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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Enslaved Mother

Woman Can Overdo For Offspring And Invite Much Trouble

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Do you think a mother can be too devoted to her children? From the time my little girl was born I have never left her for a single hour. I have literally watched over her day and night. I have never gone to any place of amusement unless I could take her with me. Since she was able to come to the table I have never served any food except the kind that she could eat. I have bought her pretty clothes and gone shabby myself.

I have lost all of my old friends because I won't go to the places they do. What grieves me is that my husband doesn't seem to feel about Baby as I do. She seems to bore him. He doesn't want her around all the time and gets angry with me when I won't leave her to go out with him.

Don't you think that he is wrong and that I am right, and that a mother's first duty is to her child?

WONDERING MOTHER.

ANSWER: Certainly a mother owes a duty to her child but it doesn't include making herself a slave to her, and that is what you are doing. And let me warn you that you are laying up a lot of trouble for yourself. You are bringing up your little girl to think that she is the most important person in the world, and that everybody and everything should be sacrificed for her, and that will inevitably make her one of the brats everybody hates.

CAN BE OVERDONE

She will have no respect for you because you have always groveled before her, and when the time comes when you will need to use authority over her, you will find that you have none. Children invariably walk over doormat mothers and kick them around.

Don't forget that you can lose a husband to a baby just as easily as you can to another woman. When a wife gets so absorbed in Junior that she doesn't take the trouble to dress up for her husband, or to step out with him, or try to entertain him, he puts on his hat and goes out in search of livelier companionship.

Undoubtedly a mother owes a duty to her children, but the priority goes to her husband.

DEAR MISS DIX: A year ago I was a widow with five children dependent on me for support. I had a home of my own paid for and a good job. A man came along with whom I fell in love. He made a lot of promises about taking me out of work and supporting me and the children if I married him.

He moved in. I gave him the best of care and home life. He seemed to enjoy the care and the good home and was regular for his meals, but he has failed entirely to support me and my family and has beaten me more than once.

He left the home a short time ago and I started a divorce suit against him. Now he wants to come back and make up. I still love him. What should I do about it? Make him pay up first and then try him again? Or make him pay and let him go elsewhere?

MOLLIE

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What is the correct order for the wedding party to proceed down the church aisle?

A. First the ushers, according to height, the shortest leading; then the bridesmaids, according to height; then the maid of honor, then the flower girl, and last the bride on her father's arm.

Q. Is it always necessary to have ourselves announced when calling on someone who is staying in a hotel?

A. Yes, we must always announce our presence or be announced by one of the attendants. Do not take the liberty of going to a room without this formality.

Q. Should one ever hold a forkful or spoonful of food poised in the air while talking at the table?

A. No; it is ill-bred to do so.

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I planted it in back of the house."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of acumen"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Accompaniment, deducement, detrement.

4. What does the word "finite" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with wa that means "disobedient"?

ANSWERS

1. In back of is not good usage, and is condemned as a barbarism by some authorities. Say, "I planted it behind the house." 2. Pronounce a-ku-men, a as in add unstressed, u as in cube, e as in men, accent second syllable. 3. Detriment. 4. Subject to creature limitations. (Pronounce both i's as in ie, accent first syllable). "Men's finite mind cannot fathom these mysteries." 5. Wayward.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Yesterday afternoon, when the strange hills were bathed in sunlight, and shadows lay in the unfamiliar valleys, James and I visited the famous "Anne" country, at the North Shore of The Island. Quite by chance we came there, with relatives of the family, and in a brand new car. I suppose, if left entirely to his own inclinations, without being taken as it were, unaware James would not have chosen to come within close sight and sound of the sea. He would perhaps have preferred to remain at ours or the neahews' home, but then consenting, we both, found much interest and enjoyment in the outing.

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We could have loitered more along the way, which is not to be considered in a new machine As it was, James had time to admire this or that growing crop; to catch glimpses of herds or flocks on pasture; to wonder about a miss in a field of blossoming potatoes, which even then did not elude his sight; to exclaim with me over a garden of bright flowers; to discuss the excellent situation of some farmstead and wonder why another "is set like that, or in that spot, wher a sight commanding a better view" might be had close by. And for the distance, everchanging and delightful vistas were spread before us to pass all too quickly from sight.

