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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Should This Wife Work to Help Support Her Husband's Lazy Brother? — Shall "Prettiest Girl" Marry to Escape Strict Parents

Dear Miss Dix—We have been married four months and I have a very wonderful husband, but the only thing that spoils everything is the fact that we have to take care of his 16-year-old brother. Do you think a boy of that age should be entirely dependent on us when we are only getting a start? This boy goes to high school, but will not study, has no ambition and falls in everything, although he knows we are sacrificing to help him. He is never willing to do anything around the house, but expects me to wait on him. I work outside of the home and then come home and cook and clean the house, am doing everything I can to help my husband, but it is very discouraging. My husband and I quarrel constantly over this boy. He says I am selfish. I think he is unjust. Am I wrong? R. F. D.

Answer: A boy of 16 is certainly old enough to earn part of his living, if not all of it, and inasmuch as this lad will not study, the thing to do is to take him out of school and put him to work. As it is he is acquiring lazy, loafing habits that will stick to him through life if they are not curbed at once. Also he is having his morale broken down by being dependent upon others, and especially by being partially supported by a woman. Of course, it is a great pity, but as the old proverb has it, you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink. So you can give the boy the opportunities for an education, but you cannot make him take them, and when one refuses to make his grades it is no kindness to him to keep him idling in the schoolroom. Far better to take him out and put him in a job where he will have to work hard. Sometimes that wakes a boy up to the knowledge of how foolish he has been and how he is hampered at every step by his lack of education, and he voluntarily goes back to school and makes good. Very often a boy seems simply incapable of studying, and then the wise thing is to get him into some useful trade as soon as possible where he is still young enough to acquire skill at it.

One of our leading alienists believes that children who are under par mentally should be given only the most elementary education, just a little reading, writing and arithmetic, and then put to work at some youth's occupation at as early an age as possible in order that they may become self-supporting.

But whether a child is a moron who cannot learn, or an idler who will not study, there can be no doubt of the necessity of teaching him to stand on his own feet and depend upon himself. Not only his character, but his success in the world depends upon his being independent and self-sustaining instead of a parasite, and so your husband does his brother an even greater injustice than he does you in not making him earn his quota of the family income and do his part of the work.

If he thoroughly understood that being permitted to stay in school was a privilege he could only enjoy if he brought in good marks, he would study. If he had to earn the money to buy his own clothes, he would take better care of them. If he had to help with the housework, he would appreciate how kind you are in giving him a home. The boys who have to pick up after themselves don't scatter things around as do those who have women to clean up after them.

That you and your husband should quarrel over his attitude toward his brother is unfortunate but natural. Millions of other husbands and wives have their daily spat over the claims of their respective in-laws upon them, and it is a subject of controversy that can never be settled because neither husband nor wife can get the other's viewpoint upon it.

When a man or woman has the family complex badly he or she will ruthlessly sacrifice the other, and even their own children, to it. Inexplicably their love for their father or mother or sisters or brothers seems greater than their love for their mates, or their own flesh and blood. So does their sense of duty and obligation.

Your husband is willing to take from you to give to his brother. He is willing for you to work to support a husky lad who is ten times as able to work as you are. And there are many like him. I am thinking now of a man I knew who was really devoted to his wife, yet as long as he lived he took the money for which his wife had slaved and pinched and economized and gave it to his brother. He lived poorly that his brother might splurge in a city. He denied his own children the luxuries and advantages that his money afforded his brother's children.

And I know a woman who literally sold her husband into slavery to her family on the day they were married. He was a fine business man and made plenty of money, but every cent above a meager living for themselves went to pay for a home for her mother and father, and to send her brothers and sisters to college, to give them trips, to pay for operations, and so on. Yet this woman was fond of her husband and a good wife to him except in this one respect.

Of course, this is most unfair and unjust. When a man and woman marry, their first duty is to each other. No husband has a right to sacrifice his wife to his family. No wife has a right to sacrifice her husband to her family, but if they have the family complex they will do it, and the only thing the poor victim can do is simply to rebel and refuse to be the family goat. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am 16 years old in high school, and have been voted the prettiest girl on the campus. As I pass I hear the boys rave over my figure. The girls envy me and compare their looks with mine and say of some one, she is "as pretty as Mary," or that she has "dreamy eyes like Mary."

I hate my home, as my parents are very strict and are not affectionate to me. They only show their love in the way of money and good clothes, so I am thinking of getting married, but the trouble is the man I am in love with belongs to a family in which the men all seem to forget their wives. His father and his uncles are separated from their wives. Should I marry this boy and go to a distant city and be happy with him, or stay in a home that I detest? MARY.

Well, Mary, if I were only 16, and had dreamy eyes and a figure boys raved over, I wouldn't think of such a thing as marrying the first man who came along. Particularly when I had parents who expressed their affection with money and good clothes, which seems to me a mighty satisfactory way to say it.

