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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Can a Man Divorce His Wife Because He Sees Too Much of Her Family? — Why No One Can Act as Peacemaker Between Fighting Husband and Wife

Dear Miss Dix—I am a young married man with an adorable wife and baby. I married a very young girl—she is only 19 now—and I love her very much, but she has one fault, and that nearly runs me crazy. She can't get away from her people. She spends most of every day at mother's house and then insists on dragging me back there at night, and I am so fed up on my in-laws that I feel like screaming when I see one of them. This has got on my nerves so that I am thinking of getting a divorce. Do you think I will be justified, or am I bound to stick it out? HENRY.

Answer: Why, Henry, you know well enough that an overdose of your wife's family isn't sufficient grounds for divorce. You can't renege on the vows that you made at the altar to love and cherish and protect your wife as long as life lasted; you can't break up your home and half-orphan your child just because you are so tired of hearing father-in-law's oft-repeated words that you are afraid that you will commit murder if you have to listen to them one more time and because mother and the girls bore you to tears with their gossip about family affairs.

Marriage isn't only the culmination of a love affair. It is the signing up of the papers in a business contract and you can't throw it up because it has some unpleasant features to it. You made your trade and it is a binding one and you are bound to stick to it.

Don't judge your wife too harshly. Try to understand her point of view in life. To begin with, she was too young when you married her. A girl of 17 is just a child and it is natural that she should cling like a child to her mother and depend on mother's advice and let mother run her affairs for her.

Try to be just. After all, your wife being overly devoted to her family is a sin that leans to virtue's side. It shows that she has a loyal and devoted soul and that is not a bad thing for a wife to have, for if she is faithful to her own the chances are that she will be faithful to you.

Somehow, women seem to be far more bound by the blood tie than men are. When a man marries, if he loves his wife, he concentrates his interest and affection on his own household. They make his little world so completely that often he becomes estranged from his brothers and sisters and even neglects the mother who bore him. There are many men who do not write a letter to their mothers once a year, but a woman nearly always keeps the love fires burning on the family altar.

So make that excuse for your wife and so long as she does not neglect your own home make no objections to her spending half her days in her mother's house. When all is said, it is a pretty safe place for her to be. She might be running around to tea dances and places of that sort, you know.

But you have a right to refuse to be dragged to your in-laws every evening and you might compromise on that issue. I would tell her frankly that it was she whom I married, and not her family, and that they didn't interest me as they did her and that I would like to have my home and my wife to myself sometimes.

And, if all other plans fail, you can at least move to another city, picking out a place far enough from your in-laws to have the railroad serve as an automatic protection to you.

Dear Miss Dix—We are a very happily married couple and, although we are neither one of us angels, we have lived together seven years without having a real quarrel. Now we have two friends, another married couple about our own age, who are sure love to each other, yet they are in a perpetual wrangle. What can we do to induce them to dwell peaceably together? X. L.

Answer: When a husband and wife fight continually together it is because they enjoy doing it, and nothing that anybody can say or do will induce them to forego their favorite indoor sport. They know, just as the gambler and the drunkard know, that they are wrecking their happiness and ruining their homes by indulging in their vice, but that doesn't make them stop it any more than such knowledge stops the drunkard and the gambler.

Somehow, the quarrelling husband and wife get a kick out of hysterical scenes and in saying to each other all the cruel things they can think of. They enjoy hurting each other just as savages enjoy torturing their victims.

If this were not true, they would not engage in family spats, for there is never a one that could not be avoided by the use of a little tact and diplomacy.

Yet daily we are all witness to the fact that a woman will deliberately say to her husband the thing that she knows is the fighting word to him and the man with malice aforethought will drag into the conversation a topic that is perfectly aware will provoke a scene with his wife.

Yet these very same people are diplomatic in their dealings with strangers and possess sufficient self-control to keep their tempers and their tongues within bounds in public.

Such being the case, the conclusion is unavoidable that battling married couples, who go to the mat over every trifle, are having the time of their lives when they do so, however disgusting the spectacle is to the innocent bystander. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I married a man who was a widower. When his wife died she left a baby girl which his father and mother took care of. She is now 4 years old. I simply worship her and would like to have her to bring her up, but the grandparents are so devoted to her that they are not willing to give her up. Recently the grandparents have moved so far away

