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Dorothy Dix Says—

Home And Women

Wives Who Never Complete A Given House Chore Make Hard Work For Selves

DEAR MISS DIX: I have always taken pride in our home and have worked from morning until night to make it like a home, but my husband tells me that I do nothing at all and he only wishes that he could take life easy the way I do. That gets me down as I have none of the modern household conveniences and have to do the laundry twelve shirts a week and all the sheets and heavy bedspreads. I am often so tired I could drop, but if I ask him why he doesn't dry the dishes for me once in a while, he answers: "When the day comes when your work is as hard as mine, I'll wipe the dishes."

He works in an office where he sits down all day, but I jump from job to job. He thinks I am inefficient because I work eight hours a day just doing my own housework. What do you think?
M. E.



ANSWER: I agree with your husband that you must dawdle if you put in eight hours a day keeping a small house and cooking for two people, especially as you have no children to track in mud and scatter their clothes and playthings all over the place. Think this over and I believe you will realize that you make extra work for yourself by having no system.

I used to know a woman whose house was always in such a state of confusion that there was never a place to sit down, or even to move about without danger of falling over a chair or something that was likely to break your legs. There was never a meal on time in her home. The children's clothes were always in the tub just going to be washed, and she always had to dash out at the last minute to buy groceries for supper, and she was the hardest worked woman of whom you ever heard.

WORKED HAPHAZARDLY

The reason of it was that she never finished a job. She would sweep a little on the floor, but not finish the room. She would half make a bed and then go off after something else. She would darn one stocking and leave the other with holes in it. Maybe that is the way you do your work and it explains why it takes you eight hours to do a two-hour job.

As for your husband telling you that he wishes he had a soft job like yours, that is what every man in the world says to his wife, and every man believes it, and that is because other peoples' troubles always seem lighter than our own.

It is a pity that husbands and wives can't swap jobs every now and then. Then they would find out what the other was up against. The woman who thinks it would be so nice to sit in an office all day and do nothing but talk to people would have nervous prostration by night if she had to wrestle with all the problems that confront her husband. And any man who had to cook and wash and scrub making a home for his family, as he would be up half the night with a howling baby, would be calling for help before ten o'clock in the morning. It is only women, whose work is never done, who can stand the gaff.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I have a small boy who has no playmates to play with and who is always begging for a brother near his own age. That being an impossibility in our case, how could I get in touch with a small child to whom I would give a good home and a mother's care and who would be a companion for my own son? I have heard that there are organizations that board children out in return for a good home. How could I contact such a place?
MRS. J. D. C.

ANSWER: Apply to the Children's Bureau in your city and it will give you the information you wish. Of late years it has been found that children, taken as a whole, do far better when they are placed in private families than they do in asylums. So it is a common thing for youngsters to be boarded out in homes where there are other children of approximately the same age as the little boarders, and where they become part of the family life, under the supervision of women who are real mothers.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a man of 25. Single. Live with my parents. I cannot get along with my father, have no job and have been unable to get one. I am very anxious to join the Navy. What should I do? My mother objects.

DISCOURAGED YOUTH

ANSWER: You should decide what you want to do, not your mother. The Navy is the very place for you because it will give you the training and discipline that you evidently need. You will come out of it a different man.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

A sturdy golden willow on the lawn made a nice spot of color in this morning's greyness and made one wonder: "Now where have I put that seed catalogue?" "When you're gone, Ellen," James has remarked a bit testily, pausing in our combined searching for some necessary paper that I knew I had put away in some safe place "we'll find things stowed away in the strangest places!" I think that in the catalogues bewitching pages I shall find the very red rose that the approach of Spring finds me wishing to own. When I mentioned it to James this evening he said absent-mindedly "but, Ellen, you've more rose bushes now than you can look after. Why not put the worth of it to better use?" There is, now that I weight the matter so little in the line of what James would term "a start" that the price would buy. Certainly not a piglet, nor lamb, nor calf and it would allow me only a meagre share in an ox or heifer for fattening. Indeed such favored "starts" as our farmers at Alderlea propose to their woman kind where "you only put so much

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I repair a broken place in the plastered wall?

A. By applying a thick paste made of two parts of sand, two parts of sifted coal ashes, and one part of white flour, adding enough water to get the proper consistency.

Q. How can I make a substitute for a pastry board?

A. Try using a piece of clean white oilcloth. It is more easily cleaned than a board, and can be rolled up and put away in a clean place for the next time wanted.

Q. How can I keep egg yolks if they are not needed for immediate use?

A. Place them in cold water and keep in a dark, cool place, and they can be kept fresh for several days.

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "Every boy and girl should provide for their future."?
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "personnel"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Accompanist, accommodation, acquility.
4. What does the word "introspection" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with st that means "any condition in an agreement"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Every boy and girl should provide for his future." 2. Pronounce pur-so-nel, u as in fur, o as in on, e as in set, principal accent on last syllable. 3. Accommodation 4. A looking inward; self-examination; reflection. "I was forced to make an introspection into my mind." 5. Stipulation.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberts Lee

Windows

The effect will be most satisfactory if a rag is slightly moistened with paraffin oil and then rubbed over the window. After a few minutes, polish with a clean dry cloth.

