

Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Fiance's Habits

Girl Wonders If Man's Odd Traits Will Get On Her Nerves In Time

DEAR MISS DIX: A man is in love with me who thinks me many things which I am not—beautiful, clever, wonderful and so forth—and he is the kindest and most wonderful man I ever saw. Also, he has a quick mind, good manners, a pleasing personality, a good job and he is very generous, though he hasn't much money. And also we like to do the same things. But here is the rub. He wears wool socks summer and winter, sets his hat at slight angle, has a peculiar walk, reads little and has no particular talent. What I want to know is: After married life will the socks make me scream? Will a tilted walk produce a hemorrhage, or will I continue to smile and nod and say to myself: "Isn't he cute?"

ANSWER: Well, Mary, you remember the his-
toric answer that Punch made long ago to the man who asked whether he should marry or not. To which Mr. Punch replied: "Whichever you do you will regret it."

There are moments in every marriage, no matter how happy it is, when every husband and wife has at least a passing moment of regret and longing for their lost freedom. And whatever type of husband or wife they selected there are times and reasons when they wish they had picked out the other.

In your case I should say that your man runs all to the good, and that he has so much to offer you in the way of devotion and congeniality and pleasant personality that you could well afford to overlook his little peculiarities. After all, woolen socks are not a real vice, and maybe they are only a minor weakness of which you can cure him, and many a tactful wife has straightened out worse angles in her husband's character than the slant of a hat.

So my advice to you is to marry him and take a chance on his clothes, but don't try to reform him too suddenly, and have a respect for his individual liberty. He may object to your nylon stockings as they are only a minor weakness, and think it silly the way you cock your hat over one eye one season and on the nape of your neck the next.

My earnest opinion is that when people get married they should take each other "as is" and make the best of it. The real test of love is liking another person's ways just because they are his or hers.

DEAR MISS DIX: My wife had an argument with our daughter the other day about marriage and among other things the girl told her was this—that it was her life and she had a right to live it as she pleased, and what was more that she did not ask to be brought into the world. What would you have answered her?

ANSWER: I should have told my daughter that just because I had thrust the gift of life upon her was the reason why I felt morally bound to do everything within my power to help her make it worth while.

Then I think I should call the girl's bluff and ask her if she regretted being born; if she wanted to pass out of life; if she wanted to be done with this interesting old world and all it has of pleasure and amusements? Children are always reproaching their parents with having committed the crime against them of giving them life, but I have never seen one yet who wasn't having a sufficiently good time to want to keep on with it. None of them really wish they had never been born.

Of course, it is the most arrant nonsense for youngsters to declare, as they do, that they have a right to do what they please. Nobody lives to himself alone. All our lives interlock and everyone about us has to pay the penalty for what we do.

Especially are boys and girls fond of asserting their right to marry when they please and whom they please because, as they boastfully put it, they have to endure the consequences of their marriage. But in reality it is father and mother who have to pay for their willful children's unwise marriages.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am engaged to a man who is often out of town on business. I have a man friend who is married to a semi-invalid wife. He and I go out together a great deal because we both enjoy golf and the Saturday night dances at the club. His wife and my fiance think nothing of this friendship, but people are beginning to gossip about us. Shall I give up this true friend or pay no attention to idle chatter?

ANSWER: I am afraid you will have to give up going with the married man, no matter how platonic your relations with him are. This is a censorious and suspicious world and it invariably believes the worst of a girl who accepts attention from a married man.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

Q. Please give a list of items a young woman of moderate means might include in her hope chest.

A. A half-dozen sheets; half-dozen pillow cases; a dozen large bath towels; half-dozen guest towels; a dozen linen face towels; a dozen dish towels; a dozen wash cloths; a dozen dust cloths; 4 linen table cloths; 3 luncheon cloths; a dozen dinner napkins; a dozen luncheon napkins. Quilts, blankets, pillows, scarves, dollies, pictures, vases,

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The Morning Is Near Us

By Susan Giampell

"The dinner was fine," he said heartily.

