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What To Do About In-Laws ? **Dorothy Dix** Wives Face Tough Time

New Daughters-in-Law Have to Possess a Great Deal of Tact if They Want to Keep Happiness in Their Homes

Why are mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law so often secret enemies instead of the loving friends they should be? A group of women were discussing this question the other day and one of them said:

"I'll tell you. It is because mothers nearly always resent their sons' wives. They don't want 'em at any price. Now, when I married Bill, I was so much in love with him that my affection overflowed over all his family, and particularly submerged his mother. I idealized and glorified her. I was on my knees with gratitude to her for all the suffering and labor she had gone through in rearing for me my priceless husband.

"I felt that she had given me the supreme gift and I was filled with righteous indignation at the way the comic strips and the stage and the joke-smiths caricatured mothers-in-law and held them upfor ribald mirth. And I wondered how any one could laugh at the stale mother-in-law joke. Afterward I knew that it is eternally funny because it is eternally true.

"So filled with the determinatitn to be a daughter to my mother-in-law, imagine the shock I got when I found out that she was not adopting any more daughters and that she looked upon me not as an addition to the family circle, but as a scheming adventuress who had somehow broken into the fold and stolen its prize lamb. Never shall I forget her first kiss. Burr-r-r! There were icicles on it that still make me shiver.

"And then slowly the knowledge was borne in on me that it wasn't me individually that she resented. It was any woman. She didn't want Bill to marry. She wanted to keep him for herself. She couldn't bear the thought of not being first with him. She was filled with that terrible mother jealousy that is the cruelest and most devastating passion on earth.

"And I made another discovery. That was that she didn't think that I was good enough for Bill; but inasmuch as I had inveigled him into marrying me in some moment of mental irresponsibility on his part, the least that I could do was to be his humble slave, fetch and carry for him, wait on him hand and foot. Her big idea seemed to be that I should spend my days over the cook stove preparing feasts for my lord and master. That I was to yes-yes him when he spoke and be filled with joy when he condescended to show me any attention or consideration.

"Furthermore, I found out that she had two codes of conduct. One for her own children and quite another for her in-laws. She thought that her sons-in-law should work hard to support their wives and provide them with every comfort. That Mary and Sally and Sue should have pretty clothes and belong to clubs and go to parties and enjoy themselves. But she wept with pity at poor Bill having to toil so hard to support his wife and thought it a crime for me to waste his money on a servant and new frocks and good times.

"Then, of course, she felt she had a right to boss me and run my house because I was just a chit of a girl and she was an experienced housekeeper; because she couldn't endure seeing Bill's money being wasted, and Bill's stomach being ruined by a bride's cooking. Maybe she was right at that, but most of us girls marry to get out from under our mothers' thumbs, so we don't take it kindly when Mother-in-Law puts the pressure on us.

"I can laugh now, but I shed many a bitter tear over my mother-in-law always telling me how SHE always did things, and asking me how much everything cost and somehow outjockeying me in furnishing my house and filling it with big, heavy, clumsy furniture that would wear — worse luck — instead of the smart modern pieces I craved and had planned to buy.

"Well, she is a lady and so am I, so we didn't literally get in each other's hair or have words. On the contrary, we have always been terribly polite to each other. But we have kept our claws sharpened and given each other many a dig, when we might have loved each other and been such good pals if only she hadn't made me feel such an unwelcome addition to the family circle — if only she had shown me a little of the affection and understanding she gives her own daughters.

"And it would have made Bill so much happier. When I think of the heartaches our undercover feud has given him I am filled with remorse and wish that I had taken my mother-in-law lying down, so to speak."

DOROTHY DIX.

A Morning Smile

He was very angry at being kept waiting at the station.

"So you had difficulty in finding me, eh?" he protested to the chauffeur. Didn't your master describe me?"

"Yes, sir," the chauffeur replied. "But there are so many balheaded old buffers with red noses!"

IT'S STILL POACHED

A hiker called at a farm and asked the owner, an Irishman, for poached eggs.

"We have no eggs, sor," said the Irishman, "but I could be gettin' ye some foine poached rabbit."

