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Dorothy Dix Says—

STUDY OWN QUALIFICATIONS IN CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE

Ask Yourself If You Will Make A Good Husband Or Wife And Make The Correction

Judging from the innumerable communications on the subject that I receive, when the average man and woman contemplate matrimony they do not take into consideration their own qualifications for the holy estate...

No man who has a wandering foot should marry. There are men who can never be house-broken. They will always hear the call of the wild and answer it.

No tightwad should ever marry, for his pocketbook will always be closer to his heart than his family. He will always figure the cost of marriage in dollars and cents and decide it isn't worth the price.

He will begrudge his babies their certified milk, and the first of the month when the bills come in will be as awful as the Day of Judgment to his family.

No man who was reared Mama's pet should ever marry, because marriage is bound to be a bitter disappointment and disillusion to him.

The man who is married to his business commits bigamy when he takes on a flesh and blood wife and is punished for his crime by spending the balance of his life trying to appease a green-eyed woman who is as jealous of his "old office" as he is of his blonde stenographer.

An egotist should never marry, because nothing so deflates one's vanity as matrimony. No man has any idea of what a poor, weak, miserable creature he is until his wife begins to criticise his faults.

Nor is there any place in marriage in which the head of the house can indulge himself in selfishness, for even if his wife is willing to sacrifice herself for him the children are not, and by the time he has paid for having their adenoids out, and their sport cars, and a college education, and gotten them out of scrapes, and listened to them tell him how old-fashioned all of his ideas are, he is so humble he is ready to call a worm of the dust Mister when he meets him in the road.

So, these things being true, it behooves every man to study his own qualifications for marriage before he asks a girl the fatal question.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a woman 52 years old, have been married three times and had no success with any of them. I have a married daughter with a family. Should I go to live with her? Or should I make another marriage and establish my own home? Or should I still travel and work as I go? I am of an independent nature.

ANSWER—If you made three bad picks of husbands, it doesn't look as if you were good matrimonial guesser, so I should think you would hesitate to try a fourth venture.

As you are of an independent nature, I do not think you would be happy living in your daughter's home, for in-laws and grand children are hard to live with and do not take kindly to bossing.

My guess is that of the three choices you will find more happiness in traveling and working as you go. That will give you independence, your own money and variety. And none of these are to be despised at your age.

KNITTED BED SOCKS AND SLIPPERS



Bed socks and slippers are easy to knit and quickly made. The huge-night slippers are a popular favorite. Pattern No. 998 contains list of materials needed, illustration of stitches and complete instructions.

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Alka-Seltzer GET THE QUICK RELIEF YOU WANT PLUS THE ALKALIZER YOU NEED

To get pleasant relief from sore throat, dissolve two Alka-Seltzer tablets in water, and gargle with the solution (preferably warm) every two hours.

Happy Landing

BY BASIL HAYE WITH LIGHTS FULL ON

Bond, a quarter of an hour before his time to see Gregorescu, occupied an inobtrusive seat in a corner of the innkeeper's lounge.

This meeting with Gregorescu today was a case in point. If he had not run across Selma Wilson, and been taken at her suggestion to the Toreador Restaurant, he might not have known Gregorescu was in London.

Gregorescu was able to give him certain information he badly wanted, and even to profess to give such give in time for his needs.

Bond, with the thrum of orchestral music in the background, crowded disturbingly his thoughts, glanced once again impatiently at the face of the clock which he could see from the centre of the fan-shaped hotel-bureau.

He was surprised to find that the hands of it still pointed to a quarter of the last day, or so, the time he pointed when he had entered the vast sweep of the palm-foyer. It needed nothing to tell him that, while he was sitting here waiting, the clock must have stopped.

He glanced at the wrist-watch he was wearing. The hands of the indicated precisely eleven minutes past eight. That brought Bond to his feet, with an involuntary little exclamation of amazement.

He wasted no instant in ascending the broad staircase with its crimson carpeting and magnificent sweep round the gilt-cased lifts. He came in the curve of a corridor, outside Suite No. 5. He moved on, finding Suite No. 7, and proceeded that way—so the clock would turn.

He had met no one at all when at last he stood outside the cream-enameled door on which were the metal figures about to press the bell-push, when he was surprised to find the door ajar.

Still he pressed the electric button, and the bell jangled noisily within. Then, after long waiting, he could hear no signs of anyone answering the ring. He pushed the door still further open. He could see that the lights were on at all in the little entrance-foyer, with doors open from the right-hand side and to the right of him.

He began to wonder if by chance he had misunderstood the number Gregorescu had given him, for this suite seemed—so far as he could see—unoccupied. However, to make sure, he thrust into the foyer and on into the room on the right. The suite was still occupied. But—with what?

CHAPTER V NO TALK WITH GREGORESCU The electric light was burning brilliantly as Bond stepped into the room, off the right side of the entrance-foyer of the suite, as seen from the door. The room was sparsely furnished, in the modern way, for the reception of guests, with divans, chairs and an odd small table or two.

