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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Can a Wife Win Her Husband's Love?—Freedom That Ended in Misery — A Wise Youth Who Plans His Married Life in Advance

Dear Miss Dix—Do men ever fall in love with their wives? My husband says he doesn't love me now and doesn't think he ever really did. He says he has become discouraged when he met me and needed comfort, and because I gave him that he thought he loved me. He is an honest fellow, true and loyal, and I love him with all my heart. He says he hopes to love me, too, some day, but is it possible? We are great pals, but I'm so young, only 17, and I want his love terribly. We have a baby that he is devoted to.

JUST HIS PAL.

Answer: Of course a man can fall in love with his wife, and he is pretty sure to do it if she is willing to take the trouble to vamp him.

No other woman in the world has such a chance to win a man's affections as his wife. All the gods fight on her side. To begin with, she has the advantage of propinquity. Throw a man with any woman day after day, and if she has any attractions whatever he is almost sure to fall in love with her. The wife has this opportunity always at hand, and if she doesn't use it to charm her man it is her own fault. Then the wife who wishes to sell herself to her husband knows exactly along what line to approach him. She knows his weaknesses, his prejudices, his likes and his dislikes, and so is able to play upon him as upon a harp with a thousand strings.

What every man looks for, from the cradle to the grave, is some woman who understands him. Some woman who will listen with rapt attention while he talks about himself, his business, his hopes, aspirations and plans. Some woman who believes in him and who jollies him along. Any wife can make her husband eat out of her hand if she will only feed him on a few grains of sympathy and appreciation.

Still another advantage that the wife has over other women is that she knows the man who belongs to her and bears his name throws a halo around her and puts her in the best light before him. He picked her out for a wife from among all other women. She represents his taste and judgment, and the same sort of vanity that makes him think that the particular car he drives is the best car that is made and that the town he lives in is the greatest town on earth makes him overlook defects in his wife that he would criticize in any other woman.

Why, half the husbands you know still speak of their wives as "little women" after they have got so fat they refuse to be weighed any more. Generally speaking, the last man to find out that a woman has lost her good looks is her husband, and he never finds it out so long as she wears pretty frocks and is amiable and jolly.

Likewise, the wife has the advantage of becoming a habit with her husband. A great deal of nonsense is talked about men tiring of their wives and seeking fresh faces, and so on. As a matter of fact, men don't like change. Look how they stick to the same fashion in clothes year after year. Look how they go to the same places. Frequent the same amusements. Eat the same food. Why, there are men who can eat three-minute eggs for breakfast and roast beef, medium rare, and potatoes and apple pie every day of their lives without tiring of them or varying their menu. The average man doesn't even like to travel. It is women who like variety, and not men.

So the wife who wants to win her husband's love has it in her favor that she doesn't like to change. He is accustomed to her. She is a habit, and if she will only make herself a pleasant habit, one that is easy on the eyes and as comfortable to live with as an old shoe, she is bound to win out.

In your case, Little Pal, you have the added advantage of youth and of a child that his father loves, and believe me, the most powerful agent in the world is drawing a man to a woman is baby hands. They have a giant's strength, and no man whose soul is not utterly dead ever looks at his children's mother without a tenderness that he feels for no other woman in the world. You say that you and your husband are companionable. You are great friends. After all, that is what married love comes to be when it settles down to everyday living. Romance wears out. Passion dies of satiety.

You no longer thrill and palpitate at the sound of a footstep that you hear continually, but you get something better than that when you get a true and tried friendship with one who understands and sympathizes with you and with whom you never get talked out because you have every interest in common.

My diagnosis of your case is that your husband mistakes his symptoms and that he really loves you. At any rate, it won't do any harm for you to keep on trying to vamp him. Husbands can stand a lot of that kind of thing.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I have a very dear friend who is living with a man to whom everybody thinks she is married. She is utterly miserable all the time and would like to know if she left him what she could do to make him pay her some money. Would he have any comeback on her if she left him and to save her name, told that she got a divorce?

DOT M. H.

Answer: When a man persuades a woman to live with him as his common-law wife it is in order to evade the responsibilities of matrimony and to keep from having to pay alimony in case he gets tired of her and deserts her or makes things so unpleasant for her that she has to leave him.

When a man means fairly and honestly by a woman and intends to

Jewels Adorn My Lady

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Jewels! What glittering symphonies that word conjures up!