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By Carol Aimes

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THE COOK'S CORNER

BUTTERSCOTCH FILLING

1 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-2 teaspoon maple flavoring
1 1-2 cups milk
1 1-2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 egg yolks
1-4 teaspoon salt

Method: Sprinkle the sugar in a heavy skillet and add the butter. Cook over a low heat, stirring constantly, until it looks like taffy. Add 1 cup milk and cook until the taffy is dissolved. Dissolve the cornstarch in the remainder of the milk and add it gradually to the hot mixture, stirring until the filling is thick and smooth. Add the beaten egg yolks and cook 2 minutes longer.

Remove from the fire, add the flavorings and cool before filling the puffs. And here, also, you can fold in the beaten egg whites if you like.

Coffee Cream Filling

1 cup milk
1 cup strong coffee
1-3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 eggs.

Method: Heat the milk and coffee to the boiling point and then pour slowly over the sugar and cornstarch, which have been sifted together. Return to the double boiler and cook, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Beat 1 whole egg and 1 egg yolk and stir slowly into the mixture. Cook for about 1 minute more.

Remove from the fire and cool. Fold in the remaining egg white, stiffly beaten, and flavor with a teaspoon of vanilla.

Pineapple Ice Box Pie

1 1-2 tablespoons gelatin
1-2 cup cold water
1 cup crushed pineapple
3-4 cup sugar
1-2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 eggs
1-2 cup heavy cream
Baked pie shell

Method: Soak the gelatin in the cold water for 5 minutes. Meanwhile heat the pineapple, juice and all just as it comes from the tin, with the sugar and salt. Add the softened gelatin and stir until it is entirely dissolved. Add the lemon juice.

Beat the egg yolks until they are light colored, then pour the hot pineapple mixture slowly over them, stirring all the time. Set this aside until it begins to thicken, then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and the cream which has been whipped stiff.

Turn into a well baked pie shell and keep in a cold place until ready to serve.

DUBLIN — The Government of Eire is subsidizing racing this year by allocating £10,000 ($47,100) to stake money so the aggregate will not fall below last year's level of £83,149 ($391,832).

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The Housewife And Her Activities

It's today that I am livin',
Not a month ago;
Havin,' losin', takin', givin',
As time wills to so.

Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way:
It may rain again to-morrow,
It may rain—but, say,
Ain't it fine Today.

You can't use the wife's goldfish as bait when fishing in Wisconsin—these fish when freed turn into bigger and less colorful carp in a few generations, and overrun the game fish waters.

Lave can often be invisibly mended by running the sewing machine to and fro over the worn part. This is quite effective with lace curtains and can be done on linen goods too.

Wear a soft wool scarf around your head to and from formal parties. Such a scarf can be tied under your chin without damage to your up or down-hairdo. Besides, your ears and head will be kept warm.

THEY'LL MAKE IDEAL HUSBANDS

Making "plum-duff," skinning fish, using a rolling-pin and regulating an oven are items in the education of fifteen and sixteen-year-old boys at Henley-on-Thames Grammer School in England.

The cookery course, instituted by Headmaster H. D. Barnes, as one of the "hobby classes" available to senior pupils, lasts a term, and the boys are given instruction in food values, and the theory underlying practical cooking.

The pupils are taught, for instance, the ways that heat affects proteins, and they conduct experiments to study the effect of baking powder in cookery processes.

In a course of twelve weekly lessons they learn how to roast a joint, bake or grill herring, stuff tomatoes, make plum-duff, apple-fritters and chocolate cakes.

"Demonstrations are given." Mr. Barnes said, "so that the boys can learn to work tidily and methodically. They work individually, and finally undertake full responsibility for all stages of the work.

Dynamite cannot be shot from a rifle or cannon—it is purely an industrial explosive, manufacturers explain.

Wool is the word heard on all sides in the fashion world these days. The proposed labeling of wool materials to show what they are made of and the increased use of sheer wools in mid-season clothes have stimulated interest in the fabric.

When starching dark colored clothes tint the starch a bit to prevent it from showing white on the dark fabric. Use commercial tints, or bluing for color with a blue cast; coffee for dark browns.

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CHRISTABEL

By PEARL BELLAIRS

TRIUMPH BRINGS BEWILDERMENT

Christabel, with a faint laugh, and a faint flush of colour of her cheeks, glanced at Hewitson, who merely looked grim. But it was a real discomfort which Dr. Sanders seemed to try to overcome, as he said:

"Miss Collet will be frightfully embarrassed if you say things like that to her!"

