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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Selfishness of Youths Who Marry While Still in College—Shall This Sick Wife Leave Philandering Husband?—Can a Man Be Too Good to His Wife?

Dear Miss Dix—We are two college men, 21 and 22 years of age, who are madly in love with two girls of high social standing and wealth. These girls love us and we wish to marry immediately, because we fear a trick of fate may separate us before graduation if we wait until then.

Answer: It seems to me, A. C. and J. D., that the proper persons to consult in this matter are your parents, inasmuch as they will have to support you and you wife if you get married while you are still in college.

If they are like the great majority of American parents who make a great sacrifice to give their sons the benefit of an education better than they had, they may not feel very enthusiastic over the prospect of having to work harder, and deprive themselves more, and draw in their hunger belts a little tighter, in order to provide you with brides.

If you have ample fortune of your own that would enable you to indulge in the luxury of matrimony while you are still college students, that is one thing. It is something else yet again, Mawruss, when you are dependent upon an old father and mother who are doing without a new overcoat, and wearing their last year's hats, and cutting down on the grocery bill in order to keep you at college.

Then it becomes the height of dishonor for you to marry, and lay another burden on your parents' shoulders. Somebody will have to feed and clothe and pay for the shelter of your wives, and if you cannot do it, then it is up to father and mother.

I often wonder at the callousness and selfishness of young people who rush into matrimony to gratify their own desires, and then leave their parents to pay the bill for their folly.

Boys such as you are, who have never made a dollar and who have no earning capacity whatever, blithely step out and get married, and father and mother have to dig down into the pitiful little horde they are trying to save up for their old age to support their sons' wives.

Girls marry, against their parent's advice and protestations, lazy loafers or drunken ne'er-do-wells and in a few years come back home with a baby or two for mother and father to take care of.

All of us know among our acquaintances half a dozen old couples whose lives are being wrecked by their children's marriages. They haven't the hardihood to deal with their children as they deserve. They can't shut their doors in their children's faces when they have nowhere else to go. They can't see their children and their grandchildren go hungry, so they are literally dividing their last crust with them.

If they had only themselves to support, they could live comfortably enough on the little they have saved by pinching economies. If they could live alone they would have peace and quiet and rest.

When their tiny income has to be spread over helping John's family along, and taking care of Sally and her children, however, it means that father has to keep on with a job long after he should be able to quit work, and that mother is turned into a nurse maid in her old age, and that father and mother must do without every little luxury because the money is needed for certified milk for the baby, and shoes for little Tommy, and having little Susie's acornids taken out.

So, my dear young friends, I urge you, if you have any sense of honor, not to think of such a thing as getting married until you are standing on your own feet and are able to support your own wives. Don't worry about these two particular girls not waiting for you, if they really love you they will wait, and besides by the time you are ready to marry your taste may have changed and you may not desire them.

Anyway, there will always be plenty of girls. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I have a girl friend who has been married eleven years and has two children. Now in all these years her husband has been having love affairs with other women. His wife has just found it out and is thinking of leaving him, but her husband says that he has always loved her, and is begging and pleading with her to stay with him. He says he has had his lesson and has more sense now. The wife has been ill for seven years and cannot make her own living. The couple is waiting for your advice and will do what you say. M. C.

Answer: It is a hard thing for a woman to believe that her husband can really love her and still be unfaithful to her at times, but undoubtedly there are cases in which this is true. Particularly is this true where the wife is an invalid.

The best in a man can love his wife. Whatever is highest and most spiritual in his nature he can give to her. He can still admire her, and reverence her and put her above all other women, and at the same time his carnal nature can long for gross women who will get drunk with him and go on orgies with him.

So it is possible that your friend may believe that her husband still loves her while he philanders with other women. Also it is possible that he had had his lesson, and that he will walk in the straight and narrow path henceforth.

There are millions of women who have forgiven their husband's side-stepping, and millions of men who have repented and become the most domestic and home-keeping of husbands.

In your friend's case she has to decide between two evils, and it seems to me that she will have a far better chance of happiness if she stays on with her husband and keeps her home together than she will if she leaves him. Divorce is not a panacea for the hurt heart and pride of a wife. It doesn't

An Old Valentine

An arrow dart—a bleeding heart, Sly Cupid with his bow, A bit of lace—a flower face, With petals drooping low.

