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What It Means To Be An Old Maid Dorothy Dix One Who Knows Says "You're Simply Fairly Goat"

The "Old Maid" May be "Our Competent Miss Smith" in the Business Office, But She's Just a Moron Who Becomes the Prize Goat to Her Family - Why? Because She Hasn't Married

The greatest objection to being an old maid is that it automatically makes you the family goat, said a spinster to me the other day. "Why this should be so, I do not know. It just is. Logically it would seem that her parents and her married sisters and brothers, with their husbands and wives and homes and children and their fuller lives, would be filled with sympathy for her lonely estate and cherish her, but such is not the case. She is always the one who is offered up as a sacrifice on the family altar and expected to do all the dirty chores."

"Curious as it may seem in this day of feminine emancipation and competent business women, the old maid is without standing and without honor in her own home and among her own people. In some big business office she may be "our competent Miss Smith," who daily handles affairs involving hundreds of thousands of dollars, but because she isn't married her mother regards her as a moron who hasn't enough sense to make a sponge cake and who is so lacking in judgment that she has to be told to put on her rubbers if it is raining, and when to go to bed.

"As long as a woman is single, her parents treat her as a child even if she is 30 years old and, like Lady Kew's daughter, knows all there is to tell. They still feel that they have a right to boss her, to supervise her conduct, to pick out her friends, to read her letters and listen in on the telephone. But they wouldn't dream of trying to exercise such authority over their married daughters.

"They treat her opinions as if they had emanated from a 6-year-old child who wasn't very bright at that, but they listen with awe to the views of any silly, hen-brained daughter if she has acquired a husband. Apparently they consider that there is some magic in the marriage ceremony that endows with wisdom that the spinster never has.

"Her family never concedes the unmarried daughter the right to lead her own life in her own way and enjoy some independence. Father and Mother are delighted to have Mary go off with some strange man they scarcely know by sight and set up housekeeping with him, but if Sally, who has a woman's natural inborn craving for her own home, where she can express her own taste and have her own things and do as she darn please, wants to take a little apartment they regard it as nothing less than a scandal and along with her brothers and sisters fight it tooth and nail.

"Of course, the old maid just naturally falls heir to Mother and Father when they get old and cranky. There is never any argument about whose duty it is to take care of them. It is always the unmarried daughter's. The married children have a perfect alibi. Their houses are filled with their own children. Mother and Father get on their wives' and husbands' nerves. Mother is peculiar and she and Julia don't hit it off. John and Father never could agree. And so it is far better for an old maid sister to give up her job and acquire a husband, to minister to the dear old people and bear the burdens that the remainder of them have slucked.

"Nobody in the family dreams of such a thing as being just to the old maid. Nobody reflects that she does not enjoy listening to senile babblings and reminiscences and querulous complaints any more than they do. Nobody considers that giving up her job is giving up her opportunity in life to establish herself, that it is taking away from her the work she loves, which is a never-failing source of interest to her and which compensates her for the husband and children and home she has missed. Or that it prevents her from providing for her old age so that she may not be dependent in her last days. Oh, no, because sister isn't married she isn't supposed to have any natural human impulses. It is just assumed that she has the martyr complex and get a kick out of suffering.

"Nor does the old maid get the poor reward of appreciation from her parents for sacrificing herself to them. Somehow they regard her as a failure for not having married. Mother will brag about the married daughter and their children and their houses and then she will say apologetically that she doesn't know why it was that poor Sally never married. She was always a good girl, but she guesses she was never attractive to men. She will say this even when she knows that Sally has given up marriage to a fine man in order to take care of her and father.

"And Mother will make more ado over John's sending her a \$50 check at Christmas than she will over Sally's supporting her the whole year. She will be forever talking about how attentive her married children are who pay her occasional week-end visits, but she will apparently never observe the devotion of the daughter who has made a slave of herself to her.

"And money. You have to be married to have a right to your own pocketbook. If you are single, it belongs to the family. The married sisters and brothers don't ask each other for loans or for money to pay bills or buy a new car. They recognize that each needs all that he has for himself. But let any member of the family get in trouble, or any child need to have its teeth straightened, or any boy and girl want to go off to college and they hold up the old maid for the price.

"So it is no cinch to be an old maid. You are the family victim and you might just as well go along and marry and have troubles of your own."

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THE COOK'S CORNER

SHREDDED WHEAT MUFFINS

(Foundation Recipe) 1 cup shredded wheat rolled flake 1 cup white flour 1 scant teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon soda 2 tablespoons sugar 2 tablespoons melted fat 1 cup sour milk ...

PORK STUFFED APPLES

5 medium-sized tart apples 2 cups cooked pork 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1 tablespoon shortening 1/4 cup water ...

WHOLE WHEAT CARROT PUDDING

4 slices whole wheat bread 1 cup milk 1 1/2 cups ground carrots (5 med. size) 1 cup seeded raisins 1/4 cup sugar 1 egg, separated 1/2 teaspoon salt 2 cups whole wheat flakes 1 tablespoon butter ...