"Well - that's that." She moved again to put out lights.

"Sit down a minute."
"It's late," she said.

"One cigarette, and then to bed."
"We ought to -" but she sank into a deep chair, stretched her feet away out and circled her arms about, relaxing her shoulders.

"Say, Ivy, what do you think?"
Ivy only pulled in one foot and inspected her slipper.

"Who do you think's coming back?"
"Coming back?" she asked with a little more interest.

"Lydia's coming back," he said with some bravado.

The foot she had been holding dropped to the floor. She sat staring at him. "What was that you said?"

"I said - Lydia's coming back."
"I don't believe it," she retorted.

"Lydia doesn't want to lose the place," he went on, as Ivy was speechless. "So she's coming back to take it. Do you know, I never thought Lydia was so mercenary."

"Warren! Stop that nonsense! You know she can't come back. It must be stopped."

"I can't stop it."
"Of course you can stop it!" But then she cried: "What shall we do?"

"Nothing, I guess." As he looked at Ivy, saw all that had gone out of her face since she said good night to her friends, he said, as easily as he could, "Oh, well - what's the difference?"

"Difference?" she said bitterly. "Why, don't be a fool! It's all the difference - and you know it! You know it as well as I do. You ought to know it better!"

Groping for help - for himself, for her, he went back to the things Judge Kircher had said. "The truth is, Lydia wasn't very well treated. If she wants to come home, we'll be good to her, won't we? Matter of fact, she may have become a very fascinating woman."

"If she's a fascinating woman, why should she come here? She must have her own friends - after all these years. And just as we had lived it down. And the children - it is going to follow them all their lives!"

"I know," he said soothingly. "I know how you feel." As she did not speak: "But I don't think it's as bad as all that." After an impatient exclamation from Ivy: "I'm sorry she's coming." As still she did not speak: "You heard me, didn't you, Ivy? I'm sorry."

"Sorry isn't enough," she said. "Did I ask her to come back? I had to advise her - that was a legal matter - that if she didn't take the house it would be torn down and the land go to the cemetery. Well, evidently she doesn't want it torn down. So she's coming back to save it."

"Warren!" Ivy spoke as to one whose mind is not working well, "save what?"
"Save our past, perhaps."
Unfortunately Ivy laughed.

"All right - laugh," he said sharply. "Mother - you may laugh about Mother - I'm not laughing about your mother. I never laughed about your mother!"

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Cook's Corner

LIGHT CHRISTMAS CAKE

One-half cup butter, 2 cups white sugar, 1/2 cup sweet milk, 2 large cups flour (an extra 1/4 if necessary) 4 teaspoons baking powder, 6 eggs, 1 lb. cocoanut, 1/2 lb. almonds, 1/2 lb. citron peel, 2 lbs. white raisins, 1/2 lb. red cherries, 2 teaspoons each of vanilla, lemon, almond flavor. Cover raisins with hot water and let stand 5 minutes. Then put in cold water and drain well. Bake slowly.

ICE CREAM

One can of condensed milk put in refrigerator and chilled a while, then take out and whip, put a pinch of salt, 2 tablespoons white sugar, 1 teaspoon raspberry flavoring and whip until stiff and then put in the refrigerator with freezer turned to extra cold. When frozen it is ready.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

As the December days continue to roll, the Christmaside casts a deeper and more beguiling shadow before. Farmwives have come now to the time to select the Christmas bird from the flock, naturally choosing the best, and a bit concerned that perhaps even this, the choicest of all, will not be quite as plump as she would wish to honor the occasion.

Or lacking the privilege or the good fortune of having raised her own, she "speaks for one" in the vicinity—a turkey, a goose, a duck or a chicken to make tasteful fare, bound about with the excitement and charm of the Day, to be remembered pleasantly, especially by the children, long after the season has passed. How we try in vain to recapture the exquisite flavor of those birds the long ago! "This" our hostess may confide with justifiable pride, "should be good eating — it was the best we had!" But none, appetizing as they may be, can ever equal those of childhood which came in a bountiful spread, at the close of a morning, that since before dawn had been overflowing with new and enchanting delights.

