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Dorothy Dix Says—

WIDOWS USEFUL CITIZENS WHO SUPPORT SELVES AND CHILDREN

Hackneyed Idea Of Man-Chasing Wrecker Of Homes Just Myth About Good Women

I often think that widows are the least understood and most maligned class of people in the world. The popular conception of the widow is a poor, forlorn, drab creature who is always sniffing and telling a hard luck story, and who wears a dingy black dress that hikes up in the front and down in the back and a battered hat that saw its best days in the Theodore Roosevelt administration.

Or else she is a lacromose individual whose only topic of conversation is her dear, departed husband who did not believe in insurance, and who grafts her living by visiting her unwilling friends and relatives, and who is about as depressing to have around as a rainy day.

Or else she is supposed to be a predatory lady who is on the prowl, seeking whom she may devour and with an especial yen for other women's husbands. She is believed to be possessed of occult powers of fascination that no man can resist, and that when she sets her hypnotic eye on an eligible male he had just as well sign on the dotted line on a marriage license and let himself be led to the altar.

GRASS WIDOWS LOOK BAD
Or else, if she is a grass widow instead of a sod one, she figures in the popular imagination as a ruthless wrecker of homes and a pitiless fiend who robs children of their fathers. Or else a good dicker who wangles diamond bracelets out of artless old bachelors and widowers, and who is generally suspected of being no better than she should be.

And, no matter how old the widow is, nor how crippled up with rheumatism she is, nor how unhappy her first marriage may have been, nor how poor she may be, nor how absorbed she may be in doing good works, she is believed to be just crazy to marry again. Indeed, so sold are widows' friends on the idea that her chief desire in life is for another husband that they can match-makers and try to arrange alliances, and they used to say in the Victorian days, between her and all the leftover men of their acquaintance.

Now how these myths about the widow originated, no one knows. But that they are baseless we all know, if we give any real thought to the subject, for the widow is even as you and I who have our husbands still alive, and kicking at most of the things we do. They differ as every woman differs from her sister and conform to no set pattern of either virtues or vices.

WIDOWS KNOW HOW TO HANDLE MEN
The slightest investigation of the legends about widows shows how little foundation they have to rest upon. Take the one, for instance, about widows being sirens who can lure any man into matrimony. If they do it is not because of some conjure they carry in their compact. It is experience. It is technique. It is because, having had a husband, they know how to handle the creatures.

The man who marries a widow knows that she has learned how to cook, experimenting on the deceased, and that he will not have his digestion ruined and his stomach upset by his bride's housekeeping. He knows that the widow has cut her teeth on her first wedding cake and that she won't expect too much of marriage or a mere husband. In a word, that marrying a widow is like getting a trained stenographer instead of one you have to break in.

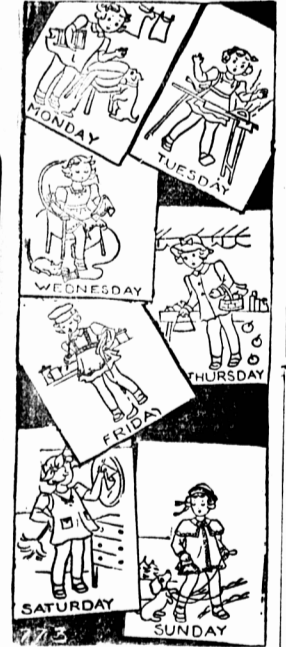
And consider how absurd is the belief that every widow's prayer is "Lord, send me a husband," when there is no woman, no matter how old and unattractive she is, who doesn't have dozens of proposals from impeccable men who would like to hang up their hats in her left hall and stretch their feet on her sofa, and to arrange to have her call her a comfortable home and a nice little wad of insurance money.

USEFUL CITIZENS IN TIME OF WAR
Nor are all widows poor, or lonesome, or bored, or forlorn in these days. If they need money, those who have backbones and brains roll up their sleeves and go to work and support themselves and their children, if they have any. If they do not need to work, they travel and study and run charities. They are not only among the most useful citizens we have, but are among the most entertaining and interesting people we meet.

That there are lazy women who make a graft of widowhood rather than work; that there are vain old widows who buy themselves by husbands; that there are credulous widows who let glib talkers sell them Blue Sky, no one will deny. But, for the most part, widows are among the salt of the earth and Heaven knows what we would do without them.