Warts

Warts can be removed by washing in water, in which a quantity of washing soda has been dissolved. Let the hands dry without wiping. Repeat this bathing frequently, or until the warts disappear.

Coccos

If it is found that coccos is not sufficiently digestible, it can be made so by allowing it to cool, removing the globules of fat, and then reheating it.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberts Lee

Q. Should a guest at a wedding reception congratulate the bride as well as the bridegroom?

A. No. Do not congratulate the bride. Extend congratulations to the bridegroom, but extend your best wishes to the bride.

Q. What is the correct way to introduce two men of equal social standing, one of whom is married and the other single?

A. Distinction is seldom made in a case of this kind.

Q. When dining in a place where dancing is included, what should one do with the napkin when rising to dance?

A. Leave the napkin by the seat, unfolded.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M. D.

PAIN IN NECK, SHOULDER AND ARM

In comparing the pain of sciatica with that of acute rheumatism, a patient who had suffered with both ailments stated that the pain of rheumatism was like having a limb in a vise and having the vise tightened to the operator's full strength, but sciatica was like having the operator give it one or two more turns.

Because the sciatic nerve is large, if not the largest nerve in the body, pressure on it gives intense pain. If this pressure is not raised or lifted, then morphine or another strong, pain-killing drug is needed to relieve the pain.

However, just as pressure on the sciatic nerve or roots of the sciatic nerve can cause intense pain in the lower back, hip, and down the back of the leg, so can pressure of the roots of the nerves coming from the spinal column in the neck cause pain in the neck, shoulder and arm on the affected side. And just as pain in the lower back, hip, and leg is relieved by removal of pressure on the nerves of the lower spinal column, so can pain in the neck, shoulder and arm be relieved by removing pressure on the nerve roots in the upper part of the spinal column.

Just as the pressure in the lower spine is often caused by a ruptured disk between the bones of the spine, so a ruptured disk (due to a blow or fall on the head) may cause pain in the neck, shoulder and arm. Removal of this pressure gives relief.

However, this pain in the neck, shoulder and arm may not be caused by a ruptured disk but because, as we grow older and grow tired more easily, we allow ourselves to "droop" a little. This drooping, due to weakness or tiredness, causes the nerves coming from the spinal cord in the neck

The Stars Say--

By Genevieve Kemble

For Thursday, March 25

WHILE there are auguries for a rather perplexing or obscure development concerning affairs of hope and importance, there is nothing that might not be accomplished in the way of circumventing such omens. If practical, concentrated, wise or shrewd manipulation be brought to bear on equal situations. Keeping within

bounds of reason and common sense, where duty or obligation is involved, could indicate secure culmination.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is are in line for some shrewd and sagacious work in sidestepping a difficult, obscure or perhaps tricky or perplexing situation, by being keen to a due sense of values and obligations or commitments, then hewing to the line with concentrated efforts, practical and long-range plans and vision, to cover peculiar or subtle probabilities, especially where character, reputation, integrity are involved. Emotional, per-

sonal or spiritual relations demand safe conduct through singular crises.

A child born on this day may be subject to peculiar or strange complications in life, with unique experiences or contacts. However, it will have stability, and practicality to defeat such unrealistic menace.

HELPFUL SNACKS

In addition to three meals a day, extra food, in the form of "snacks" may be needed by young people to keep up with rapid development. Between-meal lunches should be very light however, say health experts.

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Morning Smile

The officer was taking particulars from a new recruit. "Are you married?" "Yes, sir." "Any children?" "Yes, sir. Five girls and four boys." "Nine altogether?" "No, sir. One at a time!"

They were discussing a mutual friend. "Brown is a good fellow, really," said one, "but he treats his poor wife miserably."

"What do you mean?" the other asked. "Does he beat her?" "No, no! He just refuses to argue with her."

to also droop slightly. Therefore, in coming out through the little holes in the bones of the spinal column, the nerves press against the bony edges of these holes. This pressure causes pain and almost paralysis of the muscles.

In severe cases, surgery is often necessary to remove any obstruction and "straighten" the direction of the nerves, removing the "drooped" position. In mild cases, standing erect, with osteopathic and massage treatment, may be sufficient to relieve the pressure and so relieve the pain.

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Cook's Corner

DELICIOUS MEAT BALLS

- 1 lb. ground beef
 - 1/2 lb. ground pork
 - 1/2 cup cooked rice
 - 3 tablespoons finely chopped onions
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 2 slices bread
 - 1 can tomato soup
- Mix beef, pork, rice, onions and seasonings thoroughly; squeeze dry the bread that has been soaked in water and add to the meat mixture.
- Mix well, shape into balls, place in baking dish and pour over the can of tomato soup.
- Bake all into pressure cooker and cook 30 minutes at 15 pounds pressure. Lower pressure to zero and remove gauge.
- Serve hot.
- If baking in oven bake at 350-400F. for 1 1/2 hours.



READY FOR RAIN

Let it rain, let it pour, smiles this captivating young lady as she steps out in her trim nylon and rayon satin raincoat complete with buttoned-on hood. Extremely light in weight, durable, and available in several colors, the coat is smartly styled in tune with latest fashion and is expected to be a popular item of rainwear this coming