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Dorothy Dix Says—

WIFE TIRES OF SERFDOM

Longing For Dominating Husband Cools For Beaten Woman

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Before my husband and I were married I wanted so much to have a husband who would cuff me around a bit and show me who was really boss. I had been making my own way since I left high school and was tired of being the strong, independent type. Well, I got my wish. My husband orders me around as if I were a slave, and when I don't please him he gives me a spanking. And I find that I can't stand it.

What can I do to make him change his attitude towards me? I hate to admit that I am a beaten woman.

VERY UNHAPPY WIFE.

LOTS OF COMPANY

ANSWER: You seem to illustrate the truth of the old axiom that a woman never knows what she wants in a man. But you have lots of company, if that is any comfort to you. Look at the women you know who thought all they wanted in marriage was romance and who married glib love-makers but poor providers, and who find out they have lost their taste for soft talk when they have to hustle out and bring in the dough.

And think of the many women you know who thought they had a call to reform drunkards and gamblers and turn lazy loafers into go-getters, and who find that being a synthetic backbone to weaklings isn't as thrilling as they thought it would be, and wish they had married men who didn't need to be reformed.

But how you are to get yourself out of the pickle you got yourself into, it is hard to say. It is always easier to build up a man into being a despot than it is to pull him down. And after you have sold your husband the idea you are Patient Griselda and you just crave to have him tyrannize over you, it will be no soft job to turn him into a gentle and tender and considerate companion.

Still the longer you put off making a strike for freedom, the harder it will be to do it, and you had best put on your fighting clothes and go to it. And here's wishing you luck.

DEPOSE DICTATOR

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am a married man with three children. I have a good position which pays a salary that enables me to support my family more than comfortably. I am not a drinker, smoker, gambler, or philanderer. I give my wife a generous allowance for housekeeping and her own use.

But here is my grouch: My wife resents my spending any of the money I earn on myself. If I want to go on a few days' fishing or hunting trip with some of the fellows, she spoils all the pleasure of it by her grumbling over it. Same way if I buy something for myself. A couple of years ago I bought an outdoor motor and I have never heard the last of it. Whenever she is in a party it is okay, but if it is something she doesn't want to do, I am in for a scene.

Am I wrong in believing a man who provides well for his family and, besides, is kind and loving to them, should be permitted to have a few friends of his own, and do a few things he likes to do, which his wife doesn't care to do, without being made miserable over it?

HENPECKED HUSBAND.

ANSWER: I certainly do think that the man who earns the money has a right to use some of it for his own behoof and benefit. Moreover, I think he is a weakling if he lets his wife bulldoze him into turning it all over to her.

While the whole world is in the mood, as it is just now, of doing away with dictators, why don't you depose yours? After all, the hand that holds the purse rules the roost—if it has any grip in it.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been a widow for 15 years. Have three sons who are in the service. I am 42 years old and have fallen in love with a man who wishes to marry me. Should I wait until my sons are married before I marry?

LONELY WIDOW.

ANSWER: If you wait for the war to be over and your sons to come home and get settled and married, your suitor will probably have married somebody else. Better take him while you can get him, for husbands are going to be scarce after the war.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Strange how so many chores await a house-wife, when all at once the bustle and stir of Monday has taken the place of Sunday's quiet and restful hours. That is the way itwas at Alderlea this morning. There were so many things begging for immediate attention. In the first place, and of course the most insistent was when James absolutely refused to rise. "Those trousers of mine' he complained, meaning those worn beneath his overalls, "are literally falling to pieces." I may explain that the said garments were recently in a good state of repair, mended and patched here and there but like a good friend of James' once said in speaking of his horse there was "Another winter in him yet." But the strain of the recent wood-cutting and burning searched out every weak spot, in such a way that as I stitched, I wondered what position James was in to get his nether-garment in such a condition. In my haste to have the sewing finished, for with every minute James responsibilities were returning to make him call to me at intervals, I had selected a needle that required Judy to pause in her work at the breakfast to thread it for me. Shingle nails were hurriedly replaced with buttons, not too well-chosen as to matching color or size. Indeed I may find this morning's session only adjourned for I heard James grumble later as he fastened a suspender." Now where did you find this too-big button?" I've never been able to understand why he can be so choosy about his buttons when a small, slim nail is his own answer to his every garment-mending problem.

