

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Cold, Cold Heart

Husband Complains Of Undemonstrative Wife

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm a man of 30 with a wife of 25 and two children. In our four years of marriage, here are the things my wife has failed to do:

- 1. She has never paid me a compliment or offered any encouragement whatsoever.
2. She has never admitted a wrong, or apologized.
3. She has never inquired about my job.
4. She has never shown any open affection whatsoever.
The only time I get a kiss from her is when I kiss her first. In other words, it's always me first. She only says she loves me when I ask her. She is very moody, and has little to say when we are alone. In company, however, she talks a lot. She's a good cook and a very good mother. She's a fine housekeeper and has everything just so around the house.



Do you think a man can be happy with a woman like that? There is no other man or woman involved. I still love my wife, but am sure my feelings won't continue unless she is more responsive. I never go out by myself, seldom drink, and see that she has a personal allowance for clothes, etc. What more can I do?

MIKE ANSWER: This is a switch! Women write bushels of letters about their husband's lack of affection, but rarely does a man have the same complaint about his wife!

BACKGROUND MAY EXPLAIN IT

You mention that your wife has had a poor family background; perhaps her aloofness stems from seeing her own mother rebuffed by a callous husband. Subconsciously, she may have determined that she will not be equally vulnerable. Your wife's immediate need is for some older and wiser woman to enlighten her as to the risk she is taking with a good marriage. No man likes to come home to a frigid atmosphere, no matter how tidy it is or how well-cooked the dinner. A warm smile, a cheery word is the greeting he wants. Apparently, your spouse feels that her duty as a wife is fulfilled by an adequate dispatch of her domestic chores. This true, a skillful housewife is the salt of the earth, etc., but that is just one of the many roles a successful wife must fill. Companion, counselor, advisor, confidante, sometimes mother-confessor, friend and admirer—these are just a few of the parts a wife must live almost every day. The success of her home and marriage depends upon her adaptability in using them. I'm sure, Mike, that your wife is anxious to preserve her marriage; perhaps she just needs someone to bring these vital truths home to her. Can you find among your friends or relations someone in whom the little woman can place her confidence? Your job

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Morning Smile

Slanted

On arrival at the airport a Chinese delegate was besieged by the usual mob of operators. One of the questions flung at him was: "What strikes you as the oddest thing about Occidentals?"

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Wedding Of Interest In N.B.



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—West Photo.

A pretty fall wedding of interest to many friends was solemnized at the Anagance Ridge United Church when Rev. Karl F. Drew performed the double ring ceremony uniting in marriage Hazel Lulu Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Elliott, of Anagance Ridge, N.B., and William Arthur Mill, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mill, Kensington, P. E. I.

For the occasion the church was decorated with baskets of multi-colored gladioli and other fall flowers and the ceremony was performed under an arch of fall leaves intertwined with pink sweetpeas. The pews reserved for the guests were marked with tiny bouquets of sweetpeas and fern tied with white satin ribbon.

Mrs. Jack Stockton presided at the organ. During the signing of the register the groom's grandfather, Tyn dall Semple, guest soloist, sang "O Perfect Love" accompanied by Mrs. Reagh Sudsbury at the organ.

Attending the bride were her youngest sister, Miss Joyce Elliott, as bridesmaid, and little Cheryl Clark, niece of the groom, as flower girl. James Clark was best man. Ray Branscombe and Herbert Brand ushered.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina-length gown of white nylon net over satin. The strapless bodice was covered with a nylon lace jacket having a Queen Anne collar and long sleeves extending in points over the hands. Her finery of matching material included a band of tiny pearls and caught at the back with lily-of-the-valley. She carried a nosegay of pink roses.

Miss Elliott was wearing a ballerina-length gown of yellow embroidered sheer over taffeta, the neck of which was low and rounded with light-fitting bodice and full skirt. Her elbow length mitts were of matching material. She wore hair and carried a nosegay of yellow roses and white mums Cheryl Clark wore a slipper-length dress of blue taffeta and carried a small nosegay of pink roses.

