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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Partying Husband

Wife Must Participate In Mate's Last Fling, Or Lose Him

DEAR MISS DIX: My husband and I married very young and are now past middle age. Our five children are married. We have always lived happily together, but now a break has come in our lives because my husband wants to go with a fast set and has been going on wild parties. He begs me to go with him and says he does nothing that I cannot do. He says that we married so young we didn't have any fun when we were a girl and boy and now that we haven't very long to live we should get the most of our lives. He is hurt and worried when I refuse to go and try to keep him from going. I have two reasons for not doing so. One is that I don't care for that kind of life. The other is that I am jealous of two women who go. He says my jealousy is without foundation. What should I do? Go with him or refuse to let him go?

A WORRIED WIFE

ANSWER: If you have a grain of intelligence in your head and want to save your home, you will get yourself the best-looking clothes you can purchase and have a facial and a permanent and stay out with your husband while the invitation is still good.

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Otherwise you are going to find yourself one of the neglected wives who sit at home of an evening alone and think bitter thoughts while their husbands are out playing. And likely as not, you will end up in the divorce court because you are leaving the field open to the gold-diggers and they are hot on the trail of every man whose wife refuses to play with him. You have to keep up with your husband or else you lose him. There is no fact in nature truer than that.

Just remember that when your husband steps out he goes to places where he meets pretty young women, half your age, better looking than you were even in your youth, who yes-yes him and fall into all of his plans and are full of laughter and gayety and help him enjoy himself. Then you will perceive the folly of being a kill-joy and of interfering with his pleasure. Then you will see how little it profits you to have him contrast your mental attitude as well as your looks with these little playfellows.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: When people have to make their homes with some one else, why are they so difficult to get along with? Why do they develop such an extreme sensitiveness? Why can't they realize that others in the family need some consideration, too? Why must one tread as if on eggs in dealing with them? Why must they have special invitations to join family activities? Why must they wear the air of a martyr? In short, why can't they make the burden they are to others easier to bear?

ANSWER IF YOU CAN

ANSWER: I can't answer it. I gave up trying to answer the conundrum long ago. The only explanation I can suggest is that dependence is a shame that cuts so deeply into the soul of a man or woman that the wound always aches. Hence they set up sensitiveness as a sort of defense mechanism and spread their feelings all over the place so that it is impossible to move without stepping on them. It is their way of getting the attentions that they crave and making themselves important in the family circle. And that is pitifully childish, but it is pitiful all the same.

Of course, all of this does make those who are dependent upon us harder to get along with, but their lot is so forlorn, they are so piteous, that those of us who do not have to find out how steep are the stairs in another man's house, as the Spanish proverb puts it, may well bear with them patiently and take the trouble to humor their weaknesses.

DEAR MISS DIX: Do you think it is brutal to pinch a child to make it mind in the presence of guests? He cries, but they think he is crying because I scolded him. My mother says I am a snake to do it. She is angry at me every time I do it, she loses her head about it.

C. N. O.

ANSWER: I do not see how any mother could be so cruel as to bruise the tender flesh of a little child by pinching it. You are living too late. You belong in the days of the Inquisition and would have made a grand torturer. I don't believe it is necessary to beat up children to make them behave. If you will establish the habit of obedience of children in everyday life, you will not have to pinch them to make them mind in public.

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it correct to send out informal handwritten invitations for a very simple wedding?

A. Yes, such as, "Dear Jane: John and I are being married at four o'clock Thursday, the first of this month The ceremony will be at such-and-such church. We hope that you will come. Affectionately yours, Mary."

Q. Is it considered proper for a guest at a dinner to stack his used dishes when he has finished eating?

A. No; it is much better to leave them as they are.

Q. Is it obligatory for a guest at a christening to bring a gift for the baby?

A. It is not obligatory, but is customary.

QUIET WEDDINGS

HULL, Que.- (CP) - Police-Chief Adrien Robert warned recently he has oorders to enforce a city by-law banning unnecessary horn-blowing. The by-law applied equally in the case of weddings.

