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## Dorothy Dix Says—

### DIVORCE IS MORE ALLURING PROSPECT THAN REALIZATION

It Is Not A Panacea For Disgruntled People Who Later Learn That Most Of Their Ills Were Imaginary

The other day newspapers told of a couple who remarried eight days after being divorced from each other. That is, perhaps, the shortest time in which a husband and wife ever found out that if they could not live together, neither could they live apart, but it emphasizes the crying need there is for trial divorces. For divorce is like a great many other things in life. It is more alluring in prospect than it is in realization. If the matrimonially disgruntled could be forced to sit for a while amidst the desolation and ashes of their wrecked homes and find out just how miserable and uncomfortable and disappointed they were, they would get up and dust off their petty grievances and return to their mates. And when they got back, their two-by-four flats would have turned into palaces and their Johns and Marias into glamour boys and girls. No one will deny that there are marriages that are unendurable and for which divorce is the only cure, but it is not often that a man or woman has the misfortune to marry a fiend or a brute. Most husbands and wives are pretty decent people. They have committed no unforgivable crime against their partners, and when they rush into the divorce court it is merely because they are temporarily fed up with each other or bored, or they have got angry about something.

Maybe it is a man who, after the honeymoon has set and marriage has settled down into the routine of going to work in the morning and coming home at night, day after day, decides that marriage isn't worth what it costs. His wife in a hazy glow doesn't look as pretty as she used to in a pink chiffon when he was courting her.

#### Why He Grouches

It grouches him to see all the money he earns going for household bills instead of for his own pleasures. He chafes at the restrictions of domesticity and yearns for his bachelor freedom, and to him a divorce decree looks like a ticket to Paradise.

Or, perhaps, it is a woman who looks at her starchy husband, who is getting fat and bald and who spends his evenings dozing over his pipe and only grunts when he is spoken to, and wonders why on earth she ever married anything like that.

She is tired of cooking dinners and darning socks and washing little faces and listening to the children quarrel and the baby cry and she thinks that the way of happiness for her is to be rid of her dull husband and be free to live her own life and, perhaps, to meet some Prince Charming who will be handsome and romantic and bear her off to her Castle of Dreams.

#### Magnifying Faults

Or, perhaps, it is a husband and wife who have got on each other's nerves so that neither can see anything but the other's faults, and each magnifies the other's shortcomings until they blot out all their virtues. Or one or the other gets jealous. Or they are just plain bored. And they think the remedy for what ails their marriage is divorce.

But when they get their decrees they find out that it is not the panacea for all their ills that they

thought it would be. It has not brought them the happiness they expected, but only bitter regret for the homes they broke up and the wives and husbands they discarded.

The man finds that the freedom he craved has lost its flavor; that clubs bore him; that restaurant cooking disagrees with him, and that he gets no kick out of staying out late at nights when nobody cares whether he ever comes in at all or not.

The woman discovers that if John was a poor conversationalist, he was a good provider, and that all her divorce has brought her is the necessity to work to help support her children and the humiliation of being "Poor Mary" by all her friends.

And it is not too much to say that the great majority of divorced people would gladly go back to each other if they could do so without losing face.

#### False Glamour

You see the glamour about divorce is that unconsciously both men and women believe that if they could end their marriages it would automatically turn them into light-hearted, gay boys and girls again, and restore their youth and charm.

But when they find that this does not happen, that they are middle-aged and have lost their youth and their looks and are burdened with children and responsibilities, they repent their folly in rushing precipitously into divorce.

Undoubtedly the domestic yoke galls at times and husbands and wives need to slip it for a while and give the sore places time to heal, and if this could be done, if we had trial divorces, most of them would cheerfully go back to home and Mother.

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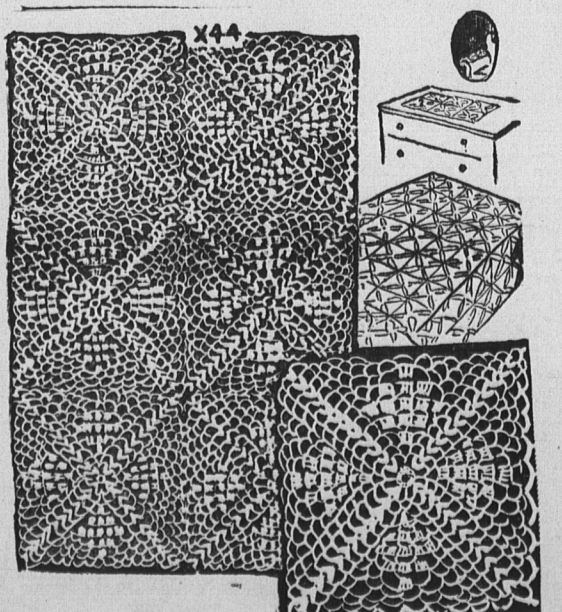
## LOOK OUT FOR YOUR LIVER

