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Domestic Reform Law Stops Alimony

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Sees End To Cruel Graft by Divorcees

Women in Illinois Who Marry for Money and Hope to Find Life Easy by Getting a Separation With Plenty of Alimony Now Must Look to Other Means for Support

The Illinois Supreme Court has thrown a monkey-wrench in the divorce machinery by upholding a "domestic reform statute" which says that if a wife who has no children divorces her husband, he cannot be forced to pay alimony for more than two years after the divorce.



This is the first effective move that has ever been made to discourage divorce, for it will not only stop the alimony racket, out of which thousands of hard-boiled ladies wrangle a luxurious living, but it also will cause other thousands of fretful, discontented wives to pause before rushing to the divorce court with their peevish, and consider whether husbands who may not come up to their ideals may not be better, after all, than having to get out and earn their own livings.

There has never been any more conscienceless and cruel graft than that which is practiced by women who marry men for the sole purpose of holding them up for alimony. They have no particle of affection for their victims. They have no intention of keeping their marriage vows. They make no effort to get along with their husbands. But they figure it out that alimony is easy money and working a sentimental judge is easier than working for a boss who will expect service for the money he pays out.

All that one of these female brigands has to do is to accuse her husband of "mental cruelty", which may consist of nothing more heinous than the way he has his hair cut, or his reading the paper at breakfast, and forthwith she gets her decree and collects a large and juicy slice of the unfortunate man's earnings that enables her to live without working and often to support a second husband. All of us know men who have been impoverished, their business ruined, their ambitions blighted, who have not been able to have the decent comforts of life for themselves or for their second wives and their children, because of the extortionate demands of their first wives who married them for what they could get, and who got everything.

Besides these women who marry for revenue only, there is a large class of other women who get divorces simply because they are restless and crave excitement, and who like to swap husbands as they like to swap their old car for a new one. I get thousands of letters from such women who tell me that their husbands are good and kind and fine providers; that they have lovely homes and fine cars and pretty clothes, but that they are thinking of getting divorces because their Johns are just commonplace business men instead of romantic lovers and, anyway, the way John eats, or his fussy little ways have got on their nerves.

A lot of these women do get divorces for no better reason than that their middle-aged husbands are not Clark Gables. But do you think any one of them would even cast an eye toward Reno if she knew that her decree absolute would only insure her two years more of soft living, and after that she would have to scuffle for herself? It is because women think that they can eat their wedding cake and have it too, that makes them get divorces without cause.

But, on the other hand, while men should be protected from the alimony hound, wives should be protected from being turned out of homes like old work horses by husbands who have jumped the bars and wandered off into fresher and greener pastures. When a poor girl marries a poor boy and works shoulder-to-shoulder with him helping him make his fortune, it belongs to her just as much as it does to him, and it would be a crime for him to be able to divorce her with only enough of the money she has earned to feed her for two years.

It has always seemed to me that when it came to a property settlement in a divorce the amount of money the wife should receive should depend on the kind of wife she had been. If a woman is young and childless, strong and healthy, why should a man have to pay the whole price for the mistake they made in marrying? And why should a man have to continue to support the woman who had made his life a hell to him, that drove him to divorce, because he could not bear it no longer?

But, if a woman has been a good wife to a man, if she has borne his children and given years and years to working and scrimping and saving in order to help him along, then she is at least entitled to as generous an alimony as her ex-husband can pay her.

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The HOUSEWIFE and HER ACTIVITIES

GOD'S OUT-OF-DOORS

The little cares that fretted me, I cast them yesterday. Among the fields above the sea. Among the winds at play; Among the lowing of the herds— The rustling of the trees; Among the singing of the birds— The humming of the bees.

The foolish fear of what may come, I cast it all away. Among the clover-scented grass. Among the new-mown hay; Among the husking of the corn, Where drowsy poppies nod; Where ill thoughts die and good are born— Alone in the fields with God! —Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

A large teacup full of English malt vinegar in a warm bath is an excellent thing for tired and exhausted people. Try it when you feel worn out and "nervy" and see how refreshed you feel after it. Do not use any soap, just relax in it for a short time, and sponge yourself with the water and vinegar.

A Simple Dentifrice: Common salt is good to clean your teeth with now and then; also rinse your mouth out with salt and water. Stains on Hands: If your hands are badly stained, rub with lard and a teaspoon of brown sugar, wipe with a piece of soft paper, and then wash in the usual way.

For Stains: A few drops of salad oil on tar stains will remove them. Cleaning silver filigree: One teaspoon of ammonia in a cup of warm water, applied with a new soft toothbrush, will clean the most delicate Indian filigree and brighten the most fragile gold.

A SECURE HEM

When you hem a skirt, take a double stitch every inch or so. This will make such a firm hem that if you rip a few stitches the rip will not extend more than an inch.

WHEN YOU NEXT IRON

The next time you sprinkle your clothes for ironing, put all the pieces in the bottom of the basket and the more tedious pieces on top. Then when you are tired the heaviest work is over and you can sit down to the handkerchiefs, scarfs, etc.

