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Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

Beware the Male Parasite, the Man Who Would Marry You and Insist That You Go On With Your Job So That He Could Live a Life of Ease Thereafter

Dear Miss Dix—A man has been coming to see me for years, with never a word about marriage, but with many words about the joys of free love. I am a school teacher meaning my fifties with a very good salary and a tidy little nest egg laid up. Now that teachers are allowed to retain their teaching jobs after marriage he has suddenly made up his mind to propose to me, with the understanding that I will go on teaching after marriage. It smells to me like convenience to him. I like him, but I like security better. If he had really loved me, wouldn't he have asked me to marry him before when I would not have been able to be a wage earner? Please advise.

Answer: You do well to be wary of this man who never discovered that he had you for a decade any enthusiasm for marriage until he found out what a good meal ticket you are, for he bodes you no good.

If he really loves you he would not have waited to pop the question until he was assured of your being able to hold on to your job. He would have been glad that you automatically gave up teaching when you married, and that he could take care of you and save you the grinding labor and nerve strain of that most arduous of all professions.

Of course, there have always been fortune hunters, men who married rich girls for their money and who thereafter engaged in no more strenuous occupation than wheeling checks out of their wives. But heretofore the number of these domestic panhandlers has been small, most American men preferring to get their living by work instead of by selling themselves.

Now, however, since women have gone into business and have become money earners we seem to be developing a breed of male parasites who are so incredibly cheap and low that they make the mad-time fortune hunter seem almost like a dignified and self-respecting human being. These are the men who marry women for their pay envelopes and with the deliberate purpose of getting wives to support them.

Possibly it may be no worse for a man to take money from a shop girl, whose every dollar is wet with her very life blood, than it is to take it from a rich girl who has inherited her millions, but it seems so.

That it is becoming very common for men to marry not for love but for a living is not to be doubted. Every day I get letters from wives who tell me their husbands have forced them to go out and get jobs as soon as they are married; from wives whose husbands refuse to let them give up their positions even when they are sick; from wives whose husbands have never done a lick of work since they were married; from wives whose husbands make them pay all of the household bills out of their salaries; from wives whose husbands take all of the money they earn away from them and spend it on drink or "other women."

It is a shock for sentimental women who think that they are marrying for love alone, and who dream of getting a strong arm upon which to lean in a husband, to find out that they are being married for their earning capacity and that they have to do the supporting instead of being supported. But such, unhappily, is the modern set-up, and every girl who has a good, steady job does well to keep a weather eye on her suitors and try to get a line on their intentions.

Don't Quarrel Over Pets in the Household

Dear Miss Dix—My wife and I have always believed ourselves in love with each other, but now we have come almost to the parting of the ways because of her cat. I don't want the cat in the house and think its place is in the kitchen or the cellar, where there are no rugs, but every time I put out the cat she calls it in, then she says I don't love her. When I find the cat on the bed I slap it and try to teach it that that is not a place for it, and she immediately punishes it and says that I should be ashamed to treat an animal that can't defend itself so cruelly. And it all ends in a quarrel. Sometimes I lose my patience so far as to kick it out and then hell begins. Do you think a cat is worth breaking up the harmony of a home over?

Answer: Certainly not. I get your point and sympathize with your having to play ecceci riddle to Minny or Tom, as the case may be. But, in all fairness, you will have to admit that there are two sides to the matter and that it is your wife's house as much as yours and she is as much entitled to have a cat as you are to object to it.

So there you are, and that is what makes it so difficult for husbands and wives to adjust themselves to each other. For they have equal rights to assert their tastes and when I receive the what are you doing? But you wouldn't believe how much domestic trouble pets unknowingly stir up. Sometimes as in your case, the wife wants to fill the house with cats and the husband doesn't like the smell of them and gets tired of picking hairs off his clothes. Sometimes the man's heart is set on a dog and the wife won't let Fido come on the premises. In one case that I knew a husband divorced his wife because she would have snakes crawling all over the place.

Evidently when husbands and wives don't see eye to eye about domestic animals the best thing for them to do is to make a pet of each other and let it go at that.