THESE NAGS AREN'T "DARK HORSES" — Mrs. Winifred Price checks over a hobby horse before putting him back with his "stable-mates" in Erith, England. British toymakers are rushing production for the Christmas season, and with the pound sterling devaluation, emphasis is on dollar-earning goods. It's no long shot that these nags will make a big hit with American youngsters.

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon Macmillan

My Tulip bulbs from Holland have arrived! It is an especial happy day for me when I open the large heavy bags of brown skinned bulbs not so large or heavy as former years, but I remember the joy I had over my first Tulips, two dozen of them, and then my very young son had pulled the flower buds from half of them.

It was a mistake of his mother. Half the Tulips were early and the remainder the late variety. After blooming I snipped the faded blooms off to aid the bulb in developing and he saw me do it; then very quickly he did the same to the Tulips just beginning to show color. It was a lesson to me in training small children in the care of a garden. No matter how urgent the need at the moment I never cut or pull a flower while the two or three-year-old is watching. After those years you can explain about them withering and fading and that you need them for some one who is sick. And so far my small children are not destructive in the garden but are allowed the enjoyment of every inch of it. Children only imitate those they see every day. This is a grave responsibility for some of us.

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The small children are beginning to learn the planting of bulbs and soon I expect they will become real gardeners and I hope that they will.

This year I am planning on red Tulips for the large centre bed with the bird-bath in the south garden overlooking the river. Three hundred All Bright Darwins will be planted there and with many very blue Forget-Me-Nots should be something to look forward to in the Spring. - - - They will probably be planted in late October or November, and several seasons the frost had come before it was possible to plant and I was worried but they were splendid that Spring and now with experience I have no fear that they will be ruined if for any reason I cannot get them planted as early as I wish.

Good rich earth is necessary and good drainage is important. I have tried two methods in planting. Spading the soil out of a bed to a depth of seven inches, planting the bulbs and then filling in the soil again and planting with a dibble. I have had success in both methods. Most people think they are planted more evenly and at the same depth with the former method.

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If snow covers the bulbs this is all the covering needed, but in an exposed place I gather spruce boughs and lay them over the bulbs.

There is nothing in my estimation to help you in the Winter-time like a few bulbs in the garden for Spring blooming. Inglescombe yellow will be used like last year, in groups on either side of the stone steps leading through the summer-house in to the Rose garden, with many very blue Forget-Me-Nots, bronzy foliage of the large pink Peony, and a background of the evergreen hedge with an apple tree in pink blossom to the right. It was a satisfying corner and I was able to get a colored picture to treasure through the years.

I am using Violas and Pansies as a complement to the Tulips this year and Arkwright Ruby, Blue Butterfly and Jersey Fern in purple are ready to be transplanted from the field.

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The Snowberry shrub is covered with its white fruits and with the good green leaves is a desirable shrub for the garden, doing especially well in shady places like the north side of the house. It is very hardy in this climate and was used by my grandmother half a century ago. In the catalogue you will find it under the awful name of Symphoricarpos Parviflorus Conglomeratus.

A visitor to the garden this week from the eastern part of the Province pleased me very much when she noticed the wonderful fragrance of the Clematis Paniculata the moment she stepped through the garden gate. This creamy white star shaped bloom is literally covering one end of the small house and it has never been better. I imagine the mulching I gave it of old rotted strong manure has benefitted the climbers and it is now at its very best.

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More plants have been moved from the field to their permanent places in the borders.

Wallflower, fragrant and lovely in orange to bloom early with the Tulips; Foxglove, with large vigorous leaves, these are stately plants and add much to the garden picture in June and early July. Sweet William and Lupines in lovely colors of cream and rose; all of these biennials and perennials may be planted until freeze-up if carefully done.

This is the time of year I make up bouquets for myself. You have heard of the dressmaker who never had any clothes of her own to wear. Well, it is much the same with this gardener, but at this time of year I walk through the garden making small bouquets of favorite flowers for my own room. Fragrant Roses, Carnations, Wallflowers, Pansies, Nasturtiums, Fever Few and Southernwood, a small yellow Marigold given to me by a friend, Sweet Peas and Paisley colored Pinks.

EXTRA LUCK

OTTAWA- (CP) - Seven-year old Gale Latimer discovered a six-leaf clover while playing on a lawn here. All six leaves are perfectly formed, two overlapping a third leaf on each side of the stem.