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There was more than James hurrying me at the mending. The bread-flour was waiting to be mixed. This morning, Judy said nonchalantly when I inquired about our supply of the staff-of-life "We've this much left", holding to view a part of a loaf that might be sufficient for the day for James alone, but never would include Judy's or my requirements. Unless, as she suggested smiling, when I looked questioningly at her, "we might go on a slimming diet today." There was also the washing-water to be put on to heat. For supposing we never have an audience as we spread the wash, being well taught in the matter of getting the clothes hung to the morning-breeze, I like to be found "not wanting" in this respect. I confess there were times when exceptions have been made. It was so lovely this morning. "It's a pet day you'll find" I told Judy. I was anxious to see the work commenced. Presently, and I'm afraid it foretold and attack of flu or something, I saw James clear a path to the clothes-line. Poor James! Even at that he was as he often tells me "henpecked and bewildered." If he shovelled frantically at the end nearest this house, Jeanie was apt to walk past him taking a warm-drink to her flock. If he cleared at the end nearest the house across the lane, Judy rapped sharply on the window pane reminding him that his boy-scout deed for the day should include the women-folk in this house at Alderlea. As both Jeanie and Judy reported to me, there was a considerable extent beneath the line that was still uncleared. James likes to be, figuratively, on firm ground.

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There was wood and lumber-hauling this beautiful afternoon, to Rob's as well as to Alderlea and the mill. Jamie was there with the other men although James was uneasy on his behalf. Even the stoutest sleigh-stakes could give away. Horses too might become unmanagable. Jeanie too went on one of the sleighs in the balminess of the afternoon "to see the clearing".

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Judy and I, about our work indoors had one disturbing incident. Perhaps because I'm at the antique stage, it also takes in the collecting-ingage. These last years I've been making a collection of cacti. Not any rare specimens but only those, that are found here or there on tables or window sills in farmhouses, cherished and tenderly cared for by a farmer's busy wife. My collection is not too imposing as yet but is becoming quite interesting. A bulbous one, that had a small family about the parent plant, when I barely moved the container this afternoon fell in a broken heap at my feet. The roots of the plant had decoyed unnoticed, perhaps from over watering or possibly from lack of plant food and now it lay bruised and shattered on the floor. "You've plenty without it" Judy said comfortingly and added: "I hated that ugly prickly cactus anyway. "However I rescued some of the bulblets and planted them." It wasn't enough to have one pot of the stuff—now you have two." Judy said in disgust as she went to fetch the kindling. Considering the time of year and the earth I used, I think Judy is having needless worry.

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This is one of our quiet evenings — the sort that makes one yawn almost openly to say: "I think I'll retire early." James is still about the stables, with Jock At the piggery now, the light is in its windows and now he is in the kitchen door-way asking for a pencil. THEIR pigs are about to be weighed! Judy has already gone upstairs. This is my chance to end my day! No lunch tonight!

Until tomorrow — Diary—Good-

LONDON — (CP) — Maj. B.C. Thurbon became a grandfather the day after his marriage— a married daughter of his bride gave birth to a child the day following her mother's second wedding.

GROOM NOW OVERSEAS

PTE. AND MRS. SIDNEY EDWARDS GREEN

who were married on November 19th last. Mrs. Green was formerly Doris Vickerson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Vickerson of Somerville, Mass., and Pte. Green is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Green of Brighton, Charlottetown. A cable has been received announcing his safe arrival overseas.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

By Roberta Lee

Tired Feet

Add a tablespoonful of soda to a pint of common bran and put in a basin, dampening with sufficient hot water to make a paste. Immerse the feet in this for 10or 15 minutes and great relief will be felt.

Washing Sweaters

When washing a sweater,, it is well to sew the buttonholes shut before washing. This also applies to any garment where the buttonholes are liable to stretch.

Cake Frosting

If a little flour is dusted over the cake before it is iced, it will prevent the icing from running off the cake.

MORNING SMILE

A farmer in great need of help finally asked Si Warren, a town character, if he would help him out.

"What'll you pay?" demanded Si.

"I'll pay what you're worth," answered the farmer.

Si scratched his head a minute and then answered decisively:

"I'll be durned if I'll work for that!"

