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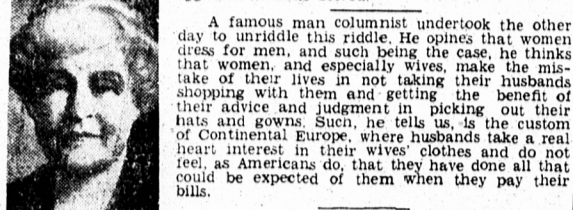
Whom Do You Dress to Please?

Dorothy Dix

Your Husband or Other Women?

American Women Are Best Dressed in World, Hence There is Little Need for Them to Adapt Continental Custom of Having Husbands With Them When They go Shopping

Whom do women dress to please? Do they set their clothes with a view to attracting the masculine gaze or to turn their sister women's eyes? It is a problem as old as which came first, the hen or the egg and as little solved.



A famous man columnist undertook the other day to unriddle this riddle. He opines that women dress for men, and such being the case, he thinks that women, and especially wives, make the mistake of their lives in not taking their husbands shopping with them and getting the benefit of their advice and judgment in picking out their hats and gowns. Such, he tells us, is the custom of Continental Europe, where husbands take a real heart interest in their wives' clothes and do not feel, as Americans do, that they have done all that could be expected of them when they pay their bills.

But the gentleman does not go into details as to how the plan works out, which is perhaps the observation has shown those of us who have traveled much abroad that the rank and file of American women are better dressed and more smart-looking than even the same class of French women. So husbands' clothes sense can't be so superior after all. Also, there is abundant evidence to show that when a husband picks out his Dolly's frocks she doesn't stay any more glamorous and alluring to him than she does when she selects them herself. So what?

There is no use in getting excited over the matter, however, for one of the foreign customs that will never be imported into America is that of a wife leaving the choice of her wardrobe to her husband. The most trusting woman wouldn't do it, unless she happened to be married to a man milliner or dressmaker, and then she wouldn't think his taste was so hot.

Indeed, the one subject on which American husbands and wives universally agree is that shopping together is well—something that the rank and file of American women are better dressed and more smart-looking than even the same class of French women. So husbands' clothes sense can't be so superior after all. Also, there is abundant evidence to show that when a husband picks out his Dolly's frocks she doesn't stay any more glamorous and alluring to him than she does when she selects them herself. So what?

Far, far better our pleasant division of the clothes proposition, where the wife has the fun of buying what she wants and the husband, having had no responsibility in the selection, has the diversion of ridiculing it and saying: "What, is that contraption your new hat? It looks like a combination epileptic fit and a case of delirium tremens." "Gosh, you don't mean to say that wisp of nothingness is an evening gown? Why, here isn't enough of it to make a pen wiper." And so on. "What men would do if deprived of their jokes about their wives' sartorial blunders one trembles to think. Many a one who sets the table in a roar when he is invited out to dinner would be virtually dumb.

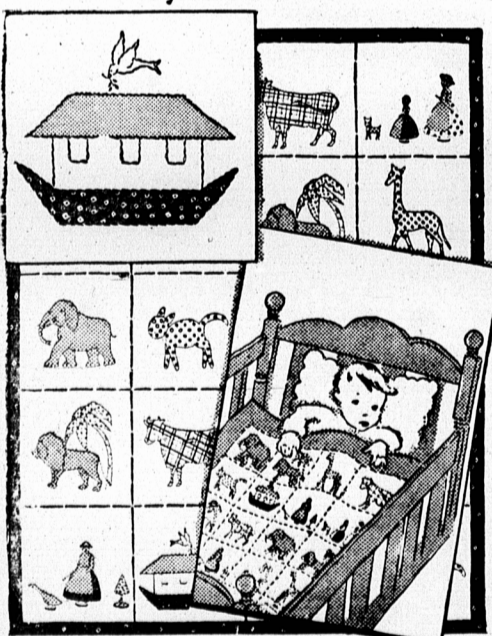
Now I am not contending that women invariably show good taste or judgment in the selection of their clothes. Far from it. All about us we see ladies who look as if their wardrobe had dressed them. Withered old women in frocks that would be too young for their granddaughters. Fat women whose backs look like a tub of lard and skinny women who decolletee at parties. Tall women and short women wearing the same "little number." Until one wonders what malign devil influences so many women to pick out the clothes that will bring out all of their worst points.

