

# Woman's Realm -- Social and Personal -- Fashions -- Literature

When the Children Marry—

## Dorothy Dix

Asks, Shall Parents Interfere?

### Fathers and Mothers Wise to Keep Their Hands Off Their Children's Marriages and Let Them do Own Picking, Since Happiness in Marriage is Purely a Matter of Getting Person That Suits You

The other day the newspapers told the pathetic story of a young girl, torn between love and parental duty, took poison because her ambitious parents refused to let her get married, and insisted upon her finishing her medical course and becoming a doctor.

This brings up anew the old question that probably began when Cain and Abel first cast envious eyes at some cutie, about how far parents should interfere in the marriages of their children. It is a problem that has been debated, and is still being fought over in millions and millions of homes.

Barrels of tears have been shed over it. Hearts have broken over it. Children and parents have been parted by it. Life-long bitterness have been engendered by it. Yet no one has ever been able to solve it. Probably because both sides are so right and so wrong.

The parents contend, and with reason (a) that their age and experience and knowledge of men and women should enable them to make wiser selections of lifemates for their children than the children, in their youth and ignorance, are able to make for themselves; (b) that they would not be carried away by their emotions as their children are, and that they would select a girl as a wife for her sterling worth and not because of the way her hair curls around her ears, and that they would pick out a boy for a husband because he was a go-getter and a model of all the virtues and not because he had a keen line and was a peachy dancer.

Furthermore the parents depone (c) that inasmuch as they have the bag to hold if the marriage turns out badly, that they have a right to some say-so about what goes in it. For it is father and mother who have to root the bill when their daughters quarrel with their husbands and come home with a divorce decree in one hand and a pack of children to be educated and supported in the other.

On the other hand, the youngsters contend, and no one can dispute them (a) that neither age nor experience qualifies any human being to be a matrimonial expert; (b) that mother and father are not always good pickers, and that as many sure things go bloomy in matrimony as do on Wall Street; (c) that what makes a good husband or a good wife is purely a matter of personal taste; (d) that as they have to live with the ones to whom they are united in the holy bonds of matrimony it is more important that they should be pleased than that their parents should.

So you see there is plenty of ground for argument pro and con, but for my part I side with the children, and I think parents should be very sure of the reason for their objections before they interfere in their children's heart affairs. Their selfishness, their avarice, their whims, their prejudices, their religious intolerance is not sufficient cause for their either breaking off or promoting a marriage.

Yet we see this done every day. All of us know half a dozen lonely old maids and bachelors who were kept from marrying in their youth by their parents. Just because the parents did not wish to give them up. There are plenty of makers who drive away potential suitors from their daughters by their gruffness. There are plenty of mothers who keep their daughters from marrying by developing nerves or bad hearts, or by bursting into tears every time any prospective lover dawns on the scene.

All of us know parents who have broken up love affairs between their

children and splendid young men and girls because they didn't belong to the same church, or political party, or because one's mother was a Colonial Dame and the other wasn't.

I have in mind one mother who kept her daughter from marrying a fine young man because she didn't like the shape of his nose. I think of a young man whose mother wept and threatened to kill herself until he gave up a girl he adored, because the mother thought the girl frivolous when she was merely gay and young and light-hearted. And I remember one embittered woman whose family forced her to break her engagement to a brilliant young chap because he belonged to a less aristocratic family than she did, yet she lived to see this man Governor of his State and Senator, and to have his wife roll by her in a limousine, while she walked to work.

Nor do parents invariably know best when they pick out their children's husbands and wives. How often have we seen a girl forced to give up her poor, young lover and marry the fat, middle-aged good chance that her parents chose for her, and then behold the good chance bankrupt and the poor lover successful. How often have we seen the sensible girl, with a nice fortune of her own, that mother selected for her son, turn into a millstone about his neck and a naggar that made his life a torment to him.

The truth is that marriage is the most individual and personal thing on earth and the one thing in which none of us can judge for another. Happiness in marriage is merely a matter of taste, getting the one that suits you individually, and very often that one isn't the one who would suit mother or father.

So, this being the case, fathers and mothers are wise to keep their hands off their children's marriages, and let them do their own picking.  
DOROTHY DIX.

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By Annabelle Worthington

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### Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. In what way do mourners announce their return to society?

A. By sending out their cards to friends and acquaintances.

Q. Who bows more erectly when meeting on the street, the woman or the man?

A. The woman bows more erectly, but makes the greeting cordial by a pleasant expressive manner.

Q. Is an answer to a tea invitation required?

A. No; it is unnecessary.

### A Morning Smile

NO HOBBIES

"Has your husband any hobbies?" asked the neighbor who was calling. "No," said Mrs. Tugley, "he has rheumatiz a good deal, and hives now and then, but he ain't never had no hobbies."