When he put a penny in the slot of a stamp machine outside a suburban post office, a Glasgow man was surprised to receive not only half-a-dozen stamps, but a small shower of coppers. Into the post office he went, and said: "That stamp machine—"

He got no farther.

"Oh, I know," said the official, "it's jammed again," and she pushed a penny across the counter.

HOW CAN I !!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I loosen a glass stopper?

A. By mixing 2 drams alcohol, 1 dram glycerine, 1 dram sodium chloride. Pour some of this into the space above the stopper and allow it to stand for about two hours. A slight tap will loosen the stopper.

Q. How can I test eggs?

A. Hold an egg up to the light, and if it appears clear it is good. A stale egg will present a thick appearance. If it shows a black spot, take it carefully out in the yard and bury it.

Q. How can I make a good hand-cleaning paste??

A. By dissolving 2½ pounds of white soap in 5½ pints of hot water. As it cools and sets, stir in one pound of fine sand.

COUNTERFEITERS AT WORK

LONDON—(CP)—Bank of England notes forged by the Germans during their occupation of Europe and dumped through France, Belgium and Holland, now are arriving in Britain. A few may be in circulation but most are being destroyed on arrival.

MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. How can a guest test the breeding of a family and determine whether the family is worth cultivating?

A. Probably the real test is the manners of the children. If the child is well-behaved, if he waits until the guest is served before eating, if he doesn't jump up from the table and run away, if he doesn't interrupt while others are talking, it reflects good breeding.

Q. If a woman is eating in a restaurant, would it be all right for her to place her purse and gloves on the corner of the table?

A. No, she should hold them in her lap.

Q. Is it necessary to acknowledge an invitation to a luncheon?

A. Yes, always, and promptly.

COOK'S CORNER

SPINACH BECHAMEL

2 cups canned chopped spinach
1 tablespoon butter
Salt and pepper
Paprika
Nutmeg
1 egg yolk
½ cup thin cream

Method: Drain the canned spinach thoroughly and then chop finely. To each 2 cups of spinach, add the butter and season to taste with salt, pepper, paprika and a dash of nutmeg.

Add the well beaten yolk of egg which has been blended with the thin cream. Place the whole thing over boiling water and stir and cook until very hot. Serve at once, garnished with hard-cooked egg slices.

SPINACH-STUFFED ONIONS

6 large peeled onions
1 cup drained canned spinach
½ cup chopped nuts
3 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
Buttered crumbs

Method: Boil the onions in lightly salted water for about 20 minutes. Drainand when cool remove the centres. Chop the spinach with the nutmeats and the onion removed from the centre. Add the butter and the salt and pepper and mix well, then fill the onion shells with stuffing and cover with buttered crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven (375 deg. F.) until the crumbs are well browned and the onions are completely tender.

THE SPRIT COUNTS

A gifted singer was called for a solo at a public gathering. The accompanist was nervous in addition to being inexperienced and a poor player. It was obvious to everyone in the assembly that she made mistakes in the music, and did not observe the time correctly. But there was no irritation or reaction in the face or attitude of he soloist. She sang the song as it ought to be sung in spite of the poor accompaniment. Everyone admired the singer's spirit, as well as her mastery of the song.

It is so in life. We must do a great many things with a poor accompaniment. It may be in the home where we live. It may be in the office where we work. It may be in the city where we toil. Many things may be lacking; yet we can make up for them in some measure and show our own spirit and strength by the way in which we sing our song.—Calgary Messenger.

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Q. My landlord supplied heat for me last year and at the beginning of this year. Now he says he can't supply it any more. Can he cut the heat off like this?

A. If the heat was supplied when the rent was fixed, your landlord must continue to supply the heat or have the rental charge adjusted by the Rentals Appraiser.

Q. Is unsweetened canned fruit rationed?

A. Yes, unsweetened canned fruit is rationed except in containers of 105 ounces or larger.

Q. Why is it still possible to buy fancy housecoats, lounging pajamas and nighties when actual necessities are sometimes hard to buy?

A. Truth of the matter is, allowing continued production of luxury items involves only a fraction of one per cent of material suitable for essentials, as well as a small amount of skilled labor, mostly women.

BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He is apt to be there soon."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "coupon"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Negros, pianos, sopranos.