A red, red rose—that proudly blows, Beside a garden wall, And written plain—a lover's name, A verse—and that was all.

A faded flower—but in that hour A little heart was broken, Will you be mine?—a valentine, Love's golden, olden token.

A Morning Smile

During Which Inning?

Jimmy, 4, small but wise, had been in the company of visitors the day before. At one period, when his mother had left the room for a minute or two just long enough to get the feed tabled—one of the guests had asked him where he was born.

He was telling the story next day to a playmate about what he had said when asked that question.

"I knew I was born in the Woman's Hospital. But I thought that sounded sort of sappy, so I said the Polo Grounds."

In a recent week 50,000 unemployed in Britain returned to work.

"The Chatter" Box

(To My Valentines)

Hello! Hello! my Valentines! I'm putting through a call! I bid you folk on party-lines Lift your receivers—all! And hear me tell my audience I love them! (Yes, a ton!) And solemnly today I plight My truth to every one.

I wish I had a thousand hearts To send to you today, I'd speed old Cupid with his darts Upon his happy way! But I will give him one small heart, And ere this day is done His magic hand shall share a part With every single one.

Good-bye! Goody-bye! dear Valentines! I have enjoyed this call. (Oh, hear the click of party-lines As strange receivers fall?) Even if the world is list'ning in, I'll ring you up again! Now, Cherio! dear readers Yours truly, Cheerful Jane.



SAINT VALENTINE

Long ago, in a monastery across the sea, there lived a man called St. Valentine. He had several other brothers who all had some gift which God gave them and he alone had none. He felt very sad about this, but one day when he was wondering why God had not given him anything to do a voice inside of him said, "Never mind, Valentine, do little things?" but no answer came, and Valentine still felt sad, but later on became happier.

At the monastery he kept a garden of his own, and it was said that his flowers were the loveliest in the country. Many mornings, when the children were going to school, he would often fill their little chubby hands with his beautiful flowers. There was hardly ever a person who died where he lived unless some of his lovely blue violets were placed in their quiet hands. He picked up babies, and often carried buckets of

water for many a tired mother. He fixed windmills and other toys for the children, and knew them so well that he knew every child's birthday in the town. On each of their birthdays he would always hang some gift made from his own hands on the cottage door.

The children grew to like him so well that they held on to his long dress in the streets. Even cats and dogs rubbed him as they passed by, because he had made friends with them also. The birds, too, fluttered around him unafraid.

One day St. Valentine died, and every one from the countryside mourned and came to look upon his placid face. At his funeral a great white-headed duke followed his coffin to show how kind and good St. Valentine had been.

That same day the people in the village decided to celebrate St. Valentine's birthday by giving each other gifts as he had done. LOREAN.

Milady Beautiful

BY LOIS LEEDS



BEAUTY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Restoring the Natural Wave

Dear Miss Leeds—(1) My hair has a tendency to wave and I have been using water-waving combs. I bought some shampo from an agent, but after using it twice I find that it has taken out the natural wave. How can I restore the wave? How should I arrange my hair? My face is full and I am letting my hair grow. (2) I have brown hair, brown eyes and a medium complexion and I am inclined to be stout. What colors may I wear? (3) Does vaseline make the eyelashes grow longer? RUTH.

Answer—(1) The shampoo you bought probably contained too much borax or other drying agent. The best way to bring back the natural wave is to give your hair a warm oil treatment, then shampoo with pure castile soap. You may use plain olive oil for the treatment, or a mixture of this oil with castor oil or mineral oil in equal parts. Apply the oil to your hair, including the ends, then steam it in with warm towels. The towels should be wrung out in hot water and wrapped around the head; when the first towel begins to cool replace it with another hot one. Steam in this way six times. If there is time the last towel should be left on for an hour before the hair is washed. It should be easy to dress naturally wavy hair in a becoming way. Part your hair rather high on one side while it is still damp after your shampoo, and adjust the water-waving combs to wave the top, sides and back. The ends of hair may be turned under and pinned or, if they are short, they may be made into small round curls and pinned in flat rosettes, called sculpture curls. (2) Dark colors and neatly tailored styles will make you look slimmer. Navy blue is always serviceable and smart with trimmings of old rose, tan, medium blue, cream, red or ecru. A dark blue georgette frock with a bright red slip is attractive and dressy. You may also wear the dark and golden shades of brown that are so popular this season. Other good colors for you include medium blues, medium and dark greens, dull orchid, peach, salmon, amber brick red, henna and bright red as trimming. (3) Yes if used every night for months. Results are often slow. LOIS LEEDS.

