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**Dorothy Dix Says —**

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her hero not only has feet of clay but is mostly made of mud, and that he goes into tantrums like a child when dinner is ten minutes late, or there is boiled mutton when he was looking for roast beef, and that the language that he uses when his collar button rolls under the bureau is fit for no lady's ears.

And as for the stoical endurance of pain to which she expected to be an admiring witness, she finds out that every time hubby has a headache or tummyache he puts in a hurry call for the doctor, and thinks he is going to die and wants her to sit by the bed and hold his hand, and that he makes more fuss over a pin-prick than a woman does over a major operation.

Then every woman is born with the subtle conviction that every man is a money-maker just because he is of the masculine persuasion. That is the reason girls marry in the reckless way they do, without ever taking the trouble to find out whether their prospective husbands have a dollar in the bank, or a job, or any way whatever to support a family. And not even having to earn the bread and butter herself and finding out that he is a visionary dreamer with the money sense of a white rabbit shakes her faith.

Another queer idea that women have is that men don't feel about their family and friends as they do. A woman would be perfectly shocked if, when she got married, her husband forced her to give up her mother and father and sisters and brothers, and to part from all of her girl friends and only meet them on the sly now and then downtown. Why, she couldn't be that disloyal. She couldn't do anything that would hurt her own people who have been so tender and kind to her all her life.

**HIS FAMILY UNIMPORTANT**

But she doesn't think her husband loves his family as she loves hers. She doesn't think that he is grateful to his mother for all of her devotion and sacrifices, and that he is bound to his brothers and sisters by a thousand ties of affection. She doesn't think he would mind giving up the men friends who interest him, who stimulate him and who have stood by him in trouble a hundred times.

It is because brides actually believe that their husbands don't care about anybody but themselves that makes so many young wives use every effort to separate their husbands from their mothers and shoulder their old friends out of the house. Practically every home you know is filled up with the wife's friends and the wife's relatives. Husband isn't supposed to want any of his own.

Another queer idea of women is that men enjoy being reformed. No woman likes to be told of her faults, but she cherishes a deathless illusion that a man is simply having the time of his life when his wife is trying to change all of his personal habits and generally cut him over according to her little perforated pattern of what a husband should be.

But queerest of all the ideas that women have about men is that they have no need of tenderness and sympathy and understanding. They labor under the conviction that a man is content to take his wife's love for granted, even when she lavishes all of her affection on the children and gives him none. That he considers it a privilege to be permitted to toil to support a family without anybody even saying "thank you" to him. That he is never lonely, never troubled, never would like to have any of the money he earns for himself, never would like just to go off with a man friend. And it never even occurs to these women that being a man hasn't made him immune to being a human being.

Funny, the ideas women have about men, isn't it?  
DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

**IT'S PARTY TIME**

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pocket, or that the "paid chap-eron" racket has reduced the honour of being invited to Buckingham Palace as at one time it threatened to do.

The Palace parties are still colorful, however. Spectacle is provided by the uniforms and the magnificent surroundings.

"Debs" and their sponsors assemble in the Picture Gallery; the actual presentations take place in the lavishly decorated Ball Room. This room, with its two thrones on a dais, is the newest and biggest of the State apartments. It is not to be confused with the resplendent Throne Room, which is used for State events.

Presentation parties are primarily social affairs, and the King has commanded that ceremonial be minimized.

He has also instructed that the husbands of ladies attending may be invited, whether they have been "recognised" at a levee or not. Previously, only gentlemen who had received that honor were entitled to an invitation to presentation parties.

**Murder Could Not Kill**

Two or three minutes later, on rounding the same corner, he saw the red light, presumably of the same corner, he saw the red tail light, presumably of the same car. He stopped. Now, why had that car pulled up there at this time of night? It was distinctly strange. In it he observed two men, both seated together in the front. One of the men got out and began peering into the bonnet. He thought he would be more discreet than val-orous, and steered his course to pass the car by the extreme width of the road close to the farther hedge. As he came up level no attention was paid to his passing. The man at the bonnet was busy with his job.

Robin smiled at his needlessly uneasy fancies as he walked on.

