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Dorothy Dix Says—

MONEY AND MARRIAGE

Couples Should Have Pre-Marital Understanding On Finances

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a man turned 40, still single, but giving serious thought to marriage. I hesitate, however, because I have seen so much wrangling between husbands and wives over the financial question. Now I am anything else but a tightwad, but I have always handled my own money and spent it as I chose, which I would not be able to do if I were married. Yet I can't fancy myself at my stage of life turning over my pay envelope, unopened, to my wife and asking her every morning for cigarette money and carfare.

What, in your opinion, is the best way for a married couple to handle the money question?

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MONEY QUESTION IMPORTANT

ANSWER: You are right in thinking that the money problem is at the bottom of more domestic brawls than any other one thing, and this is the case whether the husband or the wife handles the finances. If the husband totes the pocketbook and doles out the money for the household expenses and the wife has to come like a beggar to him for every penny, she soon loses all affection for him and comes to regard marriage as nothing but peonage.

On the other hand, for the husband to turn over his pay envelope to his wife does not promote matrimonial felicity, either. It may look like a generous gesture, but, in reality, it makes for endless quarrels because he cannot see where all the money goes, and no man can be dependent on his wife for money without being humiliated by it and resentful to her for having put him in that attitude.

So important is the money question in determining how every marriage turns out that every engaged couple should thoroughly thrash it out before they are married and make a definite plan about how they will handle their finances. I think that the best way is for the husband to give his wife a fixed sum of money on which to run the house and a separate allowance for herself, with no questions asked about how it is spent.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My mother, who is not usually strict with me, has absolutely forbidden me to listen to, or to write to Frank Sinatra whom I adore. Whenever I happen to see a picture of him I am overcome with emotion.

Prior to his arrival in my home town I dreamed about him for three weeks, feeling sure that I would at least be permitted to see my hero. Imagine my utter dejection when my mother, who is usually co-operative, stubbornly refused to allow me even to look at him from the windows as he drove past in his car.

How can I combat this frustration forced upon me by my old-fashioned parents?

AN UNHAPPY BOBBY-SOXER

ANSWER: It does seem what with the trials and tribulations of the times that the Good Lord might have spared us the affliction of having produced a generation of girls who go around swooning all over the place and threatening to commit suicide over a crooner whom they have never seen, nor ever expect to see, and who doesn't want to see them.

These poor, neurotic creatures are one of the strange products of the hysterical period we are going through, and probably they will outgrow their phobia and develop into sane and sensible wives and mothers. But while the curse is on them they are certainly a pain in the neck to all who have to listen to their screams and ravings.

It is no wonder their parents do not know how to deal with them, but my suggestion is to apply the good old rule that the hair of the dog is good for the bite, and for all mothers who have a Sinatra-mad daughter to lock her up in a room with Sinatra records and make her listen to them, day and night, for two or three days at a stretch.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been secretly married for three months to a boy of 20. I am 17. I am afraid to tell my parents. What shall I do?

MRS. A. MC D.

ANSWER: Tell your parents at once. The longer you keep your secret, the harder it will be to tell them. The only way they can protect you is by your being frank with them. Probably they will be willing to accept your husband and to help you get a start in life.

HOW CAN I ! !

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I get rid of bats?

A. The only satisfactory way ever discovered to eliminate bats is to drive them out of their haunts and then close their means of entry. A characteristic of the bat is that it takes food on the wing, and therefore cannot be poisoned.

Q. What is a remedy for removing warts?

A. Dissolve a quantity of washing soda in a pan of water. Wash the hands in this solution and then allow them to dry without wiping.

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Living & Leisure

THE WOMAN'S REALM

SELF MASTERY

Let us fight the good fight of him who strives for self mastery.
I will seek to win the noble victory of one who conquers himself.
Who liveth bravely?
He who fears nothing but to do wrong.
Who liveth greatly?
He who adorns each day with victories over himself.
Who liveth in freedom?
He who learns to do easily what at first was hard—because it makes for the welfare of others.

—W. C. Gannett.

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TINKLING SHOES

The long pointed shoes of the Middle Ages reached such fanciful proporting that at one time the points were fastened up to the knees with tassels and bells.

Lard from hogs fed with cotton seed meal will show chemical tests for cottonseed oil.

The action of moisture, light and air slowly changes ther to acetic acid and peroxides.

A small amount of ascorbic acid powder added to the syrup as peaches are packaged for freezing will prevent the browning of the frozen fruit.

Germs of rabbit fever can go through healthy human skin without a cut or scratch on it; wild rabbits, dead or alive, should not, therefore, be handled with bare hands.

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

A girl may ask a fellow she knows very well to go to her club or class dance with her, but she should buy the ticket for the affair.

Penned turkeys gain weight more rapidly if fed grass clippings.

Permanent magnets have been used as compass needles since 2,600 B.C., according to legend.

To quiet their nerves and aid digestion, many Asiatics are said to inhale their favourite perfume after each meal.

The use of toiletries by American men has increased tremendously; annual retail sales, not including shaving cream, approximate $24,000,000.