"SECOND MRS. SIMPSON"— British Marquess of Milford-Haven and American divorcee Mrs. Romaine Dahlgren Pierce Simpson pose in London after the Marquess announced his engagement in a three-page press handout and a paid newspaper ad. English newspapers have been featuring the New York socialite as "the second Mrs. Simpson."

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M. D.

GROUP TREATMENT OF MENTAL CASES

It is estimated that there are needed today about 5 or 10 times as many psychiatrists as are now available. Naturally it takes a psychiatrist a long time, many single hour sessions, with a man or woman who has developed odd behavior, to dig up the necessary information to help him.

When men and women are under stress as during war they cannot live their ordinary everyday life, and so develop odd behavior, so different from that of their normal selves. It was natural, therefore, that during World War II there was an extra demand for the services of psychiatrists. These psychiatrists got the logical idea that as so many cases of odd behavior had similar symptoms, it would save time to treat patients in groups. It was learned at the very beginning that not only was time saved by group treatment, but also that the members of the group were greatly encouraged to find that so many others had the same odd ideas and behaved as oddly as themselves.

In the "New England Medical Journal," Drs. William B. Terhune, Yale University, and James R. Dickerson, New Canaan, Conn., two outstanding psychiatrists, state that the group method of treatment has been so successful in veteran's hospitals and in private practice, that it is now in general use everywhere. The group provides the patient with emotional satisfactions that he was denied in childhood and has not found in his daily life, outside his family. Through group discussions he comes to realize that he is not so different from others. Where the patient is treated privately, he leans upon the psychiatrist for help and guidance, in group treatment he depends on the other members of the group who in turn, look to him for help. They all help and are helped, which raises their morale.

This group treatment has shown its value not only as a time saver and relatively inexpensive method of treatment, but has, in itself, values not found in individual treatment The patient is regarded as a social being and in the group learns to adapt himself to others.

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The man with the cane is him."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "mosaic"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hammock, attick, sumac, summary.
4. What does the word "hyperbole" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with co that means "a surmise; a guess"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The man with the cane is he." 2. Pronounce mo-za-ik, o as in no, a as in day, i as in it, accent second syllable. 3. Attic. 4. Evident exaggeration. "The author's writings are marked by hyperbole." 5. Conjecture.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Jelly Glasses

To prevent breakage of glasses when making jelly, put the glasses in a pan of hot water to keep them from racking The pan should be a shallow one, and the water should be sufficient to cover the lower third of the glass.

Packing Dresses

Dressesmay be packed for traveling without serious wrinkling if they are covered on both sides with tissue or cheesecloth, then folded.

White Kid Gloves

The white kid gloves can be kept clean a long time if the soil is rubbed off each time they are worn by using an artist's eraser.

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The Stars Say--

By Genevieve Kemble

For Wednesday, October 5

WHILE there are indications of high spots in the realm of romance, adventure novel situations or unwonted thrills and experiments in business as well as private relations, yet it is just as probable that there will be obstacles, frustrations, impediments or unlooked for apposition. It may be that pleasant and thrilling crises must be valiantly fought for, and with exceptional ingenuity, cleverness and some novel ways and means of twisting perplexing and baffling situations into blazing victory. Such may involve separations, estrangements or offending elders.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is are on the eve of an eventful period in which there may be surprise, thrilling adventures, harrowing separations or estrangements. This pertaining to business, various agreements, with innovations and radical change. New ideas or quickened emotions may incite to sudden action, perhaps in launching fresh projects or even spectacular romantic adventures. In any case be ready for shrewd action in order to offset opposition, frustrations and even enmity. Dynamic work should win out.

A child born on this day may have exceptional ways and means for circumventing defeat, opposition, estrangements, being quick-witted, inventive and adventurous in personal and scientific ability.

Cook's Corner

MARSHMALLOW DATE BALLS

(From M. Guelph, Ont.)

1 package marshmallows
¼ cup cream
1 cup chopped dates
1 cup rolled walnuts

Cut up marshmallows, pour cream over them, and allow to stand over night, in refrigerator or very cold place. Next day add dates and nuts. Make into balls and roll in fine Graham cracker crumbs.

