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Dorothy Dix

Fed Up With Too Many Relatives? Then There is Only One Thing to do and That is to be Firm in Your Demands for Less Frequent Visits From Them

Nothing is more common than to hear a prospective bride or bridegroom say: "Well, anyway, I am not marrying Mamma's family or Tom's family. There speaks the voice of experience. For after the ceremony is over they find to their surprise that they are just as much wed to each other's fathers and mothers and sisters and brothers as they are to each other."

Now sometimes in-laws are curses and sometimes they are blessings. There are trouble-making mothers-in-law who, according to statistics, are first-aid to more divorces than all other causes combined. There are bossy mothers-in-law who feel that they have a right to run their sons' and daughters' homes and tell their children's husbands and wives where they get out and on. There are mothers-in-law whose chief incoherent sport is picking flaws in their children's husbands and wives and making them dissatisfied with their bargains.

And there are other in-laws who take the boys and girls their children marry into their affections and treat them as if they were their very own. There are in-laws who never meddle in their children's lives, but always stand ready to help. There are in-laws who buck their own children up to do their duty and are largely responsible for making their daughters good wives and their sons husbands who keep their wives on their knees thanking heaven for their luck in getting them.

But whatever faults or virtues the families of the newlyweds have, there is one trait that they seem to have in common, and that is a man or a woman who visits their children that amount to a positive obsession. They are never content to stay at home and apparently it never occurs to them to go anywhere except to Mamma's or Tom's. They are forever popular in the morning, noon and night—without the slightest regard for the convenience of the poor newlyweds, or how much they are running up the grocery bill, or how bitter are the thoughts of Tom at having to sleep on a cot in the bathroom because Mother has lopped down in his bed.

Seemingly it never dawns on the minds of their families that Mamma and Tom got married in order to be able to live by themselves and be alone together, and that they would like to have a little privacy, and their house to themselves without being cluttered up by relatives. One of these poor unfortunate victims of their in-laws' whims was this SOS (a. k. a. says):

"We have been married about two years and live in a two-room apartment. My wife's people live six miles in the country and her father and sister come in town every day and they eat lunch with us. They come so early in the morning that I have to get up at five o'clock and they sit around while we eat breakfast. On Sundays they all descend upon us so that we never have any of the privacy that one's home should afford in which to rest.

"I do not want to be unreasonable or inhospitable and I realize that marriage is a give-and-take proposition, but I think we would have a much better chance at happiness if my wife's family would let us alone a little and understand that it is best for a young married couple to live their own lives in their own home and not be thrown with either of their families too much.

"I have not been rude to my wife's people, but I have shown them that I was not overanxious to have them with us all the time, but they won't take the hint. We are moving soon to a nicer and larger apartment and I am afraid that this is going to make our matters worse and that her sisters will come to spend their nights and even have their dances at our place. What would you advise me to do?

Well, I would certainly advise you to move into a smaller instead of a larger apartment, because if you don't work every day and her father and sister will never go home at all, and it is a cinch that your sisters-in-law and their duties will keep you awake half the night. Furthermore, I would suggest to you that you observe the tactics that women use in defending themselves against their in-laws. You never see a husband's family have the run of the house. Maybe the wife feeds them on cold shoulder is the reason they don't come back for a second helping.

Here's An Idea From The Long-Ago Dear Miss Dix—I don't hold with what you say about women not hating to be called old maids. Matrimony is a woman's sphere, and if she doesn't get a husband she feels that she has failed, no matter what else she has accomplished. Speaking for myself, I would marry any kind of a man if he could even gaze out "yes" at the altar just to have MRS. attached to my name. Look at the dignity it gives one. Go into any shop and you may see a quiet-looking spinster asking to have her purchases sent home. The clerk writes "Mrs." and looks up to get the name. The customer says "Miss" Brown, and the color rushes to her cheeks at the clerk's contemptuous look. Why? Because she hasn't a husband.

VERBUM SAPI.

Answer: Well, doesn't this sound like something that came out of the hair-trunk in the attic? It has been years and years since I heard of a woman declaring that she would marry any kind of a man just to write MRS. in front of her name. I thought my sex had outgrown that particular bit of idiosyncrasy.

Of course, time was when a husband was a badge of respectability that a woman had to flaunt in public. But nowadays whether a woman is proud of her husband and honored to bear his name depends on the manner of man he is.

If you think that just being able to put Mrs. before her name confers such a distinction on a woman, how do you account for it that so many of the prominent women call themselves Miss even after they are married?

