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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Is a Father's Love for His Children Less Intense Than a Mother's? - Cowardly Plan of an Able-Bodied Husband - Should a Boy Know He Has Been Adopted?

Dear Dorothy Dix—Every once in a while, you or someone else writes something about the mother's heart that yearns and breaks for the babe that has died, but no one ever seems to think that a father's heart can break for the little one that has gone just as much, and in some cases more, than the mother's. Three years ago we lost a little boy. At first my wife was prostrated, but with the coming of another child she seems to have got over it, while I grieve more all the time. I never mention it to her or any one else, but often I feel that I cannot carry on, but I know I must for the sake of others who are dependent upon me. But night after night I lie awake and it seems to me that my boy reaches out his little arms from the grave and calls to me and asks me: "Why did you let me die when I so loved to live?" No, it is not only the mother's heart that breaks.

JUST A FATHER.



Answer: I do not know why we glorify mother love more than we do father love, or why we think of the tie between mother and child as being stronger than that between father and child.

Perhaps it is because in infancy the child is more dependent upon the mother than it is upon the father, and because more fathers than mothers desert their children. In divorces it is nearly always the mother who asks for the children's custody. Many men are willing to sacrifice their children in order to marry a flapper, but very few women are willing to give up their children for a lover.

So, taking it by and large, perhaps women, as a class, do love their children more than men, but there are many exceptions to this rule. There are women who have no maternal instinct whatever and whose feeling for their children is that of an animal for its young. They never show their children any tenderness, or affection, and push them out of their way as soon as they can. And there are men who are All Father and whose love for their children is the consuming passion of their lives.

It is well for us to exalt mother love and pay our tribute to it, but we should pay equal honor to father love for its devotion is not less beautiful, nor are its sacrifices less costly than those that the mother makes. We celebrate in song and story the self-abnegation of the mother who puts her children's pleasure and happiness before her own; who cradles them in her arms when they are babes; who watches beside their sick beds, whose hands never weary in ministering to them; who denies herself to give to them.

But the sacrifices that the mother makes are not greater than those that the father makes who spends his whole life toiling to support his children; who works through hot summers that his youngsters may be sent off to cool places in the country; who wears shabby clothes that his boys and girls may be as well dressed as their companions; who goes without necessities to give them luxuries; who bends his back and takes on a heavier load to send them off to college and give them a chance in life that he never had himself.

When a child dies our first rush of sympathy goes to the mother, possibly because it is she who makes the greatest outcry. It is she who weeps upon our breasts, but if we could see into the hearts of the bereaved parents, very often we would know that the one who suffers more is the quiet, grey-faced father who must hide his grief and go on with his daily work because others depend upon him.

"Men do not feel these things as a mother does," say women, "because a man cannot indulge himself in the luxury of telling his sorrow to the world, but in many a father's heart is buried in a little grave, and many an old man still mourns, after half a century, the child he has lost, and sends up the bitter wail: 'Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, would God I had died for thee.'" DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a married man with a large family of young children and with simply a perfect wife. Our only trouble in life is a shortage of money, but she never complains. Now, I am not good at getting a job, and if I get one I can't hold it down, and I see but one way out and it is this:

There is an old lady of 86, who has very poor health and can't live long. She is passionately in love with me and has promised me that if I will leave my wife and family just to be a companion to her in her old age that she will make over her fortune to me. If I do this I would only be away from my wife for a few short years, at the most, and ever afterward we could live in complete happiness and give the children every advantage. Would you recommend me to do this? H.

Answer: This sounds like a scenario for a five-reel thriller rather than a question asked in good faith. It seems impossible that even at 86 a woman should be so senile as to want the companionship of a man on such terms as you say she offers, or that any man could be pusillanimous enough to really think of selling himself, his wife and his children to save himself from having to work to support his family.

For that's what's the matter with you, Mr. H. You are lazy, and shiftless, and no-account, and lack grit and backbone. That is the one and only explanation of any man not being able to get a job, or to hold one down after he gets it. The man who is always being thrown out of work is the man who don't work, or who works in such a half-hearted fashion that when the incompetents are weeded out he is always among their number.