The bride's mother wore a navy two-piece dress with navy and white accessories, and corsage bouquet of red roses, while the groom's mother wore a teal blue dress with black accessories and a corsage bouquet of pink roses. The groom's grandmother, Mrs. Tyn dall Semple, wore a mauve crepe dress with mauve and black accessories and a corsage bouquet of yellow roses.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Friends of the bride and groom were invited to the bride and groom left for a honeymoon to be spent in Cape Breton. For traveling the bride wore a turquoise gabardine suit with an autumn rose feathered hat and brown veil with shoes and bag in brown suede. She also wore brown squirrel furs and a corsage bouquet of pink roses.

On their return they will reside in Moncton, where the groom is in the office staff of a packing company. Prior to her marriage the bride was also on the staff of the same company.

In recent weeks the bride has been entertained at several functions at which time she was presented with an array of gifts.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife.

With fetching white traceries, frost now autographs a window... The hands of the clock on the wall indicate the near approach of midnight — an eerie time of night we recall when folks affirm, if ever, specters walk. At the thought, a shiver, relic of the uneasy young years, tingles the flesh. We listen with a certain apprehension. Is that only the rattle of wind in the bones of the lawn trees? And is that vague and rather fearsome sound but a rose-trellis of Jamie's fashioning, tap-tap, tapping the sunporch wall?

The little-girl of us listens, the adult smiles and relaxes. How intensified often beyond recognition or determination, in the dark are the familiar noises of day! The shaggy black dog that divides now his time between Alderlea and this home "in the road" opens an eye lazily to regard us, then head unlifted from forepaws returns to his dreams. A buff-colored kitten, white-vested and -nosed purrs a sleepy refrain on the couch. The fire crackles cheerily; the kettle sings. Pleasant we find this hour, quiet and rather unhurried. "Nevertheless, just you wait 'til midnight pauses in the sky, Ellen" the little-girl part of us nods ominously "and you'll see!"

"There's nothing to be afraid of ever," we reminded a little lad at a recent bed-time when he confessed he would rather climb brightly lit stairs than trust himself to the mystery of moonlight there. "Nothing," we continued confidently, "indoors or out." "But there is," he reasoned, keeping a bare step ahead. "There's that animal with a ring in his nose in the stable — and perhaps you don't know about it? There's one in the flock of sheep, Granddaddy said it was 'just as well to be aware of!'"

"Oh yes," we agreed, "but every farm-child knows enough to keep out of their reach. But there are no mysterious creatures about to fear. The birds in their nests and about the trees in summer aren't afraid of anything at night — nor the kittens in the barns," we added.

"I know" he nodded, "but" he confided, "sometimes I'm not too brave by day! I guess," he commented in a low tone, "if you had seen the 'old' Pedlar-man we saw one afternoon on our way from school, you'd be scared too!" "But that was a nice man, and kind to children" we replied. "And wasn't he — and wagon and all — like some picture out of your fairy-tales? And what a pleasant smile he had!"

"Maybe," the youngster shrugged, "but I didn't like the look of him! And" he said with finality,

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Pretty Wedding At Kensington



Shown above are the principals in a pretty wedding at Kensington on Saturday afternoon, November 8th. Back row, left to right, are Claude Woodington; Mr. and Mrs. Clair Mayhew; Ken Pettigrew and Ellsworth Campbell. Front row, left to right are, Mrs. Ken Pettigrew, and the Misses Deanna Larkin and Freda Mayhew. Mrs. Clair is the former Jean Larkin. Edw. Heckbert Studio

Better English

By G. G. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I disremember what you said about this matter."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "icon"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Molasses, moratorium, monopoly, monotone.
4. What does the word "ascendancy" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with la that means "becoming concealed"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "I do not remember," or "I forget." "Disremember" is a colloquialism. 2. Pronounce i-kon, i as in ice, o as in on, accent first syllable. 3. Monopoly. 4. Domination; control. "He gained ascendancy by sheer doggedness and perseverance." L. Latent.
5. Latent.

