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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Has the Homely Girl as Good a Chance of Marrying as Her Homely Brother? — New Tactics Needed to Keep Husband Interested — Tearful Spectator

Dear Miss Dix—Will you settle this argument for us? Has a homely man a better chance to be popular with women and to win the woman he wants for a wife than a homely girl has to be popular with men and get the man she desires for a husband?

W. M. C.



Answer:

You have only to look around among your own social circle to have this question answered. Any man can have all the dates he wants with the prettiest girls in the community, no matter if he is as ugly as the proverbial rail fence daubed with tadpoles, but a homely girl can sit up and gnaw her fingers to the bone while she is waiting for a man to come along and ask her to step out with him.

Why, the chief advantage in being a man is that looks do not count. If he has other good qualities he can be just as plain as Nature made him and it doesn't make a particle of difference, whereas no matter what virtues and talents a woman possesses she is under the painful necessity of being easy on the eyes or else overlooked. Nobody cares whether Mr. Edison looks like a sheik or not or whether President Hoover has maintained his boyish figure, but any lady inventor or lady President would be expected to turn out scientific marvels and rule the country with one hand, while with the other she marceled her hair and kept herself looking like a daily hint from Paris.

John Jones may have a figure like a tub and a bald spot on the top of his head and a freckled face, but if he has a keen line of conversation and charming manners and knows how to show a girl a good time, she is perfectly delighted at his attentions and flattered when he asks her to dance, and when he pops the question she doesn't say "no."

But if Sally Jones is just as intelligent and delightful as her brother no man will date her up if she is his twin in looks. Wild horses couldn't make a man drag a bald-headed woman around a ballroom floor, and it is only too sadly true that no man loves a fat girl.

Whether men are greater lovers of beauty than women are, I do not know, but I do know that they mostly pick their wives out by their looks instead of by their good qualities. Which is one of the reasons why there are so many unhappy marriages. The average man looks only at the outside of a girl's head instead of trying to find out what is in her head and heart.

He is taken by her pretty face and he is so absorbed in admiring that he doesn't notice whether she is dull and stupid or bright and clever, whether she is selfish or unselfish, whether she is thrifty or a spender or whether she has any of the qualities that he will need in a wife.

Then, after he has married her and she has washed off her make-up and the curl has gotten out of her hair and he finds but that he has gotten a self-centered egotist or a lazy sloven or a waster who throws away his money, he cries out that he has gotten strong and that women are a poor lot and that there are no worthwhile girls.

And the trouble with him is that he passed over intelligent, fine, capable girls, any one of whom would have made him a wonderful wife, just because they were not so alluring to the eye as the pretty ones.

Women are wiser in not putting the foolish valuation on looks in men that men put on women. Of course, a woman likes to look at a slim, handsome young chap with ambrosial looks and a Grecian profile, but she is content to admire him in the movies or in real life to let some other girl have him. She doesn't want to marry him because she knows that when Nature endows either a man or a woman with an overly supply of beauty she is mighty apt to skimp them on brains and unselfishness and industry and a lot of other everyday qualities that you have to live with in a husband or wife.

So no woman considers passing up a fine, worthy man just because he couldn't take a screen test. It is his intelligence and his disposition and his ability as a go-getter that she is thinking of, not his looks, which is certainly a good thing or else there would be a lot of old bachelors.

For, after all, the world is not unduly cluttered up with Valentines. For which mercy let us thank heaven. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am married to a man whom I love very much, but he tells me he does not love me as much as he did. I have done everything I could to make him happy. I have even given up the idea of having any children because he says he is afraid of not being able to stick out being married. I have told him that if he wanted me to I would leave and go back to my family, but he is not willing for me to do that.

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By Annabelle Worthington



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What can I do? It is getting on my nerves, not knowing from one day to another whether I am going to be married the next or not. MRS. M. B.

Answer:

I don't wonder that you feel a little squeamish trying to hold on to your wife job by your eyelids, as it were. I don't see what you get out of the situation that makes it worthwhile and I should think you would beat your husband to it and resign before he has a chance to fire you.

