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INSTRUCTIVE

Dorothy Dix

Will the Children She Has Reared be Ungrateful Because She is Only a Stepmother?—Shall Young Stenographer Leave Home to Escape Mother's Questionnaire?—A Business or Domestic Mother?

DEAR MISS DIX—Fifteen years ago I married a widower with three children who were mere babies. I have reared these children as if they were my own, shared their joys and sorrows. I loved them devotedly, and was sure that they loved me.

But this worries me: My friends and neighbors tell me that I am doing myself an injustice by nursing them when they are sick, sacrificing myself in order that they may have things, and working to make them a happy and comfortable home. They say that when these children grow up they will marry and have homes of their own, and forget the stepmother who loved and reared them. Is this true? A STEPMOTHER.

ANSWER: The friends and neighbors who tell you such lies are a set of malicious mischief-makers to whose evil council you should pay no attention whatever. Anybody who would try to poison a stepmother's mind against the little children who are in her keeping, and keep her from mothering them, is possessed of seven devils, and the least you have to do with such a one is the better for you.

Believe me, my dear lady, when I tell you that the very best thing that any woman can do in the whole wide world is to be a mother to a little motherless child, and nothing else she can do has such far-reaching influence for good.

It isn't easy to be a good stepmother. In fact, it is one of the hardest jobs in the world, because, for one thing, it takes a big-hearted woman not to be jealous of her stepchildren. And, for another thing, the stepmother has not the superhuman patience which God sends as a consolation prize with every baby, thus enabling a mother not to be fretted at the faults in a child that drive other people crazy. And still, for another reason, the children themselves are always suspicious of a stepmother and resent her efforts at controlling them.

So when a woman has done what you have done when, when she has been a stepmother who loved her stepchildren and treated them as if they were her own, who has won their hearts, and made them a happy home in which they could grow up to be fine men and women, she has achieved something great and wonderful, something for which she deserves a medal in this world, and for which she will surely receive a crown of glory in the next.

So be proud of yourself. Exalt your work, and tell those who try to discourage you that you wish to hear nothing of their evil croakings. Of course, your stepchildren will leave you and set up homes of their own when they are grown. That is what all normal young people do. That is what they would do if they were your own children. It is not your fault that they do, because you would know that that was best and happiest for them.

But don't for one instant believe that they will forget you, or cease to be grateful to you any more than they would if they were your own mother. As they grow older and have children of their own, they will appreciate more and more what you did for them, and they will honor you ever more than they would their own mother, because you did for them all that a mother would do, yet they had upon you none of the claims that a child has upon a mother.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a stenographer 19 years of age, and pay my board every week to my mother. But notwithstanding this fact, I am compelled to ask for permission if I wish to go even to the corner store for a piece of candy. I am not ashamed to have her know where I go, but I dislike being questioned all the time, and forced to tell before going out. If I am fifteen minutes late from work, my mother is furious with me. I am thinking of leaving home, and going to board with some old and respectable friends. What do you think? REBELLIOUS.

ANSWER: I suppose that mother's questionnaire has driven more girls away from home than any other one thing in the world.

It is the eternal "Where have you been? What made you go there? How long did you stay? Whom did you meet? What did he say? What did she say? What did you say? Where are you going? What are you going for? How long are you going to stay?" And so on, and so on, and so on, each question falling like a blow on frayed nerves, that makes girls marry the first men who ask them, or pack their suitcases and beat it away from mother's never-ending flow of questions.

There is nothing they do or leave undone about which she does not put them through the third degree. She doesn't leave them a shred of privacy or a vestige of freedom, and when this comes at the end of a long and tiresome day, it becomes the torture of the Inquisition.

Girls do not stop to remember that mother's curiosity is based on her love for them, and her desire to know everything about their daily lives, and her anxiety to keep up with them and in touch with every detail of their existence. And mother forgets that you can never force confidences, and that the more questions she asks the less she is really told.

But the pity of it all is that the only remedy for the questionnaire breaks mother's heart, and is bad for the girl.

For mother can never learn enough sense to let her children alone, and not nag them with questions, and when the girl leaves home to escape the inquisition she runs into grave danger that she would have avoided if she had had the protection of her home.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a widow with three boys, aged 8, 10 and 12. I also have my parents to support. My husband left me fairly comfortable, and if I was very careful and economical I could live on my income. But after my husband died I went to work to take my mind off my trouble, and I have been so successful that I make a man's salary, which enables me to give my boys advantages I could not give them if I did not work. My children, however, idolize me, and tell me that I should stay at home as other boys' mothers do. My mother cares for them during the day, and I am always with them in the evening. Should I give up my job or not? CONSTANT READER.