Style Chats

WITH ALMA ARCHER

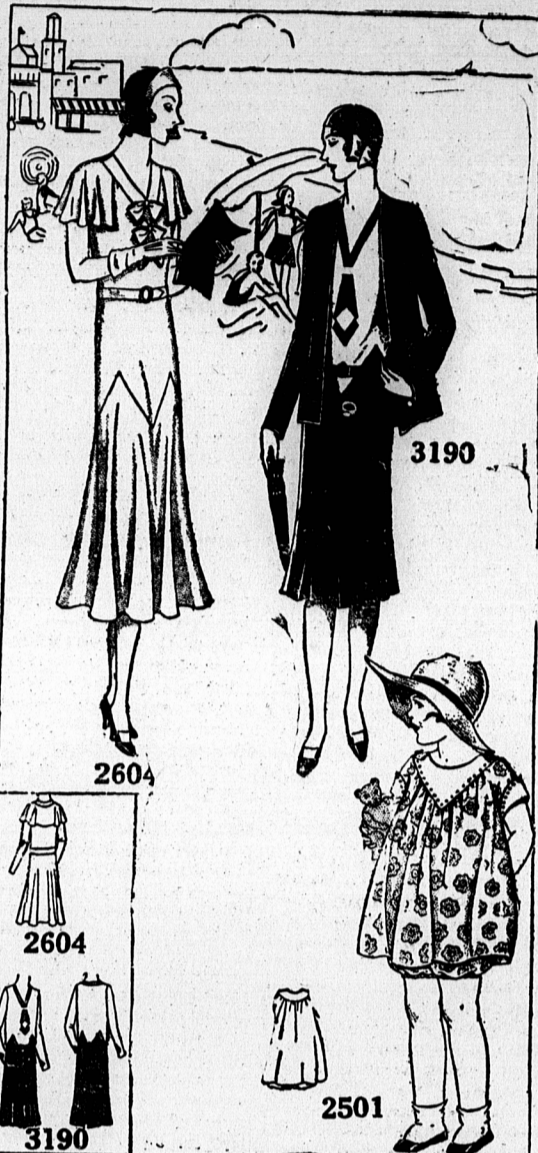
I have come out cold-bloodedly and advised the world not to give candlesticks this season for wedding presents. Now I suppose cock-robin wants to know what I think should be given, inasmuch as I have spoiled the answer that has been used for several decades.

All right, I'll tell you! A Cinderella washing machine. Oh, I know, you're saying things have come to a prettish pass and all that sort of business, but no matter how higgledy-piggledy it may sound, I advocate a washing machine for the modern bride. This Cinderella is an electric vacuum affair, and being only 18 inches high, is small enough to use on the kitchen sink or in the bathroom, and it's swell for doing those daily silks and stockings. (And by the by, I note this machine has established a diaper washing record—14 in 15 minutes flat. I'd hardly believe it. Yessir.)

What the Fashionable are Wearing

Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Furnished With Every Pattern

By Annabelle Worthington



No. 2604—Capulet collar and bows accent a plain crepe silk frock, sponsoring a slim silhouette. It favors the becoming V-neckline and repeats the V-shaped outline in the front skirt. A narrow belt marks the natural waistline. Designed for sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. The 36-inch size requires 3 3/4 yards of 39-inch material.

No. 3190—All the smart young women are wearing snappy jacket suits of lightweight woolen. The one sketched is just adorable with the bodice of dress in lighter blending tone. The pointed treatment of skirt creates a fat slimness through the hips and waist. Designed for sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. The 36-inch size requires 4 1/4 yards of 39-inch material with 3 3/4 yards of 39-inch material for waist and jacket lining and 3 3/4 yards of binding.

No. 2501—A cute bloomer frock that offers such a smart change in pointed front yoke. The rounded back yoke buttons over the front shoulders. It has kimono sleeves with flared back cuffs. The front and back of dress shows soft gathered fullness toward the center. Designed for sizes 1, 2, 4 and years. The 4-year size requires 2 1/2 yards of 35-inch material with 3/4 yard of 35-inch contrasting.

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that we never get a chance to see the child. I appreciate how fine they have been and all they have done for her, but don't you think the baby's place is with us? SECOND WIFE.

The good of the child should be considered first of all. That should take precedence over the desires of the grandparents and of you and your husband.

In a case where a widower marries a woman who resents the children of his first marriage, who is jealous of them and who will make a cold and hard stepmother, it is far better to leave the children with the grandparents if the grandparents want them.

But in a case like yours, where the second wife has a warm and loving mother heart and yearns for the children, it is better that they should be brought up in their own home and under their father's influence.

It is a piteous thing for old people to have to give up the child they have set their hearts upon and who is the light of their lives, but grandparents are rarely fit to rear children. They either spoil them too much, or else they are too hard on them and they are too widely separated by the Gulf of years to understand and guide young lives in a world that is totally different from that of their youth.