Young Man Has Right to Be Own Boss

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a man 30 years old, married and the father of two children, but my parents still persist in treating me as if I were an infant. They think they have a right to tell me just what I should do about everything, and when I receive the what are you doing? But you wouldn't believe how much domestic trouble pets unknowingly stir up. Sometimes as in your case, the wife wants to fill the house with cats and the husband doesn't like the smell of them and gets tired of picking hairs off his clothes. Sometimes the man's heart is set on a dog and the wife won't let Fido come on the premises. In one case that I knew a husband divorced his wife because she would have snakes crawling all over the place.

Answer: Just drop the matter. Don't explain or apologize any more. They will get over their peeve in a little while and respect you all the more for your independence.

Snappy Fashions For Home Use

A Skirt from a Yard of Fabric. A skirt, especially this one cut from a yard of fabric, has a place in every smart woman's wardrobe. There are only three pieces and the waist band to sew, and you will have it finished in a jiffy. With a new season coming on you will want to begin preparing now. Light weight tweed in the new subtle tones, plaid flannel or a dark heavy crepe, goes well with blouses and sweaters all through the fall and winter months. Make a fitted, basque type blouse to complete this costume and be well up in fashion with a contrasting two piece frock. Use this skirt and blouse to mix with an old tweed jacket you might have, or to freshen up your suit.

Style No. 2673 is designed for waist sizes 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 38 inches. Size 28 requires 1 yard of 54 inch fabric.

Send fifteen (15c) coin is preferred for pattern. Write plainly your Name, Address and style number. Be sure to state the size you wish.

Form with fields for Name, Street Address, City, Province, and a section for waist and size measurements.

The Housewife And Her Activities

MAKE ME KIND

God, make me kind! Not only when an act of mine will gain me praise. But every day in little ways. To those around me. Help me to find. The lonely heart that I may speak. A word of cheer; Help me to seek the weary. And to change a tear to laughter. Give me God, each day desire to do. One act unselfishly, and then To give again. God, make me kind. —Anon.

GROOMING BEGINS WITH THE FEET

Perfect grooming should start with the feet—not with the head, as so many folks are apt to think. Unless your feet are comfortable, you won't stand or walk in that "queenly fashion" which sets your clothes and figure off to the best advantage. And a great deal of the charm of the loveliest coiffure, the smoothest skin and the smartest outfit is lost if their wearers' shoes are shapeless or dusty or tied with bedraggled ribbons.

SHALLOW TOQUES

Millinery shown at the couture openings avoids extreme height, except in trimming. Shallow, boat-shaped toques, often slightly Victorian, are well sponsored. There is much fur millinery mainly toques, but there are some brimmed shapes entirely in fur, as a leopard fedora or a Persian canor.

RENOVATING OLD SILVER

Most of us have silver-plated articles which are decidedly worse for wear than the metal beneath plating showing through in a most unsightly manner. There is, however, no need to put the silver away and regard it as being no longer usable. It is possible to have it re-plated, and returned to you just as it looked when it was new.

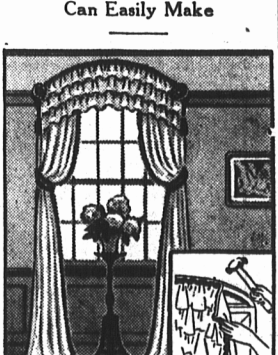
FUR-TOPPED COATS

Many black coats of light, soft wool, fashioned on slim lines, with fur tops back or front, were shown at the Paris openings. Most of us have a habit of knocking little bits out of ourselves from time to time and have to dash for the adhesive tape. When you come to remove it, though, do you find that though the cotton ball comes off easily, the stick part stays on your finger?

Modern Etiquette

Q. What does it indicate when a person mispells five or six words in a letter? A. It indicates both negligence and laziness. Every desk should contain a dictionary, and it takes but a minute to consult it.

Handsone Fall Drapes You Can Easily Make



Arched Valance Gives Height. Rich looking draperies and an arched valance—sure to give height, distinction to your living-room windows! These draperies are easy to make, too, and will look lovely in rayon taffeta or satin of soft gold. To make the valance, just sew three overlapping ruffles to a foundation. Finish smartly with tasseled cord in brown or in a color matching your rugs or upholstery!

Then tack your valance to an arched cornice board as our diagram shows—a board that had best be covered with sateen for a truly trim appearance. The side draperies will look handsome edged with cord and to give them body and richness make lining—an easy job really with professional tips. Let drapery extend 1/2 inch beyond lining at top and sides, 1 inch at bottom. Let bottom hems hang loose.