ANSWER: Certainly not. Don't consider for a minute doing such a foolish thing.

Suppose you were sitting idle in the home during the day. How much of that time would your boys spend with you? Not ten minutes. They would be about their school work and their play, living the lives of natural, normal, healthy boys. The only time you would be with them would be in the evenings, as you are now.

With the money you earn you are able to give them better educations, better advantages in every way than you could if you stayed at home. You will even be able to stake them when they start out in business. And, believe me, they will have far more respect for your opinion as a successful business woman, and you will have more influence over them than you would if you were purely a domestic woman.

Also, consider yourself. In a very few years now your boys will be grown, and will go about the business of life on their own account. Then you will be left desolate if you have no work, nothing interesting to fill your days.

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Charming New Summer Frocks Come From Paris



By MME. LISBETH

MANY new ideas are being introduced into the charming summer dresses sent us from abroad. Dresses for both formal and informal wear are being turned out in dainty colorings and with pretty and unusual trimming features.

Pictured above are three dresses that have interesting trimming details, although they are used with restraint and the effect is the opposite of bizarre. At the left is a frock of semi-formal type of cream colored crepe. Delicate Spanish lace and pearl edging on the skirt are the trimming. This dress is worn over a black or colored slip, the contrasting color showing through the mesh of the lace. A soft girle is threaded through the lace at the hips. The lines of this frock would be becoming to a woman of any build, but would be especially becoming to the "stylishly stout."

The formal type of frock (centre) features among other details the V-shaped décolletage. The material is gold sequins and pearls. The straight line of the bodice are joined to a full skirt that flares from the hips, and the V of the neckline is not extreme. Gold brocade shoes and a heavy linked gold bracelet and necklace add color to the costume.

A simple and dressy little frock for warm weather (right) impresses one at first sight as being principally jabot. This striking feature of the frock is composed of canton crepe in contrasting colors to the rest of the frock. The fabric employed for the frock is rosinara crepe, the paneled skirt being adorned with a wide band of gold cord.

Yellow is emphasized as the smartest color for summer wear by many shops. Diversified tones, preferring the sunni shade, are exploited in apparel appropriate for varied occasions.

An indication of the warm weather trend is the growing interest manifested in the crisp cottons, embracing organdie, batiste, and dimity.

IN NEW YORK SEE SAWING UP and DOWN BROADWAY

CONY ISLAND in summer garb. Only badly rain-drenched. And white paint and gilt spattered about everywhere.

A bored pilot brings a roller coaster car to its stop after the breathless journey. All winter he operates an elevator in one of the Manhattan skyscrapers. He says he always gets work on a fast express elevator so that he can "keep in training."

"Get just as much of a kick coming down in a Woolworth building express" he sighs, as he starts his car off.

ONLY one big new attraction at Coney this year. A new "thrill ride." They call it "Bob's coaster." It covers a square block and is "bigger and better" in figure eights and dizzy drops. Or something like that. Just below it, another novelty—"The amusement department store," where you can walk right into the structure and find almost every available park amusement, from merry-go-round to freaks.

OH, YES, there's a "Charleston Palace." At last a place big enough to house all the Charleston hounds in New York. Devoted exclusively to the art of Charleston, it reads a dodger. But then, I never did claim to be an artist.

"FROZEN CUSTARD" will be the summer fashion in "what to eat when boardwalking." A second cousin to "Eatin' pie." And a dozen new methods of disguising the good old "hot dog." Advice to your inventors: Discover any new trick summer resort dish and get rich!

ALL Coney Island isn't boardwalk! Just one block north and a very sizeable town makes its appearance. A year round population commences to New York, but makes the healthiest part of its income in summer. Just now cellars are being turned upside down to bring out all sorts of fancy figures during the hot months. Families that in winter occupy five-room flats somehow crowd into a single room and make a nest egg for the winter by renting the other four. Many housewives who live within a stone's throw of the attractions that bring millions find no time to see them. There is a tale of one woman who has been trying for several years to break away from summer boarders long enough to see Coney, but just when she finds time the season is over.

GILBERT SWAN.

VERY CHARMING.

A transparent helmine of chiffon or tulle is often added to the bouffant frock to give it length, and a certain distinction.

ETAMINE RETURNS.

Etamine has been revived this spring in soft, pastel colors.

RICH AND IMPRESSIVE.

Silver and gold lace are often combined on the same coat or wrap—and silver and gold lace are used together.