Keep Your Respectability

Dear Dorothy Dix—I have been married for ten years to a man

COUNTY CLUB

By HOLLOWAY HORN

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Dollimore listened with increasing surprise, but Ducros changed his approach: "You were in the club last night, Mr. Parminter?" "I wasn't in the club—I dislike the whole atmosphere of the parasitic place far too much—but I did call here."

"For what purpose?" "To see Miss Stenning—my aunt's secretary." "At what hour did you call?" "About half-past eight, I should say."

"And you saw Miss Stenning?" "Yes." "Will you please tell us what took place?" "We walked in the woods. It was a beautiful night—a night I shall always remember. I had asked her to marry me. Last night she gave me my final answer."

"What was it?" "I hope it was a satisfactory one." "She refused. We parted where we had met, a little after ten, I think."

"You were with her the whole time?" "Dollimore put in." "Yes. It was a wonderful night."

"You said you disliked the atmosphere of the club, Mr. Parminter. What reason have you?" "Can we account for tastes? I dislike mauve and magenta intensely, but I cannot explain why."

"What was it you disliked in the club?" "The whole atmosphere—the visitors were parasites and the very atmosphere of the place unhealthful. The old men who came from time to time had the appearance—and probably the morals—of Satyrs. I hated to think that Miss Stenning was in the same room with them."

"That's all very well, Mr. Parminter, but if you could keep a little more closely to the matter in hand. What terms were you on with your aunt?" "I am, I trust, friendly with everyone. She rather resented my attitude about her money."

"I can understand that," said Ducros. "Did she ever offer to help you?" "Yes. But I refused. Doubtless she meant it in a kind spirit, but my flowers do not need money of that kind. You should come and see my farm; at the moment the early chrysanthemums are a joy. On Friday night I sent nearly two hundred dozen bunches to Covent Garden."

"Indeed," said Ducros vaguely. "What kind of a man is your cousin, Mr. Parminter?" "Dollimore asked."

"What made you think that he was a man at all?" "His name is John?" "Dollimore said blandly."

"To me, a man must have dignity or he ceases to be a man and sinks to the animals. My cousin is normally stupefied with alcohol. My aunt foolishly allowed him a thousand pounds a year, and by so doing made it quite certain that the state of stupefaction would continue. He might have had a chance if he had had to work for his living. As it was, he had no chance."

whom I love dearly and to whom I have been a good wife. I have sacrificed my own wishes to his in everything we have done. I have helped him in his profession. I have made him an attractive and pleasant home. I have kept myself a good-looking, interesting woman. Now I have found out that he has been unfaithful to me and everybody has out and made the fool out of my husband that he has been making out of me. I would, at least have the satisfaction of being even with him, although the thought of doing this repels me. What do you think? GRISELDA.

Answer: Don't do it. You would get no happiness out of revenging yourself on your husband. It would only make you the more miserable, because if you betrayed him as he has betrayed you, you would lose your self-respect. You can live without him and hold up your head and look the world in the face, but you could not live without your own self-respect. The shame of having degraded yourself to his level would kill you. DOROTHY DIX.

"That's probably true," said Ducros. "I understand he has been in prison." "Dollimore pursued."

"Yes. He nearly killed a man in a drunken brawl. He was sent down from his University and later deported from the United States."

"He's been in the States then?" "Dollimore asked sharply."

"Obviously, or he couldn't have been deported therefrom. But he's a dull, uninteresting person to discuss. Why not come over to my garden with me for an hour or so? Flowers are so much more interesting."

"I'm afraid we haven't time," said Dollimore. "Later on, I should like to very much. At the moment we have this job of work on hand. I'm afraid. Do you know why your cousin was deported?"

"No. But in all probability it was due to drink—directly or indirectly."

"Have you his Paris address?" "When detectives face defeat"

The flower-grower thought: "I believe I have." He felt in his pocket and produced a small notebook, the pages of which he turned slowly.

"Here we are!" he said. "Hotel Latour, Rue St. Roch. I had to go to Paris some time ago and my aunt asked me to look him up. The Rue St. Roch is a little street leading off the Avenue de l'Opera."

"Did you go there?" "Oh, yes. I had promised my aunt that I would. It was quite a small hotel."

"And you saw him?" "Yes. There was an American with him—a most unprepossessing man. I thought. They were both intoxicated, and they were both very rude. I duly reported the result of my visit to my unfortunate aunt."

"Thank you very much," said Dollimore as he made a note in his pocketbook.

"I don't think we need trouble you any more," said Ducros. "I am obliged to you. It has been a very interesting chat."

"Not very helpful, I'm afraid," the flower-grower said.