Your case is interesting because it shows that the meek, humble, worm-of-the-dust wife is not an extinct species, as is generally supposed. For certainly Patient Griselda herself had nothing on a woman who gives up all the rights and privileges of wifehood, who offers to efface herself from her husband's life if that suits his whim and who permits him to keep her dangling over the pit of divorce not knowing when he is going to drop her into it.

But that is no way to deal with that kind of man, lady. The cheaper you make yourself, the cheaper he will hold you. The more of a doormat you make of yourself, the more he will wipe his feet on you. The less you assert yourself, the more he will tyrannize over you. The more sure he is of you, the more he will keep you on the anxious seat.

What you want to do is to call his bluff. Tell him that he can't get tired of you any quicker than you can get tired of him and that being married to him isn't giving you any more of a thrill than he is getting out of being married to you, and that unless he begs and pleads with you to stay with him you are going to quit. Wake him up and make him think he is about to lose you and he will get busy trying to keep you. For if he had really wanted you to go he would have jumped at your offer to return to your parents. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a man 50 years old and write you to diagnose my case. Whenever I attend a pat heic play or movie it is quite impossible for me to keep from crying. Is this caused by lack of mentality? If so, will it increase with advancing years? I have given up going to anything but the movies, where the darkness hides my emotion. L. V.

Answer:

Certainly it is no sign of lack of intelligence or approaching senility for you to be touched to tears by the pathos of a play. On the contrary, it only shows you to be deeply understanding and intelligent and to have a vivid and realizing imagination that enables you to enter into the sufferings of those whose woes are being depicted before you. You are what they used to call in old-fashioned novels "a man of sentiment," and I wish there were more of you instead of the cynical, hard-boiled ones we see all about us who think it sophisticated to have no hearts at all.

I can sympathize with you because there is nothing I enjoy more than a good three-handkerchief play myself, and in the old days when I used to go to see Maude Adams I almost had to be removed from the theatre with a mop. DOROTHY DIX.

For The Cook

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Truly French, these arrogant little pastry trifles that will appear with such an air at your parties!

Boules de Paris

There are like very light choux pastry. They can be used either for savories or sweets.

3/4 pound flour, 1/2 ounce yeast, 1 tablespoonful of lard, 1 egg.

A tablespoonful of white sugar, if the boules are to be used for sweets. Rub the fat into the flour. Cream the yeast and sugar. Add enough warm water to make a dough of the consistency of bread. Knead well for quarter hour. Form into tiny balls, each about the size of a walnut. Put them in a warm place to rise for half hour. Drop them into a pan of deep fat heated to frying point, and let them brown. They will puff up tremendously and become nothing but crisp brown shells, almost, if not quite, empty inside. Cut them open

while they are still hot and fill them.

Jam, jelly, whipped cream or a very solid custard is the best for sweet boules. Sprinkle them with sifted sugar and serve them piled high on a plate covered with a lace paper.

Well seasoned mince, lobster or salmon stirred up in very thick sauce, or any other kind of patty filling is the thing for savory boules. Pile them on a lace paper in a silver dish and garnish them with parsley.

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Etiquette

By Roberts Leo

Q. What should the well-dressed man wear at any formal daytime function?

A. Formal afternoon attire.

Q. Does a woman ever share on her cards the professional title of her husband?

A. Never.

Q. What is the most informal and the most exclusive of social functions?

A. The supper.

A Morning Smile

The vacationist had struck the very acme of dull places.

"What, no picture show here, no billiard hall, no dance pavilion, no library? How in the world do you spend your evenings when you want some diversion?"

"Well," was the reply, "we go down to Jed Perkins's store; he's got a new bacon-slicer—its wonderful."

catches for, though the birds are faster than ...

twenty-five feet at a stride while at their best gait—only run in circles and always back to the point of commencement. That makes their capture easy.

Once the farmers have their ostriches they will ...

without delay and will bemoan their sorry shape. Then they will have to wait for eight months for the next crop to grow, meanwhile trying to devise some scheme of more intensive cultivation.

