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## Dorothy Dix Says—

### SECRET MARRIAGE TRIALS

#### Annulment May Mean Tragedy To Adolescent Girl

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a girl of 16. My parents are very strict and I have never been allowed to go out or have dates with boys. About four months ago I met a sailor at a church dance. We fell in love and after a month were married secretly and now I am going to have a baby.

What shall I do? My husband, who is 20, says that I should tell my parents and join him at his naval base, but if I do tell them, they will make me get an annulment. I love my husband very much and do not want to be parted from him. Please advise me.

TROUBLED WIFE.

#### TELL PARENTS

ANSWER: Take your husband's advice and tell your parents about your secret marriage at once. Do it immediately because every day you put it off will make it harder for you to speak and will make your situation more difficult. No doubt they will be furious with you, but after they have given you a good talking to, they will forgive you and help you out. They will have to do that to save your reputation and their own faces. Don't be afraid that they will have your marriage annulled, because if they do that, they will turn a foolish adolescent romance into a tragedy. As it is now, you are married honorably to a boy who is not trying to evade his responsibility, but who wants to acknowledge you as his wife and the forthcoming baby as his child and to have you come and live openly with him. There will be no scandal attached to your marriage, but it would cause a lot of tongue wagging if your parents repudiated your marriage.

Anyway, as long as you stand pat and say that you want your marriage to continue and that you and your husband love each other and want to live together, no court would dissolve it. Your parents should feel that they are largely responsible for your secret marriage by refusing to let you have dates and receive your boy friends at home.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am a young man in the navy, 26 years of age. I have been married five years. I love my wife very much and have been very happy with her until now. My trouble is that I am being victimized by my wife's family. I have to support a son-in-law, although her son is much better able to do so than I am. I also have to take care of his child because he has married a second time and the stepmother doesn't look after her properly. My brother-in-law recently has acquired a new home and a car and is in sound financial condition. He has been given the draft status of 4-F. Whenever I try to talk the matter over with my wife, she has a tantrum and we never reach a definite conclusion.

I do not want to entertain the idea of divorce, but the strain is reaching a point where something has to be done. Can you give me any advice?

#### H. K. M.

ANSWER: The only thing you can do is to tell your children brother-in-law that unless he makes his mother an allowance that will cover half of her support that you will take the matter to the Domestic Relations Court. That is the best way to deal with their selfish children who wish their mothers off on somebody else to support, because they will not want to be known publicly how mean and miserly they are. It will affect their business and social standing too much. I earnestly advise you not to let yourself be imposed upon any longer. Ignore your wife's hysterics. She will cut them out when she finds they don't get her anywhere.

DEAR MISS DIX: If a girl takes a boy to a dance, who should pay for the tickets?

#### E. T.

ANSWER: Whoever extends the invitation should pay for the tickets. That is the universal rule. Possibly the boy does not particularly

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Price Control Questions and Answers

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Q. Now that the war in Europe is over will grocers and butchers be allowed to raise their prices?

A. Definitely no. While the regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board are still in effect price ceilings must be maintained the same as at the present time.

Q. Could our landlords give us a month's notice to move because our baby disturbs her? We live in a flat.

A. If you are good tenants in every other way this should not be sufficient reason for giving notice. As you are living in shared accommodation you are entitled to six months' notice to vacate.

Q. For how long are the coupons good that are to be used for canning?

A. All coupons used for canning will be valid until declared invalid by the Board.

Q. Are baby's ration books issued from the date of birth or date of application?

A. Ration books for babies are issued from date of application.

### ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

I was glad the sun was on the wall this morning, for I think that notwithstanding so many delightful sights and sounds that abound if the rain had come, well, as she herself confessed, she just could not have had another shower was in the office for Judy to attend, one after her own inclination, with beautiful music and likely with a bit of a dance in connection. Her feet naturally itch to be sure and her rhythm is faultless. Don't I know it? Many a time I've forgiven her omissions and commissions, forgotten and done, when at the time one of her favorite airs came from the radio. Judy's music could easily amount to a passion with her music and poetry. "Now read this to me" she will be pleadingly, not that she can not read, but understandingly herself. But she enjoys being read to, she hands me a verse or selection she has clipped from a paper and I forget we have our work to do as she listens in rapt attention. Thus and we are both benefited by the loss. This evening the shower was to be held at a farm-house in the district where Bob's live, not very far distant and among neighbors. Judy, of course, is away as I write. She talked in the road to join Mr. and Mrs. A. to go with them by car. She carried a small gift, which was careful to make the first purchase yesterday in the city and a bewitching blue bow nestled in her curls. Ellen (my niece and namesake) came a-visit this evening, walking in the road from the corner store when an older brother, on his way to the city to an affair, "has had time to drive me in. You see, Aunt Ellen, his 'falls' were in town. I guess," she said with a small laugh that was not a giggle (Ellen doesn't giggle in fact, I may be partial, but I like her and namesake) came a-visit. "I would take him some time to decorate himself for the occasion," Ellen is at the derisive age where older brothers are concerned. I was sure she would have gone in Judy to the party, being near in age to all of them, and in that tired out, with helping day and with school-work, if you don't mind I'm going to bed early to go to fishing to-morrow." She is there now. I left my desk awhile back to look after her. There she is in Judy's bed in the look-out room, dead to the world about her. Not knowing that as she sleeps, the moonlight streams across the bed and that down below the front ploughed and harrowed meadow the orchestra plays an accompaniment to the water's tender lullaby.