"I'm not to sure," said Dollimore. "We do meet some oddities, said Ducros when their visitor had gone. "No wonder that young woman turned him down."

"I should like to see his flowers on one of these days. He struck me as being that rare thing—a completely honest man. Simple, of course, but honest."

"He's either absolutely simple or as deep as the sea," said Ducros thoughtfully. "At first I thought he was dippy, but he soon altered that impression."

"He is an idealist," said Dollimore. "Well—now what do we do? What do they teach you in that College to do when you had done it all as very interesting chat."

"We were taught that the criminal—particularly the murderer—always made one mistake."

"That's very comforting. Where's your Dreams May Show Inner Conflict"

THE COOK'S CORNER

Rhubarb Catsup 1 lb. rhubarb 1 qt. chopped onion 1 pt. vinegar 1-2 lb. brown sugar 1 tablespoon salt 1 teaspoon ginger 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1-2 teaspoon allspice 1-2 teaspoon cloves

Drop the rhubarb and onion, combine with the other ingredients and boil until desired consistency is obtained.

Ripe Cucumber Pickle 1 qt. chopped cucumbers 1 qt. chopped celery 1 qt. chopped onions 3 pinits vinegar 2 green peppers chopped 3 lbs. sugar salt.

Boil the above together until tender. Then make a mixture of one teaspoon turmeric, 3-4 cup flour and 2 teaspoons mustard, and enough cold vinegar to make a paste; add this to the vegetables and boil until thick.

the mistake in this case?" "We haven't found it yet."

"A round of golf often gives one ideas," Dollimore suggested, after a silence.

"They met again in the early evening and Dollimore found his senior officer rather depressed. "The chief officer told to send Caruthers out."

"Um—not so good," said Dollimore. "You know what I think. It was either Hernandez or one of his pals, and in some way that son is mixed up with it."

"We can't search a place like this. There's sixty rooms in it."

"Besides, they wouldn't keep the stuff here. They'd leave the car in the park, slip through Hernandez's office, and away. One thing is certain. Flash Cardew won't come here again while we are here. He knows we're here now. Rollier will have seen to it. The best thing we can do is to make a verbal report to the chief-to-morrow evening—after the inquest. Talk of the devil..."

Hernandez came up: "Well, gentlemen," he said. "What luck?" "Quite a lot," said Dollimore.

"I'm glad. I don't want to appear to be inhospitable, but this business has just about broken me. Almost every table has been cancelled for tonight and people who intended to stay here several weeks are clearing out."

"It is very unfortunate for you, I agree. Who do you think did it, Mr. Hernandez?"

"You said it was someone in that list. I don't want to criticize you in any way, but the whole place is open to you. You can search anywhere you care."

"I know that," said Ducros. "But it's unlikely that the man who did it would keep anything incriminating here."

(To be Continued)

ICED TEA To make two quarts of iced tea infuse six heaping teaspoons of black tea in a pint of freshly boiled water. Strain, after five minutes of infusion into a two-quart container. Add the juice of two lemons and one and a half cups of granulated sugar and fill the container with cold water while the original liquid is still hot. Store in the refrigerator and serve with chilled ice. Increase all ingredients in the same proportions for larger quantities.

Your Dreams May Show Inner Conflict

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The Housewife And Her Activities

BENEDICTION

"For the comforting warmth of the sun that our body embraces. For the cool of the waters that run thru shadowy places. For the balm of the breezes that brush my face with their fingers."

For the vesper hymn of the thrush while twilight lingers, For the long breath, the deep breath, the breath of a heart without care. He will give thanks and adore Thee, God of the Open Air."

Drain boiled potatoes, then turn gas low and return the pot with the potatoes in to the flame. Mash, whipping them up, adding milk and butter last.

The parrot is one old bird who has his say-so, both at home and abroad.

Variety of flavor in roast veal or beef can be provided by basting during cooking with equal parts of spiced pickled fruit juices and water.

To bring water to the fountains at the French palace of Versailles, a water main had to be run from the Seine River, 14 miles off.

Select veal is fine-grained, light healthy pink, with firm white fat. The bones should be soft with red, porous marrow. These qualities indicate young, high-grade veal, tender and well-flavored.

Outdoor metals, such as brass and copper door-knobs and fixtures and metal trimmings, will remain brighter longer if rubbed down with a good coat of wax after cleaning and polishing.

Fruit cake will keep moist and new longer and have a delicious flavor if a teaspoonful of marmalade is used in place of candied peel.

