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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Mail-Order Wife Always a Remnant and Usually a Bad Bargain — Law Forbidding Divorce on Grounds of Insanity Works Great Injustice and Should be Repealed, Declares Dorothy Dix

Dear Miss Dix—I am thinking of advertising in a matrimonial journal for a wife. What do you think of the plan? E. Z.

Answer:
All to the bad. Matrimony is full enough of risks without adding another chance to it by getting a mail-order wife that you take sight unseen.

When you are contracting to spend the next thirty or forty years with a woman, you want to look her over carefully before you sign on the dotted line and find out everything you possibly can about her character and disposition, and tastes and habits, and industry and thrift, and what school of cooking and religion she has been brought up in, if any. For on the knowledge thus gained you must base your guess as to whether you will suit each other and be happy and companionable.

Even when a man has made mud pies with a girl in kindergarten and scrapped with her through grammar school and dated her through high school, it is hard enough for him to get a real line upon her. She has little peculiarities and ways and eccentricities of temper and temperament hidden away that he never suspected were concealed about her angelic person, and marriage brings these out as a hot poultice does the measles.

So if a man who has known a girl all her life can't tell just what he is getting when he picks one out for a wife, what earthly chance has a man who marries a woman the first time he ever sees her and whom he recognizes by her having a white carnation pinned on her left shoulder?

It really doesn't much matter what kind of woman a man marries. The thing that is important is getting one that suits him, and the only way to test congeniality is by the application thereof. A man has to sit and chin with a woman by the hour to ascertain whether she is an entertaining companion or a bore. He has to play cards with her to know whether her bridge will endear her to him, or incite him to murder. He has to eat her cooking before he can tell whether he is willing to trust his digestion or not.

And these things cannot be found out in a school of correspondence. Some of the most fluent letter writers are the poorest performers, and never even try to make good on the high-flown sentiments they express when they take pen in hand and dip grandly into the ink, as Barrie says.

Besides, the mere fact that a woman has to advertise for a husband is indication in itself that she is on the bargain counter and has been passed over by the men in her community.

Some, of course, are women of it reproachable character, all silk and a yard wide, but who didn't happen to be a pretty pattern, or have the right colored hair, or for some reason failed to hit the tricky mesalliance taste and who, seeing they were leftovers, have taken this way of trying to force themselves on the matrimonial market. But many other of the women who advertise for husbands are adventuresses who prey on the gullible and optimistic gentlemen who believe their statements that they are beautiful and wealthy ladies who are taking that way of finding mates.

So, Mr. E. Z., if you want to marry, pick out a wife from among the women you have known for a long time. Right around the corner you will find a girl who is just as good-looking, just as intelligent, just as domestic as exists anywhere in the world, and she will have the added advantage of having been reared in the same environment as you and having the same tastes and habits. And you will know what you are getting, which you will not know if you marry a stranger.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a young woman. My husband is hopelessly insane. The specialists say there is no possibility of him ever being better. He is confined in an institution and I have not seen him for years. The question is: Must I live my life alone? Must I never have any male society because the law says I am a married woman and refuses a divorce to me from an insane husband? I live in a small town in which I am well known to avoid criticism I have to be so careful that I hardly dare speak to a man, and yet I crave the society and attentions of men and feel that I have a right to them, for my husband is dead to me. There is nothing that I can do but stay at home and and brood over my unhappy lot and I am getting morbid. What do you suggest? N. B. Z.

Answer:
It has always seemed to me that hopeless insanity should almost automatically sever the marriage bond, and that it is a cruel and unjust thing to bind a sane man or woman for life to a raving lunatic in an asylum.

There is no other tragedy greater than that of a mental breakdown, Gethsemane with them before the final catastrophe takes place; who must go through years of trying to cheer up a hypochondriac, or years of enduring wild and senseless rages; or years of combating senseless humanity and sink into the beast. Often I have thought that the husband and wife, with clear mind and all their faculties alert, suffered more than the poor, dull-witted creature whose mind was slipping its moorings.

But surely, after having gone through his torture, and having done all that it was humanly possible to do to save the reason of their mates, when the fight is over and the battle lost, and scientists know that there is no possible hope that a man or woman will ever be again anything but a gibbering lunatic, it is not fair to further wreck the life of the husband or wife by binding him or her to what is to all intents and purposes a corpse.

