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Dorothy Dix Says—

MARITAL PERQUISITES

HAPPY NUPTIALS BASED ON HARMONY, CONGENIALITY AND COMPANIONSHIP

Each of our states has its own particular ideas about what constitutes a good and valid reason for divorce, which is why you can be a perfectly legal and honorable husband or wife in one locality and bigamist in another. Naturally this uncertainty as to one's matrimonial status and having to bootleg one's mate across state lines, has given rise to many complications and lawsuits. Hence it is a wonder that no one has ever tried to figure out what are the grounds that entitle people to marry, as well as to get divorced.

Yet surely one is as important as the other. Indeed, our happiness depends far more upon our getting a life partner of whom we never weary than it does upon our being able to get rid of one for whom we have lost our taste. What we need to know is how to pick 'em instead of how to ditch 'em, and to be able to give some good, solid reason for why we risk our whole future well-being on a marriage license.

REQUIRES MORE THAN LOVE

Of course, the romantic theory is that the thing that entitles people to get married is love, but that love, just of itself, is not sufficient grounds for marriage is amply proven by the fact that in this country, where practically every marriage is a love match, one out of every five ends in divorce. Sentiment has to be nourished to be kept alive, and not much love survives poverty and hard work and shabbiness.

On the other hand, the desire for money is not enough reason for marrying. Domestic happiness is not one of the things that is sold over the counter, and there are no men and women who are so disillusioned and so embittered as those who find that they have enslaved themselves to get luxuries that have turned to dead weight in their hands.

A pretty face isn't enough reason for marriage, but it lures many a man to the altar. Yet it is the one thing on which he is bound to lose out, for beauty inevitably fades with time and then, if the living picture turns into a chromo and if the wife whom the man has spent his life supporting has neither wit nor wisdom nor tenderness nor kindness, he gets a mighty poor run for his money.

Physical attraction is not enough to marry on because that, too, does not last. Passion perishes of satiety. It must forever have some thing new and different with which to whet its appetite, and there are no husbands and wives so bored with each other as those who had nothing but a bodily appeal which has worn out.

Even a home isn't enough to marry for, because, cynically enough the dream of a place that is to be a bit of heaven on earth that leads more men into matrimony than anything else, so often turns into nothing but a mirage that never materializes. So many men, fed up on cafeterias and boarding houses and club cooking, marry to get home comforts, only to discover that their wives are allergic to the kitchen and can't even make coffee that isn't a menace to life. So many women who give up good jobs to marry because they long for the domestic life, find that they have sold themselves into slavery.


What, then, justifies marriage? I think only two things do. One is companionship, congeniality, someone with whom you never talk out, who never bores you, who never gets on your nerves. The other thing is to be very sure that the one you marry has the same purposes and ambitions in life that you have.

If we had to justify our marriages as we have to show causes for why we get divorced, there would be no divorces.



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MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a man is taking a girl to the theater, should he or the girl follow directly behind the usher?

A. The girl should go first if following an usher. When there is no usher, the man should lead the way.

Q. What apology should a person offer if he accidentally brushes against another person on the street, or in some public conveyance?

A. "I am sorry" is sufficient.

Q. What does it indicate when one criticizes a very close friend of the person with whom one is talking?

A. It indicates extreme rudeness and ill-breeding.

Living & Leisure THE WOMAN'S REALM

THE ENGLISH TONGUE

When the English tongue we speak is "break" not rymed with "frank"; Will you tell me why its true, We say "saw" but likewise "few"; And a fashioner of verse Cannot cosp his "horse" with "worse"; "Beard" sounds not the same as "heard." "Cord" is different from "word"; "Cow" is low but "low" is low; "Shoe" is never rymed with "foe"; Think of "nose" and "does" and "lose." And of "goose" and also "chose"; This "comb" and "tomb" and "bomb." "Doll" and "roll" and "home" and "some" "pay" is rymed with "say." Why not "paid" and "said" I pray? "blood" and "food" and "good." "Mould" is not pronounced like "could." "done" but "gone" and "lone" Is there any reason known?