You seem to think that your wife will welcome you back with open arms when you return from your amorous excursion with the old lady. Don't delude yourself about it. If she has a particle of spirit or backbone in her she will have such a blighting contempt for you that she won't let you come within a mile of her. She will see in you only that most loathsome of all human beings, the male parasite, who would rather graft his living off a silly old woman than work for it.

My advice to you is to forget all about this fantastic plan and to roll up your sleeves and go to work and quit dreaming about getting easy money. Anyway, it's all waiting for dead people's shoes, and the chances are that when the old lady died she would leave her money for a Home for Disabled Tom Cats anyway. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—My husband and I have adopted a child that we adore. I want to leave the place we are living in and go to a distant city where no one will know that this child is not our own, because I am afraid that when he is grown some one may tell him that he is an adopted child and that would break my heart. But my husband refuses to go. I feel this is unfair to the child. What shall I do? UNHAPPY MOTHER.

Answer: Of course the child will find out he is an adopted child, but no matter where you would go he would still find it out because somebody would bob up who knew it.

Therefore, the sensible thing to do is to tell the child so yourself so the foolish reason as you put forth.

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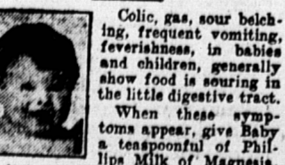
By Lois Leach



BRITTLE FINGERNAILS

Nails which are brittle and therefore hard to keep in good condition seem to be a common ill. So many readers have written asking for advice on this subject that a little general information on the treatment of this condition will no doubt be welcome. In the first place, if the nails are extremely brittle, one should take nature's hint that something is wrong with one's physical condition, unless there are obvious external reasons for the condition. For instance, the condition may be caused by the use of chemicals in one's work or by the use of too harsh soaps. The latter is

WHEN A CHILD IS FEVERISH, CROSS, UPSET



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No stigma attaches to a child's being an adopted child, and there is no reason for you to run away and hide as if you had something to be ashamed of. Your husband is quite right in refusing to leave his home for any such foolish reason as you put forth. DOROTHY DIX.



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A Morning Smile

The golfing novice finished his first game and handed his score card to the Secretary. "Two below bogey," he remarked proudly. "But," protested the official, "this is nowhere near the bogey." The novice looked hurt. "Compare the score," he said, "with the figures on the card, and you'll see—" "Great Scott, man!" he roared, "that's the length of the course in yards."

Nearly two-thirds of the fruit grown in Czechoslovakia this year were prunes. Seven of every 10 automobiles in Spain are from America.

Etiquette

By Roberts Lee. Q. When entering a row of seats in a theater or other auditorium, and it is necessary for other persons to arise to allow you to pass, what should one do or say? A. Face forwards, pass as easily and quickly as possible, and say "Excuse me," or if they arise, say "Thank you." Q. If a woman should bow mistakenly to a man whom she does not know, what should the man do? A. Politely return the bow, but do not take advantage of her mistake. Q. What does "cafe au lait" mean? A. Coffee boiled with milk. Iraq is taking up scientific agricultural development.

Russian Plane Lands In N. Y.

(Canadian Press) CURTIS FIELD, N. Y., Nov. 1—Completing a hazardous air journey of 12,300 miles, the globe trotting Russian plane, "Land of the Soviets," landed here at 4:13 p. m. today. When the airmen landed, 3,000 persons had gathered at the field to welcome them at the end of their flight, started at Moscow on August 23. A detail of 25 motorcycle policemen and 50 patrolmen were on hand to preserve order. The plane circled New York City before proceeding here. Rhodesia threatens to break away from the Union of South Africa and have a separate tariff.

For The Cook

TOMATO JUICE COCKTAIL. Two cups strained tomato juice, 4 teaspoons minced parsley, 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon tabasco sauce, 4 teaspoons chopped olives, 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Let parsley and olives stand in the tomato juice for three hours. Strain and add seasoning. Chill thoroughly, shake well and serve in glasses surrounded by shaved ice.

Household Hints

By Roberts Lee. Furniture Polish. An economical furniture polish, and one that is good, can be made by mixing equal parts of turpentine, kerosene, and vinegar. Shine on Black Cloth. To remove the shine from black cloth rub it well with a piece of flannel dipped in spirits of turpentine; dry in the open air. Mold. To prevent mold on uncooked ham, rub the cut end thoroughly with vinegar, or spread lard over the lean part.

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