Of course, it may be objected that if insanity were cause for divorce, innocent people might be clapped into asylums by husbands and wives, anxious to be rid of them, but this danger seems to me to be negligible. When you can get a divorce for anything under the sun except insanity, why go to nefarious means to achieve an end so easily obtained? And to do to the expense of bribing doctors and courts when all you have to do to be freed of a mate of whom you are tired is to plead incompatibility of temperament, or mental cruelty or something else that deals in glittering generalities, and that would be both easier and cheaper than a commitment to a sanatorium.

That the present law works great harm on many people no one will deny. I have in mind a case with which I have been familiar for many years. A fine and gifted young man married a girl who two years later became hopelessly insane. He spent a fortune in trying to have her cured, but without avail, and at last she became dangerous and had to be put in an asylum.

A broken and saddened man, he led a lonely life for years and then

For The Cook

RHUBARB WINE

It is important that the wine is made in a wooden tub or barrel, or large crock, as metal such as tin, galvanized iron or even enameled containers may cause the wine to become poisonous and in any case will spoil the flavor.

Slice 30 pounds juicy rhubarb into small pieces. Place in crock and pour six gallons of boiling water over it. Stir frequently for 10 days, then strain juice and pour into crock or tub and heat the juice in a pot; dissolve 2½ pounds of sugar to each gallon of juice and pour into crock or tub. When liquid is blood heat add a broken up fresh yeast cake. Allow juice to ferment until it stops working then strain and bottle. The wine should be undisturbed for 12 months.

A Morning Smile

Sandy was criticized by the elders of the church because of the red nose he was developing, the clear evidence of his imbibing habit. The session of the church appointed two fellow elders to wait upon Sandy and labor with him. With much embarrassment the elders discussed the matter as Sandy sat silently and listened.

At last he said, "O now I ken what it is that is worrying ye, it's the wee bit of red on the end of my nose. I think I can explain that to your satisfaction: Ye see ma nose is just radiant wi' delight because it is able to keep itself out o' tither people's business."

DANIEL WELLINGTON GOODWIN

Daniel Wellington Goodwin, one of the most energetic, most persevering residents in the community of Kensington, died at his home there on June 22, after an illness of brief duration. The funeral on June 24th at St. Mary's, Indian River was one of the most impressive seen there for years. The pall-bearers were James Fendergast, W. Cotton, William Higgins, Joseph Higgins, James Braham and Andrew O'Keefe. Included in the procession were the many appreciative friends of the deceased, his widow and family had in the neighborhood, in this Parish, and in his native Parish, St. James', Freetown.

To mourn are left his widow, whose maiden name was Katherine Murphy, daughter of the late Patrick Murphy, Kensington, and children Robert and Harold. Daughters Agnes and Helen and son, Patrick

predeceased their father. Of his paternal family living are brother, John, Boston; and sisters, Mrs. J. B. Collins, Mrs. M. Mohart, and Mrs. Ozon.

Mr. Goodwin was a gentleman of the most honorable type, possessing an integral character that is evidenced by a reputation positively

inimitable. His life was the very essence of integrity and his word was decisive.

In his native parish, St. James', Freetown, he served mass for twenty-one year, and in order to perform the holy work he often denied himself many a pleasant recreative excursion. But duty to God and His Church was his first care, and this he performed often with self abnegation.

In the midst of misfortune he maintained a buoyant spirit, religiously resigning his sore afflictions to the will of Providence. In the space of a few years he was sorely afflicted in the loss of three brilliant children, all teachers. This is one feature of Mr. Goodwin's life that stands out conspicuously, he concentrated action, first upon the developing of a comfortable home, then upon the education of his children. Yet when the Lord, in his wisdom, saw fit to remove them from this to a more comprehensive life, he accepted this act of God with true resignation. His whole life was a practical realization of high ideals, and cheerful sincerity vivified his actions.

He was most pronounced in his assertions, but his subject matter was ever practical, and his aim was ever the noblest. Physical, mental, moral standards he had, and by these he was guided in energetic activity. All who knew him will miss him, and all will treasure his memory.—Y.

