensible thing in the world to do, for it would eliminate the great danger that threatens every widow with children who marries, and that is that their stepfather will be cruel to them.

I am highly in favor of in-laws marrying when they want to. They have a great chance of happiness, because in the first place they have had an opportunity to thoroughly know each other, and if after a family connection they like each other well enough to want to tie up for life, they may be very sure they will never regret it.

And in the second place, and it is the most important place, a deceased wife's sister or a deceased wife's brother will always be kinder and more sympathetic and tenderer to the children than a stranger would be. DOROTHY DIX.

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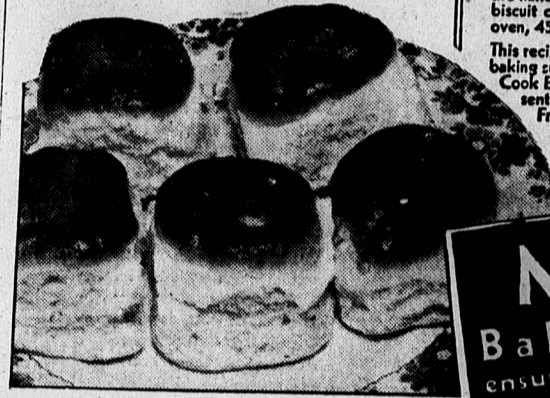
MENU

Sometimes it's difficult to think up new ideas for varying daily menus. Here's one that offers pleasing variety and combines healthful qualities as well. It was prepared by Miss Gertrude Dutton, Western Canada's best known cookery expert, conductor of the Better Cookery Section in the Winnipeg Western Home Monthly.

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(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 14—The British House of Commons is described as incomparably the most amusing "theatre" in the world, in a book of reminiscences, "Vacant Thrones"—by General Sir Ian Z. Malcolm, former M. P., and author of "Lord Balfour; A Memory" and other volumes.

Britain's principal legislative body is likened to a Pirandello play by Sir Ian, who contends that "a full dress debate in parliament is the finest human comedy" anyone would care to see anywhere. The author writes, however, that the House of Commons has lately been losing some of its spectacular qualities and adds:

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