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By Annabelle Worthington



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Dorothy Dix' Letter Box

Why is Marriage the Only Undertaking Which Requires No Training?—Is New Furniture Worth More Than a Wedding Ring?—Family Goat

Dear Miss Dix—The crying need of the day is for a school of matrimony in which boys and girls could be taught how to harmonize their dispositions and warned of the things that cause marriages to be wrecked and which turn what should be happy homes into funeral homes. It would prevent many of the tragedies that are caused by the hit-and-skip marriages. JUSTICE.



Answer: Thank you for that phrase—hit-and-skip marriages. It certainly does vividly describe many of the modern marriages in which the young husbands and wives strike out blindly in their fury at each other's faults and weaknesses, and then skip out to the divorce court, without even waiting to see what damage they have done or whether the one he or she has left is fatally injured or not.

I agree with you that a school of matrimony would fill a long-felt want and have a wide field of usefulness. It is a little cynical, when you come to think of it, that marriage is the only undertaking in the world which is thought to require no training, no knowledge, no previous experience.

A plumber must serve an apprenticeship before he can become even a helper permitted to tinker with our pipes. A doctor has to spend years of time studying medicine before he is given a license to practice. Nobody would hire a girl as a secretary unless she had learned typing and stenography. We wouldn't think of risking our lives by starting up in an airplane with a pilot who had never flown before, or setting out on an ocean voyage with a captain who was going to sail over uncharted waters for the first time.

Yet we expect tyros to make a success of marriage, which is the most complicated and difficult of all professions, and the one that requires the finest technique. We let mere children undertake a business that taxes the wisdom of gray beards, and we let boys and girls, whose judgment we would not trust to buy an automobile or a fur coat, select their life mates. We send novices out to handle situations that require the finesse of a trained diplomat.

No wonder that we have so many divorces. The marvel is that they are not universal.

Certainly a school of matrimony would do a great work if it only took marriage out of the amateur class and put it into the rank of the learned professions. It would help a lot if it only made youngsters realize that marriage wasn't just a lark or a thrill or a chance that you took at happiness and whose result depended upon your luck, but that it was an exact science, to be studied seriously and with all the intelligence that one possessed, and that the way is turned out was just as inevitable as that two plus two make four, or that two minus two leaves nothing.

The theory that clashing dispositions can be harmonized is as revolutionary as Einstein's theory of relativity. Most husbands and wives, when they find that they do not think alike and have different tastes and opinions, fight it out to the bitter end, but a school of matrimony could teach the young hopefuls how foolish this is.

It could teach them that a husband or wife has just the same right to an individual opinion as any stranger has, and that it is just as much up to married people to avoid topics upon which they disagree when they talk with each other as it is when they hold converse with outsiders. No man tells the lady that he takes to dinner that she is a fool, no matter what he thinks on the subject, nor does he criticize the politics or religion of his best customer or client. Nor does any woman try to coerce the men she meets in society into going to her church or get into a tantrum because they don't like her favorite author.

Certainly a school of matrimony could teach young people how to keep off each other's toes; how to avoid quarrels; the value of politeness and showing each other little courtesies and attentions.

And there should be special courses in humor, and how to deal with in-laws, and the best and most successful way to apply jolly, and what to do with a wife who cries or a husband who swears, and how to cure a wife of extravagance and a husband of tight-fistedness and so on.

Oh, yes, there is need of a school of matrimony and I would advise making its curriculum so strenuous and so long that by the time a student had got his or her P. M. (Prepared Mate) degree he or she would be old enough to know what he or she really needed in a wife or husband.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a woman 25 years of age, a grass widow, and with one child to support. I have met a splendid man and we are very much in love with each other. He is married, not divorced, but separated from his wife. He wants me to live with him as his wife. Neither one of us are divorced, but my husband told me to go ahead, he wouldn't bother me, so why should I spend so much money for a divorce? My lover wants to take the money he has saved up to buy a modern home and nice furniture instead of spending it on a divorce. I know in the eyes of the law we would be doing wrong, yet haven't we any right to happiness, loving each other as we do? LOIS.