DISTINCTION GONE

First Hobo (surveying steam of peasant-seekers) "I sees 'olddays. Second Hobo—Yes, makes yer feel common when nobody ain't workin'."

The HOUSEWIFE and HER ACTIVITIES

MARCH THAW Berne Cooper, in the New York Sun. Tree limbs are dripping moisture, and the earth is melting slowly; down an inch or two. The ground is frozen, and the dormer roofs ...

MAN WHO NEVER SITS DOWN

A man who has not sat down for 18 months, and who may never do so again, claimed compensation from the Worker's Compensation Commission at Sydney, N. S. W., for injuries caused by slipping on some concrete. Robert Cleburne of Lakemba, was invited by the judge to take a seat in the witness-box. "Please, your honor I can't," he replied, adding that in order to rest he was obliged to lie down or assume a semi-reclining posture. He explained that he had suffered from an unusual disease which had resulted in the union of his spine and hip joints. He won his claim.

JUST WHAT HE WANTS

In one family of several children each child is permitted to order the dinner on his or her birthday. It makes just one more interesting bit of fun for that day.

UNCOOKED FROSTING

Any uncooked frosting will be improved if after the icing is ready to spread a half teaspoon of boiling hot water is added. It gives a gloss and smoothness to the frosting that makes it most attractive.

APPETITE TAKERS

If small sweet crackers, cookies and pretzels were bought less in households where there are children, there would be less wonder as to why small son or daughter never eats a good dinner. Eating these small things is ruinous to a child's appetite and digestion.

FASHION PLAYS FAST AND LOOSE WITH SLEEVES

Short sleeves, that is those stoppily at hand. It was an acetylene lamp and it was sitting two R. A. F. officers. Behind them loomed the gray mass of a biplane. Efficiency had kept faith with K. B. ...

White Python

In that lightning-stabbed murk, with the hills shaking every few minutes (the tremors were gradually becoming slighter), they tackled the strenuous climb in a split-second that was half-thankful and half-fearful. Gray was afraid lest one of the huge rocks which they could hear rumbling and thundering down the mountainsides followed by miniature avalanches of shale and stones, might sweep down upon them.

Piers found the going difficult. Three weeks of darkness and no exercise had slackened even her splendid young muscles. More than once they were forced to stop for her to rest awhile. Suddenly, exactly what Gray had been fearing would happen, happened. From above them came quick, thudding shocks mingled with a sharp crackling of tree trunks.

A gigantic boulder had pitched down from the mountain top and was thundering and bumping, blundering, towards them. Owing to the darkness it was only possible to approximately judge its probable course. Straining his eyes, Gray tried to pierce the gloom enveloping the track. But he could see nothing about them.

"It's an avalanche! Run!" he shouted. He seized hold of Piers' hand and drew her upwards, half-running. He was making for an overhanging mass of rocks just in front of them which a solitary pine, dimly visible against the night sky, had fortunately attracted his attention. Barely had they reached it, when the boulder hit the overhanging mass of rock with a terrific report, and the ground trembled. An immense dark mass seemed to issue from the space.

The top of the uprooted pine struck the hillside a few yards from the cowering fugitives, balanced so a moment, the white of its trunk and splintered branches, silver gashes in the darkness. Then it toppled into invisibility with a sharp snapping and a shuddering rustle of protesting foliage.

Ten seconds later, up from the lower darkness rolled a dull boom. The boulder had come to rest in some unseen ravine. And so, after some hours the tableland was safely reached.

CHAPTER 41 THE LANSLUDE As Gray's head came level with the tableland, he saw the bright light again. This time it was gray.

Dr. Manion's Son Weds



A wedding of wide interest in Canada took place in Toronto on Saturday, when Jean Alice Reeb, of Port Colborne, Ont., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Reeb, became the bride of Paul D. Manion, son of Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, minister of railways and canals, and Mrs. Manion, of Ottawa. Picture shows couple leaving St. Michael's cathedral after ceremony.

Helping millions to END COLDS SOONER VICK'S

"to spank or not to spank" comes to the surface. The mother of seven says spanking keeps children close to reality. Another authority who has no children but had studied their ways for years declares that what parents need is not so much arm-power as no-power. She says the word no, meaning just that without recourse, seems to have gone out of the home vocabulary. She votes for its revival.

SADDLE STITCHING APPEARS IN GLOVES FOR SPRING

A fashion detail which is being mentioned with increasing approval among glove producers, is "saddle stitching," a handing which represents the sturdy British theme in gloves, which is being recommended in certain other accessories.

KIDNEY MAITRE D'HOTEL

Mix well together on a plate a walnut of butter, a teaspoon of chopped pepper, salt and squeeze of lemon juice. Grill the kidneys and serve them on lightly buttered toast with a dab of the maitre d'hotel butter on each.

SELF-MASSAGE

Massage plays a very large part in beauty treatment of every des-

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