Are Bleaches Harmful? Dear Miss Leeds—(1) Do you think that a bleach harms the skin. I am naturally tan with brown hair and gray eyes. What colors should I wear? (2) I am 5 feet 2 inches tall. My measurements are: Ankles, 8 1/2; calf, 11 1/2; bust, 30 1/2; waist, 26. Are these good? R. S. O.

Answer—(1) Not all bleaches are harmful. Buttermilk is not. Some of the stronger bleaches are risky to use on account of the caustics in them. In your case I do not think that a bleach would do much good because your skin is naturally rather dark. Do not try to make yourself over into a

fair type, but make the best of your own. Dull, old blue is often a becoming color for your type, and you may also wear maize, bronzy shades of brown, deep brown, dull rose, medium green, bronze-green, henna, blue-violet in a soft tone and dark taupe. Whether you can wear gray or not depends on the shade of your skin, but in general this color is not becoming to tan complexions. If your hair is a dark brown you may also wear bright reds. (2) you forgot to give your age, so that I cannot judge whether or not your measurements are good. If you are 15 years old you should weigh about 111 pounds at least. Your bust and calf are too small unless you are a very young girl. The other measurements are average for a girl of your height in her teens or twenties. LOIS LEEDS.

Tomorrow—Clay for Sallow Skins

A VALENTINE

By ALIX THORN

I'd beg the brook for some of its wild rapture, The sunshine for a smile, a breeze-blown day, Content from fields where honey bees are roaming, Light-heartedness of June with blossoms gay, The fragrance of the lane with hedgerows budded, The glory of the garden, stately, fine, The peace the woodland knows, when Winter's reigning, And send it to you for a valentine.

A Fashion a Day



EXCLUSIVE You can dress well even on a limited allowance by choosing the correct styles and fabrics. For instance, here is a dress of lustrous black crepe satin with chic femininity noted in Aifonon ecru lace scarf collar and cuffs. Its lines are smart with extremely snug hipline achieved through shaped yoke. The waistline is trim with fitted belt, and graceful swing to hemline created by circular flare. It's easily made at a moderate cost. Style No. 397 is designed in sizes 16, 18, 20 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. Later you can make it in printed silk crepe to wear with lightweight woolen or plain silk crepe coat. Pattern price 15 cents in stamps or coin (coin is preferred.) Wrap coin carefully.

Household Hints

By ROBERTA LEE

Rust Stains Rust stains can be removed from garments by soaking in boiling rhubarb juice. The worst spots will yield to this treatment without injuring the material.

Marking Linen Handkerchiefs When marking new handkerchiefs try starching and ironing them first. The name can then be written very small and yet be very distinct.

Flour Flour belongs in a bin or barrel raised a few inches from the floor. While wheat flour may be obtained in quantity, cornmeal or graham flour should only be purchased in small quantities and kept in tin or glass containers.

For the Cook GENERAL RECIPE FOR CREAM SOUPS Three cups thin white sauce, one and one-half to two cups vegetable pulp, seasoning to taste. Cook the vegetables until they are tender. Rub through a sieve and add the pulp to the white sauce. Add the seasoning. Add more milk if necessary. Spinach, lettuce, corn, onions, peas and other vegetables may be used.

White Sauce—Three tablespoons butter, two tablespoons flour, one teaspoon salt or to taste, pepper, three cups milk. Measure the flour, place at one side of saucepan. Measure the butter, place at the other side of the saucepan and melt. Stir in the flour and seasoning, add the milk and stir over the fire until smooth and thick. Boil one minute.

Modern Etiquette BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. What is the proper amount to tip the porter who carries the bags to one's seat in a train? A. A dime or a quarter according to the distance and the weight.