Rural youngsters like Jamie and others of our visiting children are now into the Christmas Concert period of their school year, a season of charm which with its pieces and parts and practices, rivals even the closing in delight. And everywhere, even in most familiar surroundings, we are met with the excitement and mystery of it all. Granddaughter on one of her frequent card days mentioned with a knowing expression that "Santa Claus will be coming to this house, bringing something to you and to granddaddy, too. I know but mommy said no to..." and the remainder of the speech was lost in a wide smile. We answered the "phone this morning to find that Karolyn wished to speak to James and James answered her. She said, "She wants to talk with you, Ellen!" So that even away off on this farm of ours, at a distance from the bustle of the city, with its crowds of shoppers and the Yuletide motifs on every hand, we are kept constantly aware of the magic of the Christmaside to come.

A first card replete with the spirit of it arrived this morning for James. He was busy at the time assisting at "getting out that manure" from accumulations in a yard, and from various box-stalls and sties as well. This is a task that has been engaging the attention of our farmers of late. It is hauled back to this or that field to heaps there, to await this or that spreading and plowing down in the Spring. The insistence of other work has thrust this method upon them, and James, accustomed to apply it on "red" ground, professes he "just doesn't like the idea of applying it to green sod" but then lacking the Fall plowing as they agree what else can they do?

Diligently the two work, from habit we suppose, and because they enjoy accomplishing some task or another. It is interesting to stop by them, to linger a minute while they are still unaware of one's presence. There is little danger of a listener hearing little good of herself, while overhearing their conversation, not any hasty words. Only the best of good fellowship is evident, as has always obtained between father and sons. This state commenced in childhood and has not weakened any in their more mature years. And always when out about, the topics are relative to their farming — of rations and fields and crops; of cattle and horses; of sheep and swine. "I was just telling him," James looked up, chuckling to say as we came to the scene of their work with the Christmas card, "that was a good buy he made!" this of some recent purchase of livestock, for their buyings and sellings continue — as on other Island farms... But there it is again: A long sigh, which indicates either hunger or fatigue... or both, from James, a prelude to Lights Out and rest.

Until tomorrow — Diary—Good-night...

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The idea is practically worthless."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "bury"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Indefatigable, navigable, changeable, believable.

4. What does the word "tenable" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with sa that means "promoting health"?

ANSWERS

1. Say. "The idea is almost worthless." Practically means capable of being turned to use. 2. Pronounce bur-ee, as in bet, not bur-ri. 3. Changeable. 4. Capable of being held, maintained, or defended. "I would be the last man in the world to give up his cause when it was tenable."—Sir Walter Scott. 5. Salutary.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tuesday, December 13

THE auspices are excellent for a rapid and direct attack upon new opportunities, novel or experimental efforts in inaugurating innovations or entirely fresh ideas, plans and programs, in which important projects seem to hang in the balance. With intelligent insight into such openings, with courage and determination to forge ahead despite all lack of cooperation or assistance, the show of cleverness, versatility, novelty or ingenuity of matters in embryo, may find encouragement and ready support from desired sources.

For the Birthday
Those whose birthday it is are on the verge of some new openings of major importance, incited by creative thought, possibly in untried fields of experimental research. With astute, original and quick action, although having the element of hazard, eventually may attract solid support from influential sources whose endorsement and capital for promotion are vital. With these, let the approach be conciliatory and considerate rather than forceful or over-optimistic.

A child born on this day is well equipped with ideas, original and constructive vision and plans, winning cooperation from influential quarters.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

SLOWING DOWN RAPID BEATING OF HEART

When a normal individual in good health finds his heart rate has suddenly increased to a very rapid rate, from 70 to 140, for example, he is naturally alarmed because he knows that if his heart beats twice as fast as usual it will tire or wear down the heart muscle. Fortunately in the majority of cases this sudden increase in heart rate just as suddenly slows down to normal again with apparently no ill effects.