The angry flame of a ruby, the cold brilliance of a sapphire, the shimmer of pearls, the changeless metallic hues of gold and platinum—fashioned by the hand of a master craftsman into the crowning touch to an elegant's ensemble—beautiful jewels. And never has there been a more exquisite touch than today, for we have not only preserved the best in each type of the antique and the ancient, but in the past decade we have managed to create the most distinctively new and individual examples of the jeweler's art in several centuries.

If you will think back to the days before the war you will realize that jewelry then was pretty colorless and stereotyped. Some of it cost more than others, some had larger gems or purer metals, but the designs were conventional and the cheaper pieces content to be imitations of the costly.

Even after the war the new tendency to make in jewelry an authentic expression of the modernistic spirit—in decorative art did not gain great foothold for some time. As in other fields, it was probably the International Exposition of Modern Decorative Art in Paris in the heavenly summer of 1925 that did more than anything else toward furthering the acceptance of modern creations in jewelry.

BEAUTY IN LESSER LIGHTS For centuries jewelersmiths had been content to work with the dia-

mond, the ruby, the emerald and the pearl. When other stones were used they were given the same treatment and were merely less expensive substitutes for the gems one could not afford.

The modern craftsmen, wishing something more flexible to work with—something with a greater variety of decorative possibilities, for after all one can not very well cut diamonds and sapphires up into pieces like jigsaw puzzles—naturally turned to the so-called precious stones.

This opened up an almost inexhaustible range of colors and materials—lapis, lazuli, carnelian, onyx, jade, bloodstone, topaz and a thousand and one minerals of every hue. Working with such materials, the artist could create whatever scheme of shapes and colors he wished, and still be able to carry it out in actual stones and metal. This literally unleashed the fancy of designers the world and lifted modern jewelry to a level with the other decorative arts.

THE GEOMETRIC SHAPES In this jewelry we find all the geometric shapes dear to the heart of the modern artist—a triangle of rose quartz, a circle of coral, a smaller one of amber, a few brilliants and a touch of enamel, and you have a thing of scintillating beauty.

One of the outstanding creators in the newer manner is Jean Fouquet of Paris, whose designs are famous throughout Europe and not unknown in Canada.

Miss 1928's Dress Bill

(By British United Press.) LONDON, February 5.—What does it really cost the modern girl to dress compared with the girl of 1914?

Calculations by the Ministry of Labour that the figure is now 120 per cent above that 14 years ago are rebutted by members of the staffs at the big London stores.

"The principal difference between pre-war and post-war clothes is quality rather than price," said one expert.

"Whereas a woman in 1914 might buy an outfit for \$100 which would last her several years, and then be passed on to a relative to be cut down for the children, a woman nowadays will buy one for the same cost, or less, but it will not last her so long, because the materials are not so solid."

"The average modern woman does not want clothes to last her a lifetime. She likes variety, and with the fashions changing so rapidly, she could not afford to buy dresses of costly materials which become old-fashioned in six months.

"Therefore, instead of buying real silk dresses, she will get a couple of equally attractive artificial silk dresses for less than the cost of one."

Gloves, stockings, handkerchiefs and the dainty underclothing which takes the place of solid woollen and flannel garments, all cost less cash down, it was stated than in pre-war days.

On the whole it was agreed at several big stores that women nowadays are only spending the same amount on clothes per year as they did in pre-war days.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. What is Washington's birthday generally remembered with in the way of entertaining?

A. It is remembered with costume balls, and also with dinners and parties in which the hatchet holds the place of honor.

Q. Is it proper to sign a letter with the Christian name only?

A. No, it is confusing and undignified unless writing to an intimate friend or relative.

Q. What is also removed when the grapefruit and finger bowl are taken away at breakfast?

A. The service place is removed and a hot breakfast plate laid in its place.

CUSTARD PUDDING

Warm a pint of milk and flavor with almond, and half a cup of white sugar. Let cool and add one or two beaten eggs. Pour into a pudding dish, and fill up with thin slices of buttered bread and bake half an hour.—Luke Dark.

protect her and take care of her, he offers her honorable marriage and a legal binding marriage contract. He doesn't ask her to occupy a shameful position in society nor to devote her life to him without his assuming any obligation toward her.

However, there is no woman so stupid and so ignorant as not to know the status of a common-law wife, and it seems to me that if one voluntarily assumes that relationship to a man she should be a good enough sport to abide by her choice.

