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Chicago Fair Handled Neatly By Little Lady

Chicago, Aug. 30 —(AP)—Running a show with a cast of 150 is a man-sized job. But a slender woman has handled it neatly for three years.

The woman is soft-voiced, sun-browned Helen Tleken Geraghty. She has bossed the huge pageants at the Chicago Fair of 1947 and at the Chicago Railroad Fair in 1948 and 1949.

It has been a tough task. She lost 23 of her 126 pounds the first season. But she managed to regain the weight despite a 13-hour daily stint.

This year's pageant, "Frontiers of Freedom," was new. Mrs. Geraghty, as producer and director, put in five months of work to get it ready. She mobilized a company of 250 — 150 actors, singers and dancers, plus drivers (auto and horse) locomotive engineers, riders, stagehands and musicians.

She assembled 150 horses, sheep, goats and steers. She marshalled tons of props — buggies, automobile, railroad trains, fire engines, bicycles, threshers, tractors, two planes, a horse car, a canal boat and an oil derrick.

All were needed for a series of scenes that portrayed life and events at 14 periods in the nation's history, from the signing of Penn's treaty to the building of the jet plane.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS
But getting the men, women, animals and contraptions on and off the 450-foot open-air stage four times a day raised a ticklish traffic problem. It was solved by precise, split-minute timing.

But Mrs. Geraghty shudders when she recalls what happened during a rehearsal. This was the setting: Abraham Lincoln was speaking at Gettysburg. On the stage were costumed actors, a train waiting to take Lincoln back to Washington, and horse-drawn caissons and carriages.

Six horses hitched to a caisson bolted. They brushed by the train and veered into a carriage pulled by a pair of hackneys. The hackneys galloped off stage into a herd of 50 Texas Longhorn steers. The steers stampeded for the stables, climbing over a line of antique automobiles on the way.

"I could see bodies flying," Mrs. Geraghty says, "but nobody was hurt badly."

She hasn't had a day like that since then, but none of them has been dull.

Marrying Mark

By VIOLETTE KIMBALL DUNN

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reacting to the charm of which she was so sure. But presently she realized she was quite outside his thoughts and that there was no longer any use in talking to him. At least for the present. Of course she would win him back. But under this surface lay the disquieting conviction that she would never be nearer to him than she was at that moment.

For a second the hope flickered that he was thinking of her. "Good-bye," she tried to put heartbreak into it, and loneliness.

Mark turned as if on a released spring, and held out his hand. "Come over sometime," he grinned. "If you're not afraid of our reputation."

Real tears sprang to her eyes. She turned quickly away and walked up to the house. She was afraid he would see the tears. They were of rage, and even a man would know the difference. By the time she turned at the door Mark and the roadster had vanished.

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As he covered the miles to Wide Acres Mark refused to admit to himself that Elise had disturbed him. He told himself he might almost have guessed Lucy was too good to last. He wanted to talk the whole thing over with someone. He went through the list of his friends and discarded each, with the possible exception of Shirley.

Could he really trust even her? Shirley had never married. She was rich. She had position through both her family and her literary success. She had beauty. She could have had scores of men.

What would she want with him? And yet there was a strange expression in her eyes, like something lost looking out from a deep, still pool. Would a man find happiness and contentment if he married Shirley?

Impatiently he shook off the thought. He was worse than Elise. Why should any man marry at all? Except to do it once and get it over, to build a sort of wall. He was, he decided, thinking rot.

He turned in at his own gates feeling as if he had escaped from something. He found Shirley, wrapped in the white bath coat, just getting into her car. Lucy and Valerie stood together in their swimming suits at the running board.

"I only pretended to come for swimming," said Shirley. "As a

matter of fact, it was gossip." Mark glanced at her quickly. But of course it couldn't be Lucy. It had, she would have made a point of seeing him alone.

"My dear, it's Gilda Radding. You couldn't guess. She's eloped!" She ran away with the milkman! cried Valerie. She sounded as if were an event in the society column.

Mark sat down suddenly on the running board. "Is this a racket?" he asked.

"She did, sure enough," said Shirley. "You know how those things go. My maid heard it from the Radding Cook. She and her mother had a dreadful row over something. Sophie said Gilda cried awfully, and went off to her room. This morning when they took her breakfast up, she had gone, leaving the traditional note. She said her young man dealt in milk. Maybe it was getting a bit of her own back. Because she assured her mother she was sending the item to all the papers."

"I didn't think she had it in her," said Mark. "Poor kid, I always thought she'd be game enough if she could get away from the old lady. I hope he's a good milkman."

Mark was somehow glad for Gilda. No matter how it turned out, it was better than life with Mrs. Radding. He wondered if there was some way to know Gilda for life without her knowing where the money came from. He would find out about it from Lee Dagnall in a day or two.