ARAB LEAGUE

The union of Arab states formed in 1945 includes Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi-Arabia, Syria, the Lebanon and Yemen.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

A GAY and festive day on which "youth have its fling." All things relating to them in the way of emotional, romantic and affectional engagements are under high stimuli for keen action. There's enjoyment and perhaps frivolity, parties, engagements, weddings. All business incident to these claim major attention, the "Arts of Venus" quickened and fanned by the inciting flare of Mercury wings. Family ties are strengthened.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may be prepared for a concentration of activities and aspirations centered in the home, with all those affairs concerning purely social enjoyment, advancement and enticements coming up for attention. Merriment, celebrations, parties and formal functions revolve around the domestic scene with the clamor of youth for culture and all catering to their development highlighted. "Let joy be unconfined" is a suitable motto for such

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Would it be all right for me to give a shower for my nephew's fiancée? She is a stranger in town and none of our friends or relatives have met her as yet.

A. Not a shower. Guests should never be asked to bring gifts to one who is a stranger to them. On the other hand, it would be very nice for you to give a party (not a shower) in honor of the girl, for the purpose of introducing her to your relatives and friends.

Q. Just what are the purposes of a dinner napkin?

A. To wipe the mouth before drinking from the water glass, so that the glass may not be smeared. Also, to wipe the fingers.

Q. When giving a bridge party which follows a luncheon, is the hostess expected to serve any "eats" during the game?

A. No.

Indulgence and festivities. A child born on this day is graciously blessed with attributes and aspirations for a pleasant and prosperous life.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

GERIATRICS, A SPECIALTY

It is admitted that this is an age of specialists in the medical profession and it is true that a physician who spends "all" his time at one particular branch of medicine is likely to know more about it than one who treats and diagnoses various ailments.

On the other hand, a specialist who from his year or two years after graduation has not treated general ailments, cannot have the background to understand fully how many of these other ailments affect his specialty. There is one specialty, however, which is so new that the specialist in it must have years of general practice before he is fully qualified as a specialist. I am, of course, referring to geriatrics, the study and treatment of the elderly and aging.

In Geriatrics, the official journal of the American Geriatrics Society, Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, the editor, who for many years was senior medical consultant of the Mayo Clinic states: "In many ways the best man to become a geriatrician is the general practitioner. However, the geriatrician must always be a good internist and diagnostician. So, often when an older man or woman begins to find the small cancer, the old focus of tuberculosis that has become active again, or the blood vessel that has plugged up a silent area in the brain, or the large gallstone that is working its way into the bowel. To find such things the physician must have a high degree of diagnostic skill such as comes only after many years of experience in the consultant practice of internal medicine."

Among other needs of the equipment of a geriatrician, Dr. Alvarez mentions the recognition of heart ailments and their effect upon the health and the life span. He must know well the troubles that come with advancing arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) particularly in the brain. He must recognize the little strokes of the heart and how they differ from the usual or regular strokes (coronary thrombosis and apoplexy). He must be somewhat of a skin specialist to be able to recognize early skin cancer or skin conditions that are likely to

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Cough Remedies

An excellent remedy for relieving coughs is made by mixing honey and lemon juice. To relieve a violent spasm of whooping cough, allow a lump of butter to melt in a glass of warm milk and give it to the patient.

Rust

To keep new tinware from rusting rub the surface with lard and thoroughly heat in the oven before using. It will not rust no matter how much it is placed in water.

Whitewashed Walls

If you wish to paper walls that are whitewashed, wash the walls with strong vinegar before applying the paper. It will make the paper stick.

How Can I...!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I lengthen the life of my shoes?

A. Stuffing the shoes with tissue paper after each wearing is a much better treatment for them than shoe trees, as this serves not only to keep the shoes in their proper shape but soaks up any foot perspiration which may have been left in the shoes.

Q. How can I test the freshness of a ham?

A. Run a clean knife into it, close to the center knuckle. The ham is good if the knife comes out sweet and odorless, but it is not fit for eating if the knife is smeary and has a strong odor.

Q. How can I treat an oily skin?

A. An excellent remedy for oily skin is to bathe it daily in hot castile soap suds. Then rinse, first in hot followed by cold water.

become cancers. And, naturally, he must be familiar with all the forms of rheumatism and arthritis that are so common in the aged and aging. He must know about falling eyes and ears, about obesity and diabetes, and whether an elderly patient should undergo operation. Finally, the geriatrician must be a good, kindly, sensible and wise psychiatrist; know how to handle grandpa who starts setting fires and grandma, suffering from great depression!



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