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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Shall a Woman of 30 Marry for Love or Understanding? — Why it is Better for a Fatherless Child to be Adopted — Widow With Five Children Who Hopes to Get a Husband.

Dear Miss Dix—I am nearly engaged to the dearest man in the world. He has every virtue, BUT we do not care for the same things. He loves a social gathering for dancing or bridge playing. I prefer a program of Bach, or a discussion of the newest books, which would bore him to tears. Moreover, I have a little business in which I am deeply interested, and his kind of amusement seems to me an annoying distraction. Yet the idea of giving him up is simply unbearable. Another man who is attentive to me is perfectly congenial, but I don't love him and could part from him without a pang. Can you straighten me out, please.



FAIR AND THIRTY.

Answer: Evidently in your case it is a question of marrying for your soul or your body. One man makes a physical appeal to you, the other appeals to you mentally, and which ever one you take there will be times and seasons in which you will regret it and wish you had married the other.

At your age I should pick out the soul mate as the best for the long pull, as they say on Wall Street. Some wise man has said that the only happy marriages are those in which we marry ourselves. That is, somebody who is as near like ourselves in temper, disposition and taste as possible, and this, I think, is true.

Congeniality is the very bedrock of a successful marriage. The only husbands and wives who never get on each other's nerves are those who have the same habits and who have been brought up in pretty much the same environment and with the same point of view.

The only husbands and wives who never bore each other are those who are interested in the same things, who enjoy the same things, who like to do the same things. The only peaceful homes are those in which the husbands and wives agree about fundamental things and in which there is no argument or discussion.

The best man and the best woman in the world, the most intelligent and high-minded man and woman, the man and woman who are most earnestly desirous of doing their duty as husband and wife, will make a failure of marriage and be utterly miserable if they are not congenial.

For what happiness can there be for a couple who have to be continually suppressing their own desires and doing something they do not want to do in order to please the other one? What fun can there be in a dinner if one has to eat baked beans which he or she loathes because that is the other's favorite article of food, or if one has to drink dishwater coffee and eat food without seasoning because the other can't bear strong coffee and sophisticated dishes? What pleasure in going to a play if one writhes through a musical comedy at one performance, while the other sits like a martyr at a gruesome, high-browed problem play to please the other? What conversation in a home where the talk must walk on eggs for fear of starting a row?

No. The people we love more and more all the time, whose society we enjoy and who literally become a part of ourselves, are not those who differ from us, who never want to do what we want to do, who never read what we read and who always take the opposite side of any view we hold. They are those who ride the same hobbies that we ride, who play the games we play, who read the same books, who like the same school of cooking and to whom we can say, "Don't you remember?" and with whom we never quarrel because we always think alike.

Look at the contented husbands and wives about you. Are they not those who have a common interest? The ones who work and play together? The man who likes to step out of an evening doesn't consider it a persecution to have to put on his evening clothes and take his wife to a party. The woman who plays golf doesn't bemoan herself as a golf widow. She trots around the links with Friend Husband. The woman who is interested in her husband's business never yawns in his face when he talks shop. Instead they have an exciting time planning together how to cut down the overhead, or build a new wing to the factory.

So, if you want to take out any matrimonial insurance, invest in Congeniality Consolidated. I particularly urge this upon you at your age, for at 30 it is not easy to adapt ourselves to others and to change our tastes and habits. We are too old to learn new tricks and the chances of a woman of 30 learning to prefer bridge to books and jazz to Bach is slim.

Marriage lasts a long time and it seems longer if you are united to some one who bores you. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I have a fatherless baby not a year old. Not long ago I married a man on the condition that he was to assume no responsibility toward this child, and that his friends should know nothing of our marriage. I earn an average of \$125 a month, and could support the baby, but as I cannot have it with me would it be best for him to have him adopted by some well-to-do family, or to have a succession of women taking care of him? M. M.

Answer: I should say that it will be far better for the child to be adopted, inasmuch as you cannot give it a mother's love and care. If it is adopted by good people it will have the benefit of a settled home and of being brought up by some one who cares for it, instead of being left to the mercy of hirelings and being passed on from hand to hand.

In fact, I can think of nothing more demoralizing for a baby than to be farmed out to women whose only interest in it is the money they are paid for looking after it and who are indifferent as to how it is developed physically, mentally and morally. It will be much better for the child even to be placed in an orphan asylum than to be reared in such a manner.

People who have the parental longing strong enough in their breasts to make them adopt a child nearly always treat it kindly and give it a real mother and father love.

There is also this to be said about giving a fatherless child for adoption: It does more than anything else to offset the stain of its birth. The fatherless child is an object of scorn to other children, but the adopted child is wrapped in a certain romantic mystery. And the adopted child takes the name and status of its foster parents and is given a social standing that it would not otherwise have. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—You struck me right to the heart when you said the other day that a woman with a bunch of children has small chance of ever marrying again when left a widow. I have five under 13, and it is my only hope of happiness that I may marry again, because my first marriage was very unhappy. My husband never supported us. He was unkind to me and the children in every way and unfaithful to me, BUT I stood it all without a murmur because I always believed that the Lord would reward me by sending me a good husband, and I still believe that HE will. MRS EVE. O.