She has snapped her fingers in Mrs. Grundy's face. She has broken the laws that civilization has built up to protect the home. She has defied the conventions. After having proved herself a free soul, she should not be trying to cash in on her freedom when it didn't prove to be as alluring as she had hoped.

A man who is not legally married to a woman has just as little hold over her as she has on him, so there is nothing to prevent her from saying that she is divorced from him; but I can see no chance for happiness in any life that is built on falsehood and where one lie must be told to cover up another lie.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I know a young man who won't go out with a girl if his religion isn't the same as his, because he says that married people have enough to fight about without bringing in the church. He will have nothing to do with girls who drink and smoke and pet, because he says he doesn't want that kind of wife. Recently he has become engaged to a girl, but as they can't marry for five or more years, he lets her go out with other fellows. This fellow wise or foolish?

A BOY FRIEND.

Very, very wise. Wise beyond his years. He has avoided the temptation falling in love with a girl who does not possess the qualities that he wants in a wife. He will not make the mistake of marrying an extravagant girl who he wants a thrifty wife or a wild girl when he wants a domestic wife, nor will he get a wife with whom he will quarrel over religious matters.

He is wise enough to know that long engagements generally wear themselves out, and so if he and the girl develop along different lines and come to the place where they have nothing in common or if they weary of each other they will have no hesitation about breaking a bond that no longer binds, because he has not segregated the girl from all other men and prevented her from making a good marriage.

DOROTHY DIX.

Milady Beautiful

BY LOIS LEEDS



WHEN THE DOCTOR IS YOUR BEST COSMETICIAN

Among the beauty questions that come to me from readers of the column, there are always some that I must answer with the advice, "See a physician."

There are cases in which a doctor can improve one's beauty more successfully than can a cosmetician. Some girls have the entirely groundless idea that any beauty problem can be solved by the use of cosmetics and, as a result, they become cynical about the value of all external beauty aids when they discover by experience that there are many blemishes that magic creams and lotions cannot cure.

One such problem is dark circles under the eyes. This is often associated with tired, dull, smarting eyes. The cosmetician cannot help here. No amount of bleaching creams or eye washes will restore beauty to such eyes until the cause of the trouble is located and removed. Often the cause of the dark circles is some uterine disorder, constipation or indigestion that can be cleared up with medical advice. Tired eyes may be rested by the use of glasses fitted by a competent eye specialist.

Halitosis is another beauty problem that requires the advice of a specialist—a dentist or a doctor. Mouth washes and fragrant breath tablets disguise but cannot cure the trouble, which may be the result of diseased teeth or gums, bad tonsils, catarrh or digestive disorders.

Bow legs, knock knees and flat feet constitute a distressing beauty problem, but they cannot be cured by the beautician. They require the attention of an orthopedic surgeon or podiatrist.

Those of my readers who have been following my replies to questions that alternate with these beauty chats may have noticed that when girls in their teens ask me how they may lose weight, I always advise them to see a physician before beginning any reducing program. For cases of excessive overweight in adults, I have the same advice, also. While excess fat is often due to overeating and lack of exercise, it is not always caused by such easily controlled factors. Much has been learned in the last fifteen or twenty years about the effects of the endocrine glands on body weight and development. A deficiency in the thyroid or in the pituitary glands may cause excessive

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Household Hints

BY ROBERTA LEE

Cake Pans

Instead of greasing pans, cut white paper or wrapping paper to fit the pan. When the cake is done the paper comes off very easily; and the cake does not stick.

Moths in Carpets

Scrub the floor with strong hot salt water before laying the carpet and sprinkle the carpet with salt once a week before sweeping.

Powder Stains

Powder stains can be removed from suits and collars of coats by sponging with turpentine.

overweight and the correction of the trouble is a matter for a physician to handle.

Extreme underweight also may be traced to deficiencies or diseases in the body which require medical treatment. Diseased tonsils or abscessed teeth may so poison the system that a gain in weight is impossible. A thorough physical examination by a doctor will bring to light the hidden causes of many persistent beauty problems.

Tomorrow—Beauty Questions Answered

BEAUTY AND BUSINESS

Must both be looked after, but ordinary beauty treatments take too much time.

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BANANA SNOW WHIP

(By Request, "Mom.")

(By Mrs. Aylmer Macpherson)

Slice 3 bananas. Add 1/2 cup powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons lemon juice. Set in a cold place for one hour. Mash and beat until light, then add 1 cup whipped cream and 2 egg whites, beaten stiff. Chill and serve in sherbert glasses. Sprinkle finely shredded coconut on top, and place a pistachio nut in the centre.