Q. May nicknames ever appear on the visiting card of the lady or the gentleman? A. Never.

Q. What is the tea-dance? A. An ordinary afternoon tea at which space and music are provided for dancing.

BELLEVEUE Meeting opened with songs, followed by roll call which was answered with "recipies for left overs." An interesting paper on Textiles was read by Mrs. MacLeod, and a demonstration on making boiled frosting was given by Mrs. M. C. MacPherson. Meeting adjourned to meet again next month at home of secretary.

The wife of a workman at San Fernando, Spain, recently gave birth to quadruplets—three girls and a boy.

The Daily Argument

AUNT HET

BY ROBER QUILLEN



"A woman don't really crave kessin'. She just hates to think her husband don't care about kessin' her no more."

POOR PA

By Claude Callan



"Our daughter Betty is goin' to our church again. She found out that the baritone she admired at that other church is engaged."

bring her peace. It only brings her loneliness and the necessity of supporting herself.

Your friend is sick, unable to work. She could not make a living for herself and the two children. Nor could she depend on living on what alimony she would get. Hence she would just add poverty and want to her other misfortunes, whereas, if she has the courage to carry on, she has at least the chance of saving the whole situation and probably winning her husband back. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—My wife and I would like your opinion on the following question: Which is the most fortunate, the wife who is loved or the one who is neglected? I never refuse my wife anything and she says I love her too much. Is there such a thing as being too good to your wife? K. B.

Answer: There are two schools of thought in dealing with women. One holds to the theory that the way to hold a woman is with tenderness and kindness. The other contends that the way to 'make a woman eat out of your hand is to treat her rough.

Evidently your wife belongs to the latter class, and you might pep up her interest in you by giving her a black eye now and then.

However, most women respond to kindness, and the more their husbands love them, the happier they are, provided, of course, the men don't let themselves be run over. No woman ever loves the man she henpecks. DOROTHY DIX.

CHARM OF THE WROUGHT IRON LANTERN

There are many crafts which yield lovely things, but few produce lovelier or more useful objects than the hand-wrought iron industry. And of all the many delightful articles made, the lanterns are among the most artistic. These can be had in various designs, and all are beautiful.

No matter what form the entrance to a house may take, whether it is a long, a square or a lounge hall, there is no other object which so enhances its charm, as well as expressing that personal touch which should be the keynote of every home, than a lantern; and there is no more fitting place for that keynote than the hall.

There is something about these lanterns wrought in iron which even illustrations cannot possibly portray. The beauty of their lightly polished tone can only be imagined, and when actually seen you will find the finish of the real thing far surpasses any feat of the imagination.

You may have square lanterns, with roof-like tops, and iron bars criss-crossed over the arctic glass panes; or, instead of the iron bars, fretted panels at the top, with colored glass behind them.

Then there is a hexagonal lantern; this is very charming with its curved lines, and the mica panes with which it is fitted make it a possession which will last. There is the cylindrical lantern, reminiscent of days gone by; this pattern is also very effective.

Your own design can be carried out, if you so desire, some craftsmen making a specialty of this point. This being the case, you can have a lantern which will really be a personal possession, having in it your personality as well as that of the maker.

Smart women dressers at Monte Carlo are wearing unique bracelets of many colored stones.

Lessons in English

By W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "where has she gone to?" Omit "to."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: maritime; a as in "at," first i as in "it," last i as in "tin" or "time."

OFTEN MISAPPLIED: excusable; able.

SYNONYMS: reale, masculine, manly, manful, virile.

WORD STUDY: Use a word three times and it is yours. Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: IMPREGNATE; to saturate or permeate with another substance. "His whole being was impregnated with love for her."

No Choirboys, Girls To Sing As a result of the World War, Cromford, England, has a choirboy shortage. The vicar says the supply has come to an end because very few children were born in the parish between 1916 and 1919, and for the next three or four years there will be no boys to lead the services. The Church Council will introduce choirgirls for the first time.

Following a membership drive by the Airship Club, ballooning is being revived in England. It recently acquired three balloons, of 80,000, 60,000 and 40,000 cubic feet capacity respectively. While the popularity of the "yachts of the air" was dimmed by airplanes there are many who still stick to the "rich man's sport."

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