Answer: Well, Mrs. Eve, I hope that I am wrong and you are right and that some good man will come along and take over the job of supporting your brood and make you a good husband. But whether he does or not, believe me, in your fine optimistic spirit you have something better and more sustaining than a husband. DOROTHY DIX.

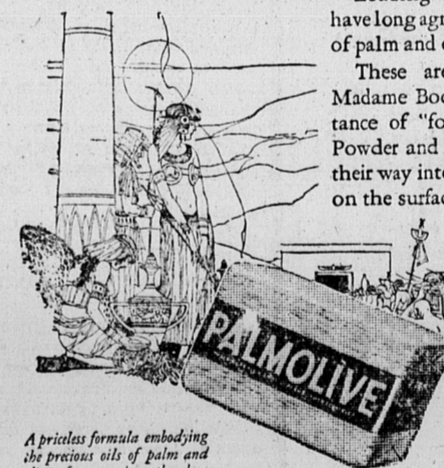
Noted Berlin Beauty Specialist Elise Bock... sends Canada a simple rule for beauty

Celebrated Berlin beauty expert urges her patrons to wash the face correctly and tells why the skin requires palm and olive oils



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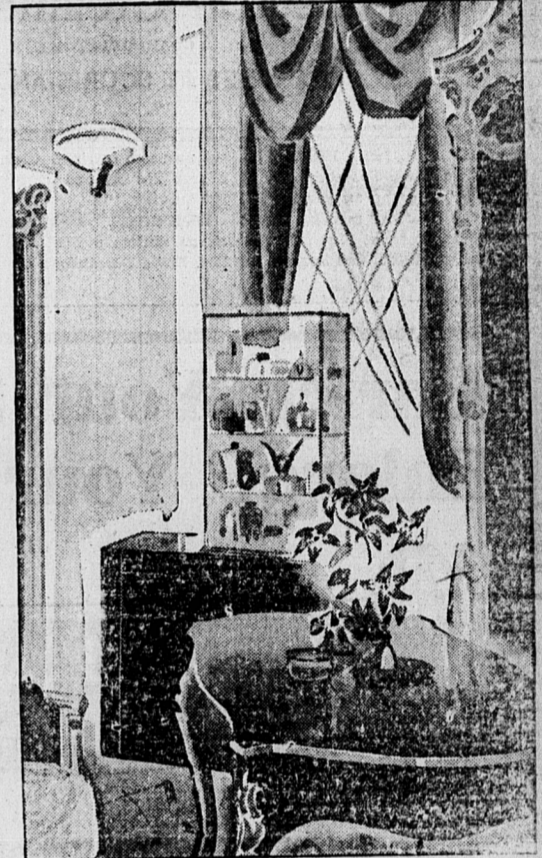
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SPRING HATS

TIPS FROM PARIS ON WHAT TO WEAR DURING THE EARLY SPRING DAYS—FACE NOT SO IMPORTANT IN THE SELECTION OF A HAT.

The principal hat problem for spring and summer is the careful selection of the model which is to accompany the dress or coat. An important change in the chapeau function must be noted. Hats were once chosen solely with a view of en-

hancing the facial features. Many elaborate styles were laid down as to what sort of hat should be worn by the owner of a retreating nose and what color should be effected by one whose eyes were brown or green, or perchance blue. Today, the face has been relegated to a very minor role in the selection of a hat. Primarily it is important that the hat and costume match—in color and line and principally in general effect.

A combination which is smart at this moment is a navy blue Georgette crepe toque piped with faille in con-

junction with an afternoon dress of dark blue crepe frills. The liaison of a brimmed model in green jersey crepe trimmed with a lighter green velvet worn with one of the new girlish frocks in a harmonizing tone, is new.

FELT WITH TWEEDS

Paris has created the vogue for tweeds and they are offering smart hats developed in a printed felt which perfectly imitates the fabric of the tweed costume. The outstanding characteristic of this type of hat is the fact that above all it must be small.

QUEEN MARY (Murray Harbor) — A very successful play was given on March 19th, at which the sum of \$111.53 was realized. A Canadian Geography test was held at the March meeting, led by Mrs. Brooks.

BEAR RIVER SOUTH—Nine members and three visitors met at the home of Mrs. John McKinnon for the March meeting. Four new desks were purchased for the school and have been paid for. A resolution was passed in favor of the proposed Bay

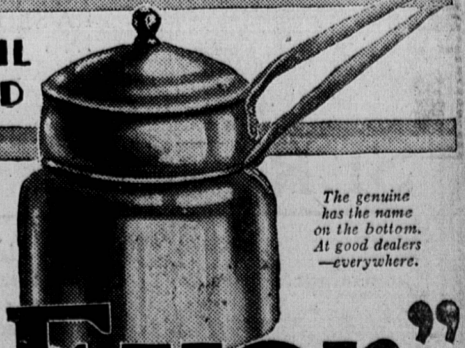


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