HOUSEHOLD LORE

Benzine will remove stains on marble. A dry sponge will remove lint from clothing. Castor oil will give a fine polish to leather furniture. Drawers and closets that have been shellacked will be easier to clean.

Blocks of wood hollowed out to fit the legs of the kitchen table will raise it and make it a comfortable working table for the taller woman. When mailing homemade candy, wrap each piece in waxed paper before packing it into the box. It is the only way to be certain of its safe arrival.

BEAUTY COURSE FOR THE GIRL GRADUATE

The girl who graduates from high school this month should realize that health and cleanliness are of greatest importance to her beauty. Her young complexion requires no highly specialized creams and lotions. Her skin treatments should be extremely simple. If you are under 18, let soap and water reign supreme in your life. Wash your face twice a day. If your skin is dry, apply a light coat of cream after the night washing. Don't use mother's rich, heavy nourishing cream. Instead, get one of the mild all-purpose varieties or a tissue cream, compounded especially for tender, unlined skin. Take a bath every day, of course. Use a deodorant and a depilatory. Incidentally, don't get into the habit of using a razor to remove superfluous hair. Better to pick a regular depilatory which discour-

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A Morning Smile

"Daddy!" exclaimed the little boy. "One more question, then," sighed the tired father. "Only one." "How far is it," inquired the tot, "between to and fro?"

MILITARY HONORS

Two little Scottish children were boasting about their respective soldier fathers. "My father's a soger," said one little girl. "My father's a soger, too," retorted the other. "Ay, but my father's a brave man, a terrible brave man," persisted the other; "he's been in a war an' he's got medals, a terrible lot o' medals; and he's got the Victory Cross, an' the King fastened it on w' his ain han'!"

"But my father's a braver man than yours," said the other, sticking up valiantly for the honor of the family, "an' he's been in a lot o' wars, an' he's got dizzens and dizzens o' medals an' Victory Crosses, an' he's got a wudden leg at the King's naid on w' his ain han'!"

manners. Perfect etiquette, you know, isn't the cold, copy book kind that knows only about spoons and forks and how to order meals. These outward manifestations of manners are important, of course, but even more important to you, and your beauty, are manners that take kindness and tolerance as their inspiration.

Selfishness is one of charm's greatest enemies. And one of beauty's, too. Always to want your own way and to insist upon having it won't, in the final analysis, bring you real happiness. And happiness makes for charm and beauty. We should not be weak and wishy-washy, but neither should we mistake in ourselves strength of character for just plain stubbornness.

An unpleasant voice and slurred speech are other enemies of charm. What manner that eye and eye are large and luminous if your voice is so harsh that your listener's attention is centred only on it? It is every woman's duty to cultivate a charming, soft voice.

Each of us should remember that reading aloud helps to correct faulty enunciation and pronunciation. It also teaches us new words and better ways to express what we have to say. We are judged, at least as far as new acquaintances are concerned, largely by our conversation. Let us put "improvement of my speech and voice" near the top of the list of things to be done to attain true beauty.

A TRIO

Crown-less hats; toe-less shoes; back-less shoes. Already numerous in the spring type fashions, and they are promising very strong popularity.

GLOVES

Long colored gloves with printed evening gowns are becoming. One combination shows a short pair in yellow with a periwinkle dinner dress.

GINGHAM TO HAVE BIG RUN THIS YEAR

Gingham seems to be slated for a big summer season. It made a town frock which the bride-to-be of a London designer included in her trousseau—a formal-looking brown and white checked frock over a brown taffeta petticoat. The sleeves had pleated brown taffeta frills.

Checked gingham also makes the shirts many girls are wearing with their riding habits—which usually nowadays are Jodhpurs, a vest and a low crowned derby, with boots and a "horsey" bar pin.

For beach wear, plaid gingham shirts and blue denim slacks are being shown.

Two new lingerie notes—brasieres made of flowered challis; slips cut all in one piece. They're said to adjust themselves to any figure.



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OL YOUR FEET

The fact that European soldiers massage lard into the skin on their feet before they start on long marches should make all of us realize that foot softening beauty treatments are important to foot comfort.

You may not contemplate any ten-mile hikes this spring, but you will be walking more than you did during the winter, and you might as well see that your feet are in the best possible condition. If you doubt that correct care makes a difference in the way your feet look and feel, make this test: Every night for two weeks rub a good foot cream or some of your richest nourishing cream from toes upward to ankles. Keep rubbing until almost all of it has been absorbed. Wipe off the excess before going to bed. If you like, substitute camphor ice for cream.

Callouses and rough spots may be removed with pumice. After a bath, dip a piece of pumice in water, then gently rub it over the hardened areas for no more than thirty seconds. Don't try to remove a hard callous during the first, or even the fifth treatment. Be patient. It took plenty of time for the rough spot to develop and you shouldn't expect to remove it in two evenings. Always use cream after a pumice stone treatment.