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Questions and Answers on Price Control will appear in The Guardian as a regular feature each day. The questions are those which have reached the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from housewives in this region. The answers are provided by the Board Readers. Persons who have intelligent questions to ask on price control are invited to send them in writing to the Women's Regional Advisory Committee.

Q. We are planning a St. Andrew's Day dinner on Friday, November 30h. As this falls on a meatless day we are wondering if we could serve Haggis or if this would be considered meat?

A. It would seem from the number of enquiries coming in that many St. Andrew's Day dinners are being planned we have taken this matter up with the Ration Administration and it has been decided to permit the serving of Haggis on this day.

Q. I find it very difficult to discover how much meat I can buy with one coupon or with one token. Is there any way I can be sure?

A. Yes, a chart showing the value of both coupons and tokens is displayed in every meat dealer's shop.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

By Roberta Lee

The Needle

When one finds it difficult to thread the needle of the sewing machine slip a piece of white paper or cloth behind the needle and see how much easier it is.

A Feverish Invalid

When the invalid is feverish, chop some ice into pieces that are small enough to put in a thermos bottle. It will prove a great comfort to the patient during the night.

Gnats

Camphor about the person is the best preventive against gnats, as well as the best cure for their stings.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was

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BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He is likely to be injured if he attempts to do it."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "floral"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Bagage, bagatelle, bailiff.
4. What does the word "chactic" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with inv that means "incapable of being conquered"?

ANSWERS

1. Use liable to express a possible event regarded as disastrous. 2. Pronounce flo-ral, o as in no (not as in or), a unstressed. 3. Baggage. 4. Resembling confusion, or disorder. "He brought the country out of this chaotic condition." 5. Invincible.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

The week-end and the beginning of this new one, brought many delights to me. One I enjoyed a great deal was an evening visit to an adjoining community, where neighbors and other well-wishers gathered to shower a young couple of newlyweds and to tender them their good wishes at this important time. We, at Aldlerlea, as many other farm-folk, were at the potatoes that day, all through its lovely sunny hours. It was dusk when the exodus of a man, a woman, a small tired boy and a black dog, by the name of Mutt, rode down the driveway on the homeward trail. We were all a bit weary but bearing out James' assertion that "Ellen brisks up if there's anywhere to go", I went to this social event with Mr. and Mrs. A., our next neighbors "in the road."

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At present, due to no fault of mine or the family, our telephone is a one-way affair. With a degree of labor and agility we may receive but not dispatch any messages. It is extremely trying then for those who would engage us in conversation, to carry it satisfactorily to any length and indeed the shortest message can become embarassing. I think that is how Mr. A. found it this evening, when he rang our signal and said, in so polite a voice that James, who was in the kitchen at the time asked me: "What are you laughing at, Ellen?" "If you would like to come with us to the party, Ellen, we are almost ready to leave now." Then Mr. A. waited, cleared his throat as if to add something then hesitated again, and finally realizing that he had done all he could in the situation hung up. But not before Karolyn had come on the line to assure him: "She hears you all right." I waited at lane's end, when hundreds of stars were alight and a small but beautiful part of the heavens was pictured in the placid water of the pond beside me. Dusky the evening was but bright enough, when I found my night's eyes. So calm and restful, without a breath of wind. Afar on the highway, by the corner store, at the cross roads, a car gave warn-

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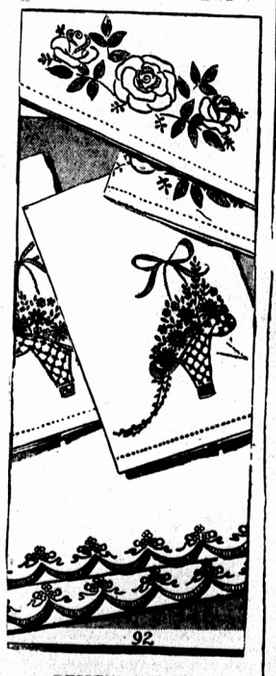

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MORNING SMILE

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"Madam," was the reply, "your son has every chance with us. At present he has no manners at all—only customs."

The hope of the family returned from his first day's work at a munitions factory with fingers bandaged. "Ho, Bert," said his father, "how's this?"

"Well," said the bright one, "the foreman said the machine was foolproof, but I soon showed him."

MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it all right to accept an invitation, made personally by a friend whom one meets on the street?

A. Certainly. This is classed as an informal invitation.

Q. Is it correct to tip a chambermaid when one has been stopping at a hotel?

A. Yes this is usually expected.

Q. Is it permiss ble to put crackers or bread into the soup?

A. No, it is not good form.

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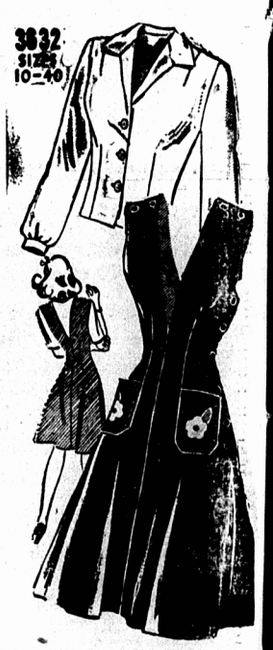

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