Even the Bible commends them to our care and tells us to console them and wipe away the tears from their eyes. But it is a hazardous thing for an old bachelor or widower to do unless he is thinking of marrying and settling down.

THIS LITTLE MISS IS BUSY EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK



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THE COOK'S CORNER

ONION CAKES

2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup finely chopped onion
3 tablespoons shortening
1 egg
1 1/2 cups milk
Add the baking powder, sugar and salt to the sifted flour. Lightly fry the onions in the shortening. Beat the egg in a large mixing bowl and add the onions and the milk. Mix well. Add the flour mixture, beating only enough to blend. Drop spoonfuls on a hot, slightly greased griddle. Turn cakes when the bubbles break. Fry until golden brown. Makes about a dozen four-inch cakes.

SPECIAL DESSERT

For those special occasions when your daughter or son in the armed forces come home on leave or when it's Junior's birthday here is a caramel pudding from Laura Pepper, chief of the consumer section, department of agriculture, that will fill the bill without using too much of your sugar ration.
Melt half cup brown sugar in a heavy saucepan, stirring constantly until it turns a rich caramel shade. Carefully add 1/4 cup boiling water. Simmer and stir three minutes. Scald 1 1/2 cups milk in top of double boiler. Mix four tablespoons cornstarch, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 cold milk. Add to hot milk and stir until thickened. Add caramel, cook 30 minutes. Add 1 egg well-beaten and ring constantly. Remove from fire, and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Chill well before serving.

BRUSHES REJUVENATED

With conservation uppermost in everyone's mind, house-owners are scavenging their basements and garages to find that old, hard-as-nails brush that has been put in a working condition. To clean a hard-ened paint brush, soak it in turpentine or benzine overnight, letting the liquid cover the bristles only. In the morning, plunge it into a clean solution of the same liquid until all old paint is removed. The next step is to wash the brush in hot soap and water. Then comb out any twists or curls that may be in the bristles with an ordinary comb. Next wrap the brush in heavy brown paper and let it dry for 72 hours.

A Job Only You Can Do

Price Control Questions And Answers

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

Q. Are potatoes the only vegetable under the price ceiling?
Potatoes and onions are the only fresh vegetables affected by the maximum price regulations.

Q. I notice that tea and coffee coupons have not been removed from my little girl's ration book. Since she isn't 12 yet, I don't believe we are entitled to these coupons. What should I do about returning them?

A. Take them in to your local ration board. True, some coupon sheets of youngsters under 12 were inadvertently overlooked but all these should be turned in, since neither the children or the parents are permitted to use these sheets.

GET TWO PAIRS OF HOSE JUST ALIKE

Always buy two or more pairs of stockings that are just alike, then if one stocking wears out you can replace it without sacrificing the pair. Wash daily and they will wear longer. Finely darn the heels and toes before they have been worn at all. When holes appear, tack a piece of coarse net lightly to the stocking over the hole on the wrong side, then darn over the net. Do this when darned large holes in the knees and heels of children's stockings.

Living & Leisure The Woman's Realm

DAFFY-DOWN-DILLY

Daffy-Down-Dilly came up in the cold. Through the brown mold, Although the March breezes blew keen on her face, Although the white snow lay on many a place.

Daffy-down-dilly had heard underground. The sweet rushing sound Of the streams, as they broke from their white winter chains, Of the whistling spring winds and the pattering rains.

"Now then," thought Daffy, deep down in her heart, "It's time I should start." So she pushed her soft leaves through the hard frozen ground, Quite up to the surface, and then she looked round.

There was snow all about her, grey clouds overhead; The trees all looked dead. Then how do you think poor Daffy-down fell, When the sun would not shine and the ice would not melt?

"Cold weather!" thought Daffy, still working away; "The trees all looked dead. There's but a half inch of my leaves to be seen, And two thirds of that is more yellow than green."

"I can't do much yet! but I'll do what I can; It's well I began! For unless I can manage to lift up my head, The people will think that the spring herself is dead."

So little by little she brought her leaves out.

All clustered about; And then her bright flowers began to unfold. Till Daffy stood robed in her spring green and gold. —Author Unknown

Plywood furniture, bathtubs and walls are predicted for inexpensive and durable houses in the future.

