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Avoid Love "Nest" Dorothy Dix Says

Returns From South Sea Paradise Of Illicit Amours With Warning To All.

Dorothy Dix, veteran newspaper-woman, known throughout the Nation for her writings on domestic and ethical subjects, has returned from Tahiti, the South Sea Paradise of illicit amours, convinced that the "love nest," as an institution, "doesn't click."

elope. They know they'll never weary of each other. They can never get enough of each other. They're sure. Heaven is a spot where they can love—love—without criticism of neighbors or interference. And so they flee to Tahiti.

"There they prove what I've always believed. That is, that love is only the desert of the meal of life. The minute you try to live on desert you get sick of it. And you can get sicker of love than you can get of anything else in all this world, especially if you're chained to it in a love nest.

"You only have to read your Bible to learn that. Solomon was the wisest of the biblical kings. Remember his words? 'Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples, for I am sick of love.' And what Solomon's thousand wives did to him, one woman in one love nest can do any man today.

Can't Evade One Another

"What woman, in heaven's name, unless she is drunk on new-found passion, wants a man around the house all the time? The ideal man to woman, if they tell the truth, is a man who gets out of the house before 9 o'clock in the morning and never shows up again until after 5 o'clock in the afternoon. I don't believe a woman would ever marry a man if she figured in advance she'd have to eat luncheon with him every day.

"Human beings are so constituted that men and women have got to have temporary and repeated vacations from each other if living together is to be even tolerable. When you flee to a love nest in Tahiti, you can't get away from each other. You've got nothing to do but eat, drink, swim, fish and make love. I ask any man in the temporary drunkenness of being 'in love' to try to picture himself compelled to make ardent love to one woman, day after day, night after night, with no other real interest outside of eating and drinking in his life. The idea makes me, a woman, shudder.

See Disillusion as End

"Love nests are predoomed to end in disillusion. Most of all because they are based on the erroneous assumption that the feverish, passionate love of the honeymoon is something that lasts. It can't last. It has its place in the scheme of things. When you're in your twenties it's fine and natural and splendid to love like that. But when you edge from your forties into the years beyond it's as grotesque to expect that sort of love as it would be for a man or woman that age to start having the diseases of childhood all over again—chicken-pox and mumps and measles and colic and teething.

Love Only Desert

"And, of course, you know the frame of mind of a man and a woman whose amorous temperature has risen to the point where they're willing to wreck a home or two and

Good cooks like it for its strength and delicacy of flavor. Barbour's VANILLA PURE VANILLA FLAVOR

A Morning Smile. A young couple went house-hunting. The lady liked one they were shown, but objected that there was no built-in bookcase, and she couldn't see where her own would fit in.

Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Shall a Girl of 17 Center Her Interest on One Boy? — Is a Child Better Off With its Own Relatives Than With a Kind Stepmother?

Dear Miss Dix—I am a girl of 17 and have a boy friend the same age. We are both in junior year in high school. He takes me to and from school and we eat our dinners together at the noon hour and have dates three times a week. We do not go with any one else. We plan to marry in three years. My father and mother say I should not have all my dates with him and should not be engaged, just good friends until he is through school. Should I date with him alone? Is it wise for us to be engaged? SCHOOLGIRL.



Answer: Certainly it is most unwise for a boy and girl of 17 to tie themselves down with a long engagement. They are too young to know their own minds. They are at the time of life when their minds are expanding, and their tastes changing every day, and they have no more idea of what sort of husband and wife they will want when they are grown up than they have what style of hat or dress they will want.

At 17 they should have all the girl and boy friends they desire, but they should enter into entangling alliances with home. They should leave themselves free to look the opposite sex over and size it up in order that when the time does come to make a life choice they will have a wide knowledge and experience of men and women to guide them in making their selection.

The boy and girl who have never had but one sweetheart have not only missed a lot of fun, they have missed a lot of education in the art and science of love and how to test it. It is only those who have had a dozen light attacks of love who know when they are at last smitten down by the fatal malady.

And, believe me, my dear, a girl of 17 makes the mistake of her young life when she lets any one boy monopolize her. If she does this, she simply shuts the door in the face of good times and of her chances of making a better match. She puts herself absolutely in the power of the boy to whom she has given all her dates and if he doesn't chose to take her about she is sunk.