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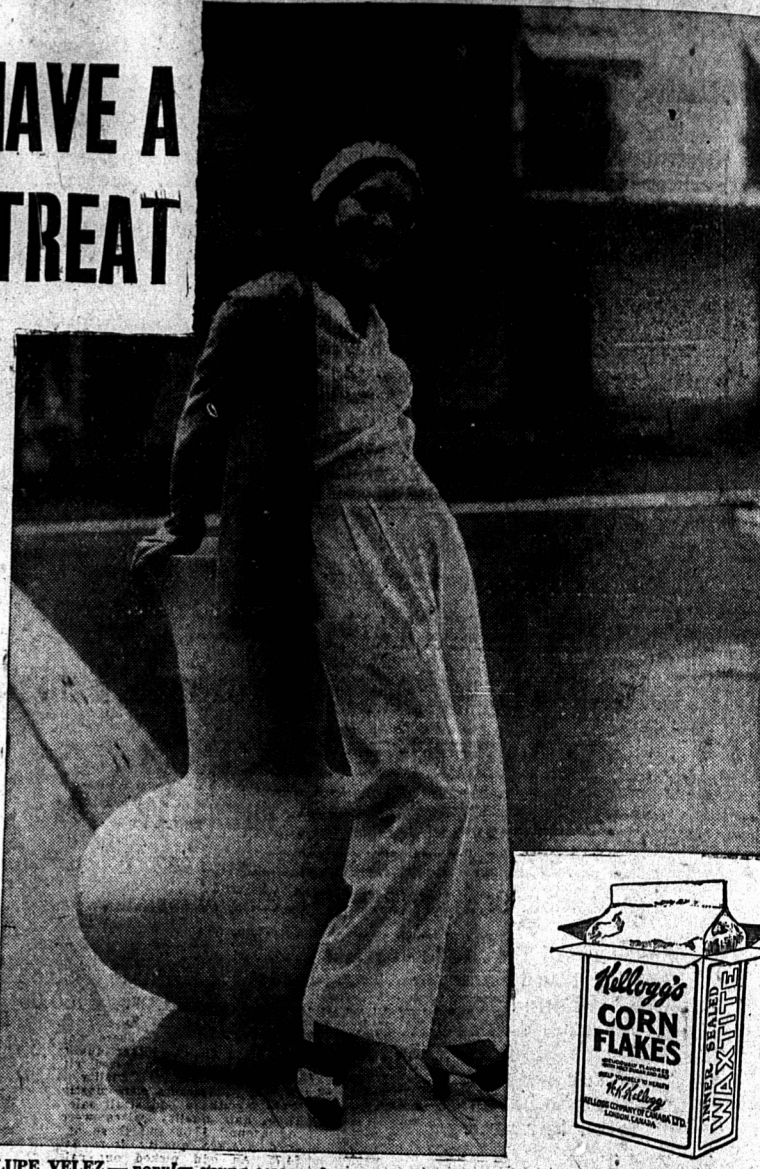
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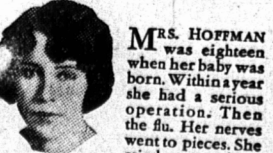


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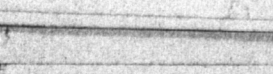
Approximately 200 exhibits for the competitive classes of the World's Grain Show at Regina in 1932 are assessed from Australia, and the prospects are that this number will be materially increased.

NO MORE TEARS



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What the Fashionables are Wearing

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By Annabelle Worthington



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finally he fell in love with a splendid young woman, who returned his affections.

But he was bound to the wrath of the woman in an asylum and could not marry the girl. She loved him too well to marry any other man and so they have lived their desolate, frustrated lives apart, missing the happiness they might have had, depriving the world of the beautiful home and the fine children they might have had because of this cruel and unjust law.

Many others, not so strong and high-minded as these, law drives into immorality, and it is time it was repealed.

sleeve. The dress is slashed from the neck at the centre-front and finished with binds for opening. The collarless neck is also finished with binds. And note the cunning matching panties. They have straight legs. The upper edge has elastic inserted.

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