SAVES FUMBLING

Clever addition to today's cosmetic collection is a handy little lipstick and blusher ensemble. It combines lipstick, lip brush and mirror in a smart plastic case.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Out of a pretty bank of royal purple, the sun came this morning laughing brightly over the countryside and rousing the west wind that had been asleep. It swept down the valley to have fun on this next with the leaves of October's days. James and I thought we must have been only dreaming when we looked into the rain barrel at a house corner. For during the wee sma' hours, we were sure we had heard the farmyard crows, and the rain pouring on the roof above us. It may have been so heavy a shower that as James tells me it must have gone clean aside from my usual fount of washing water. I should then have postponed my bit of a wash because of the barrel's empty state and the high wind. James' washed pieces were a length of color on the line yesterday, yellows and greens and links of blue and all waited gently to and fro in a stately minuet. This morning when I tried to spread a blanket, the wind came over the lawn and dare me, then caught a corner of it and wrenched it quickly from my hands, leaving me chagrined and crestfallen. In a moment the wind had lulled. The sound of it then was far off, as if tired of laughing it had gone on to other mischief. I picked the blanket up from the leaves, where it was lying and spread it carefully, the corners wet. At once it became an animated thing and danced a lively indecent measure. James' work shirt, lost several buttons, trying to raise its legs and my apron round round and round 'till Jamie watching me untangle them—'which I may say always do them that a waw! My mommy doesn't!"

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HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

The visiting card for a woman who has divorced her husband may be engraved with the husband's full name if she so desires, but she usually prefers to use her maiden name with the last name of her former husbands such as "Anna Brown Smith."

SUGAR SAVERS

Honey, table syrups of all kinds and molasses are good substitutes for sugar. Two preserve coupons which become valid each month will help out the sugar ration if used to buy these other sweeteners.

HOW CAN I!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a pad for cleaning soiled surfaces of the cooking utensils?

A. Use a large cork as a pad for scouring soiled surfaces. Dip one end in the cleansing powder and rub briskly.

Q. How can I remove stains from silk clothing?

A. Try a mixture of one part turpentine to two parts of essence of lemon. Use a soft cloth and rub gently.

Q. How can I keep sweet potato toes from becoming soft and rotting?

A. By spreading them out so they will not touch one another.

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Price Control Questions and Answers

Questions and Answers on Price Control will appear in The Guardian as a regular feature each day. The questions are those which have reached the War-time Prices and Trade Board from housewives in this region. The answers are provided by the Board Readers. Persons who have intelligent questions to ask on price control are invited to send them in writing to the Women's Regional Advisory Committee.

Q. Where should a defective ration book be taken?

A. It should be taken to your Local Ration Board for adjustment.

Q. Is it right for a store to take out coupons which have not been used leaving just the valid coupons in the ration books?

A. No. You should remove and destroy any unused coupons in your ration books.

Q. Is it true that meat pies will now take fewer tokens?

A. No. The token value of meat pies has been doubled. You may now purchase any size meat pie at the value of 16 ounces per token.

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HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

By Roberta Lee

Shirt Sleeves
If the sleeves of a man's new shirt are too long, shorten them from the shoulder instead of the cuffs. But before doing this, haste a pleat in them half way up the sleeve for the first laundering, as they may shrink enough to save the necessity of shortening.

Holland Eggs
To make Holland eggs, poach six eggs and place them on hot, buttered rusk. Season with salt and pepper and garnish with parsley.

Mattresses
The mattress of the bed will in sure even wear and comfort if it is turned over and around once a week.

BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Brown joining the company meant success."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "hovel"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Imitative, impassive, impartial, imodest.
4. What does the word "ineffectuous" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with bl that means "belowing, as a call"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "Brown's joining the company meant success." 2. Pronounce the o as in, of, not as in oven. 3. Immodest. 4. Not productive of the effect intended. "The authority of the king had become ineffectuous." 5. Blatant.



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The sergeant paused in his stride, then sang out: "Glad to have the pleasure, your reverence. This is Jock McTavish from Glasgow, and I'm Willie Hope from Belfast."

Teacher: "William, what are the two genders?"
William: "Masculine and feminine."
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