You remember that the heroine in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" said "a kiss is a kiss, but an emerald bracelet is something you've got," and believe me, a nice, fat check or a new frock is a love token that is not to be despised.

Now, of course if you were homely and unattractive; if you had pale, squinty eyes and a lumpy figure, it might be a good thing for you to grab your first proposal, because that might be your last. It might be your only call to the dining car, for no other man might ever pop the question.

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For The Cook

PINEAPPLE MARMALADE

Choose ripe sound pines. Pare them. Take out the eyes. Weigh the fruit and allow an equal weight of pounded and dried sugar. Grate the flesh on a coarse grater. Then put it over a moderate fire and let it heat gently for ten minutes, or until it is quite tender. Add the sugar very gradually and boil the mixture until it looks thick and clear. Turn it into jars and cover in usual way. If preferred, the fruit may be cut up and pounded instead of being grated.

to you. And, anyway if you were ugly and unattractive, you wouldn't have many dates and life would be pretty slow for you, so you probably wouldn't be any duller married than you would be single.

But just think what a girl who has dreamy eyes and a figure men rave over cuts herself out of if she gets married at 16. Think of all the sheiks that she will miss meeting! Think of all the thrills that she will never have! Think of the parties she won't go to! Think of the joyrides and good times that she will pass up! For she will be an old married woman, settled down doing her cooking instead of running around with the boys and girls, walking the baby at nights instead of stepping out. Getting fat and dowdy and old before her time.

So don't you think you would be an awful gump to get married at 16, when you have dreamy eyes and a figure men rave about and a papa willing and able to buy you good clothes. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—When the husband makes life so disagreeable for the wife that she has to leave him, and there are children, why is it that the woman generally has to keep the children? They are as much the father's responsibility as the mother's, and since she is granted the divorce why doesn't the court compel the father to pay at least three-fourths of their rearing if the mother has the care of keeping them and training them? A MOTHER.

Answer: The children are generally given to the mother because she can take care of them better than the father can. A man who has to be at his business all day cannot properly look after children. Also, as a general thing, the mother wants the children. In most States the father is made to support the children if he earns enough to do so. DOROTHY DIX.

Advertisement for Shampoo Regularly with Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. Includes an illustration of a woman washing her hair.

MR. AND MRS.

SURE I'LL GO, BUT ONLY ON CONDITION THAT WE COME HOME AT TEN



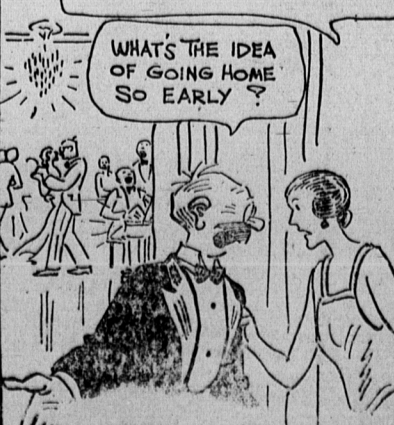
THAT'S SET — WE LEAVE AT TEN



REMEMBER NOW!



JOE — IT'S HALF PAST ELEVEN!



Happenings of the Week

If your nose is close To the grindstone rough, And you hold it down There long enough. In time you'll say There's no such thing As brooks that babble And birds that sing. These three will all Your world compose: Just You, the Stone, And your darned old Nose.

The Lieut.-Governor Hon. Charles E. Dalton has gone up to Boston, and New York on a month's holiday visit.

The new issue of Newfoundland postage stamps, consisting of fourteen denominations in different designs, will be available on January 2, 1932. A feature of the issue will be reproduction of Princess Elizabeth's photograph on a stamp for the first time.

The reason she had given sixteen of her seventeen novels a Maritime Province setting was that she just couldn't help it, L. M. Montgomery, to use her penname, or Mrs. Ewan MacDonald, of Prince Edward Island, told members of the Maritime Women's Club of Montreal, Inc., at a crowded meeting last week attended by many former Island ladies, she loved the provinces on the Atlantic so much that she wanted to make others love them and their people, too, she explained. She urged her hearers always to write down any tales told them by the older folk of the Atlantic Provinces. There was a wealth of material for writers in the Maritimes and only by putting the stories on paper could they be preserved. A bottle of whiskey played a large part in bringing her ancestors to Prince Edward Island, Mrs. MacDonald related. Three Montgomery brothers, with their wives and chattels, sailed for Quebec from Scotland in 1760. The crossing was stormy, the ship was delayed and the supply of water gave out, so when Prince Edward Island was reached, sailors were sent from the ship to fetch water. Mrs. MacDonald's ancestress bribed the captain with a bottle of Scotch whiskey to let her go in the boat with the sailors. Once on shore she refused to budge and her husband was obliged to disembark with his goods and settle there.