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With little encouragement, if our driver had known of it in time to stop the machine, James would willingly have entered a strange field of grain along our route of travel to chase a prowling heifer out. "Look at that cow in the grain!" he said with concern when for a moment we caught sight of one contentedly feeding there, but even before his words had fallen, we had left the scene behind, and were away beyond a hill. "They'll be coming shortly now" I said "to take her home to be milked." I glanced reassuringly at my watch, for him, and then dismissed the matter lightly. But not so with James. The incident lingered in his mind, and he mentioned it after we returned home. "We should have put that cow out of the grain, Ellen? Yes we should have. Our neglect might be the cause of some man losing his cow.

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It might be some poor man who could ill afford it. And certainly someone was losing his grain. Yet who of all could be poor on a Summer Sabbath afternoon on this Island of ours? But the words a Minister had read in my hearing in the morning came back to me: "Which of these . . think you was neighbor?" and where I was concerned. I'm afraid "the seed" had fallen on careless ground. Grain fields, some already beginning to catch the golden glints of harvest, waved fetchingly in the light breeze; rivers wound between green banks, sparkling in the sunshine and occasionally woodlands rose tier upon tier, rich and beautiful in Summer dress, and at every hill-top delightful Island pastorals appeared before us.

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In the neighborhood of our famous Island region, we stopped at a quiet and snug farmhouse, where a couple, who have reached that time of life, when they "farm lightly" dwell. And live, I am sure a nice life, with leisure to enjoy many interests, that perhaps could not be had amid their busier days. She is one, and I suppose now their number is small, who knew the talented creator of Anne Shirley intimately. Indeed she "mourned her as a sister when she passed away —so fine a person she was always— and so kind and lovely." She could tell us interesting stories of their school days together when the seeds of a brilliant—and lovable, literary career were already showing tiny touches of first green leaves. The promise of what was bound to come, was there on a slate in a country school-room. I suspect the teacher would be stern, and frown on such "idle" writings in class hours, little knowing that genius was there.

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He or she would be more concerned at the time about "instilling the three R's into the minds of his scholars. And I wonder if at a sign, she would erase these writings hastily, a bit ashamed of them but also intrigued with the living pictures she had created with her pencil. Did she wipe away bewildering weddings and sad obituaries of her class-mates with a squirt of water from a discarded but still faintly perfumed scent bottle and (now gone into history and almost forgotten by many!) a "slate cloth?". Leave the "traditional white satin and veil" and the "beautiful memorials" and return to humdrum studies? I wonder! I hope the teachers who come so soon to Island class rooms will learn to discern and encourage any bent in a pupil and mix their schooling wisely, and thus win the loyalty and esteem of their scholars—and lay up a "crown in glory." And now that I can scarcely make them out between the lights, our hay-makers are returning from a long day at Rob's. And who is the small erect figure between the two on the wide hay wagon? Why, none other than Jamie, come to spend the night at Alderlea with gran'daddy—and me?

Until tomorrow — Diary —Good-night

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton M. D.

LESS AIRSICKNESS WITH NEW TYPE OF AIRPLANE

Some years ago, in a plane trip from London to Paris, I found the noise of the engines rang in my ears for some time afterwards. In a later trip I found that the noise of the engines had been controlled and I was able to converse with fellow passengers without any difficulty.

Despite the steadiness of planes and the removal of practically all noise, some passengers still get airsick, and efforts to make air travelling completely comfortable have been under investigation for some time.

In the "Journal of Aviation Medicine," St. Paul, Dr A. D. Tuttle states that the altitude or height-conditioned plane assures the comfort of a low altitude even when flying at high altitudes. This type of plane prevents most cases of discomfort which occur in the air.

Because of smoother air prevailing at the higher cruising levels and the rapid ascents and descents made possible with this new equipment, airsickness rates should greatly decrease. Also, ear disturbances which interfere with comfort should almost completely disappear as the pressure against the outer side of the ear drum is now controlled.