DYE-SAVING COLORS
Grey is good this season, while warm brown tones vie with beige and purplish grey—the latter two shades patriotically recommended to save dye needed for war production. The traditional spring favorites, black and navy blue, appear for another season.

GAY BOLERO GREYS
Bolero suits with close fitting, short jackets and slim skirts tan high with the young fry who favor grey flannel. Picked up with touches of white pique in blouses and small, pleated hats, it is quite gay.

ALL-PURPOSE SUITS
Man-tailored suits of men's wear flannel or gabardine and more feminine suit dresses of sheer wool top the spring fashion list. They may go soberly to business with simple accessories, but are easily dressed up after dark with a frilled blouse or an extravagant hat.

SUPPER DISH
For nice supper or luncheon dish for 4 use bologna sausage sliced 1/4 inch thick. Put a little butter in pan and heat sausage slices just enough to cup them—about 1 minute. Fill cups with creamed eggs, hot potato salad or hot cabbage slaw and serve with a red cabbage salad or a crisp green salad, with rye or pumpernickel bread.

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Amazing s-t-r-a-i-n tests show runs in RAYONS cut in half

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A LEVER PRODUCT

Girl of the Turf

By Mary Douglas Stovall

Cary's heart missed a beat. She could see Ned Roamer in the starting gate, carrying her color, jumping nose a length ahead of the field. Anthony would like that, too, she was sure. She turned quickly to Jim, but something she saw in his expression stopped her excited words. Something in his eyes revolted her as if he had sipped the squamous dress from her white shoulders.

"I'm afraid I'll have to forget it, Jim," she said dully. "It was only a pipe-dream anyway."

"Listen, little girl," Jim started, but Lucetta got up as if bored with the whole conversation, and said, "This is all so frightfully dull. Can't you discuss the subject some other time? I really believe Cary is right, Jim. The idea of owning a racing stable is rather absurd."

But Jim was not to be put off so lightly. He took them to the Yoshi's dining room, where he had a table on the floor and prepared sukiyaka over a brazier. Jim leaned toward Cary and said, "You and I could do this racing business together, you know."

"I'm afraid I'd rather not, Jim," Cary said.

The next afternoon while Ivy and Lucetta shopped, Cary rented a car and drove to the ranch again. She was as excited as a child and hummed a small tune as she sat on the manœuvre the car skillfully in and out of south Francisco trails.

At the ranch house Lee Hill told her that Anthony was at the barns, so she went along with a swinging gait across the foot-bridge over the creek and down that wavy looking very young, modern and trim in her beautifully cut, gray flannel slacks, trimmed in pink herringbone satin.

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"Suppose I let you have the money," Jim suggested. "You can call it a loan if you like business terms."

"I'm afraid I couldn't do that either," Cary answered, beginning to feel uncomfortable before his insistence. "I hate being in debt to anyone."

"One good purse and you'll be able to pay me back every cent, with interest," Jim insisted. "She caught the intention of his words, but she failed to get any meaning out of his meaning. The idea was teasing her, spurring over her thoughts, crying for an affirmative decision."

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A Morning Smile

"Mummy, you said that baby has your eyes and Daddy's nose, didn't you?"
"Yes, darling."
"Well, you'd better keep your eye on him; he's got Grandpa's teeth now."

A young officer stationed "Somewhere in the East" has put his foot in it badly with his girl friend in this country.

Recently he wrote her saying he had shot a crocodile seven feet long and added, "When I shoot another I will get my native servant to make you a pair of slippers."

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Needlecraft For The Home

OH-SO-USEFUL JUMPER
As Nicely Detailed as Any Dress
You like the jumper, first, because it's so very practical. But there's no reason why it can't be pretty, too. Here, for instance, is a pattern for a really easy-to-make jumper that certainly "goes feminine" in its details. Note the front-gathered skirt with its big patch pockets, the easy fullness from the shoulders, and the trimly belted waistline, and then picture how smart it would look in plain or check.

Style No. 3090 is designed for sizes 12 to 20. 36 to 40. Size 16 requires 2 7/8 yards 36-inch fabric for jumper and 1 7/8 yards for the blouse.

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