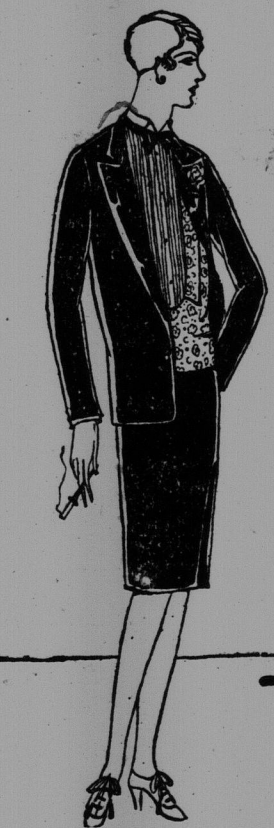
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Your birth-stone is a pearl, which means health and long life. Your flower is the honeysuckle. Your lucky colors are light blue and white.

Fashion Fancies

FLOWERED WAISTCOAT ADDS FURTHER NOVELTY TO THIS CHIC SATIN SUIT



By Marie Belmont

Perfectly tailored, of shimmering heavy black satin, this two-piece suit is arresting in its combination of mannish line and feminine charm. The waistcoat is of cream moire with a satin flowered pattern, while the skirt is of finely pleated wash silk, also in cream. The narrow tie is black satin.

Patterned waistcoats of this type are very smart, and are worn with navy serge suits as well.

Flapper Fanny Says



The fellow who says he understands women generally means two or three specific ones.

SATIN SLIPPERS.

With the popularity of the black frock, the black satin slipper becomes increasingly important.

VERY EFFECTIVE.

Fagoting is one of the most approved ways of trimming the summer sport frock.

Menus for the Family

MENU HINT

Breakfast
Baked Rhubarb.
Eggs, Poached in Milk, on Toast.
Milk.

Luncheon
Creamed New Carrots and Peas.
Whole Wheat Bread Baking.
Powder Biscuits.

Jelly.
Baked Raisin Custard.
Dinner.
Coddled Steak.
Scalloped Potatoes.
Asparagus in Cream.
Tomato and Cucumber Salad.
Orange-Apple Squares, with Cream.
Cookies.

TODAY'S RECIPES

Whole Wheat Biscuits—Make the whole wheat biscuits the same as the regular baking powder biscuits except that you use all whole wheat flour. They are very hard to handle, so you will find it easier to drop them from a spoon, rather than to roll or pat them into shape.

Coddled Steak—Pound round steak well to break the fiber. Roll in egg and cracker crumbs and fry in butter. Put in a covered pan with a little water and bake for one and one-half hours.

Orange-Apple Squares—Dissolve a package of fruit-flavored gelatin in one cup boiling water, add one and one-fourth cups cold, tart, apple sauce and pour into a square cake pan. When set, cut in squares and serve with cream or whipped cream.

DECORATIVE SLEEVES

Very wide sleeves of lace or chiffon or very much embroidered or decorated materials are frequently the only attempt at trimming on the new black satin gowns.

A Thought

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.—Ps. 138:6.

SENSE shines with a double luster when it is set in humility. An able and yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom.—William Penn.

LITTLE JOE

A SLICE IS WHAT PUTS THE BUNK IN BUNKER.



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ADVENTURES of the TWINS

by OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

THE GREEN DINGBAT SPEAKS

"It's none of your business," said the Dingbat wiggling his ears.

"The very idea!" cried Nancy. "Such manners! I never in all my life heard such a thing."

"I'm not paid to have manners," said the Dingbat. "That costs extra."

"How much?" said the little Rag-bag.

Whiffet hurriedly reaching into his pocket. All he heard was "costs extra" so he supposed he'd have to pay.

"How much have you?" said the Dingbat.

"Two pearl ones, four bone ones, one off the old gray duster, a collar button, and a snapper," said the Whiffet. He didn't say anything about the shoe buttons because it had taken all his shoe-buttons to get in.

"Well, that's what it will cost you exactly if you wish me to be polite," said the Dingbat. "All but the snapper, I've got one. He's a beagle and snaps at all the cats and the postman. Now then, ask me all over again. How old is Anne?"

"Say," said the little Whiffet, "it's all the same to everybody, and I've paid for everything. I'd like to ask a question myself."

"At your service, sir," said the green Dingbat, wiggling his ears most politely.

"Where is my shadow?" said the Whiffet. "I lost it coming over the stile."

The green Dingbat turned blue, then red, and then to a beautiful dark raspberry. "Ask Mr. Snoopy," he said. "The pirate, who lives in a cave between Hidy Go Land and the sea."

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TRICKY CUTTING.

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