Buck it up right now and feel like a million! Your liver is the largest organ in your body and most important to your health. It pours out bile to digest food, gets rid of waste, supplies new energy, allows proper nourishment to reach your blood. When your liver gets out of order food decomposes in your intestines. You become constipated, stomach and kidneys can't work properly. You feel "rotten"—headachy, backachy, dizzy, dragged out all the time. For over 35 years thousands have seen prompt relief from these miseries—with Fruit-a-tives. So can you now. Try Fruit-a-tives—you'll be simply delighted how quickly you'll feel like a new person, happy and well again. 25c, 50c.

## A Morning Smile

Defense Lawyer—But how could this man be guilty of forgery, when he can't even write his own name? Prosecutor—Sir, the prisoner is not charged with writing his own name. "I've sold everything out of that room," said the helper at the rummage sale proudly. "Dear, dear," cried the minister's wife, "that was the clock-room!" GET OUT—OF IT "The best way to fight a woman is with your hat." "How?" "Grab it and run."

### RECTANGULAR BLOCK BEDSPREAD



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## Refugee Children Are Adopted By Canadian Soldiers



This little English girl, with characteristic modesty, does not blow her own horn, but takes a lesson in blowing the bugle from one of the Canadian troops. She's one of 300 refugee children from London's east end, adopted by Canadian soldiers quartered in the south of England, and this is their Christmas party. The other little girl, at the same party, sings while one of the Canadians strums a guitar.

## UNDER PRESSURE

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## Your Individual HOROSCOPE

By Frances Drake

For Monday, January 13th

MARCH 21 to APRIL 20 (Aries)—Care advised in all business and financial transactions and in making drastic changes in plans. Matters pertaining to research, chemistry, drugs, oils and shipping are favored.

APRIL 21 to MAY 20 (Taurus)—Friendly indications, especially because of your natural talent and proclivities for study, painstaking effort with important details and methods that have practical value.

MAY 21 to JUNE 21 (Gemini)—You can better your interests by putting your promotional and creative ideas to work in a solid way. Know the value of advertising; make improvements and corrections where needed. Work faithfully at your job.

JUNE 22 to JULY 22 (Cancer)—We can't paint a rosy picture, but if you remember that "Speedy execution is the mother of good fortune," we think you'll be surprised at how quickly and what you will accomplish.

JULY 23 to AUGUST 22 (Leo)—Financial increases are not the most important issues right now. It's the quality of your work and the sincerity and application with which you strive to fulfill promises and orders.

AUGUST 23 to SEPTEMBER 23 (Virgo)—"Art and knowledge bring bread and honor" is an old saying and is particularly pertinent today. Both art and knowledge are foremost favored and you can apply them to any undertaking and enhance its possibilities.

SEPTEMBER 24 to OCTOBER 23 (Libra)—You born before October 8 may not feel as restricted as other Librans in matters that

mean expansion or quick achievement. However, all of you will gain more if you adapt yourselves amiably to conditions and situations as they arise.

OCTOBER 24 to NOVEMBER 22 (Scorpio)—The tighter you control your emotional department here the more you'll attain and the happier you'll be. You cannot lose by being on guard. Don't overstrain either.

NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 22 (Sagittarius)—You, too, will have to watch your step regarding speaking out of turn or too hastily. Otherwise you can get a lot of good work done today. Be happy, hopeful.

DECEMBER 23 to JANUARY 21 (Capricorn)—Born after January 5? Exercise more care in the early morning hours than usual. All appointments will succeed best in familiar matters and essential duties rather than venturing new undertakings, unless the new ones are urgent.

JANUARY 22 to FEBRUARY 20 (Aquarius)—Interesting, varied vibrations predominate today. You will need to be alert and patient with all difficult problems and situations. Study and observation are useful aids.

FEBRUARY 21 to MARCH 20 (Pisces)—Inspirational matters, literary efforts, motion pictures, radio and other forms of entertainment are first favored with inventions and civic interests.

A CHILD BORN ON THIS DAY will be a patient, determined individual; artistic; fond of literature, clever at mathematics; may be rather Bohemian in choice of associates. This child should be taught to adhere to the truth and be as much concerned with the family's problems as with the public's welfare.