For extra sensitive feet, semi-weekly baking soda baths are excellent. Simply dissolve one-half cupful of soda in a basin of tepid water and soak your feet for twenty minutes.

TRAVELERS' BEAUTY IS SIMPLIFIED

The bride who will travel on her honeymoon ought to carry a cosmetic case, completely equipped with essential beauty preparations. Of course, in large cities in most foreign countries, one can buy cosmetic, but they are more expensive and the selections of shades is often quite limited.

For travelling, pigskin, alligator or some of the simulated leather cases which won't crush are ideal. You can get a fitted one from your favorite cosmetic manufacturer or you can buy a separate case and fill it yourself. In any event, be sure that it contains ample space for toothbrush, hairbrush, comb and manicure accessories as well as for actual complexion items. Nothing is more unsatisfactory than a case in which half the necessities for perfect grooming cannot be packed.

If you dislike carrying a separate case, or if there is no room in your trunk for one, consider a moire or taffeta bag with rubber-lined lining, slide fastener and handles which can be hung over a hook in steamer or hotel bathroom. These are finished inside with two rows of pockets in various sizes. Simply put your bottles and jars in the little pockets. Even if a cork does come out, no harm will be done to the clothes packed around the bag. It's leakproof.

If you are headed for a tropical climate or if you expect to spend long hours on sunny hot decks, do not forget a suntan lotion or cream. Also a jar of rich tissue cream for windburn.

THE COOK'S CORNER

CHOCOLATE REFRIGERATOR CAKE

In this dessert the creamy portion itself is flavored with chocolate and vanilla, or graham wafers are used for the alternate layers with the cream mixture. Arrowroot lends delicate body to the milk mixture.

2 squares unsweetened chocolate 1-2 cups milk or diluted evaporated milk 1-2 cup granulated sugar 2 tablespoons arrowroot 1-6 teaspoon salt 2 beaten egg yolks or 1 egg 3-4 teaspoon vanilla.

Vanilla or graham wafers. Lightly sweetened whipped cream and nutmeats (optional). Cut up chocolate and add to milk in top of double boiler. Bring to a boil, then beat smooth with rotary beater. Combine sugar, arrowroot and salt very thoroughly and slowly stir in the hot milk mixture. Stir and cook until the mixture has thickened smoothly. Cover and cook with occasional stirring until no more flavor of starch remains. Stir into the beaten egg yolks or egg, return to double boiler, and stir until egg thickens. Remove from heat and add vanilla.

Line a loaf pan with waxed paper, then with vanilla or graham wafers. Cover with a layer of the chocolate mixture, then with more wafers. Repeat to use all the chocolate mixture, having wafers on top. Chill very thoroughly, then unmold on serving platter. Remove waxed paper and slice to serve. The cake may be decorated with lightly-sweetened whipped cream and nutmeats, if desired.

PINEAPPLE CHOCOLATE REFRIGERATOR CAKE

Orange with chocolate is a much used flavor combination—but have you tried pineapple with chocolate? The effect is most delicious as evidenced by this pineapple chocolate refrigerator cake.

1-3 cups sweetened condensed milk 1-4 cup drained canned pineapple dice Chocolate wafers Blend sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice and diced pineapple. Cut waxed paper to nearly line a loaf pan. Turn part of the fruit mixture into lined pan and add a

CASSEROLE OF LIVER AND ONIONS

One and one-half pounds baby beef liver, cut in slices; 12 medium-sized onions, peeled and sliced crosswise; 3-4 cup rice, washed and cooked until tender; bacon fat salt, pepper. Place 1-3 cup bacon fat in frying pan, dip each slice liver in flour, and brown quickly in hot fat. Place a layer of liver slices in casserole, season, cover with a thick layer of onions. Dust with salt and pepper, and dot with bits of butter. Continue the layers until all the ingredients are used, and having the onions on top. Pour 1-2 cups boiling water in pan in which liver was browned, rinse well and pour liquid over the mixture in casserole. Cover lightly and cook in moderate oven about 1-2 hours. Twenty minutes before serving, uncover, place thin slices of bacon on top, and return to oven. Serve with the rice.

IMPROVES HER ENGLISH

BOURNEMOUTH, England.—(C. P.)—Senorita Anita Lizana, Chilean tennis star, who is expected to do well in the British Tennis Championships this year, is improving her English by visits to the movies.

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Amelia in Her 'Flying Lab'

Showered in her new "flying laboratory," Amelia Earhart here is shown at Burbank, Calif., where she is watching completion of the craft, to be delivered about July 1. The twin-engine Lockheed Electra will carry, instead of passenger seats, additional fuel tanks for extended non-stop flights by aviator's first lady.

Triplets Celebrate Birthday



The Chisholm triplets of New Glasgow, N.S., who celebrated their second birthday on May 28. They were born on the same day and almost the same hour as the Dionne quintuplets. They are, from LEFT to RIGHT: Herbert, Mary and William.