

DOBOTHY DIX

Two Families In One House?

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm a mother of two children and am 20 years old. My family will soon be broken as my husband has been drafted. Our problem is whether I should remain in my apartment, or move in with my mother and stepfather.

Here, there are some things I will have to pay and bills to be paid. Also, there will be a lot of spare time on my hands but I'll have no one to stay with the children. If I go with my mother she will be company for me, and a help with the babies. My rent would be less, and I'd have a chance to save for our future home. I have so often heard, however, that no house is large enough for two families that I hesitate to make the move. I've considered the matter from both angles, but can't seem to reach a decision.

Perturbed

DEPENDS ON CONSIDERATIONS

ANSWER: There is indeed much to be said on both sides of your problem. The decision depends a good deal on how well you, your mother, and stepfather get along; how willing they are to have young children around; and how co-operative they would be about baby-sitting. You know, even the most devoted grandparents don't always have the energy or the patience to cope with small, active youngsters. If you have any reason to think that discord would creep into your domestic arrangements, better stay where you are.

If you come to the conclusion that everyone will be happy and agreeable about combining the two

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a neater job of hemming table linen?
A. Always hem it by hand. It will be neater and there will be no streak of dirt under the edge after washing, as so often happens when the linen is machine stitched.

Q. How can I lessen the time when cooking in the double boiler?
A. If the water in the bottom pan gets low, use boiling water when refilling it. If cold water is used the food will take much longer to cook.

Q. How can I remove ink stains on a tablecloth?
A. A little candle grease spread over the stain immediately will often remove the spot when the cloth is washed.

households, don't be deterred by that old saw, "No house is large enough for two families." Like every other familiar saying, it's basically sound but not gospel truth. It has its exceptions; where unusual circumstances make a merger expedient, with everyone being thoroughly congenial, it would be foolish to forego definite advantages because an old adage occurred to you. There's absolutely no doubt but that young couples should begin married life on their own, but since the ideal isn't always possible, next best can be quite pleasant if the folks concerned accept the disadvantages with a smile where a family is temporarily broken, as so often happens today, circumstances may indicate an arrangement such as you have in mind, with happy results for everyone. You must reach your decision after an analysis of the personalities involved.

If you keep your own apartment, don't depend on family baby-sitters to give you free time, and certainly don't ask the favor of reluctant



CINNAMON ROLLS

Cream 1 cup of brown sugar with 1 tablespoon of butter and one of shortening. Add one egg and beat well. Flavor with 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla.

Sift together 2 cups of flour, 2 teaspoons of baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt. With 1/2 cup of rich milk mix sifted flour etc. with creamed mixture until a moist dough is formed. Cut in half.

Roll each part, one at a time, on a floured board.

Spread with melted butter, cinnamon, sugar and currants or raisins. Roll and slice.

Bake in a moderate oven until light brown about 20 minutes.

Centre of each roll may be decorated with frosting.

—Albany Pleasant Circle W. I.

in-laws. Whatever activity you undertake, make it something that can be done at home. Learning something constructive, like sewing, painting, furniture restoration, ceramics, upholstery, will help the time pass quickly.

DEAR MISS DIX: Genevieve and I have been getting steady for eight months; we are both high school juniors. She is an attractive girl, and I have come to love her very much. The trouble is that in the past few months she's always breaking dates at the last minute. She breaks about one out of three dates we make. She does not do it to go with another boy, I know; usually it's to do something with a girl friend, her family, or a crowd of kids from school.

Dennis D.

ANSWER: Perhaps the girl has become a bit weary of steady dating at so early an age and prefers to get into circulation. Her manner of making her wishes known is, to say the least, discourteous. Have a talk with her, and ask whether or not she wants to continue going with you. If she's set straight on what you expect from her, she'll give you more consideration.

The Stars Say

By Estrellita

For Tomorrow
THINGS may move slowly during the morning hours and you may have to adhere to a rigid schedule in order to make satisfactory progress.

No matter what issue arises, however, do not allow yourself to be forced into hurried action. Emphasize accuracy and base your decisions on facts, not guesses.

During the evening, share leisure hours with those whose interests and tastes are similar to your own. Hospitality extended toward either personal or business associates will be warmly appreciated.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, the improved business and financial conditions indicated in your horoscope for the next two months should do much to ease the tensions of the past.

Social interests should prove most stimulating during June, July and August, but don't overtax yourself at the expense of health and energy.

Domestic and romantic affairs should be most harmonious during the summer months and, if you've been dreaming of travel, there is a strong likelihood that your dream will be realized during the fall.

Throughout the winter months, consider future expenses in the light of earnings, and check your budget against any large outlay of cash.

A child born on this day will be courageous, enterprising and endowed with a tremendous sense of responsibility.

WOMEN

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ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

"The sheep are out, did you know?" It was Jamie, who had come indoors with a pleased smile to bring us the news of first pasturing. . . Flood of sunshine on the farmhands was seeping into the kitchen reacting even to the green bowl in which we were mixing a cake. Who snort and by degrees move into winter" one who had returned from the south to the Island in the wake of the robins commented the other evening. "We left blossoming flowers and fruiting trees and" to James "pasturing cattle, and came along young grain-fields and lush vegetation, which declined as we continued, until at least we were back to the frozen fields and bare fields of this north. Just to think that the journey is to compare it to a moving picture one has seen." "Did you see robins down there?" Jamie asked.