"I didn't try to take. You're real but what about me? I've turned into nothing. These words I'm speaking—are they a dream, or can you hear them too? Can you?" "I've heard them all," said Joyce, "but I can't be sure you said them aloud or whether my own lips spoke them. Because as I seem real to you, so are you to me. I'm not afraid of you. I wasn't afraid of you before. But I disliked the person you were. You wore a Joseph's coat made up of the things I most despise. Now you've thrown it away—or perhaps you've only taken it off and presently will slip it on again."

"Perhaps," he admitted mournfully, "and you too."

She shivered. He took off his jacket and put it around her shoulders. Nothing was said; he had not asked her if she were cold nor did the protest he would need the coat himself.

"Name the things you despise," he said at last, staring straight ahead.

"Your false front," answered Joyce after an imperceptible pause, "your air of We-the-elect-are-holy-and-all-others-are-vile."

"Is that really the way it struck you?" asked Dirk, but did not wait for an answer. "Yes, I'm beginning."

## Wedding Has Wide Interest



A quiet marriage of widespread British interest took place in Ottawa Saturday when Miss Jean Campbell, a daughter of Sir Gerald Campbell, British high commissioner in Canada, and Lady Campbell, became the bride of Denis Coolican, a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. Lieut. Coolican is the son of Peter T. Coolican, assistant deputy postmaster-general, and Mrs. Coolican, Ottawa. The wedding party is pictured here at "Earnings-cliff," home of the bride's parents. LEFT TO RIGHT, Mrs. Peter T. Coolican, Sir Gerald Campbell; Lieut. Coolican and his bride; Lady Campbell and Mr. Coolican.

## THE COOK'S CORNER

### BRAZIL NUT STUFFING

If you want that "something different" why not use Brazil nuts in the stuffing for the turkey? The amount given in the recipe should make just about enough for a ten-pound turkey. Melt 1-2 cup butter and in it cook 2 minced onions until they are a delicate brown. Mix 2 cups sliced Brazil nuts, 8 cups soft bread crumbs, season with salt pepper, summer savory and powdered sage. If a moist dressing is desired add a little boiling water.

### SHORTBREAD

One cup fresh butter, 1-2 cup sifted icing sugar, few grains salt, 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon vanilla, or a few drops of rose water. Cream butter well, then add icing sugar, a spoon at a time, and cream well after each addition. Add the flour in the same way, mixing and creaming well. Add salt and flavoring. Leave in ice box for several hours, then roll out about one-fourth inch in thickness. Cut in fancy shapes and decorate with cherries, pecans or peel, or raisins. Bake in slow oven of 300 degrees until slightly brown.

## CHIPPING

Soothing, cooling MENTHOLATUM brings quick relief of all sorts of aches, pains, bruises, Jars and sprains. Also for chafing cuts and sunburn.

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## Letters Quickly Written If You Know the Rules



Learn to Write Charming Notes "At last a precious three minutes in which to write you!" Three minutes? Yes, a charming note can be dashed off as quickly. You need only know a few tricks—and, knowing them, how much easier to hold friends!

No more putting off letters and offending people—because each letter means that you must stew minutes on end, wondering how to begin, what to say. No more writing dully "everything is about the same here!"

You begin with a dash of "you," a very simple rule. Just write about one of your friend's interests: "The club is carrying on, but nobody can fill your niche." And then a little "I," for friends like to know what you are doing. "Big news of the week is that I won the bridge prize—yes, me, the beginner." In a fifty you've written a lively note.

Or do points of etiquette, grammar paralyze your pen? You can quickly check on what's right. Address a widow not as "Mrs. Mary Jones" but as "Mrs. John Jones." Avoid such errors as writing "liable" for "likely."

Invitations, letters of congratulation, sympathy—you write those easily, too, with the help of our 32-page booklet. Gives many sample letters for social and business occasions. Has pointers on English letter etiquette.

Send 20c in coins for your copy of *Go-d Letter-Writing Made Easy* to The Guardian—Home Service. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and the Name of booklet.

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## Living & Leisure

—The Woman's Realm

### CONCERN YOURSELF BUT WITH TODAY; BEGAIN YOUR CAREFUL TO MAKE IT SAFER

Keep small children away from washing machines and tubs of hot water. Before you start your washing, provide a safe place for your children to play until you have finished. All washing machine wiring should be checked by an electrician once a year and all cable wiring had insulation should be immediately replaced.

### LOOK FOR AN EMERGENCY RELEASE ON THE WRINGER, THAT'S EASY TO REACH AND WORKS INSTANTANEOUSLY.

The release should also automatically cut the current. Put a wooden platform or rubber mat beneath the machine and operator to guard against shock hazards. Don't touch controls with wet hands.