You can make all kinds of curtains inexpensively with the help of our 32-page booklet. Gives directions, diagrams for glass curtains, drapery curtains, formal draperies, casement curtains. Tells how to cut, sew, finish and trim, make valances, curtains. Suggests color schemes, fabrics.

Send 30c in coins for your copy of New Ideas in Making Curtains And Draperies To The Guardian Home Service. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address, and the Name of booklet.

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YOUR INDIVIDUAL HOROSCOPE

Look in the section your birthday comes in, and find what your outlook is, according to the stars. (Copyright, 1939, King Features Syndicate Inc.)

For Tuesday, August 22nd: MARCH 21 to APRIL 20 (Aries) —Take a tip from your stars: no matter what your routine or obligations call for, good judgment should be exercised. Use care handling money, in shopping and investments. Be tactful, too.

APRIL 21 to MAY 20 (Taurus) —Day lacks incentive for big undertakings. Failure? Impossible if you rightly use your natural capability and understand that this would be a dull world if we did not have obstacles to overcome, competition to meet and fine principles for which to fight.

MAY 21 to JUNE 21 (Gemini) —On the credit side just needs your best management and cheerful willingness to put it over in a big way. Get closer to the real things essential to the world while success. Sidestep the frivolous and the wasters.

JUNE 22 to JULY 23 (Cancer) —Good days. Revel in sincere joys and a willingness to put your shoulder to the wheel. Don't be timid striving after substantial gains and advancement. Good news indicated.

JULY 24 to AUGUST 23 (Leo) —Some friendly influences to be garnered by you acquisitive and ambitious Leontes this Monday. Don't be indifferent to sound suggestions from wiser heads than your own. It often pays to listen well.

AUGUST 23 to SEPTEMBER 23 (Virgo) —Should be ideal for completing work started yesterday, undertaking new propositions, investigations, secretarial and other confidential matters and revealing the artistic you to your employer, associates, friends.

SEPTEMBER 24 to OCTOBER 23 (Libra) —Advertisers, salespeople, merchants: Be adroit in writing your copy, presenting your product and approach your client. Endow your efforts and activities with that which will be permanent and good.

OCTOBER 24 to NOVEMBER 23 (Scorpio) —Born before Nov. 10? Mind the little but important details, especially related to monetary transactions, investments, expenditures. You born after Nov. 9? Don't defy convention or be over-assertive. Gentleness will win out.

NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 22 (Sagittarius) —Very generous and promising for well directed action. Favorable for vocational activities, romance, travel and industrial and financial interests.

DECEMBER 23 to JANUARY 21 (Capricorn) —A steady hand and a cool head needed for your tough problems, friend Capricornian. Not an unfavorable day but one that requires the best you've got to offer for desired results.

JANUARY 22 to FEBRUARY 20 (Aquarius) —Should be fine for specialist in professional and artistic lines; for skilled mechanics and those interested in sports and health-building projects. Be mindful of duties.

FEBRUARY 21 to MARCH 20 (Pisces) —Urge yourself into action if your day calls for strenuous mental or physical work. Tendency is to lag along lazily. Be guided by what your schedule calls for. Don't worry.

A CHILD BORN ON THIS DAY will be warm-hearted, radiant, vigorous in thought and action. A sympathetic and artistic temperament. Specially suited for a position requiring executive ability, stage or screen work, politics, selling, advertising. Should be encouraged in self-mastery early in life's teens. Will respond readily to intelligent reasoning rather than to force.

How Can I???

Q. How can I prepare a good roast meat sandwich? A. Use the following Diced cold roast meat, 2 tablespoons peanut butter, 1-2 cup finely ground raw carrots, salad dressing, salt, and lettuce. Whip the peanut butter with salad dressing until creamy, then add to the salted carrots and meat.

THE COOK'S CORNER

Bread and Butter Pickles. 25 medium cucumbers, 10 medium onions, 1-2 cup salt, 1 pint vinegar, 1-2 pint water, 2 cups sugar, 2 teaspoons mustard seed, 2 teaspoons celery seed, 1-2 teaspoon turmeric. Method: Wipe the cucumbers and slice them in medium thick slices. Wash and peel the onions and slice them also. Place them in a crock in layers, sprinkling each layer with the salt. Let them stand for 3 or 4 hours, then drain well. Mix the vinegar, water, sugar and

When a fish hook has entered the flesh, break off the eye and force the hook on through the surface again. This will lacerate the flesh much less than if withdrawn against the barb. Apply iodine.