James stopped jauntily from the back-porch this morning dressed not in "falls" but in the new work trousers, I bought for him up the country, and of which I heard him complain to Jennie. "They don't make clothes for big men any more." Not that this James of mine is over-size but his appearance does belie his size. Many haberdashers have been deceived by his still slim lean figure. "Ellen must have had the impression that I am falling when she got this size," I heard him tell Judy, as he inhaled but not at all to his fullest. However, I am content in knowing that until the very last of the ploughing, James intakes of breath and the moonlight streams across the kitchen-floor, it was only for music from the joy of the occasion and not that they had not been duly paid for. I can attest to that. I can also appreciate James' viewpoint when in answer to a question of Judy's he said explosively: "What me pay for them! Did I turn the make of the comfortable bed up to this day. The dealer who resides near another county, in a pretty village with range lights presiding over a one-time important harbor, needing daily three where a river with a charming old-country name loses its identity in the Atlantic waters. The animals leave Alaska presently but not to go on the job to market. Only to be herded in the road on their way to the range" on the other farm. In recent years the men favor this method of disposal, selling now to be taken later "off the grass."

Judy moved us back to our former sleeping quarters at the newly done room above the kitchen today. She did it so easily I was un-aware of her actions. "I found her there, spreading the covers on the old wooden bed. "Your feet will be to the south now, Mrs. Ellen," she said to me, smiling. I was at the new window then. Swallows plied intently between plain, and barn-eaves, laden with their green of the meadows was through the lace of the new leaves on the silver birch and the poplar Jack planted not so many years since held the restlessness of a small wind's breath in its branch.

## Living & Leisure THE WOMAN'S REALM

### THE SEED

In the heart of a seed. Buried deep, so deep. A dear little plant. Lay fast asleep. "And creep through the light." "O, the voice of the raindrop bright. The little plant heard, And rose to see. What the wonderful Outside world might be.

A conservative estimate is that 1 per cent. of all school children have rheumatic heart disease. Live stock in Italy has decreased greatly during the war and some valuable breeds developed over a period of years have almost disappeared.

The 70-year-old Ends bridge at St. Louis, the first bridge over the Mississippi river, gets a new coat of paint every five years; about 8,000 gallons are required.

Some 25,000 Italian war prisoners in the United States are organized into 196 service units and are handling freight, loading and unloading to go to the dance or he may feel that he cannot afford it and would not go except upon my invitation. That puts the pay check squarely up to you.

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### HOUSEHOLD SKRABOOK

By Roberta Lee

Brooms and Mops should always be hung from the wall. When left standing on the floor the bristles or fibers weaken and rot. Two empty spoons fastened to the wall about two inches apart make an excellent hanger.

Care of the Hair  
Moistening the hair with water too frequently causes it to become harsh and dry making it break easily.

Chopped Nuts  
Nuts will be broken satisfactorily if rolled firmly with the rolling pin. This also saves washing the food grinder.

### MORNING SMILE

A superintendent of schools visited a night-school for Negro adults. He was called upon to congratulate an old Negro. She had enrolled at the start of the course with a single avowed intent—to learn to write her name. She had succeeded, and the course was at an end, and she was leading. The next year the superintendent visited the same school. The old woman had enrolled again. "Why?" he asked her. "Ah's going to learn to write mah name," she said. "But you learned that last year." "Ah knows dat. But now—ah she swelled with pride—"now Ah gone got married."

### COOK'S CORNER

**LEMON SNOW**  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
1-3 cup sugar  
2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups boiling water  
1 lemon, grated rind and juice  
2 eggs whites  
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Until tomorrow — Diary—Good-night.

### BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He spoke very friendly."
2. What is the very incorrect pronunciation of "bouquet"?
3. One of these words is misspelled? Whichever, incidentally, will not often cause the maximum of expansion. He also wore a brand new pair of boots, also among my yesterday's purchases and if they squeaked as he walked across the kitchen-floor, it was only for music from the joy of the occasion and not that they had not been duly paid for. I can attest to that. I can also appreciate James' viewpoint when in answer to a question of Judy's he said explosively: "What me pay for them! Did I turn the make of the comfortable bed up to this day. The dealer who resides near another county, in a pretty village with range lights presiding over a one-time important harbor, needing daily three where a river with a charming old-country name loses its identity in the Atlantic waters. The animals leave Alaska presently but not to go on the job to market. Only to be herded in the road on their way to the range" on the other farm. In recent years the men favor this method of disposal, selling now to be taken later "off the grass."

### MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. What might be said to be the most important thing to acquire to become popular in one's social group?

A. The complete forgetting of one's self, and a sincere interest in others.

Q. Is it proper to make a public announcement of an engagement if the wedding will take place for five or six months?

A. Yes; the engagement may be announced even if the wedding will not take place for a year.

Q. Is it all right to address the envelope to a woman as "Mary A. Jones"?

A. No. The prefix Mrs. or Miss should always be used.

### HOW CAN I !!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I determine whether flour is pastry or bread flour?

A. By taking a small bit of the flour between the thumb and the finger. If it feels fine, soft and fresh from grit, it is probably pastry flour.

Q. How can I stop the annoyance of the lid jumping off when boiling dry beans or other starchy vegetables?

A. Drop a teaspoonful of butter into the water. And if the edges of a saucepan are well buttered, it also helps.

Q. Does wind take starch out of clothes?

A. Yes. do not hang starched clothes in the yard when there is a high wind.

**FANTYWAISTS**  
Dozens of men are walking around London (Eng.), wearing women's "panties." A man's shop couldn't get any men's shorts with 35-inch waist and bought a supply of women's panties made of utility material. They went like hot cakes—and the elastic tops were the most popular feature.

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