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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Should a Bachelor of 40 Forego Marriage to Help Support His Brother's Family? Girl Who is Always Bored — Shall This Boy Leave His Drunkard Foster-Mother?

Dear Miss Dix—I am a man of 40. Although I am essentially a domestic man by nature, I have not married because up until now I have had to take care of my parents and could not afford to support a wife. Now my parents are dead, but my brother demands that I send him monthly from \$50 to \$75 as he has a wife and two children whom he cannot make enough money to care for properly. Now my question is: Am I entitled to think of myself and leave my brother and his children to their own fate? If I do, how can I be happy knowing they are in need? If I married, would it be right to deprive my wife of comforts and luxuries in order to give to my brother? If I marry, I think a woman between 28 and 30 would be more suitable for me than a younger woman. How can I meet girls of that age? Is it advisable to marry without falling in love? I think it is enough to live a person and true love will follow. A LONELY BACHELOR.



It seems to me that forty years of your life is a big enough sacrifice to lay upon the family altar, but that, of course, is a matter between you and your conscience and your family affection.

Just how much the stronger members of a family owe to the weaker ones is a difficult matter to decide. Once I said something to a very successful and wealthy man about his generosity to his brothers and sisters.

"Generosity nothing! It is simple justice," he replied. "If a father and mother were rich and they gave one favored child all of their money, we would think he was a dastard if he didn't divide it with the other children. Sometimes, in some way we cannot understand, parents do give to one child a better brain, more strength and energy, more talent to succeed than the others get, and I consider that he is just as much bound to share his success with his brothers and sisters as he would be if he inherited the family fortune."

That is one way and a beautiful and generous way to look at the subject, but unfortunately we cannot all approach it from the point of view of a millionaire and the question is not so easily settled when it comes down to dividing a moderate salary and when it forces a man whose supporting his brothers' and sisters' families or having one of his own.

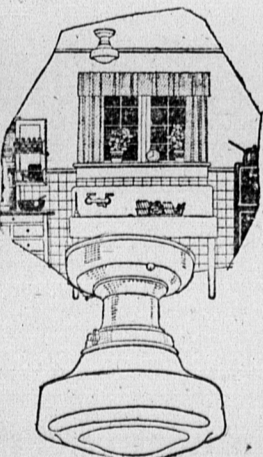
Why have you not as much right to happiness as your brother? Why haven't you as much right to your life as he has to his? Why should you go lonely without wife or child or home in order to take care of his?

Will you not even be doing your brother a harm in shouldering his responsibilities? Certainly there is nothing that breaks down a man's morale so quickly as for him to become a parasite, and, if you will observe, the minute anybody begins supporting a man he invariably sits down and folds his hands and lets him do it. While, on the other hand, the necessity of supporting those dependent upon him will stir a man up to do his best as long as there is a vestige of manhood in him.

But one thing I am sure of, if you are going to continue to support your brother, don't marry. You have no right to make a wife pinch and economize to give to your family and there isn't a woman in the world who wouldn't resent your doing so.

You are quite right in thinking that a woman of 28 or 30 would be more suitable for a wife than a flapper, but I don't think that just liking is enough feeling to marry on. It takes a lot of love to make marriage enduring and it isn't apt to come after marriage. So start in with a good supply.

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DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a business girl and lunch every day with one of my fellow workers, a young woman who is highly intelligent, whose private life is comfortable and happy and yet who is the most disgruntled person I have ever met. She does not like music, books, animals, flowers or anything beautiful. She possesses no enthusiasm for anything. She never pays a compliment or admires anything. She criticizes everything in which she can find a flaw. How can you understand a girl like that? MRS. A. C. W.

Answer: I don't think any normal person can understand her, because she is of a neurotic type or else she is a poser. I have known both men and women who adopted that kind of attitude toward life because they thought that it showed that they were superior to the general run of human nitwits who were easily pleased by such a simple thing as a gorgeous sunset or a towering mountain range and who could find pleasure in such childish amusement as reading a good book or seeing a good play or taking a nice ride.

Mention a play to such a one and he will say it is rotten. Show him a picture and he will find fault with its technique. Present him to a beautiful woman and he will call her a dumb bell. He sneers at everything that others admire. He disbelieves everything that others accept and he does this because he thinks it is smart.

I think you will find that this is the secret of your friend's conduct. She wants to be thought clever, cynical, sophisticated. She wants to startle people and be different from the great run of women who love beautiful things and are interested in every phase of life and who have a thousand enthusiasms.

But for any one not to have enthusiasms, not to be interested in things, never to find any good in anything is not a sign of their intelligence, it is a proof of their stupidity, because it shows that they are not capable of appreciation and that they have not the brains to understand. The highest intelligence is that of Kipling who "thanked God because in all His world he had found nothing common nor unclean."

When a woman is never willing to pay a compliment it is because she is eaten up with envy and because her soul is little and sordid and narrow and incapable of a generous emotion. Personally, I don't think a woman such as you describe is worth bothering about. Let her go her own cold, hard, loveless way and you find some more human companion. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a boy of 16. My mother and father adopted me when I was a baby and have been very good to me. Here is where the trouble comes in. Mother is a drunkard and has made life hard for us because of it. Daddy has left home three times because of this, each time returning because mother promised to stop drinking and going out nights. Daddy has told me that he only lived with mother for my sake and until I was old enough to go away with him. I love mother, but I don't feel that I can go on this way. Shall I go away with my daddy or stay and live like this all of my life? ADOPTED BOY.

Go with your father. If you stay with a drunken mother she will drag you down into the gutter with her. You can do nothing to help her because she probably is so far gone that she cannot control her appetite.

You owe as much to your father as you do to your mother. Go with him and be a comfort to him and make the kind of man of yourself who will repay him for the sorrows he has had in his married life. DOROTHY DIX.