Because the passenger is not exposed to the effects of altitude with this new equipment there is little or no need to use oxygen. This will come as welcome news to those who have visions of having to gasp for air and have to wear the oxygen equipment.

As each airplane line develops new equipment for comfort, it is used by other plane manufacturers so that all lines obtain the benefit. Thus, changes in equipment are developed even during the construction to add to passenger comfort.

Dr. Tuttle makes the startling statement that the air transportation industry's adoption of the pressure-cabin type of airline reflects the greatest stride forward ever made in passenger comfort aloft.

I am passing along the above information so that many who avoid airplane travel because of plane sickness, will know about this pressure-cabin type of airplane and how it has so greatly reduced the number of cases.

ASTHMA, CAUSES and TREATMENT

The cause or causes of asthma were unknown until recently. Now that it is known that allergy, nose and throat defects, emotional disturbances can cause the attacks most asthmatics can be helped. Send today for Dr. Barton's handy booklet entitled "Asthma," enclosing 10 cents and a 3 cent stamp, to cover cost of handling and mailing, to the Bell Syndicate, in care of this newspaper, Post Office Box 99, Station G, New York 19. New York and ask for your copy of "Asthma, Causes and Treatment."

Morning Smile

ONE COMMITMENT TOO MANY

Did you participate in many engagements on the continent?" an inquisitive old lady asked the returned soldier

"Only five," replied the ex-GI, with becoming modesty.

"And you came through all of them unhurt?"

"Not exactly," he returned sadly. "I married the fifth."

HELP NEEDED

"And remember," said the real estate agent, "if you do come across anything that doesn't suit you, please let me know — I'm desperate for a place myself."

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Faster Defrosting

To speed up the defrosting process of your electric refrigerator, turn it to the "off" position. Empty the ice cube trays, refill with hot water, then put back into the evaporator, and close refrigerator door. In about 15 minutes the refrigerator will have defrosted to the point where the ice can be scaled off. Reset refrigerator.

Stiff Shoes

If a little Vaseline petroleum jelly is applied to stiff leather shoes, it will make them soft and pliable. The jelly should be rubbed into the leather with a piece of flannel.

Scorched Food

If food becomes scorched remove the cover immediately and place the pan in a vessel of cold water. Allow it to remain for 15 or 20 minutes and the scorched taste will disappear.

The Stars Say -

By GENEVIEVE KEMBLE

For Tuesday, August 12

An extremely lively and strenuous state of affairs in which there is much of excitement and turbulence, with little headway, is seen, according to conflicting planetary auguries. Although plans and propositions seem sound, reasonable, and to warrant the urge of high ambitions, yet it may be difficult to convince needed capital or promotion from influential sources, or other needful cooperation. It is possible that opposition might be traced to the unfriendliness of an elderly relative or female. In any case, shun erratic, impulsive or forceful tactics. Try the diplomatic approach tact or finesse The project, at first glance, might seem extravagant or unsound.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may have a year in which all success, progress and achievement depend upon their skill in impressing important personage of the worth and soundness of their plans, projects and ambitions. There may be stubborn resistance from family relations or from unfriendly elderly females or others with "old fashioned" ideas. But emotional or tempestuous acts would not prove the constructive course; better try a diplomatic and tactful method of approach, with some changes or revisions to meet objections. Shun all waste, and extravagance.

A child born on this day will be lively and enthusiastic, but prone to overdo or "show off," through emotions rather than sound logic.

Cook's Corner

COFFEE CREAMS

3-4 cup strained, strong coffee
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
1-2 teaspoon vanilla
1-2 cup cereal bran
1-4 cup chopped nutmeats

Mix coffee, sugar and corn syrup in a small saucepan; cook, stirring constantly only until sugar dissolves. Cover candy and boil for 3 minutes. Remove cover and boil without stirring until firm ball stage (240oF.) is reached. Add vanilla. Pour out at once onto cold, wet platter; cool to lukewarm. Beat until mixture becomes creamy, knead until smooth and no lumps remain. Form into balls the size of a large hickory nut. Crush cereal bran and mix with nutmeats. Roll balls in this mixture.

Yield. Approximately 1 1-2 dozen candies.