"Oh, no, why should she be?" said Molly Hewitson. "Besides, I was just going to say that I think you're both right!"

Christabel, a little bewildered, yet touched by the kindness of those people she hardly knew, did not know what to say. She felt she could have liked this girl and her fiance, even Hewitson himself—if she had not known him.

But she did not know, she knew a thousand things that the others did not and so the situation was too tense to be a pleasant one for her.

There was a significance in the fact that Hewitson thought her "the most extraordinarily beautiful person he had ever met" that the others were quite unaware of . . .!

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When Hewitson had finished his work the three drove back to town to his flat in Cavendish-square. When they were there Molly said to Hewitson:

"Your Miss Collet is really lovely, isn't she? Who is she, what is she, where does she come from?"

"No idea,' said Hewitson.

Dr. Sanders did not reply but took a book out of a shelf and seemed engrossed in it.

"Doesn't she talk about herself?" said Molly.

"No," replied Hewitson. "Not to me."

"She's rather a mystery."

"What is there mysterious about her?" said Hewitson. "She's merely a nurse."

"Oh, but she is—there's something mysterious about her manner, she seems to be thinking hundreds of things one simply knows nothing about!" said Molly.

Hewitson smiled, but failed to make any remark of the kindly-satirical nature which was usually called forth by his sister's wilder fancies.

"I know!" said Molly, suddenly pointing at him. "We've got four tickets for the Russian ballet—you say you won't ask Gladys, or Lady Eveline—let's take Miss Collet!"

Dr. Sanders looked startled; but said nothing. Hewitson went on sorting his manuscripts for a paper he had lost, and Molly watched him, waiting for a derisive refusal.

But Hewitson merely said casually: "Just as you like!"

"You'll take Miss Collet?" said Molly, amazed at the success of her suggestion.

"Yes, if you'd like me to," said Hewitson. "Perhaps you'd better ask her. Send a note to her at the clinic."

"All right!" said Molly, too bewildered to be triumphant; and as he bent abstractedly over his papers, she gazed at him with the utmost suspicion.

Hewitson had one or two close friends among the women he knew, but though they adored him, he was far from adoring them. Sometimes he found them silly and irritating, and then he would flatly refuse to take any one of them on some jaunt that Molly might arrange for him, herself,and Sanders.

This mild consent to take a comparative stranger to the theatre was something entirely new

CHAPTER XI
THE VICTIM QUESTIONS

Christabel was so astonished by Molly Hewitson's note that it took her a few minutes to collect her thoughts.

She walked up and down the office distractedly. It was as though the situation she had sometimes dreamed of in the prison was being thrust on her without effort on her part. Possibly the invitation really came from Hewitson himself.

She could not afford to buy any new clothes for the occasion, but packed in the bottom of a trunk in her room were some of the frocks she had worn in the old days.

The best that remained was an amethyst satin which would look presentable enough when it was pressed and altered for she had grown much thinner in prison. She had amethyst velvet sandals, and a long, night-purple velvet coat.

Her hands had improved with much soaking in olive oil during the last two months. In any case they looked no more work-worn than the hands of most nurses. . . .

It was a perfectly turned out, exotic looking Christabel who presented herself at the Cafe Imperial to meet Sanders and the Hewitsons. "Mr. Hewitson, K. C.," as she sometimes called him to herself, was there first, and he saw her, and saw other people's eyes turned towards her, as she stood looking quietly about her. There was something so other-worldly about her that he was suddenly struck by the fancy that she was like some dark angel come for a moment to look on the activities of men.

And then as she saw him her whole face changed, her half-smile of recognition, was subtly derisive, it seemed to him—and not in the least angelic.

She had most curious variations of expression. Feeling thoroughly pleased that Molly had suggested asking her to come, he led her to a little table in the corner, and ordered cocktails while they waited for the others.

In a voice, whose laziness yet seemed to cover some deep-seated interest, she suddenly began to question him about himself.

"What has made you give up the law as a career, Mr. Hewitson"

"Because I wasn't compelled to go on with it for any financial reason—and because human minds with all their motives, kinks and impulses happen to interest me more."

"And yet, I'm told that you were very successful."

"Yes—I was on my way to the top, I suppose. At one time it used to amuse me, too."