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For The Cook

PRUNE FRUIT CAKE

- 4 1/2 cups flour.
- 1 teaspoon baking powder.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
- 1 teaspoon cloves.
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg.
- 1 cup butter.
- 2 cups sugar.
- 2 eggs.
- 1 cup milk.
- 1 cup molasses.
- 1 teaspoon soda.
- 1 cup seeded raisins.
- 1/2 cup currants.
- 1/2 cup shredded citron.
- 1/2 cup soft prunes.

Sift together first dry ingredients. Cream butter and sugar, add well-beaten eggs, milk, molasses with soda dissolved in it, then sifted dry ingredients. Last add fruit cut fine and dredged with some of the flour. If desired add one teaspoon grated orange or lemon rind. Bake in two bread pans lined with buttered paper, allowing one and one-half to two hours time in a rather slow oven.

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Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Are guests at a house wedding seated for the ceremony?

A. A few seats are provided for the elderly guests, but others stand about as they would at a reception.

Q. What is the proper way to eat oranges at the table?

A. Oranges are peeled and then pulled apart, or at breakfast they may be cut into halves and eaten with the aid of the sharp-toothed orange spoon.

Q. What should a woman do if a letter of introduction is presented by a man?

A. She will ask him to an informal dinner.

English Girl Can Cook, Teacher Asserts

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The challenge of Sir Arbutnot Lane and other critics of English cooking who contend that the English housewife does not know how to cook and that English dishes lack variety has been taken up by English cooks.

At an exhibition in London recently Sir Arbutnot Lane, after praising Continental cooking, said: "During my travels in this country I have not been able to get anything worth eating. Everything was disgusting. The vegetables were vile and the puddings worse."

"Women are responsible for most of our miseries, because they make their husbands over-eat."

Yesterday the "News Chronicle" received the following letter from Miss Florence White, the founder of the English Folk Cookery Association:

"Sir William Arbutnot Lane does not think clearly. Husbands would not over-eat, as he says they do, if their wives did not give them good food and cookery."

"If English cookery today is in some cases bad it is the fault of those who run down their own countrymen and women, and boost foreigners."

"This has been done consistently for the last 70 years, with the result that our own cooks are paid small wages compared to French chefs."

"The range of English cookery is so wide and varied that it is possible to serve an English dinner of any type required."

"I would undertake to serve the lightest and most delicate dinner composed of English-grown or English-produced food perfectly cooked by English girls."

"We have in our experimental kitchen a girl of 17 who worked in a London factory until she came to us a year ago. She has, of course a great deal to learn, but even now I would back her against anyone as far as good white sauce and delicious mashed potatoes are concerned."

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Charlotte, The King's Parrot

His Majesty Acquired Bird 40 Years Ago At Port Said—Has Accompanied Her Royal Owner Everywhere—Ignores Visitors

When King George left London for Sandringham recently, it was noticed that one of the royal servants was carrying what was evidently a large cage, covered with green gauze.

It was indeed a cage, and it contained the King's parrot, Charlotte, between whom and her royal master quite a remarkable affection exists.

A TRAVELLED BIRD

Charlotte is more than 40 years old and must be, among other things, one of the most travelled birds in the world. The King bought her at Port Said when he was a young naval lieutenant, and since then she has accompanied him everywhere. She travels in a specially designed cage, under the personal charge of a valet.

A native of Australia, Charlotte is quite a beautiful bird, with pink and gray feathers. When King George reads the papers in the morning she perches on his shoulder, and when he rests after lunch or sits in his study in the evening she is his constant companion. When in London, the King can some times be seen carrying her from Buckingham Palace to the summer house in the grounds where, if the weather is warm, he does much of his work. She was inclined at first to be a bit jealous of his wireless set, but has now ceased to regard it as a rival.

EXHIBITS SILENT CONTEMPT. Having become sedate with the

years, Charlotte treats most of the King's visitors with silent contempt. But she used to have an exceptionally loud voice, and many nervous people, on being ushered into the King's study for the first time, have been startled by her stentorian tones demanding: "What about it?"

She is most in her element on board the royal yacht during Cowes week. Every morning her cage is hung on deck, which no doubt reminds her of her youthful days aboard a man-o'-war in eastern waters.

PINED FOR THE KING

During a period of time when Charlotte had to be absent from the King she pined visibly, and nothing anyone could do would comfort her. She chose to sit alone and mutter gloomily to herself, and whenever anybody entered the room demanded sharply: "Where's the Captain?"

On the day of reunion she hopped delightedly all around the room, repeating her favorite exclamation when pleased: "Bless my buttons!" Princess Elizabeth enjoys the privilege, accorded to few, of petting Charlotte. With her the ancient parrot become quite talkative and graciously accepts pieces of sugar which the little Princess has carefully brought to Buckingham Palace from her home in Piccadilly.

A moratorium is a period of postponed worry.

A Morning Smile

A Negro boatman in charge of a ferry in a southern state, was accosted by a stranger who wanted to cross, but he had not the money to pay. Old Sambo scratched his perplexed head, then asked:

"Doan yo' got no money at all?" "No," was the dejected answer. "But it doan cost yo' but three cents to cross," insisted Sambo.

"I know, but I ain't got three cents."

"I done tell you what," said Sambo after a pause, "A man what ain't got three cents am jes' as well off on this side ob de ribber as on de odder—Montreal Star.

They that approve a private opinion, call it opinion; and they that dislike it, heresy; and yet heresy signifies nothing more than private opinion. —Hobbes.

When you cannot find your repose in yourself, it is useless to look elsewhere. —La Rochefoucauld.

Stomach Troubles That Are Dangerous (CUT THIS OUT)

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