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Style Chats

WITH ALMA ARCHER

Take the horse collar, that low yoke which is seldom seen any more in these crucial times. Here it is appearing on Fifth Avenue for spring as the newest auxiliary to the fashion vertebrae.

I've had a continuous attack of jitters ever since learning that silver foxes were to be quite inexpensive this year and thought we'd all have to crouch in awed silence at some of the awful exhibitions we would undoubtedly see of big girls and little girls fiddling with too many foxes.

Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Does Dorothy Dix Take Sides? — Two Without Prospects Who Have Made a Success of Marriage — Shall This Energetic Wife Take Back Her Lazy Husband?

Dear Miss Dix—Which side of the fence are you? One time you take sides with a man who wants a wife who would feed his soul with some intelligent conversation, even if she was a poor housekeeper.



Answer: I am not on either side of the fence. I am on top of it looking both ways and trying to see both sides of the husband-and-wife proposition.

And there are two sides, you know, though most women can only see their own, and never consider the man's side at all. They see only their own trials and tribulations and difficulties and never even cast a glance at their husbands'.

They think that marriage is hard on women, but easy on men. They think that the wife and mother has all the work to do, all the anxieties to bear, all the sacrifices to make and that the man goes scot-free.

Which, of course, isn't true. Not all wives are angels, nor are all husbands brutes. There are good wives and bad wives, and good husbands and bad husbands. There are wives who fall in their duties to their husbands, just as there are husbands who fall in their duties to their wives.

I grant you that marriage is harder on a woman than it is on a man, but so is life. There isn't anything that a woman has to do that isn't harder for her to do just from the mere fact that she is a woman.

If she goes into business she has less strength and health to work with than a man has. It is harder for her to stand on her feet behind a counter, more of a strain on her to pound the typewriter all day than it is for a man.

Why the Creator put so many handicaps on women we do not know. But He did, and there is no use in quarrelling about them. We just have to accept the fact that it is a man's world and that women are out of luck.

But while I sympathize with women because I am one of the poor, unfortunate creatures myself, I can see the man's point of view, too, and what I am trying to do in my feeble way is to be a liaison officer between husbands and wives, and to bring them together and make each appreciate the difficulties that the other has to face and make each see the justice of the other's grievance and so to try to get them to work together for their mutual good and happiness.

And now, dear ladies, will you try to look fairly at the two questions which I tried to answer for the dissatisfied husbands? Are not both men right in their demands upon their wives, the one that his wife should give him some mental and spiritual sustenance, and the other that his wife should provide him with decent meals? Cannot a man be spiritually hungry as well as physically so, and it is not his wife's duty to provide both needs?

Nor is there any reason why she shouldn't do so. There is nothing to prevent a woman from being both intelligent and a good cook. In fact, the more intelligent she is, the better cook she will be.

Any woman can make herself an interesting companion to her husband if she will read even so much as one daily paper thoroughly a day, and if she can't find time to do this it is because she is a poor manager and doesn't use her head in planning out her work.

I have never yet seen the woman who loved to read who couldn't steal the time to do it. So lack of time is just an alibi for lack of interest in anything but neighborhood gossip, and what the children are doing and the price of things in the stores. As for a woman being a poor cook, there is no excuse to offer for that, just sheer laziness.

Never once under any circumstances have I advocated mothers neglecting their children for their pleasures, but I do think that a great many women make a fatal mistake in neglecting their husbands for their children, and that not all of a woman's thought and time and interest and affection should be given to Junior. Junior's father likes to be babied, too, and chucked under the chin and told that he is the most beautiful and wonderful thing in the world.

Dear Dorothy Dix—All signs fall in dry weather and matrimony, and I just simply have to write and tell you that sometimes the marriages that seem scheduled to go on the rocks sail into a haven of bliss. Consider mine. I am a normal school graduate. My husband is so uneducated that he can scarcely write a letter that is readable.

Answer: This is a heartening letter in a time of matrimonial depression, but before any adolescent young couple take this fortunate woman's advice I hope they will not only try to find out if they love enough, but if they are made of the stuff that can stand the trials and tribulations that this man and woman have been through.

It takes grit to do that. I takes stamina to enable a boy and girl to go through struggle and hard work and poverty and hunger and shabbiness and crying babies and to do without all the comforts and luxuries and ease of life and still love on and think it all worth while just so they can be together.

Most youngsters are too soft for that, and when they find that marriage means sacrifice and hard work and being tied down with children and anxiety about bills, love flies out of the window and they turn on each other with fierce recriminations, each blaming the other for their plight.

Also it is just sheer luck when a boy and girl develop along together and one doesn't outgrow the other.

That is why I am opposed to early marriages and think that young

Spring in Merriest Mood Sings "Come to the Fair"

"Dame Fashion has been studying music!" "How do we know—By her high notes." It is a season of "high notes" this 1931 Spring and because of this the well-dressed woman will have to keep her eyes and ears wide open if she would know the fashion scale.

Sailors Romance follows the print, and whether it be the gingham gown for morning—or evening, they are predicted or Summer dances—the silk afternoon frock or the filmy chiffon of evening print will be right in the centre of the party. Day-time patterns will be small and dainty, evening large, misty—almost splashy in their desire to play the game and be bright.

Collarless Coats Such emphasis is being put on the collarless coat that there is no doubt that Dame Fashion has put a "V" in her Spring song every time she strikes this note.