A Fashion a Day



MODERN LINES

A stunning model of silk crepe with dark background printed in scatter baloon dots, that will be difficult to resist. The new modern feeling is in evidence in bodice, and in skirt with tendency to dip its side. Note the tab ends of cuffs of dart-fitted sleeves, and trimming bow details. Its lines are exceptionally slender. Style No. 398 is designed in sizes 16, 18, 20 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. It is very effective in lipstick red georgette crepe, Lanvin green faille silk crepe, purple canton-faille crepe, black crepe satin and silk crepe in tweed pattern. Pattern price 15 cents in stamps or coin (coin is preferred). Wrap coin carefully.

We suggest that when you send for this pattern you enclose 10 cents additional for a copy of our Spring Fashion Magazine. It's just filled with delightful styles, including smart ensembles, and cute designs for the kiddies.

Small Bits

Scrub with the grain of the wood for best results. Put all kitchen utensils to soak as soon as emptied. Turn colored garments inside out before hanging them out to dry. For safety's sake, ladders should be placed at an angle of 75 degrees. Add a little fine fern to that bunch of artificial flowers and see how much more natural they will appear. Never fail to starch the rag rug after washing. It not only keeps it clean longer, but will make it lie flat and smooth on the floor.

FARMER'S WIFE GETS STRENGTH

By Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Wilton, Ont.—"I am taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound through the Change of Life. It helps me and I cannot praise it too highly. I was troubled with heat flashes and my limbs were heavy so I could hardly walk to do my farm work. I saw in the newspapers your ad about the Vegetable Compound and thought to give it a trial. The first bottle gave me relief and I have told others what it does for me. I am willing for you to use my letter if you choose."—Mrs. D. B. PETERS, Wilton, Ontario. Ask Your Neighbor

The Daily Argument

AUNT HET

BY ROBERT QUILLLEN



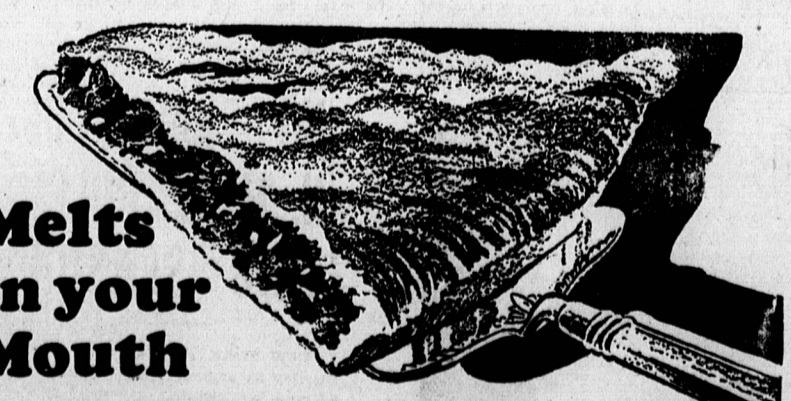
"Pa gives me plenty of money for clothes, but some time before I die I want to dress up an' have every stitch on me new at the same time."

POOR PA



"When Ma showed me how much ironin' she'd done to save \$2, I decided not to tell her I bought five tickets to help Miss Brown along with her benefit recital."

Melts in your Mouth



Purity Flour Plain Pastry — Use 2 1/2 cups Purity Flour; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 cup shortening; 1/2 cup cold water. Mix flour and salt, cutting in the shortening until the mixture is like fine meal. Mix thoroughly with the water. Roll out thin, keeping it quite dry. This will make crust for two pies. For extra rich pastry use half butter and half lard.

A Hint from an Expert on Baking Pastry

In baking pastry use your favourite shortening. Mix it in thoroughly with Purity Flour, using a level tablespoonful more of shortening but using two tablespoons less per cup of Purity than of ordinary pastry flour. Then add just enough water, and not a drop more, so that the dough will crumble together. Keep it dry! A dough heavy with water will not flake up in the oven as too much moisture prevents quick action of the heat. The lively, almost crumbly, dough made with Purity Flour flakes up beautifully and makes the kind of pastry that "melts in your mouth." Get a sack of Purity Flour from your dealer. Send 30c for a copy of our famous 700-recipe Purity Flour Cook Book.

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