Furthermore, for a child to be reared by its grandparents, separated from its own father, is to make it wholly an orphan instead of a half-orphan. It is only in daily association that the chains of affection are forged. The child who sees its father only occasionally is compelled to regard him as a stranger, and for a youngster not to have a father's love and tenderness and guiding hand is to miss one of the greatest blessings of life. DOROTHY DIX.

FASHION HINT

"How to make my old short skirts conform to the new length was a problem to me until I hit on this plan. I dropped the hems; and as the part that had been turned under was darker than the rest, I redyed the entire dress, after having bleached the goods, following directions in the Diamond Dyes package. "I used Diamond Dyes for the redyeing, of course. I have dyed many things with these wonderful colors. They have saved me many dollars and have never failed to give perfect results—smooth, even colors—fast to wear and washing. Friends think my things are new when I redye or tint them with Diamond Dyes. They do give the most gorgeous colors!" Mrs. G.C., Levis, Quebec

A Morning Smile

Editor: "Do you know how to run a newspaper?" Applicant: "No, sir." Editor: "Well, I'll try you, I guess you've had experience."



Happenings of the Week

One notrump, two notrump. Three notrump onward; Called in a bated breath. Went down six hundred. "Call up to game," one said; "Tother one soon obeyed; Both having overcalled. Went down six hundred.

Forward the game they played. Was there a man dismayed? No—though the others knew Someone had blundered. "Double," the soft reply; That was the reason why Their's but to do and die. Having both overcalled. Went down six hundred.

Aces to right of them; Queens to the left of them. All their hopes sundered. Shattered their Kings that fell. For the foe played too well. Gave the Declarer H— Put down six hundred.

But, did their courage fade? Still wider calls they made. All the Club wondered. Doubled the calls they made; They were the "light" brigade, Six times six hundred.

While the villagers of Sandringham displayed flags to mark the occasion, the Queen on Monday quietly celebrated her sixty-fourth birthday with members of the Royal family and a few friends. Messages of congratulation from many parts of the world poured into the village and the Queen personally opened birthday gifts from her children and grandchildren. There was no public ceremony. Throughout the day the bells in a village church rang out in honor of the event. Nearby residents also extended their loyal greetings.

The King accompanied the Queen on their customary walk through the beautiful gardens of the Sandringham estate. This was the first time in several years that the anniversary has been spent by the Queen here although Sandringham is considered her favorite residence. The press was particularly laudatory in recording the event. One paper said that while she had maintained the best tradition of the late Queen Victoria, she had "created a tradition of her own—a tradition of active, beneficent public services in which she surpassed all royal predecessors."

Queen Mary was born at Kensington Palace on May 26, 1867, the daughter of the Duke of Teck and Mary Adelaide. She was first betrothed in 1891 to the Duke of Clarence, eldest son of King Edward VII, but he died in 1892. She married the Duke of York in 1893 and was crowned with him in Westminster Abbey in 1911 on the death of King Edward.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dalton, is leaving Monday for Quebec to attend the dinner Tuesday aboard the liner Empress of Britain recently out from Southampton. Right Hon. R. B. Bennett and Hon. Ernest Lapointe have also accepted invitations to attend the dinner at which His Excellency the Governor-General will be the principal speaker.

Congratulations were extended to Prof. S. N. Earle, Charlottetown's beloved musician, on the occasion of his 86th birthday on Thursday, which was celebrated quietly with his family.

Miss Barbara Strong of Windsor, who accompanied her uncle Mr. R. Dimock, was the youngest Rotary Ann to attend the Conference and she was given a delightful time among her mother's numerous friends.

Mr. H. G. Rogers, 23 Greenfield Avenue, had as his welcome guests for the week Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsay of Saint John and Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Hesler of Sackville, who came over for the Rotary Conference and greatly enjoyed the hospitality extended and the charming natural beauty of the Garden Province.

Mrs. William Brehaut left Tuesday for Halifax going as the delegate from the Royal Edward Chapter to the I. O. D. E. Conference which has had such successful meetings all this week.

The tea hostesses at Golf this afternoon will be Mrs. Pethick, Mrs. F. E. Smallwood, Mrs. W. A. McLaren, Mrs. J. P. Gordon, Mrs. C. H. Beer.

The hostesses for the King's Birthday on Wednesday are Mrs. G. W. Wakeford, Miss A. Earle, Miss Helen G. Wakeford, Mrs. M. C. Pineo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hughes of Moncton spent the week-end in the city

with Mr. Hughes' parents Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hughes, Prince Street.

The delightful weather added greatly to the success and pleasure of the Rotary Conference which terminated on Thursday. The visitors were liberal in their praise of the entertainment arranged for them and left for their homes with souvenirs and pleasant memories of Prince Edward Island.