Any girl who does this lacks even almost human intelligence, because she has burned all of her bridges and left herself no way of graceful retreat. She has driven away all the other boys and if the one boy she has let camp on her doorstep gets tired of camping there and wanders off or if he sees some new girl who attracts him and he forsakes her for the stranger or if he is sent off to school or goes away to work, why she is simply left stranded with nobody to take her out or give her a good time.

Isn't a girl silly to put herself in that position? Yet you see girls do so every day, and you see a lot of them sitting at home sucking their thumbs when the other girls are off amusing themselves. Also you see them have to humiliate themselves by asking some Tom, Dick or Harry to take them to a place and you see the lordly air with which some Tom, Dick or Harry treats such a girl because he knows she is dependent upon him and that if he doesn't ask her to go to the picture show nobody else will.

Lots of boys and girls who begin going together in their school days get tired of each other. They bore each other. Everything that was fresh and beautiful in their companionship has worn itself out and they would gladly part if they could, but public gossip has bracketed them so long together they lack the courage to break away. Very often they even marry in the end, just because it is expected of them, when they have already lost all taste for each other. That is one reason why there are so many flat, dull marriages.

And it is because so many girls are foolish enough to let one boy monopolize them that there are so many old maids. For when the boy gets tired he can always kiss and ride away and find a new Lady Love, but the forsaken girl finds it pretty hard to get once more in the running and to let other men know that Tom, Dick or Harry has decided not to take up his option on her hand and heart after all and that she is open to other offers.

So, my dear, don't play favorites for the next three years. Have a good time with all the boys and remember that competition is the life of trade in love as in business. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—There is no situation under heaven which brings forth more jealousy and unhappiness than marrying a man who is already a father. I have three stepchildren and three of my own and I do not pretend that I love my husband's children as I do my own. I am jealous of the way my husband watches my eldest stepdaughter with adoring eyes. I resent the fact that my stepson resembles his father more than my own son does and I know that I will be happier when these stepchildren are grown and out of the house, yet I do my duty by them cheerfully and well. But in strict honesty the children have been deprived of the love of a blood relative whom they devotedly love by my entrance into their family and I think they would have been better off with her. Don't you think that in most cases children would be better off with their mother's relatives than they are with their stepmothers? HONEST STEPMOTHER.

Answer: Of course it is impossible for any stepmother to love stepchildren as she does her own. That is against nature. And, of course, it is a sad thing for any child to be deprived of the real mother love that only its own mother can give it, but that misfortune happens to many children, and whether when this catastrophe occurs to the child it is better for it to be left with its mother's people or to be turned over to a stepmother's care, is a problem whose solution depends upon the individual case.

Very often it is better for the child to stay with a grandmother or an aunt who will give it a devotion that no stepmother can feel for it, but again very often a doting grandmother or aunt is not fitted to rear the child. Sometimes they love it not wisely, but too well and spoil it. Very often they are too old, too narrow, too provincial and their influence is disastrous in forming a young life.

Then there is the question of separating the child from its father. That is a tragedy if the father loves the child, and if the father is a fine man with the right sense of responsibility he cannot feel that he has the right to evade his duty to his child and to have no part in its upbringing. And, certainly, it doubles the misfortune of the poor, helpless child to be robbed of both parents, and to know nothing of the love and care of a father as well as a mother.

Certainly the lot of a stepmother is a hard one and all honor to you, Honest Stepmother, if you do your duty toward yours in spite of being jealous of them. DOROTHY DIX.

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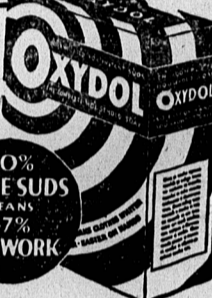
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Q. Is everything served to a persons right at table that is put down over right shoulder of person and empty dishes removed from left? A. Serve from left and remove from right. Q. If at a bridge lunch a napkin is passed should same be left unfolded at one side on table, or placed on lap? A. Placed on lap.

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For The Cook

BUTTERSCOTCH PIE

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BUTTERSCOTCH ROLL

Omit egg from above recipe, and spread on a sheet of sponge cake baked in jelly cake pan, and roll same as jelly cake.