There are cases of this rapid heartbeat (tachycardia), however, in which the rapid rate continues hours, even days, and must be reduced to the normal rate to prevent extreme heart fatigue. Fortunately cinchona and its products, quinine and quindine, are again available and both these drugs, taken in the usual dosage, "steady" the heart, and where heartbeat is both rapid and irregular, these drugs (of which quindine is the more effective) restore the heartbeat and heart rate to normal.

During World War II when malaria was so prevalent, there was a scarcity of quinine and quindine for civilians, and other drugs, while not as effective, were used in tachycardia.

That another drug commonly used for "stuffy nose," neosynephrine, is proving helpful in tachycardia, is reported in "The American Heart M. J. Goodman and J. Gould. Some Journal" by Drs. W. B. Youmans, months ago these physicians reported a few cases in which rapid and irregular, was brought back to normal. They now report their findings in the use of neosynephrine in the treatment of 19 attacks of tachycardia. The drug restored normal rhythm in 17 attacks in seven cases. It failed in two cases where the attacks occurred after a major operation. Neosynephrine restored the normal heart rhythm within 35 to 70 seconds after rapid injection into a vein.

Neosynephrine raises the blood pressure by constricting or reducing the size of the blood vessels but this temporary rise in blood pressure steadies and restores the rhythm to normal.

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a paint remover?

A. Use two pounds sal-soda, one-half pound lime in one gallon of hot water to remove old paint. Stir together and apply to the paint while still warm. This solution loosens the paint and it can be easily removed.

Q. How can I keep the cream from curdling in coffee?

A. If the sweetness of cream seems uncertain, stir a pinch of soda into it. This will prevent its curdling even in hot coffee.

Q. How can I write with ink on celluloid?

A. If the surface is first rubbed over with a chalk crayon, and the dust wiped off with a clean cloth, the writing can be done easily.

Morning Smile

HUMOR

The professional humorist was having his shoes shined. "And is your father a bootblack, too?" he asked the boy.

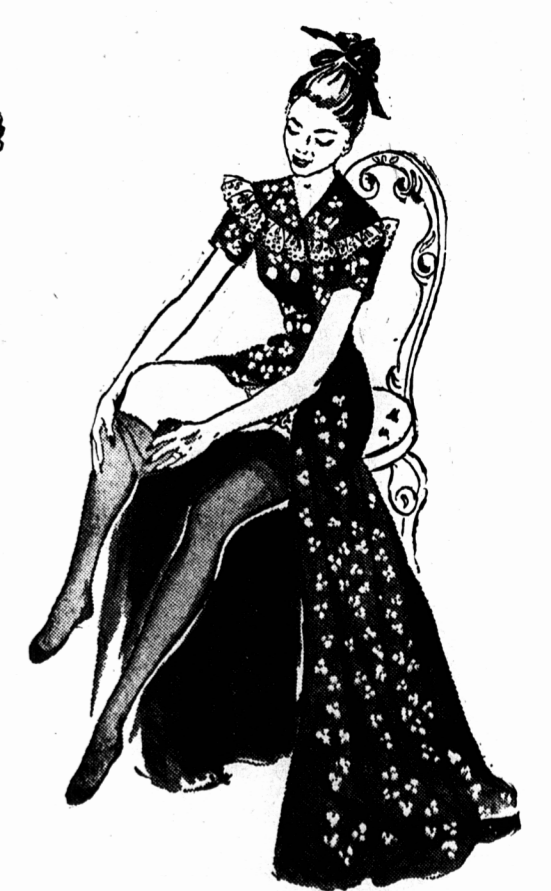
"No, sir," replied the bootblack, "my father is a farmer."

"Ah!" said the professional humorist, reaching for his notebook. "He believes in making hay while the sun shines."

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