Miss Marjorie Cecilia Matthews whose marriage to Mr. David Moorehead de Conlay Legate is announced for June 27th in Montreal, has already made friends for herself in Charlottetown having visited here with her father and mother and fiance last summer. The happy young couple are planning part of their honeymoon here and a cordial welcome awaits them. Rev. R. Moorehead and Mrs. Legate will be in attendance at the marriage. Mr. Legate assisting at the ceremony.

Mrs. Saunders, wife of Mr. Justice Saunders, and their daughter, Miss Mona Saunders, have returned from an extended visit to Youngstown, Ohio, and Montreal. At Youngstown, they were the guests of Mrs. Cleveland (nee Ollie Saunders) who returned with them to spend the summer months at her home in Summerside. Her little son, Master Albert accompanied his mother.

Mr. J. H. Malcolm, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Yarmouth, N. S., and a former prominent resident of this city has been promoted to the bank's office at Fredericton, N. B., and is leaving for there in the very near future.

Miss Mary McNutt is being cordially welcomed home from Detroit to spend the summer here and in Malpeque.

Mrs. James McMillan returned Tuesday from Halifax having gone over for the week-end to attend an important meeting of the War Memorial Committee of the I. O. D. E.

The many friends of Mrs. Samuel

Kennedy will be glad to know that she is gradually recovering her health after her severe illness.

Many friends here will be interested in the engagement announced in Montreal of Gwendolen McLachlin, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. W. T. Herridge and the late Mrs. Herridge, of Ottawa, to Marcel Jean Staiger, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Francois Staiger, of Geneva, Switzerland. The marriage will take place quietly in Montreal on Friday, June 5.

The many friends of Mr. W. Reginald Atken will be glad to know that he is resting easily after his operation in the P. E. Island Hospital on Tuesday last.

Miss Margaret Bent and Mr. Joe Lannen of Saint John motored to the city for the holiday week-end and were the guests of Miss Bent's mother, Mrs. Bent, 23 Greenfield Avenue.

Mr. Jack Ledwell has arrived home from Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., to spend the summer with his parents Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Ledwell, having successfully passed his examinations in second year Medicine.

Miss Katherine MacLennan, who graduated last year from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is among the graduating Nurses from McGill University this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard MacDonald of Montague have returned from Montreal where Mr. MacDonald was undergoing medical treatment. His numerous friends will be glad to know that he is now steadily regaining his usual robust health.

Mrs. J. J. Morris entertained the east end bridge club at her home in Summerside on Thursday evening.

Miss Annie Campbell of Summerside was a visitor to Charlottetown this week and attended the graduation exercises at Prince of Wales College. Miss Ada MacDougall who resides with Miss Campbell is one of the graduates.

That Paris continues to favor wedding gowns of delicate tints, rather than of white, is now new news, even though it be interesting to read of a

For The Cook

FRUIT GINGERBREAD

- 1-3 cup butter or butter and oil
- 2-3 cup boiling water.
- 1 cup molasses.
- 1 egg.
- 3 cups flour.
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda.
- 1 teaspoon ginger.
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
- 4 teaspoon cloves.
- 1/2 cup currants.
- 1/2 cup raisins.
- 1/2 cup candied peel.

Use a little of the flour to coat your fruit and candied peel. Mix shortening into the boiling water and stir until melted. Add to the molasses and the well-beaten egg. Mix in after, the flour, soda and spices, and sift them in, blending well into the first mixture. Add the fruit and peel which you have ready floured. Pour into buttered pan and bake in a slow oven, 300 degrees F., for from 40 to 50 minutes.

bride, her 20-off attendants and mother all gowned in varying shades of blue, the bride's blue veil adding the most elusive cloudiness to the blue atmosphere. Pink and gold wedding dresses are also in vogue.

But there is lively news in the bridal gowns which give a "white sister" air. Many brides are replacing the filmy veil by one of gossamer or tulle. Then comes the striking effect. Such veils carry over the sculptural drapery of the gown with extreme dignity, especially when the gloves are also of gossamer. In keeping with this trend are the very simple coiffures. Artificial flower wreaths and jeweled caps are abandoned and the veil attached to a bonnet that just fits the head.

When it is a country wedding, the bride is less statuesque. She is wearing in France an organdie frock, and the bridesmaids are attired in muslins with such shady hats as carry out the rustic effect.

Where flowers still appear on the costume, they are most chic when natural. One smart Riviera bride recently wore a gown of romantic, heavily ornamented a necklace of natural orange blossoms tied with a bow of white satin ribbon at the back of the neck.

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