Answer: Certainly you have a right to happiness, but I don't think you will find it by taking the road you propose and putting yourself in the class of women who are outside of respectable society.

The law and the conventions are the bulwarks that civilization has built up around society. They are particularly designed for the protection of women and children, and the woman who puts herself beyond their pale does so at her peril.

Marriage gives a woman a legal claim upon a man and if he means to stick to her he makes no objection to being married to her. Marriage is the conventional announcement that a couple make to the world that they are going to live together as husband and wife, and if a man respects a woman he offers her marriage because he wants her to have an honorable position in society and does not wish to subject her to the humiliation of being looked down upon and despised by the people in their community.

So if a man does not want to marry you, you may be very certain that he intends to get rid of you when he tires of you without any bother about divorce or about having to pay any alimony. Also that he has no tenderness or real love for you.

The idea that any woman would rather have some new furniture than a wedding ring is so preposterous that I can hardly credit it. I should think that any woman would rather have respectability than even the newest fangled radio, or a kitchen done in futuristic colors. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—My wife blames me for everything that goes wrong. When I ask her opinion on any matter she will never decide it. Always says do as you think best and then if it turns out badly she never ceases reproaching me. What shall I do? X.

Answer: Just laugh at her. Her case is very common. I often wonder if husbands and wives do not marry in order to get some one to lay their mistakes on. DOROTHY DIX.

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Etiquette
By Roberta Lee

Q. Does an American wife ever share her husband's title, if he be a doctor, professor, judge, or the like?
A. No.

Q. How far apart should the plates be set on the table?
A. About two feet apart, so that the persons have plenty of elbow room.

Q. May a young girl ever go to a ball alone?
A. Not unless she is a marked favorite and is certain of being taken care of.

A Morning Smile

"My wife and I agree perfectly about some things."
"Indeed."
"Yes. When anything goes wrong I take it for granted that it is my fault. And Henrietta always thinks so, too."

For The Cook

RICH PLUM CAKE

The following recipe for rich plum cake is rather new and comes direct from England. Take one pound of self-raising flour, three-quarters of a pound of butter, half a pound of brown sugar, one pound of sultanas, half a pound of raisins, three-quarters of a pound of currants, a quarter of a pound of glace cherries, the same of mixed peel, two ounces of chopped almonds, four eggs, a quarter of a teaspoon of mixed spices and a pinch of salt. Beat the butter and sugar to a cream, beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, then add the yolks and beat in the sifted flour gradually, adding last the fruit. The raisins are to be stoned, and as I have said before the currants must well washed and thoroughly dried. A good way to dry them is to cover them with a towel and set the plate on which they are on the radiator. It is best to beat a heavy cake of this kind with the hand rather than a spoon. When the cake is ready for the oven line a pan with two thick nesses of greased paper, put in a moderate oven and gradually lower the heat. Bake for three hours and cool on a wire sieve in awarm place. For the almond icing take three quarters of a pound of castor sugar and half a pound of ground almonds mixed with the yolks of three eggs. Spread this evenly over the cake.

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 17.—(By ducts and establishment of secondary distribution of gas by pipe lines, particularly for fuel, is envisioned in the immediate future by Dr. R.C. Wallace, president of the University of Alberta. Recently Dr. Wallace reviewed the natural gas industry, holding out wide possibilities for the future, especially in development of by products. Hydrogen, benzine, anti-freeze solutions for motor cars, and carbon black used extensively in auto-tire manufacture, were some of the possible products of natural gas he mentioned. Work in connection with extraction of benzine and hydrogen had been developed a long way, he said. The next step would be early establishment of a plant where gas comes out of the ground in order to test it on a large scale. If gas were repressed in wells by application of pressure, he believed, a larger percentage of gasoline in the ground might eventually be recovered for use than is being obtained at present with wells running wild.

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