"Yes, but" with a smile, "I don't seem to recall that they sang so lustily as at home. . . I think perhaps I remember best the mock-ingsbirds although to me their appearance was disappointing because I expected to see a glamorous bird. They are quite ordinary. . . smallish, no more attractive than a sparrow."

"But they can imitate perfectly the notes of other birds" Jamie offered. "Yes—they manage to keep one guessing! . . . Among many interesting creatures we saw, was a member of the lizard family: a chameleon. These change the color of their skin according to their mood or surroundings. It was amazing to watch them put on their other clothes."

Night now clothes the hills, wrapping them gently to rest "until morning light."

Until tomorrow ——— Diary
— Good-night ———

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Since my husband doesn't like to dance and I do, is it all right for me to attend dances with a group of friends, leaving my husband at home?
A. This depends — if you go once in awhile, it is all right, but to go frequently might cause some criticism.

Q. When showing a new woman employee around a business place, should the men executives be introduced to her, or is she presented to them?
A. Regardless of who they are, new employees should be presented to older employees.

Q. What message is written on the card enclosed with a wedding present?
A. While no message is required, you may write whatever you wish to say in the nature of good wishes.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Color Combinations
As to whether a floor of a room be lighter or darker than the walls, when practicable, the darkest tones should be used for floor and floor coverings and lighter tones for walls, and lightest of all for ceiling.

The Refrigerator
When cleaning the refrigerator, dissolve a piece of washing soda about the size of an egg in a pan of hot water and wash thoroughly twice a week.

Scorching
To prevent scorching of clothes while ironing, wipe the iron on a cloth dampened in kerosene.

SHIPPING SLUMP
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That Body of Yours

By James W. Baron, M. D.

CROUP
Many parents know the terrifying sound at night of one of their children who has developed croup or, as it is called by physicians, acute laryngotracheo-bronchitis in the epidemic form. It is only a few years ago that there was reason for the great fear felt by parents because many of these patients choked to death.

In an address to the members of the Ontario Medical Association some months ago, Dr. M. E. Hobbs, Millbrook, stated that acute laryngotracheo-bronchitis in children in the epidemic form in which it has been seen for the past two or three years is a most terrifying and treacherous disease. Thus in the American Medical Review, Dr. Hobbs states further: "The general practitioner is often the one called in to see such a case and he must make the decision as to whether or not the child be sent to the hospital immediately." In these cases a conversation over the telephone may not be satisfactory and if any doubt is present the child should be seen at once, no matter what the hour."

It is now believed that most of these cases are caused by virus infection upon which some other infection due to other organs is also present.

When the anxious parent is told that tracheotomy — opening up the windpipe — is the lifesaving treatment, he is naturally afraid of this "operation," yet we have read of a case in World War II in which a soldier, who had been an orderly in a modern hospital, made an opening in the throat of another soldier, inserted his fountain pen, and thus enabled the man to breathe until hospital treatment was available. If I remember correctly, this dramatic incident so enthused a wealthy man that he paid the expenses of the amateur surgeon through a medical school.

Dr. Hobbs states that the general public should be educated to the fact that the modern croupette through which is circulated a mixture of air and pure oxygen, with the proper temperature and humidity, offers one of the best safeguards in preventing obstruction to breathing. For instance, the death rate 20 years ago in this disease was about 30 per cent. "If all cases are now treated early and promptly and adequately, in hospital where needed, death rate is practically zero."

Modern antibiotics (disease killers such as penicillin and the sulfa drugs) have aided greatly in preventing complications that might be caused by the operation.

over the city. Many of the sets belong to immigrants who brought them in the hope TV would soon start here.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "As I take it, he is to be nominated for treasurer."
ANSWERS
1. Say, "As I understand, he is to be nominated for treasurer."
2. Pronounce vi-kount, 1 as in vina, accent first syllable. 3. Advisability, admonition, advisability.
4. Wavering. "His is a vacillating mind." 5. Explicit.

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Date-Orange Pudding

Combine in a greased casserole (6-cup size) 1/4 c. corn syrup, 1 tbs. grated lemon rind and 1/2 c. orange juice. Preheat oven to 375° (moderately hot). Mix and sift once, then sift into a bowl, 1 1/2 c. once-sifted pastry flour (or 1 1/4 c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 2 1/2 tps. Magic Baking Powder, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 c. fine granulated sugar. Mix in 1/2 c. corn flakes, slightly crushed, and 1/2 c. cut-up pitted dates. Combine 1 well-beaten egg, 1/2 c. milk, 1/2 tsp. vanilla and 3 tbs. shortening, melted. Make a well in dry ingredients and add liquids; mix lightly. Turn into prepared dish. Bake in preheated oven, about 40 minutes. Serve warm, with pouring cream. Yield—6 servings.

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