"Amuse you!" she laughed the strangest little laugh. "Did it?"

"Yes, I discovered the orator's thrill. Apart from the fascination of the argument, I found I could do more or less whatever I wanted with a jury."

"That must have been gratifying."

"Do I sound as though I'm bragging?"

"Not at all—I absolutely believe you! Go on."

"That's all. I found I was rather a clever mass-hypnotist, like all other persuasive speakers! Personally I would as soon be an actor. Hypnotism is much more interesting to me as a fact than as a practice. My interest in psychology grew up alongside my interest in a career at the bar, and psychology won by several lengths!"

"I can't understand how a man who had got as far as you had towards a success of that kind should give it up to spend his time writing books that very few people want to read, and treating mental cases that no one will ever hear of," said Christabel

He looked at her, narrowing his eyes slightly, and told her:

"You haven't the estimation of things that sets mere noise above knowledge!"

"No, but——"

"Why do you pretend to it, then?" Christabel replied unmoved, without looking at him:

"I still don't understand how a man who has once been a barrister can be really interested in anything so idealistic as 'truth for truth's sake.'"

"I see what you mean! But isn't that an adequate reason for getting tired of the bar? I had an interest in the law for its own sake; then I got a lot of fun out of the success I made at it; and when it began to pall, I gave it up!"

(To be Continued)

Modern Etiquette

(By ROBERTA LEE)

Q. Should a man remove his hat when entering a hotel elevator?

A. Yes; but it is not necessary when entering the elevator of a store or office building.

Q. What is the correct way to eat artichokes?

A. Each leaf should be pulled from the artichokes, dipped into the sauce, and bitten off.

Q. How should a woman sign her name when wiring for hotel reservations?

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(By ANNE ASHLEY)

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Q. How can I save gas when roasting meat?

. Gas can be saved if one will remember to turn off the gas about ten minutes before the roast is supposed to be done. There will be enough heat to finish the roasting, and that much fuel saved.

Q. How can I remove grease spots from a wooden floor?

A. Wet the floor with ammonia and then scrub with hot water and soap.

Household Scrapbook

(By ROBERTA LEE)

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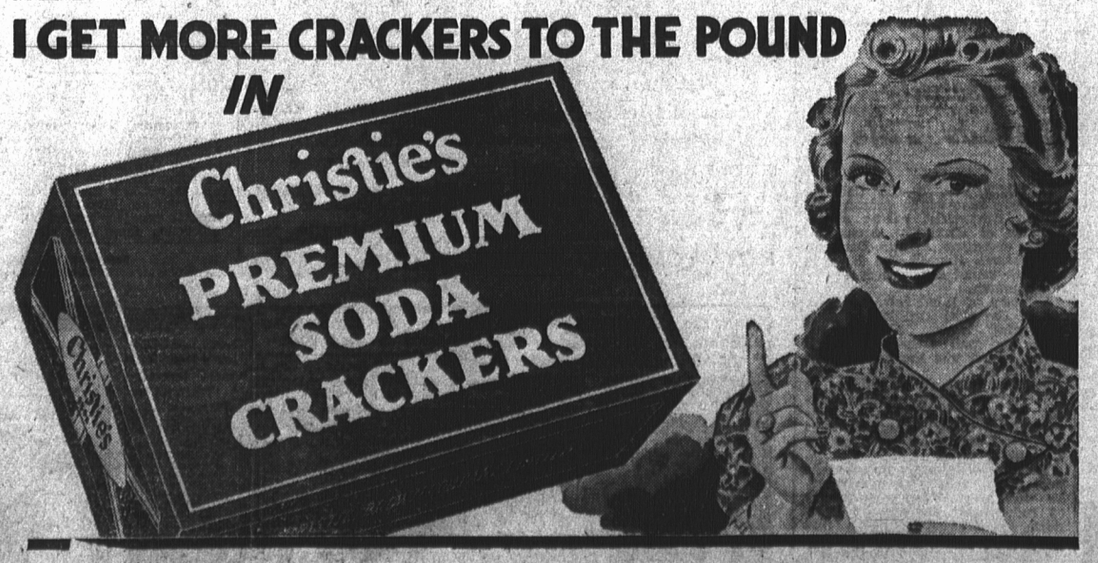
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