Refrigerator Odors. If a piece of charcoal about two inches square is placed in the corner of the refrigerator, melons, cucumbers, bananas, etc., may be placed together with other foods without making the foods distasteful. This will keep the refrigerator odorless.

Solled Candles. Solled candles may be cleaned very satisfactorily by wiping over them with a cloth dampened with alcohol. This will not harm the luster.

RACING DRIVER

By ALEXANDER CAMPBELL Author of Daughter of Exile, etc.

"Well, I think you're doing a fine thing," said Ellington. "The world could use a few good clean laughs and a little fun. Too much seriousness these days. I've often thought that if dictators could be induced to laugh just once a day, preferably at themselves—"

He elaborated the theory. The discourse lasted them until the end of dinner; and when it was finished, Ellington bore Aunt Christine off with him in triumph to "get a smell of the sea."

John Forester watched them go rather glumly. "What about a smell of the sea for us, too?" suggested Frank. "A sound idea," agreed Dorothy, and smiled on him, which gave him a pleasant warm sensation in his veins.

But misfortune overcame them almost as soon as they reached the deck. A group of men mostly young, were leaning against the rail. One of them turned and caught sight of Frank.

"Carter!" he whooped in delight, and rushed forward. He was a very large and broad man with a battered ugly face. He walked with a distinct limp. He started to pump them up and down. Then he saw Dorothy for the first time, and fell back.

"Ah, sorry, my friend. I did not perceive that you were not alone." His voice was deep and his tone amused. "They are an enthusiastic bunch," said Frank.

"Ah, but Carter, we must have a drink on this!" said the leucous man. "I have not seen you for a long time. You remember the last time, eh? At Rheims, I lost a wheel and went over with my car. One who was not there had gone off the track at over 100 miles an hour rather than risk going over the body of a man who was as ready dead."

"It was of him they spoke after a while. He was a wife and three children," said Hoffman. "Bah, it is a fools game. I think I will find another job after this race." But Frank was not in the mood for talk. After he had excused himself, he walked along the swaying deck to his favourite spot on board ship, right at the bows.

"That kind of people are those who have just moved in next door to you?" asked Mrs. Gadder. "Oh, I never talk about my neighbours," said Mrs. Knowlton. "All I know about them is that their stuff came in one way or another. Some of their beds have any brass on it, most of the furniture looks old, there's six in the family, the children are all boys, they have two dogs, the man is about 20 years older than we women, they had a squabble with the driver of the van when they settled with him, and their name is Smith."

Use and Effect. Tommy Jones came home from school with a black eye. "What have you been up to?" his mother demanded. "I've been fighting Johnny Briggs," Tommy confessed. "Well, take him this cake and make friends." Tommy did so, but in the afternoon he came home with another black eye.

"Good gracious!" his mother exclaimed. "What's happened now?" "He did it again," Tommy said, sadly. "And he wants more cake to-morrow."

Morning Smile

From Behind the Veil. "What kind of people are those who have just moved in next door to you?" asked Mrs. Gadder. "Oh, I never talk about my neighbours," said Mrs. Knowlton. "All I know about them is that their stuff came in one way or another. Some of their beds have any brass on it, most of the furniture looks old, there's six in the family, the children are all boys, they have two dogs, the man is about 20 years older than we women, they had a squabble with the driver of the van when they settled with him, and their name is Smith."

SHIP TRANSFER FOR WALL, PILLOR OR SPREAD. (To be Continued)

Royalty Amused By Boys



Formalities were forgotten during the day's visit to the Abe... within walking distance of Balmoral. The camp is usually held at Southwold. Here are members of the Royal family mingled with the boys, watching them at play or perform regular camp duties. In the above picture, to the left of His Majesty who is wearing the grey Balmoral kilts, is Captain J. G. Patterson. At the right of Queen Elizabeth is Princess Margaret Rose.



DESIGN NO. X 104

An admirable design for the main room or the boys'. Makes a beautiful bedspread with 20 inch strip in center and an anchor at each corner. Or wall hanging and pillow cover. Or wall hanging and pillow cover as shown above. Hot iron transfer pattern No. X 104 contains transfer sheet 20 inch strip, a 7 inch strip and four anchors. Illustration and complete instructions needed and complete instructions needed and complete instructions needed.

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