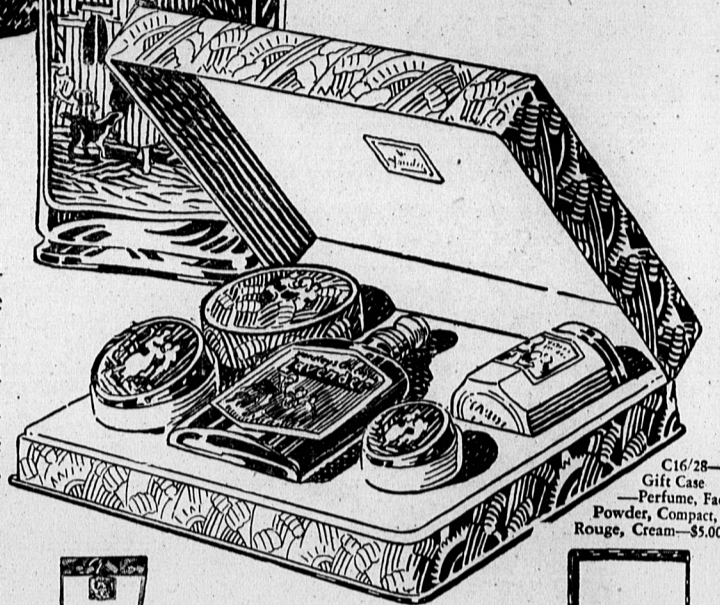
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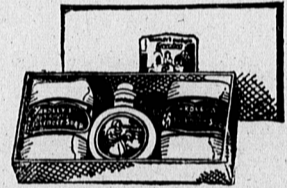
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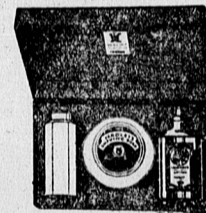
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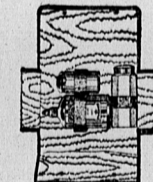
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### For The Cook

#### ANGEL GINGERBREAD

One beaten egg, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup light brown sugar, 1/4 cup molasses, 1/4 cup melted shortening, 1 1/2 cups flour, sifted, 1 teaspoon baking soda sifted with the flour, 3 teaspoons ginger, 1/2 teaspoon each of cassia and cloves, 1/2 cup hot water. Mix in the order given, bake in a moderate oven in a well-greased long tin. Serve hot with or without whipped cream.

#### POST OFFICE CLERKS HAVE THEIR WORRIES

EDMONTON, Alberta, Dec. 18.—(By The Canadian Press)—All post offices have their troubles, chiefly with wrongly addressed letters, papers and parcels, and the postal clerks in the Edmonton office think they have theirs in plenty. Some of these troubles were related to the Edmonton Journal recently by the postmaster, A. R. McKeezie. Edmonton is a suburb of Winnipeg, according to some correspondents' ideas, while others think

it is the capital of the North-West Territories, and still others that it is in the United States. Occasionally a letter comes to the post office here with all these ideas combined in one address, such as this: "Mr. B. Blank, Edmonton, Winnipeg, North-West Territories, U. S. A."

One mistake made in the Old Country post offices in connection with the name Edmonton is the mistaking of the London suburb by that name for the Alberta Edmonton. Old Country writers neglecting to make it clear the letters are intended for the London address, and these are returned from Canada. This mistake occurs somewhat frequently.

One frequent cause of mix-ups in the postal service here is the abbreviation of Alberta. Letters intended for the American state come to Alberta, the abbreviation of the letter, "Alta.," being easily confused with the former. Postal clerks occasionally have to exercise considerable ingenuity in ascertaining just to whom a letter is addressed. For instance, one letter addressed merely to "Jones, Edmonton," sent from a New England town, was delivered to the right person here. The

due to this address was a picture of an oyster, engraved in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. After deciding that the picture did really represent an oyster the local post office authorities sent the letter to Mrs. Jones, of the Jones Fish Market.

#### WOUNDED MOOSE CHASES HUNTER

EDMONTON, Alberta, Dec. 18.—(By The Canadian Press)—A wounded bull moose made things lively for James Desmond, a farmer of the Alliance district who was out hunting recently, and the angry animal chased his assailant up a tree. Desmond was returning to camp after dark on a recent hunting trip in the country north of Leo

LaBiche when he came face to face with the moose.

It was too dark for Desmond to get the sights on his rifle, so he shot point blank at the animal. He would have maddened it, and the moose charged in full force. Fortunately for the hunter a nearby tree afforded safe refuge and here he sought safety. From his position in the tree Desmond finally succeeded in shooting and killing the moose.

#### COMMEMORATE YUKON GOLD RUSH

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