Pie topping is delicious on frozen desserts. Chop a cupful of dried, canned or fresh figs and mix in a cup of granulated sugar, two tablespoons of flour, three tablespoons of lemon juice, 1/2 cup of orange juice, one cup of water and two tablespoons of butter. Add a dash of salt and half a teaspoon of grated lemon rind. Cook slowly, stirring constantly until the sauce thickens. Serve warm or cold.

SPACE-AVING FLOWER DECORATIONS Space-saving flower fashions were set at a Mayfair debutante dance a few days ago.

Large groups of tall flowers were hung on pillars, arranged over doors, placed flat on radiators or tucked in a specially constructed staircase frame so that guests could not knock them over when dancing or sitting out.

Flower medallions on the pillars in the pale green walled ballroom were composed of gladioli, giant snapdragons and double tulips in flame and peach shades—the tones in which all the flower schemes were carried out. The groups over the doors were fan-shaped.

Reflections are coming back to favor. Mirrored miniature tubs were used for several peach-toned flower groups. The blooms were arranged to mirror effectively.

After you have damped clothes for ironing, but them in a tin bath, not in a basket, and then they will not get dry on the outside.

PANSIES WILL BLOOM ALL SEASON The pansy, so widely grown and

loved, is really a biennial but is frequently grown as an annual, as the seeds if started indoors early will bloom in late summer.

To get early spring blooms, however, the seeds should be sown in boxes or a shady seed bed in the middle of July. Then transplanted into cold frames in August and left there until spring, in the cold sections when the weather turns frosty, fill up the frame with dry leaves and cover with boards for winter protection. In mild districts the seedlings can be put out in the beds, where they are to bloom, in the Fall.

Pansies will continue to bloom all this season if the dead flowers are removed and the bed periodically watered to form. If you wish to obtain extra large blooms pinch off the first buds that appear. This may seem a sacrifice but one is repaid when the flowers afterwards.

There are a number of varieties of pansies, the finest varieties as a rule are shy breeders which accounts for the difference in price of the various sorts. A good mixture is the best for an ordinary garden.

Many people have trouble with pansies for they do not give them good protection is given the alternate thawing and freezing of late spring spells their doom. Much should be put on in the fall and left until frost danger is past. My pansy bed is where deep snow gathers and stays till late spring, and consequently the pansies are not harmed by the sudden changes of temperature.

Pansies are not difficult to grow and how they reward us for the little time spent on them and the price of the seed. The soil should be enriched with compost and fertilizer.

Seeds of choice exhibition strains are rather expensive but there are so many varieties and a good mixture is reasonably priced and is best for ordinary gardens.

As a child I was greatly intrigued when an old lady called her pansies "Loving Idols." "Oh but you must not love idols," I exclaimed. The name love-in-idleness is so often given to these lovely flowers, and no doubt the old lady really meant that. However that name doesn't seem to me to suit pansies. They are such energetic plants. "Loving Idols" is a much nicer name. Their quaint little faces make such an affectionate appeal to every flower lover.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

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Morning Smile

Beggar: "Spare a copper, Sir I'm an old soldier." Retired colonel: "What regiment?" Beggar: "As I was going ter say, I am an old soldier as is sufferin' from loss of memory."

"Now, I want you to be careful," said a learned counsel to the bankrupt. "Have you ever been bankrupt?" "No," was the answer. "Again I must warn you to be careful. Did you ever stop payment?" "Yes."

"Ah!" exclaimed the counsel. "I thought I should get you at last. When did that happen?" "After I had paid all I owed."

The rich velvet of the petals and the markings of face-like character make pansies a most effective border plant.

A most striking effect was seen in a garden of alternate beds of rich blues and yellows. The effect was charming.

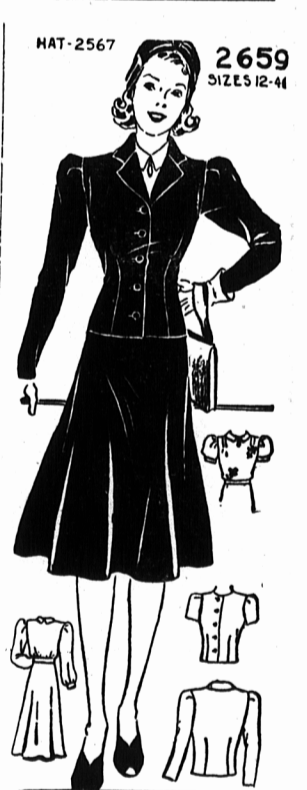
"Pansies for thoughts" makes these popular flowers ideal for cemetery planting. The ruffled pansies and Swiss giants bear enormous flowers of striking appearance.

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