There was a radio set on one of the tables, and—Bond stepped over the threshold—the voice of an announcer said:—

"We regret that, owing to some slight technical fault, transmission has been impossible on this wavelength for ten minutes.

Fasting round towards the other side of the table, he bent over what he had seen. Gregorescu was quite dead.

The back of his head had been struck violently. Bond was as quick to decide his course of action, for this was not the first time in his life he had tumbled on a similar situation.

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Men Cling to Superstitions of Diamonds Strange Power

The ancients believed that neither the forces of nature nor disease had the power to thwart the wearer of a diamond.

The Evil Eye shall have no power to harm Him that shall wear the diamond as a charm. No monarch shall attempt to thwart his will, And e'en the Gods his wishes shall fulfill.

According to a wide superstition, the talismanic power of a diamond was lost if the stone were acquired by purchase; only when received as a gift, could its virtues be dependent on. The same belief is noted regarding the turquoise.

Many tales of the diamond are fantastic and wildly improbable, but all magic lore seems to hold down to belief in the wonderful magical virtues of the diamond.

The most brilliant and hardest of all stones, it is evolved in one of nature's crucibles and subjected to intense heat and pressure. It finally crystallizes and becomes a stone of incredible brilliance, incredible hardness and incredible beauty.

The ancient Hindu gem-treatise of Buddhata asserts that the diamond of the Brahmin (highest cult), should have the whiteness of a shell or of rock-crystal; that of the Kshatriya, the brown color of the eye or hare; that of the Vaishya, the color of a petal of the kadali flower; that of the Sudra, the sheen of a polished blade. To kings alone the sages assigned two classes of colored diamonds—namely, those red as coral and those yellow as saffron, but diamonds of all other shades could be set in royal jewels.

These were exclusively royal gems. The effect exercised by Hindu superstitions on the mores and the attitudes of Europeans of our day

may be recognized in the fact that the gifted prima donna, Mme. Maeterlinck, the wife of the foremost living European poet, confessed that she wore a diamond suspended on her forehead because her husband believes that this brings good fortune to the wearer. This forehead jewel is characteristically Hindu and enjoys in India the reputation of being especially auspicious.

It is said that the first large diamonds discovered by Europeans in South Africa were found in the leather bag of a sorcerer. Although cases of stones or fragments of rock are usually the objects of adoration as fetiches in Africa, any small stone that is wrapped in colored rags and worn on the neck.

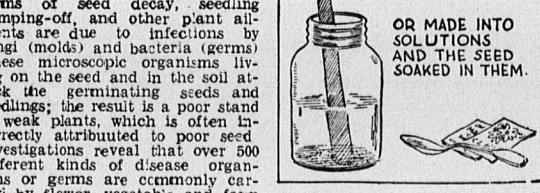
A curious fancy, prevalent in regard to many stories, attributed to the diamond, and it is therefore not surprising that these stones were also supposed to possess reproductive powers. In this connection Sir John Manderville wrote:

They grow together, male and female, and are nourished by the dew of Heaven; and they engender commonly, and bring forth small children that multiply and grow all the year. I have oftentimes tried the experiment that if a man keep them with a little of the rock, and water them with May dew often, they shall grow every year and the small will grow great.

Because of the tradition that diamonds offered as a pledge of love or friendship preserved the spirit within the stone, which might be outraged by its sale, the diamond became the engagement ring and so continues to this day.

With its quality of clarity, brilliance and great endurance, it was thought to be of talismanic and symbolic importance above all other stones, and so it symbolizes to us today as to the ancient peoples of the earth who gave us all our magic lore the qualities of love and an enduring marriage.

GARDEN FOR VICTORY Grow Vitamins at Your Kitchen Door



There are a number of effective seed disinfectants for controlling surface seed-carried plant diseases. Some of these products are applied as a dust to the seed. Others are made into solutions and the seeds are soaked in them.

There is no danger to the seed in giving this treatment, provided the simple directions are followed. No special needs have any fear of undertaking it. Information about the best disinfectants may be obtained from seedsmen, from state extension stations, from the Bureau of Information of the Department of Agriculture in Washington or from the many garden centers and information bureaus which have been established to promote the Victory Garden campaign.

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THE COOK'S CORNER

BROILED SALT MACKEREL Let fish soak in cold water 12 hours, skin side up. Drain and wipe dry. Brush with melted fat. Broil on greased broiler, skin side down, 15 minutes, basting occasionally with melted fat. Remove to hot platter. Pour over medium white sauce. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Or, this may be served with melted butter instead of white sauce. Allow 1-3 to 1-2 pound of fish per person.

HERRINGS WITH TOMATO SAUCE 1 large herring, 1 dessertspoonful of flour, salt and pepper, fat for frying, 1 cup canned tomatoes, 1 oz. butter. Fillet the herring—or have it done where you buy the fish—wash and dry the fillets. Mix a good sprinkling of salt and pepper with the flour—and flour the fillets with it. Fry them in boiling fat for 3 minutes, drain well, pour the tomato sauce over them or serve separately as preferred.