He was quite serious. He was already taking care of about a half a dozen people who had no idea their incomes depended on him. Arranging this was the greatest fun he had ever had with his money.

He jumped in beside Shirley and drove with her to his gates. He had gathered in some mysterious way that she had something more to say to him. He was finding out that being a father was more complicated than he had realized.

Shirley drew up just this side of the lodge, shut off the engine and sat looking at him. He looked back, his eyes full of admiration. There was something so fresh and sweet about her, with her camel-hair skin and big eyes about the soft white of her coat.

He found he was suddenly untroubled by whatever she was going to tell him. I gathered there was something on your mind," he said lazily.

"I didn't want to speak before Valerie, in case you didn't approve of what I was going to say."

"Wonderous wise—you, I mean," he said softly.

Shirley smiled at him. "Rather stupid, really. However, I just want to give a little party for her. And Lucy too, of course, if she cares for anything so juvenile.

Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She was exceedingly kind to us."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "massage"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Fantasia, fastidious, Farenheit, farical.

4. What does the word "responsive" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with des that means "to profane"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "She was exceedingly kind to us." 2. Pronounce ma-sazh, both as in ah, accent second syllable. 3. Fahrenheit. 4. Ready or inclined to respond. "You should be more responsive when spoken to." 5. Desecrate.

That girl's a wonder, by the way." "I'm glad you think so," said Mark. He wondered if she knew how glad.

"I do. I'd never known Valerie. She was like a tight, pale little bud. Now she's a flower. Almost all the sort of pinched, hungry look is gone. Naturally I don't mean food hungry. I think you were wiser even than you guessed." He blessed her mentally. "But I think she ought to be knowing some youngster her own age. I wouldn't want to give anything very gay. Say six couples—all boys and girls of people we know. Dinner and a bit of dancing. At my place, of course. Always supposing you approve."

"I do. Emphatically. Nobody but you would have bothered. I mean, giving a kid's party can't be very exciting. I suppose she is too old for her years. She's had sort of a—an unusual bringing up. And

now just running around with two grown-ups. Call her in the morning and ask her. I'll tell Lucy I approve. And bless you, dear."

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MOTHER KNOWS BEST!

Dorothy Dix Says

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that I am beginning to think I am getting on his nerves or something, and wondering what he will do after we are married. Will he treat me differently then?

PUZZLED

ANSWER: No. Marriage doesn't change a man. It just makes him more what he is. If he is cross and fault-finding and hurts your feelings before marriage, after marriage you will be the scapegoat on which he will take out all his temper and irritability, and he will find his chief indoor amusement in saying to you the things he wouldn't dare to say to any man who could resent an insult.

The thing a wife has to live with is her husband's disposition. It is not his virtues, but his temperament that makes or mars her happiness. It is whether he is a grouch or a little ray of sunshine around the house, whether he is pleasant and easy to get along with or as difficult to handle as a sore-headed bear that matters to her.

And for a man to say he is sorry for having wounded your feelings doesn't heal the hurt. Nor does it keep him from doing it another time.

DEAR MISS DIX: Assuming one is equally fond of both, is it better to marry the man to whom one is physically attracted but of lesser education, or marry the man who is mentally your equal?

M. H.

ANSWER: I confess I cannot understand how it is possible for a woman to be equally in love with two men. I would think there surely must be some preference one way or the other that would tilt the scales for her. But assuming that this marvel is possible I should say that she would have a better chance of happiness if she married the man to whom she was physically attracted, even if he wore a low-brow, than she would if she married the highbrow who comes up to her ideal, but does not fire her fancy.

To marry a man just because he has physical attraction for you is a dangerous business because that does not always last. But to marry a man who repulses you physically is also to court disaster because it turns wedding cake into dust and ashes on your lips.

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. If a girl is carrying a great many packages and meets a man of her acquaintance on the street, who offers to carry them, should she give all of them to him?

A. If there are many packages, she should give him only the large and heavier ones. If only two or three packages, she may let him have all of them.

Q. When writing a business letter to a woman, and one does not know whether she is married or single, how should the salutation of the letter be written?

A. As "Dear Madam."

Q. Does etiquette require that a girl give her fiancé an engagement gift?

A. No; this is neither required nor customary.

SHOT OVER HOTEL BILL

CHICAGO, Aug. 29 — (AP) — A hotel credit manager was shot and killed last night when he called on a guest to discuss a \$104 hotel bill. The guest then killed himself. Dead were William Seng, 44, the credit manager, and John A. Raymond, 25, the guest.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 29—(Reuters)

—Belgium has decided to place a unit of volunteers, mainly commandos and paratroops, at the disposal of the United Nations on the Korean front, it was announced here today.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

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