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## The Housewife And Her Activities

### A HOUSEKEEPER'S SYMPHONY

To do the best I can from morn till night  
And pray for added strength with coming light;  
To make the family income reach away,  
With some left over for a rainy day;  
To do distasteful things with happy face,  
To try to keep the odds and ends in place;  
To smile, instead of frown at Fate,  
Which placed me in a family always late;  
To meals; to do the sewing, mending,  
To keep the odds and ends in hand,  
And do them always with a cheerful heart,  
Because in life they seem to be my part;  
To know the place for everything and keep  
It there; to think, to plan, to cook  
To brew, to bake, to answer questions,  
To be the mainpring of the family clock  
(Or that effect), and see that no ticktock  
Is out of time, or tune, or soon, or late;  
This is the only symphony which I  
Can ever hope to operate.

By Fanny Waugh Davis

It is a mistake to allow too many shoots to grow.

It is a noble and a great thing to cover the blemishes and to excuse the failings of a friend; to draw a curtain before his stains, and to display his perfections; to bury his weaknesses in silence, but to proclaim his virtues upon the housetop.—South.

Joan Crawford wore a large Breton sailor in black felt with brilliant purple and red anemones posed over forehead and under chin on her recent visit to New York.

Lace a-plenty is seen for summer newest in 1930 band insertions in all-overs a revival of silk laces and combined with satin, English-looking... heavy laces, Irish crochet and linen lace also 1930's.

### BLOUSES RANK AMONG MUSTS OF SPRINGTIME

Blouses make important fashion news. Paris is using natural-colored chambray leather—just like that used for cleaning silver—for blouses to go with sports suits. They are finished with big matching buttons, and have short, gathered sleeves. The result is both amusing and attractive.

Other blouses take their inspiration from jockeys' shirts. There is one half in rose satin and half in violet. Another in pale yellow green has a rolled collar in brown, while a wide band of brown goes diagonally across the blouse from top to bottom.

For afternoon blouses the favorite material is chiffon. It is seen in all colors and is used in a variety of ways. Lacy lingerie blouses in pastel tones are a suit most.

### DAHLIA SPROUTS

They will soon show signs of life and if the number has to be increased this can be done by dividing the roots, but make sure the tuber has a growing shoot.

Before planting at the end of April or beginning of May thin down the growing eyes to two as

## Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

It is Foolish for a Woman Nearing the 30 Mark to Marry a Youth in His Early 20s, For He Knows Not What He Wants; Trouble Will Come

Dear Miss Dix—Dix and I are in love. He is a senior in college, not quite 22 years old, and I am a teacher of 26. He has been promised a job in a far-away city at \$100 a month and as soon as he finishes school he would like to take it and think that we could live on it. He has had enough of running around and would like to settle down to serious things and a home of his own. I hesitate, however, because of the difference in our age and all that it might involve because of changing tastes. What do you think of our chances of happiness if we marry?

RUTH.

Answer: I think that any woman of 26 who marries a school kid five years younger than she is simply making a fool of herself. She is taking a long shot at happiness and the odds are all against her. She has about the same chance of winning as she would have in making a fortune on a sweepstake ticket.

Five years' difference between the ages of a husband and wife does not matter much after a man is 30, but while he is still in his early twenties it is all-important. The reason for this is obvious. The one case he is immature. He is still growing mentally. His tastes are changing. His ideals altering. The thing he likes one day he discards the next. The girl who fascinated him yesterday he can't see today. He is incapable of picking out a wife to whom he would be faithful because he doesn't know what he is going to be himself and what he will want in a wife when he grows up.

Besides, he hasn't had his fling. And if a man doesn't have that when he is young, he is likely to take it when he is middle-aged, and disastrous results for all concerned. Whenever you hear of a man going away in his forties and deserting his wife for a gold-digger, ninety-nine times out of a hundred you will find out that he married before he had any playtime.

On the other hand, after a man is 30 he is mature. He is settled. He is what he is going to be and his habits and tastes are not going to change. He has had his fill of dancing and running about and is ready to settle down and be a fireside companion. If he picks out a woman five years older than himself for a wife, it is because she has the intelligence he desires in a companion and the experience of the world that makes her easy to get along with.

At 22 a boy is still a kid as you know well, being a teacher. Also, you know that his saying that he wants to settle down is nonsense and that he would be tired of having to stay at home of nights inside of a month. And you know that you are, in reality, ages older than he is, and that if you marry him it will be virtually a case of kidnapping for which the G-men should get you.

Don't do it, especially for yourself, because there will be no happiness in it for you. You will no more stay in love with him than he will stay in love with you. For a grown-up woman wants a grown-up husband. This boy has nothing to offer you in the way of a comfortable home or a secure living. You will find out that working out a paper budget on which you can run a home is a very different matter from the way it works out in reality.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a girl of 18, going with a boy of 20. He is a nice boy and my mother wants to let him to marry me, but she wants us to stop seeing so much of each other and wants me to go about with other boys, too. But I like him best. After all, it is my life and I have to live it.

TERESA.

Answer: That's true, and that is why it is so important that you should plan your life so as to get the most of it. When you are 16 you are sowing the seeds of the harvest that you have to reap, ten, fifteen, twenty, thirty years from now, and you want to be certain that you are planting flowers instead of thistles.

Now about this keeping company with one boy business. Letting him take up all your time and keeping away all the other dates, getting your name linked with his, getting to know his friends or Sam's girl, having to wear some boy's brand, let's consider it a little.

Of course, from your standpoint it seems simple enough. All the girls do it. In a way it is easy to go with one boy because you are familiar with him. You do the same thing, you know the same people, you don't have to make any effort to make conversation or keep him fascinated. He is as comfortable to have about as an old shoe.

But suppose Tom gets tired of you, or some new girl comes along who strikes his fancy, or he goes off to college, or he goes to some other place. What then? What do you do? Because you have let him drive away all the other boys and you have no dates.

Suppose in your teens you get paired off with Tom and you go with him not only through high school, but also continue going with him afterwards. When you have become a habit with each other and everybody thinks of you as belonging to each other just as much as if you were married.

You may have got dead tired of each other. Your childish romance may have worn out long ago. But you can't break away because neither one of you have any one to go to. Finally you drift into a dull-as-dish-water marriage just because your community has expected you to marry so long you feel you have to do it.

So don't do it, especially for yourself. You would shop around and look over all of the importations until you found something that you just felt you couldn't live without. Well, that is what a girl ought to do when she is picking out a husband. She should have lots of many dates with just as many different boys as she can manage, for in that way she can look 'em all over and contrast them and make sure to get what she wants.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a married woman with two children, in love with a married man with two children. What should we do? UNDECIDED.

Answer: Forget it. You would be a lot unhappier with two broken-up homes and four orphaned children on your consciences than you are now. Soulmates are no compensation for not being able to look yourself in the face and know that you have done the decent, honorable thing and stood by your obligations.

DOROTHY DIX.

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