Belts Believe it or not—"Where there is a waist there is a belt." The belt may be only a quarter of an inch or it may be four inches if it is of patent leather—or if it is of some gay fabric it may take on "sash" dimensions and attitude. Patent is especially favored and will go right through the day to the ballroom.

Sleeves Sleeves are in great variety from the little epaulette to the great full and fluttering to the hand bishop sleeve. Three-quarter sleeves are immensely important on the little ensemble jackets. The idea being to have the frock if it be for day-time with a long sleeve that clearly indicates that it—and not the jacket—is the costume.

Petticoats Taffeta petticoats—echoes of the swish which seemed to carry grandmother up the church aisle and drowned the sound of the prayers as she arranged herself in the pew. The bolero frock is making a stir. Redingote dresses combine dark coat with vivid printed frocks.

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FREE For free sample send 2c stamp to ADLERIKA CO., Dept. RR, St. Paul, Minn. people should wait to marry until they are grown up and able to provide for a family. Sometimes the early marriage works out all right, but generally it ends in divorce.

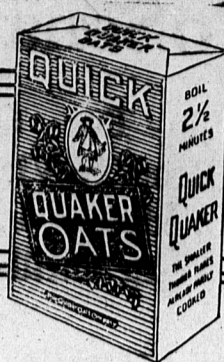
Dear Miss Dix—I married a man who wouldn't work and whom I had to support. I got tired of doing that and divorced him. Now he wants me to go back to him and says if I will he will get a job. I am sorry for him, but I don't love him. Is it my duty to go? WORRIED.

Answer: Certainly not. The chances are he just wants you for a meal ticket. Tell him that if he really wants you to come back to him to go to work and prove that he is a man and can support you. Make yourself a prize for him to work for. If he won't work to get you, he will certainly not work after he has got you.

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Paris Styles

By MARY KNIGHT

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PARIS, April 8.—(U.P.)—Smart—flattering—new—these are the three words in the fashion dictionary that never get a rest. After years of service nothing will take their place that they may have even a short vacation. Charming and chic complete a quartet that makes the warp and wool from which the fashion of all ages is cut.

Tailors of tweeds, blouses of blue, vests of pique, boleros of lace, collars and cuffs of straw, jewels of carved wood—it is things like these that keep fashion smart—flattering—new.

A dress from Worth that is almost-green over green satin and embroidered in silver beads is as S. F. and N. as the one he has made of dark brown crepe roman embroidered with copper-colored beads and with which is worn a belt of leopard skin and brown satin sandals exposing two rows of pink-tinted toes.

Pink lace with black satin or chiffon is like fog against a Neon sign in red at night—blurred to a smoky-hue, but meriting at once the veteran words, charming and chic. Blue lace with dull pearl or lily grey does almost the same thing, and grey lace with green chiffon is a captured breeze as it flew over a strip of emerald ocean.

The shortest "casquin"—the close little cape-coat of evening velvet reaching barely to the belt, finds itself on a fashionable satin covered hanger right next to a long flowing coat that when on its owner will be wrapped about the hips and held in place with pink-nailed tapering fingers that are ornaments themselves.

White will be seen everywhere this season. All white suits will be the last word and white with just enough color to make them becoming will be its rival. White will crop up in the "finishing touch" in so many costumes—lingerie collars and cuffs with black, brown, blue and grey coats, suits and one-tone dresses; white bows on black shoes, white kid clothes and berets, white fabric and straw hats, white jewelry—ivory and bone as well as crystal and pearls—white bags and bags touched with white. White belts and white gloves. It will be good either in its own right or as a finishing touch.

White must be from "Mary's Garden"—they are contrary anyway, contrasts all of them. If you want to be as smart as Suzanne Talbot permits, plunge up to your neck and elbows in pique. Summer beaches are going to be a riot of color. Color contrasts in bathing suits to contrast with the sand.

Brims Return And Show Jaunty Roll Many of the new brimmed hats—and brims are coming in—are going to roll, not in a seafaring manner, but in a jaunty way which has about it a very youthful aspect. Descat introduced this theme last summer on a number of her brimmed models and it proved to be one of the important issues of the season.

This year, it has appeared early, the first spring hats favoring it definitely. It is employed differently however. Whereas formerly the roll was inclined to be loose and suggest the pirate silhouette, this season it is being introduced in a tight scroll-like effect or manipulated in a single brief roll. The one-side roll develops the profile type of hat which is now being promoted as an early spring version.

Village Gossip: "And how do you like your new assistant?" Postmistress: "She's very quick. She never has to read a postcard more than once."

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By Annabelle Worthington

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The bodice has a deep cross-over vest, one of the best means to conceal breadth. The softly falling jabots lend a pretty effect and contribute much toward its slenderness.

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Etiquette

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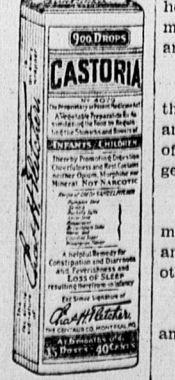
A Morning Smile

A visitor to a Sunday school was invited to address a few remarks to the children. He took the familiar theme of the children who mocked Elisha on his journey to Bethlehem, how the young ones taunted the prophet and how they were punished when two bears came out of the woods and ate forty-two of them.



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