### RECENT STUDIES HAVE INDICATED THAT WRINGERS CAUSE MANY HOME LAUNDRY ACCIDENTS.

A wringer has a lot of things, but most of all it must be safe. That requires a safety release or button, easily reached and with instant action for a severe injury to happen when a finger or hand gets caught in the rollers.

### KEEP SIZE OF ROOM IN MIND WHEN BUYING A NEW CARPET

"The salesman who seeks to learn as much as possible about the room or rooms for which you are selecting floor coverings is bringing to you what he has learned to be the most helpful of service." So declared the head of a successful rug and carpet department in an important store.

"The successful salesman today knows a lot about home furnishing but before they can bring this knowledge to bear on a specific problem, they must know what the problem is," he continued.

"A decorator never makes his recommendations until he has gone through the rooms and has talked with their owner. The most helpful carpet salesman attempts to fit his questions to get the same basic information about your room. Your rug or carpet has to do with other furnishings. He must know something about what those furnishings are before he knows what rug or carpet to show you."

For instance, he should know the type of room, whether living room, dining room or bedroom, and its approximate size and shape. It is important to know something about the characteristics of the room, whether sunny or dark, whether it has bay windows, alcoves, fireplaces.

"Naturally colour preferences are tremendously important. The well-informed salesman can discuss colour problems intelligently. He knows that darker colours may be used on floors of sunny rooms, while rooms with less light and a northern exposure are made more cheerful by using lighter colours.

"Some information as to the period styles of furniture or at least period preferences will help in making selection of rug or carpet. In most homes there is a mingling of period styles, but any distinct preference is extremely helpful in choosing just the right floor covering.

"The amount of wear or use to which the floor covering will be subjected has a lot to do in producing a long-lasting selection. The salesman knows that small rooms appear larger by wall-to-wall carpeting or a rug which leaves only a narrow margin of bare floor showing. He understands when figured rugs or carpets may be used successfully.

"All his questioning, therefore, is for the purpose of choosing rugs and carpets that will bring beauty into your rooms—a beauty that means satisfaction through years of service."

### FIR TREES GROW TALL

If we examine different plantations we see that fir trees are always planted much closer together than other trees, such as oaks and beeches. The reason is to be found in the uses to which the trees are put. When a tree has plenty of light and air and room to throw out branches, and much of the nourishment which the tree takes from the ground goes to the making and strengthening of these branches. Fir trees are required to grow tall, and therefore they are planted close together so that the tops will almost touch. Being thus deprived of direct sunlight, except of course, at the top, they refrain from throwing out branches, which would be practically useless for commercial purposes, and all their energy goes to the upward growth of the trunk.

### ANTS' WEAPON

White ants possess a weapon as horrible as any used by man. These insect soldiers spray their enemies with a gummy fluid which, hardening on exposure to the air, transforms them into living statues.

### EYES FOUND TO REFLECT VITAMIN A DEFICIENCY

Lafayette, Ind.—If you are not eating enough foods with vitamin A, scientists can see it in your eyes, according to Purdue University experts. The deficiency can be detected by means of an instrument which produces a gummy fluid in the eyes to darkness, night-blindness being the first sign of a lack of this eye-saving vitamin.

The average adult would have a liberal margin of safety if his daily menu included: one pin of whole milk; one egg; two ordinary-sized pats of butter, and an average serving of a leafy green or yellow vegetable.

### COATS FOR WAR-TIME WINTER

A woolen coat trimmed with flat fur is being made in quantities of the winter wrap problem for a great many women this year. Favourite woollens are fine boucle and herringbone tweeds, which are not too expensive in spite of the purchase tax and are at the same time

## Needlecraft—For The Home

You simply must have a jumper this season. Dress this simple princess style up for formal afternoon with a silk or satin blouse; a gay flannel shirt or soft sweater plus the ease in the blouse and your wardrobe seems to stretch like magic. A matching classic jacket and a jockey cap couldn't be smarter for topping this easy to make jumper tailored in this blouse of striped or plain fabric in a gay color is the perfect complement to this youthful ensemble.

Style No. 2733 is designed for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Size 16 requires 2 1-2 yards of 54-inch fabric for jumper; 1 5-8 yards for jacket and cap.

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### STUCK GLASSES

To separate glasses that have become stuck together, drop a drop of little glycerine between them. Allow to set a few minutes. Usually they will separate easily and without danger of chipping or breaking. Use Mineral for sprains.