VACUUM PACKED • ALWAYS FRESH

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Last night's glass, as well as the farmers, had indicated a killing frost at retiring and if our subsequent dreams were enhanced by glimpses in mind of the bright, smiling faces of our esteemed blossoms, it was to find when we came to our round this morning, the truth of the old saying that dreams incline to go contrary in meaning, because the night hours had taken a toll of ours. Nasturtiums that had glowed for us yesterday in lovely shades of amber and orange and flame, dahlias, golden of heart, returning always "an hundred-fold" for any given care, had come to untimely ends.

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But James viewed the white-spread roofs, and the grass of the meadow which slopes gently down to pond's edge, with satisfaction. "This should do away with any green potato-tops", he said, slipping arms into his jacket, "and help to arrest the blight." A common query we hear of late from the farmers when they chance to see a basket of freshly dug tubers: "Now tell me," James will inquire of the feminine digger, "have you seen any sign of blight-rot yet?" This new week is bringing the digging to some farms, but beneath today's sunny sky it returned the threshing to Rob's.

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In the morning, and very smartly, in view of the field work to be presently taken up, the convenience of the younger farmer's recently built loading-chute was proved, when following others of the line, a sow was persuaded to walk the span from piggery to waiting truck. In the new order thrust upon us, we saw glimpses of the loading for market from the pantry window, where we kept resolutely washing the breakfast dishes. However an old habit got the better of us when granddaughter dressed for an outing to the city danced in with "Come now and see a big one going up!" We remember now the more sombre side of hog raising, the happenings that conspire to "keep the rabbit's table short" as these have appeared at Alderlea in recent months, despite the best of care.

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We recall that due to a heart attack, not an uncommon occurrence in pigs these years, a fine matron, a close mother-to-be of a baker's dozen, has her grave back in a pasture, and that one of those remaining presented her masters with a small litter of six, "no litter at all" to them. But balancing these items, we have those whose presentations have been remarkable in number and of a pleasing plumpness and a size to make the younger farmer bring some indoors in a basket to display them with "aren't those the best ones you've seen yet?" And the first shipment of fat hogs brought most encouraging returns. "Did someone remark that those were being fed too little—or was it too much?" Jock laughed, scanning the paper of tabulations over his father's shoulder. James nodded and adjusted his glasses better to be certain he was reading aright. And a pleased smile broke over his face. "Not all selects!" he said, "not every one! well! we couldn't expect much better than that, now could we?"

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It was a warm September breeze that toyed with granddaughter's curls when along red winding paths we came together with her and the dogs to bring the cows to the evening milking. The sun was dropping gently then, calling home to the west his legions that had glided and mellowed the day. We chatted about "where does the sun go when it goes to rest?" and "do little clouds grow into big ones?" and "where do you suppose that plane is going?" and she spoke of the future. "Some day, when I'm a big girl - - -" little realizing how lovely these days are for us at Alderlea, when as a small happy maid, she chats and laughs and cries by turns, and plays busily through her waking hours. - - - But dear, dear, what a noise of barking shatters our stillness, young barks, older barks in a noisy medley! Home are the farmers now—home from the threshing.

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Until tomorrow - - - Diary - - -
Good-night. - - -

Morning Smile

It's a small world, all right; you can tell by some of the people running it. Why, it's gotten so you're afraid to say you think the world of someone because you know what everybody thinks of the world nowadays.

How Can I !!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. What is a liver corrective?

A. The juice of a lemon, taken in hot water the first thing in the morning, is an excellent liver corrective, and is often effective as an anti-fat remedy for stout people.

Q. How can I prevent the fruit from discoloring when making a salad?

A. Sprinkle the apples, oranges, peaches, or bananas with lemon juice, as soon as the fruit is cut, and it will prevent discoloration, which is due to exposure to the air.

Q. How can I fill an unsightly crack in an article of furniture?

A. Use beeswax, pressing in carefully, then stain and varnish.

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"Hoskins, the cook advises me that you were badly intoxicated last night and that you were trying to roll a barrel out of the basement. Can this be true?

"Yes, my lord."

"And where was I during this time?"

"In the barrel, my lord."