South African farmers greatly regret that an ostrich has only one tail. As it serves no useful purpose there might just as well be a dozen. There is plenty of room on the big bird for a fair number of tufts and, if these could be induced to grow in a few weeks by the application of extra ...

there would be big fortunes made almost overnight on the veldt.

Obviously, if science can make two feathers grow where but one grew before, action must be taken promptly. Plumes are in style on women's hats today, but who can speak for tomorrow?

Certainly not the South African farmer. He thought he could once, but now he is cured.

The trouble with the ostrich feather business is that it has drifted away from the gentlemen. In days of old when knights were bold the helmets of the brave were crested with plumes. Centuries after, the courtly cavaliers sported long curly feathers in their broad-brimmed hats. Later, gallants had their panache.

If the South Africans could only induce the men of today to wear a long, curly white feather through the crown of their black derby hats the future of the ostrich business would be assured.

Men's styles stay put.

When an ostrich kicks its aim is good, its velocity is high, its reach very long and its power is all that can be desired. No farmer is ever where he was after an ostrich had kicked him. Sometimes, even, he isn't any more at all.

So long as there existed a constant market for feathers, the South African farmers did very well, thank you. When the slump came they were optimistic enough to imagine that prosperity was just around the corner and that the market would open stronger than ever next year. They bought not valuable bobbed ...

skirts or beach pyjamas, with none of which do ostrich feathers harmonize. They did not grasp the difficulties of waving a fan and balancing a cocktail at the same time, especially if it happened to be the ninth cocktail.

The optimism lasted until the ostriches had eaten the farmers out of their big crops and their small hardware, and ...

the birds were chased out into the deserts to fend for themselves. ...

There wasn't even a market for eggs. Every museum bought its ostrich egg long ago, and orders for replacements are negligible. It wasn't worth while encouraging the birds to lay, for the ostrich egg is not breakfast delicacy. It tastes almost as bad as it smells, and the only way to enjoy it is to leave it alone.

Perhaps because it gets such a bad start before it is hatched, ostrich is unpalatable food to the end of its days. The only part of it that is fit to eat is the brain, and that is very little of that, and what little there is, is very little used by the big bird.

The farmers have already started rounding up their stray birds, including such mavericks as may have been adopted into their flocks. It isn't much of a job to corral the



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Paris Styles
By MARY KNIGHT
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, August 24.—(U. P.)—It looks like we are going to lead a dog's life in one respect at least, if we are to be fashionable this winter. The thing that we, and our canine conferrers, and connoisseurs, have in common is a collar. And when we go out for a smart stroll along the Champs Elysees we shall look much alike as far as our necks are concerned.

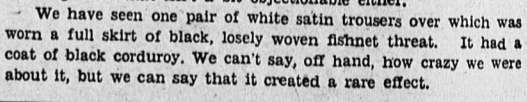
Agnes-Drecol uses ostriches and shaved ostrich feathers in a fountain effect coming out of both sides of a band of brilliant as an evening collar. The misty looking spray comes up to the ears and curves gracefully. In front it is soft enough to let the chin part it slightly without discomfort.

For the daytime, Schiaparelli uses white ostrich in a single strand close about the throat. The delicate fronds rest on a slightly rough cloth frock which holds them in place to resemble a novelty trimming for the dress.

Bright metal hoops, such as you "ring the baby" with at fairs are worn in triplicate to show that the baby not only has been rung once, but three times. They make a little clattering and clanking noise that isn't a bit objectionable either.

We have seen one pair of white satin trousers over which was worn a full skirt of black, loosely woven fishnet thread. It had a coat of black corduroy. We can't say, off hand, how crazy we were about it, but we can say that it created a rare effect.

DANBURY, Conn., Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—A policeman who broke up a suspicious looking huddle near the court house discovered a scientific method for capturing "night crawlers" for fishing bait. Inventive youngsters had discovered that an iron bar, attached to a wire plugged into the electric light circuit and stuck into the ground, brought up the worms in large numbers.



"Guess What the Fortune Teller Told Me"

ALWAYS interesting to listen to ... those fantastic fancies told by crystals, cards or palms. But real fortune telling has turned scientific these days. "Read your future by your food," is the new teaching. And how sensible it is, when you think of it!

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