4. What does the word "parsimonious" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with vo that means "of great bulk?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He is likely to be there soon." Apt implies natural tendency; likely means probable. 2. Pronounce koo-pon,, oo as in too, not as u in unit. 3. Negroes. 4. Frugal to excess; stingy. "A prodigal king is nearer a tyrant than a parsimonious king."—Bacon. 5. Voluminous.

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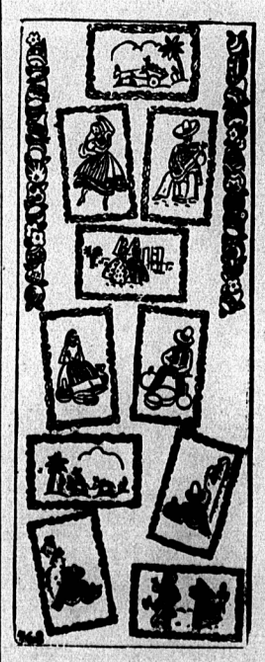

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—Shelley

SPOTS BEFORE YOUR EYES

Gentlemen . . . have gravy or meat juices been adding a pattern to your tie? There is an emergency treatment for this. Sponge the spots away with a cloth dipped in cold water . . . never hot water, which will set the stains Rub stubborn mark with carbon tetrachloride. Ifthe tie is washable simple home treatment with warm soapy water should take away the grease spots.

PRECAUTIONS

Don't reach for that toast iwth a fork or you may short circuit the toaster element and let yourself in for a shock in more ways than one

When detaching a cord from either its outlet or the appliance take hold of the plug not the cord. Notice how quickly the end p'ce of the iron, coffee makers and toasters need replacing and see if you can't treat it more gently. Too many appliances should not be attached to a plug or outlet at one time. The load may be more than the fuse can stand. . . you'll soon find out- Keep cords dry and clean all times an avoid bending them sharply.

CLOTHESLINES AND PINS WASHED

In the interest of wartime conservation, clothesllnes and clothespins should be tubbed regularly. To keep a rope line in good condition, put it in the washer once a month and take it down and wind carefully between washdays—if not attached to pulleys. A wire line can also be taken own and wound into a coil. In any case the latter should be wined with a soap-dampened cloth each time it is used.

Clothespins too, should have their share of attention, for they are not so easily replaced as in pre-war days. Those annoying clothepin marks on clean clothes can be averted if the pins are treated to a regular sudsing every few weeks. Rinsing isn't necessary; just dry them in the sun. Keeping the pins in a clothespin bag will help to keep them clean Such a bag may be made of bed-ticking, which is sturdy and easily laundered.

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

The husbands and wives of the members of a bridal party should be invited to the ceremony and reception no matter how small and informal the wedding is.

HOME NURSE

Babies and small children are much more likely to have a rise in temperature from minor ailments than are adults, writes Mary Beard, director, nursing service, American Red Cross. The normal temperature is about 98 6 degrees but variation of one or two degrees need not cause alarm unless it persists over a period of from 12 to 24 hours. If this happens the doctor should be called for instructions.

The temperature of babies and small children should always be taken by rectum, because they cannot be depended upon to keep the lips tightly closed so the thermometer will re gister accurately. There is also danger that they might bite and break it. An ordinary mouth thermometer may be used for takin rectal temperature if it is carefully handled. However a special rectal thermometer with a heavier and safer bulb is a wise investment for the family with small children. This is the procedure to be followed:

1. Shake the mercury down below the numeral 96.
2. Oil the bulb with plain petroleum jelly, or cold cream, using a bit of paper tissue to apply it
3. Place the child on his side partially covered to protect him from exposure.
4. Holding him firmly to prevent his moving about, insert the bulb into the rectum about one inch and hold it there for five minutes Never let go of the thermometer for one instant.
5. Remove, wipe thermometer with dry cotton, read and record the temperature at once on a piece of paper.
6. Lay the thermometer on a piece of clean toilet tissue and place the child in a safe, comfortable position.
7. Clean the thermometer by washing it from the tip toward the bulb, usin g a piece of cotton moistened with water and soaped well. Repeat several times to be sure its clean. Rinse with cold water and wipe with dry cotton before placing it back in its case.

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