If husbands could prevent this by going shopping with their wives heaven knows it would be their sacred duty to do so, but they would make even worse blunders than their Marias do. For the average man has little imagination about dress. As witness the hideous, dull-colored, tubular garments he inches himself in. Most of them have crude taste in color, and not one man in a thousand knows that it is just as important to consider a woman's personality as her complexion in the way she dresses.

Nor do they bear suitability in mind. Every middle-aged wife has had her husband ask her why she didn't buy a pink chiffon like the one some pretty little debutante has. And every wife has gnashed her teeth over the expensive green hat that her husband bought her as a present and that made her look like a saleratus biscuit.

So letting a husband buy his wife's clothes isn't going to solve the clothes problem for women. That is one pie out of which every wife wants her husband to keep his fingers. DOROTHY DIX.

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By VIOLET METHLEY

CHAPTER V STILL THE BAND PLAYED

Those nearest the ropes began to lower away once more in feverish haste, but there was no further attempt at a rush.

The boat touched the water, sank almost gunwale under, with the "Gloriana" side reared cliff-like and listing outwards high above her.

"Give way, all!" Hall found himself responding mechanically to the incense order of the sailor amidships and putting heavily on the oars. There were four men rowing, dragging the boat out slowly from under that sinister shadow, but Struan was not one of them.

He still stood in the bows, turned stiffly to stare across the heads below at Leone's fiancee. His eyes had a dazed look, his lips had parted without speaking, until an abrupt movement from the girl herself seemed to break a spell.

She dropped the revolver into the pocket of her coat, sat down upon the thwart and spoke brusquely: "Can you hear my neighbors and shifting along the thwart, he himself took an oar upon the further side of the boat and began to pull feverishly.

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A Morning Smile

A Swiss introduced a German to a friend, whom he described as a Swiss admiral.

"But what does Switzerland want with admirals," he exclaimed, "since she has no navy?"

"Well, after all," the Swiss replied, "in Germany you have a Minister of Justice."

The American was boasting of Pat of the terrible heat wave.

"Why," he said, "it burns the wings off the flies over here."

"That's nothing compared to it in Ireland," said Pat. "There we have to feed the hens on ice cream to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs!"

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(All Time is Eastern Standard)

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MOSCOW 4:00 p.m.—Special English Broadcast. RAN, 31 m., 9.6 meg.

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BERLIN 5:00 p.m.—Shakespeare's Dialogues. DJD, 25.4 m., 11.77 meg.

LANE 6:20 p.m.—"Background to Central Europe." Czechoslovakia. A talk by R. W. Seton-Watson, University of London. GSG, 16.8 m., 17.79 meg. GSP, 19.6 m., 15.31 meg. GSO, 19.7 m., 15.18 meg. GSD, 25.5 m., 11.75 meg. GSB, 31.5 m., 9.51 meg.

7:15 p.m.—Children's Songs. JZL, 16.8 m., 17.78 meg.; JZL, 25.4 m., 11.80 meg.

7:30 p.m.—Guest Night: Any Bernardy. "Rome's Midnight Voice." ZRO, 25.4 m., 11.81 meg.; IFF, 30.6 m., 9.83 meg.

8:20 p.m.—Concert from Praha. OLR4A, 25.3 m., 11.84 meg.; ALR5A, 19.7 m., 15.23 meg.

9:15 p.m.—Salvador Santaella and His Orchestra. YVSR, 51.7 m., 5.8 meg.

9:20 p.m.—Songs from "A Princess of Kensington," a comic opera. GSI, 19.6 m., 15.26 meg.; GSD, 25.5 m., 11.75 meg.; GSC, 31.3 m., 9.58 meg.; GSB, 31.5 m., 9.51 meg.

9:30 p.m.—Marches throughout the Centuries. German Military Music. DJD, 25.4 m., 11.77 meg.

9:45 p.m.—New Folk Songs in Northern Japan. JZK, 19.7 m., 15.16 meg.

10:25 p.m.—Talk on French Events (in English). VPAT, 25.2 m., 11.88 meg.; TPA4, 25.6 m., 11.71 meg.

How Can I?

(By ANNE ASHLEY)

Q. How can I remove egg stains from table linen, and from silk?

A. Be sure not to soak the linen bearing egg stains in hot water, as it will set the stains. Soak the linen in cold water. Egg stains on silk can often be removed by rubbing with ordinary table salt.

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