Mrs. Prowse, wife of His Worship Mayor Prowse, was at home to her friends Thursday afternoon at her residence 17 Villa Ave., the rooms being pleasantly crowded from 3 to 6. Mrs. Prowse was assisted in receiving by her mother Mrs. J. B. Martyn of Ripley, Ontario, and her sister, Mrs. L. M. Outerbridge of Techow, Shantung, China, who with Mr. Outerbridge and family were her guests for a few days on their way to Halifax from which city they sail tomorrow for Bermuda. The visitors were cordially welcomed, the one regret being that their visit was far too short. Rendolent with pink and white chrysanthemums the tea table was exquisitely arranged and presided over by Mrs. Moorhead Legate and Mrs. L. E. Prowse. Those assisting were Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Mrs. Harry Brown, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. W. S. Grant, Mrs. Lloyd Wellner, Miss Marjory Stewart, Miss Gladys Denny, Miss Helen McMillan, Miss Doris Prowse, Little Miss Margaret Prowse gracefully attended the door.

St. Andrew's Night was the outstanding event of the social calendar for the men this week and under the auspices of the Caledonian Club was royally celebrated at the Canadian National Hotel on Monday.

The Monday evening Bridge Club was pleasantly entertained this week by Mrs. Harry Miller.

Several jolly parties were staged for the officers and men of H. M. S. Saguenay over the week-end, the hospitality being returned by Commander Nelles.

A series of annual Church teas have kept the ladies busy this week and their efforts were crowned with success, the Central Christian, St. Peter's and Baptist Churches all realizing ample sums for the work prepared during the past year.

Miss Eva Beers, Matron of the P. E. I. Protestant Orphanage, entertained a number of friends at afternoon tea at the Canadian National Hotel Wednesday in honor of Miss Anstey of Saint John who was a visitor to the city this week in the interests of child welfare, a work in which she is actively engaged.

Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth was hostess for the afternoon Bridge Club yesterday at her lovely home "Hillhurst."

Mrs. B. Roy Holman was hostess at a prettily arranged and most enjoyable five table Bridge on Thursday evening at her lovely Brighton Apartments. Other guests were invited in for the refreshments and a social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Coffin have as their welcome guest Mrs. Coffin's mother Mrs. E. W. Saunders of East Florenceville, N. B. Mrs. Saunders is being cordially welcomed and pleasantly entertained by their numerous friends.

Mrs. Walter Hyndman has been on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lamy in Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeBlois entertained at a jolly Masquerade party for their young daughter Helen on Tuesday evening.

Plans for Christmas are going on apace. With the early arrival this week of Santa the little ones are keyed-up with excitement. The Christmas goods now offering in the stores are prettier than for some years and shoppers are already busy picking up novelties and toys as they are shown from day to day.

The members of Crystal Chapter No. 1 O. E. S. met at the home of Mrs. W. S. Batt, P. W. M., on Wednesday evening for the purpose of presenting three of the year's brides, belonging to the order; Mrs. Jack Macleod, nee Belle Love; Mrs. Vernon MacKinnon, nee Beulah Hatch and Mrs. Osman A. Richards, nee Alma Ward, with a wedding gift. Mrs. Richards was also presented with an emblematic pin, it being a custom of the Order to present members who are going to reside in another town with a pin. Mrs. Richards is joining her husband. A delightful social time was spent.

Mr. Robert Legate of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting Mrs. Legate and little son, Robert, at the home of Mrs. Legate's parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Peppers, at Centreville, N. B.

The sympathy of many friends will go out to Mrs. G. D. Steele of this city on the death of her father, Mr. R. T. Hayes, former Mayor of Saint John and native of Bideford, P. E. I., which occurred on Wednesday.

"Rainbow Ankles" are the newborn babes in the stocking family and they are creating all the fuss

MORSE'S TEA. Makes More Cups.

A Morning Smile

Discounted His Vision. At a party in England, the headmaster of a local school felt that he had partaken rather freely of champagne; he determined to be careful and avoid showing any of the usual signs of tipsiness.

When they rose from the table someone suggested that the hostess exhibit "the latest addition to her family." She agreed, and presently the nurse appeared with a dainty pink basket containing twins. The headmaster was nearest, and mindful of his determination, he steadied himself and said as he gazed into the basket: "What a beautiful baby!"

no chances on being abandoned because of their lack of warmth. They're lined with angora, rabbit and even ermine, which trickles out and over the outside of the garment at the neck, sleeve ends and trouser cuffs.

ADD HAPPY. Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Graham of Bristol, West Virginia, announce the marriage of their daughter Bonnie Leane to Geoffrey James Beales, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, November 21st, at Oakland, Maryland, The Rev. J. M. Dawson, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Beales will reside in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Mrs. P. W. Turner had as her welcome guest her sister Miss Laura Smith and her sister-in-law Mrs. Louis Smith, wife of the Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick and her winsome little daughter Barbara. They are being pleasantly entertained while in the city.

One of the social events this week in Summerside was a mixed bridge of six tables and china shower on

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