Crash! Something had struck him on the shins and yanked his feet backwards as if they did not belong to him. He was then thrown down flat on his stomach, so vio-lently and quickly that his chest and mouth struck the roadway be-fore he could move his hands for-ward or upwards in the slightest degree to save himself. In the same instant someone, leaping on him from behind, gripped and held down the back of his neck, at the same time seizing his left arm and forcing it up behind him in a se-cure hamperlock.

He heard a voice—a voice some-how familiar—and wonderment was interwoven for a moment with his anger.

"Quick, move your hand and I'll give him the kosh."

Where had he heard that voice before? A blow thudded behind his left ear; he felt as if he were shoot-ing down the empty shaft of a lift and consciousness left him.

It was not astonishing that he had thought the voice familiar. It was the voice of the man he had met in the Negroes—Maurice Gor-don.

Gordon straightened himself and proceeded to coil up the loop cord attached to a small packet of sand lightly sewn into a leather casing. As he stowed the weapon away he remarked to his confederate still bending over Robin's recumbent figure: "Neatest little quietener ever invented, Benson. Never hardly leaves a mark."

Together they seized the limp form of Robin Pester and hurried almost at a run diagonally across the road ahead of the car. Gor-don stopped and callously they let their burden drop.

"Quick! Here, gimme the flask."

He seized a flat cork-stoppered bottle of whisky the other held out to him. With brutal indifference he turned Robin's head back with his foot, stopped and carelessly poured a quantity of the spirit be-tween his parted teeth. Bending down farther, he sniffed and said, "Yes; that ought to work it a treat."

Stepping back, he surveyed his handiwork.

"Now smart's the word. Run the car to get both the rear wheels over his neck, see? And a cleaner case of a drunk man being killed by a heavy car through an accident, and left lying by a nasty blinkin' road-hog was never fixed up nicer. There's dam' little chance of any-body comin' along for a bit on this here quiet road—but breeze up, Bennie. Back you get into the bus and spin her along carefully. Switch on the headlights and I'll give you the line. You got to get it right first shot, remember."

In their haste and excitement, their vision obscured by the side-lights of their car shining in their faces, they did not see nor hear the other car which slipped up with all lights out and now was stop-ping behind their own. It was the sound of someone descending from it that first engaged Gordon's ear. He seized the other's arm.

"Heavens!" he whispered; "who's this?"

A slight boyish figure in jodhpur riding breeches approached them. Peering through the darkness, straining his eyes, Gordon in minged alarm astonishment and rage let fall from his lips the name of the intruder.

The newcomer was Laurette Dexter.

To be continued

**Morning Smile**

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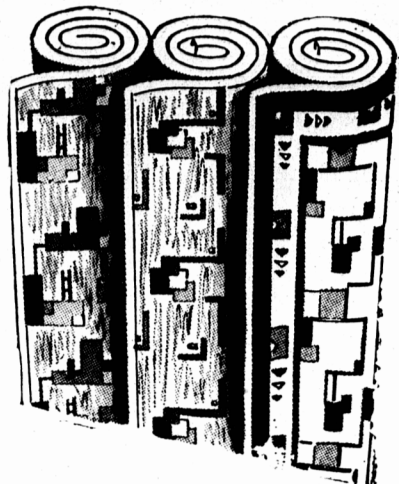
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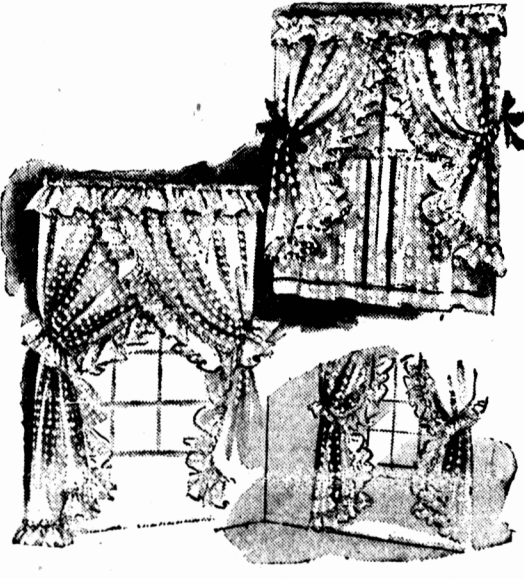


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