Investigation into circumstances of plane-building contracts awarded to Howard Hughes and Henry Kaiser has brought stories of expensive parties given by Hughes at which government officials were entertained. Publicity man for Hughes, Johnny Meyer, shown here with Actress Janet Thomas at a party, is charged by an investigating committee with issuing entertainment stories to cover up war contracts.

Living & Leisure

/ THE WOMAN'S REALM /

SET YOUR SAIL

Oh, set your sail to the heavenly gale,
And then, no matter what winds prevail,
No reef can wreck you, no calm delay;
No mist shall hinder, no storm shall stay;
Though far you wander and long you roam
Through salt sea sprays and o'er white sea foam,
No wind that can blow but shall speed you Home. —Exc.

PAST PLAY-TIME

Middle-agers should resist the temptation to indulge in violent physical exertion on their annual holidays. Health people at Ottawa warn: "Those who live sedentary lives cant' suddenly become 'sports' with safety, particularly if they are past the play-time of life. The family doctor, familiar with their normal types of activity, should be consulted about the type of recreation which will benefit them, and not harm them."

PERFECTION IS OFTEN IRKSOME

Many mothers who step from an office into a home carry their perfectionist ideals into the job of housewife, claims a Cleveland psychiatrist. Such women, he says, tend to treat their children as though they were little typewriters or cash registers.

He may be right in blaming business experience for the perfectionist attitude of so many modern housewives, for the perfectionist housewife is not a rare bird to-day. She's a common and easily recognized type, comments Ruth Millett.

Her house is a dead give-away to her struggle for perfection. Whether she goes in for antique or modern furniture, her house is furnished and decorated to impress Mrs. Jones first and serve the family's needs second.

Her children are another tip. If one room or the basement is the only part of the house where they are allowed to play, then mother is a perfectionist.

A husband, too will show unmistakeable signs of having married a perfectionist. He wouldn't dare lay his hat on a living-room table or put his feet on the davenport.

As for the perfectionist herself, she'll probably look older than her more easy-going contemporaries, in spite of systematic care of her face and figure. All the little things that have unset her in the struggle toward perfection will have etched unhappy lines in her face. It isn't easy to be a perfectionist.

WHENCE HIS IDEA

Mohandas Gandhi derived the idea of Duty of Civil Disobedience," written when the latter was jailed for non-payment of taxes on his cabin at Walden Pond.

EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE GROOM!

Bridesmaid? Blonde? Certainly Madam . . Best man with a moustache. Well, it'll take a bit of doing, but we'll make it—it's all part of the "Get-you-married" service!

This sort of thing goes on all day long at the office of Mrs. Maureen Jordan, who has started up a new kind of agency in Britain and is doing a boom business. The service provides bridesmaids, best men, ushers and matrons of honor at an hour's notice, and takes care of all the wedding arrangements from the license to the honeymoon hotel.

Mrs. Jordan has taken pity on poor young things who have no one to help them with all the essential preliminaries of a wedding —she says it's amazing how many of them are about it all! Never mind, they can leave all the arrangements in her capable hands . . . She'll undertake to provide everything— except of course a bridegroom or a bride!

CANNING RASPBERRIES RAW

Pack berries in sealers or cans and cover with boiling syrup, leaving head-space. Completely seal. Place on several layers of newspapers in a tub and pour in enough boiling water, care should be taken not to pour it directly on sealers. Place a blanket or rug over the tub, tucking it in well around the sides. Leave 10 to 12 hours.

How Can I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove wall paper easily?

A. Wall paper can be removed easily if one will use a heaping tablespoon of saltpeter to a gallon of hot water and apply to the paper with a brush. A whitewash brush is best for this purpose. The water should be kept hot, and after a few applications the paper can be easily pulled off.

Q. How can I darn torn lace curtains?

A. By laying a newspaper under the holes and stitching back and forth on the sewing machine until the hole is covered. Then the paper can be torn off.

Q. How can I prevent milk from scorching the dish or pan in which it is to be heated?

A. By rinsing the untensil in cold water before the milk is poured into it.

GIRLS! WOMEN! TRY THIS IF YOU'RE NERVOUS, CRANKY, TIRED-OUT

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