SUPPER HERRINGS 1 large herring, salt and pepper, a little lemon juice, oatmeal, fat for frying. Open the herring and remove the bones, then cut it into four fillets. Score the skin on each fillet across with a knife to prevent them curling up. Sprinkle them with lemon juice, salt and pepper. And let them stand for half an hour or until you are ready to cook them. Then dip each fillet in oatmeal, pressing it on lightly and fry them in boiling fat. Drain well and serve. If preferred they may be fried in egg and breadcrumbs, but the oatmeal makes a very nourishing dish.

HONEY LAYER CAKE 1-3 cup butter 1-2 cup honey 1-2 cup sugar 2 eggs, separated 1-2 cup milk 1-2 teaspoon vanilla 2 cups sifted cake flour 3 teaspoons baking powder 1-4 teaspoon salt. Melted: Cream the butter, add the sugar gradually, and then cream in the honey. Beat the yolks and add to the creamed mixture. Sift the flour, then measure and sift again with the baking powder and salt. Add the vanilla to the milk. Now add the sifted dry ingredients to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Fold in the egg whites that have been beaten until stiff but not dry. Pour into greased layer cake pans and bake in a moderate oven (375 deg. F.) for about 25 minutes. Remove from the pans and let with orange butter icing, which is made like plain butter icing with orange juice used in place of milk or other liquids, and the grated rind of 1-2 orange added to it.

THE OLD BACK STAIRS fare They'll never forget the old back stair.

My treads are thin my risers are scared, My pain won't thin, my walls all marred, I'll not give place nor put on airs, For I envy not the grand front stairs.

With varnished steps and newel post, Of quartered oak, the front stairs boast, Though I be plain and frayed, My back stair spruce they oft re-ave.

The toddling steps of baby Tim I watched with care, dear God bless them, My boards returned to boyish bump, Four steps at once as down they clump.

I'd count the stride of blustering Bill, Whose tramp I'd missed for months—until, They sent him home in box of pine; The war claimed him—the test sublime.

They brought him up the grand staircase, I'd step to front for just one day To sense his weight 'ere borne away.

I love the tracks of week day shoes I earn the feel of Father's (shoes), As up my stairs each weary night I'd rail his palm, his steps I'd light.

Comes now the dark, with silent creep; The Mother's form these walls caress, My numbered treads I'd fain make less.

They must love me, the family all, For each employ the old back hall, And I ken well, where'er they roam.

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If you've wanted for years to learn the piano, do it now! You can quickly teach yourself.

You stand a chart of the piano keyboard behind the real keyboard and, at your very first glance, you can see which piano keys correspond to which notes.

How? The paper keyboard has a staff of written notes with it—A with an arrow pointing to the A key, and so on.

In this way you quickly learn to read music and you can quickly learn a lot of popular pieces, too, a short-cut way. Play the melody with your right hand, simple chords with your left.

In learning these chords, your chart helps again. Its keys are numbered and you're shown by number which keys to play for each chord. See our diagram.

Our 24-page instruction book has life-size, numbered keyboard chart with easy step-by-step piano lessons. Explains elements of music, gives table of chords, three pieces for practise.

Send 20c in coins for your copy of "Quick Course in Piano Playing" to The Guardian Home Service. Be sure to write plainly your N.M., Address and the Name of booklet.

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Living & Leisure The Woman's Realm

When you do your nightly facial cleansing, are you likely to miss more of your nightgown than of your throat? If so, you skip a mighty important beauty point. That does no serious damage among teen-age girls whose skin is as vigorous as their spirits. But 25 or even 30, is none too soon to remedy nightly that one of the very first places where age may get you in—the neck.

So if you mean to go on looking and feeling young, cream your throat and neck regularly. It takes only a minute to remove the cream and protect your nightgown. And learn to carry your head correctly with chin up and in, the back of your neck straight.

It's a good thing to use a complexion brush on your throat once a week, and scrub it with a cloth as often as you wash your face. If there's a yellowish cast to the skin, more about circulation.

Fine lines which look like rings at first can become heavy, sagging folds quite suddenly. One of the most important means of warding them off is correct posture. In order to attain it, try these exercises several times a day.

Improve Posture Stand with feet slightly apart, hands stretched toward ceiling. Relax the neck, letting head fall backward. Now bend elbow, lower arms and force shoulders back, trying to touch elbows together, and at the same time raise head.

Now sit in a straight chair. Relax neck, letting head fall backward and allowing mouth to open slightly. Slowly close mouth, then make the mouth rest on the tip of the neck pull head to upright position. Place hands behind ears and pull head even farther upward. Repeat 10 times. Afterwards, try to keep your head in the upright position it takes in the pulling and stretching routine.

Needlecraft For The Home

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