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# THE TIMES-STAR FEATURE PAGE

## Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

Should Two Engagements Be Broken in Order That One Couple Be Happy?—Weighing the Faults and Virtues of a Possible Husband.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a girl of 22, engaged to a wonderful man. I thought I loved him, but recently I have met another man who has made me realize that I never loved my fiancé at all—that all I gave him was a friendly liking that is as different from love as skin milk is from cream.

Strangely enough, this other man was also engaged, and he, too, finds that what he thought was love was just friendship, and that I am the woman he cares for, his predestined mate.

What shall we do? Shall we break the engagements to those who have trusted us and who love us, and marry each other? Or shall we sacrifice our love and marry those to whom we are betrothed? **WORRIED LOVERS.**

**ANSWER:** Break your engagements and marry the one you love. There is no question about that being the right thing to do under the circumstances. For there is no hell worse than that of an unequal marriage, in which one party loves and the other is cold and indifferent, and you have no right to drag a fellow creature into that.

In olden times, it used to be considered the heroic thing for disillusioned men and women to go on and marry the ones to whom they were betrothed, no matter how distasteful their fiancés had become to them nor how much they had come to hate. This was considered a noble gesture and furnished the theme of innumerable pathetic novels and poems.

But nowadays we see this for the sickly sentimentality that it is. We view even heart affairs with more practical common sense, and we realize that such a sacrifice is utterly useless and futile. It brings no one any happiness.

For no man or woman can keep up the pretense of being in love for a lifetime. No man or woman is so stupid as not to know when a wife or husband is indifferent and when he or she is endured instead of cherished. And of all intolerable positions under the sun, the worst is that of the unwanted wife or husband who has been married for pity.

A broken engagement may not be a pretty thing, but it is not the horror that a wrecked marriage is. It is no ruin to a life, and it is no orphaned little children, no scandal and no shame. The wounds are surface ones that soon heal, but an unhappy marriage with an unloved man or woman scars the very soul.

So don't hesitate about breaking an engagement if you have ceased to love the one you are betrothed to and have come to love somebody else. Let all concerned thank God that you found out about your change of feeling in time. **DOROTHY DIX.**

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a girl of 16, and have a boy friend who begs me to marry him in two years' time. His good points are: Truthfulness, good looks, amiable; has saved some money; has plenty of friends; my parents approve of him.

His bad points are: He is three inches shorter than I; does not want me to go to college; does not want me to get nice to other boys; jealous; quick tempered; always wants to be kissing; seldom agrees with me about anything; cannot dance; cannot talk to other girls; will not take me to places where I would have a good time; monopolizes me too much; has not the line boys of today need.

What do you think of him? **MAIDEN.**

**ANSWER:** Not much. From your summary of his qualities, it seems to me that his faults far outweigh his virtues, and that he is selfish, inconsiderate of you, argumentative and dictatorial. He does not want you to study and improve yourself or to go about and enjoy yourself, and he would make the sort of husband who thinks it is enough happiness for any woman just to be married to him and make him comfortable.

But, my dear little girl, don't think of tying yourself down at 16, or even 18, to any man. At that age you have no more idea of what kind of a husband you will want when you are 21 or 22 than you have what kind of a hat you will want, and the sort that you pick out when you are 18 you wouldn't have then on a bet. Let me follow your own formula and say:

The points in favor of an early marriage are:

The idea that it is romantic; the fun and fuss of a wedding; showing off your engagement ring; the gratification of a childish dream.

The points against it are:

Losing all your playtime for life. Having to stay home and keep house, when you want to be running around with the other boys and girls. Cooking, cleaning, babies. The certainty that your taste will change, and that you will get tired of the boy you marry. The danger of meeting some man when you are grown with whom you will fall in love.

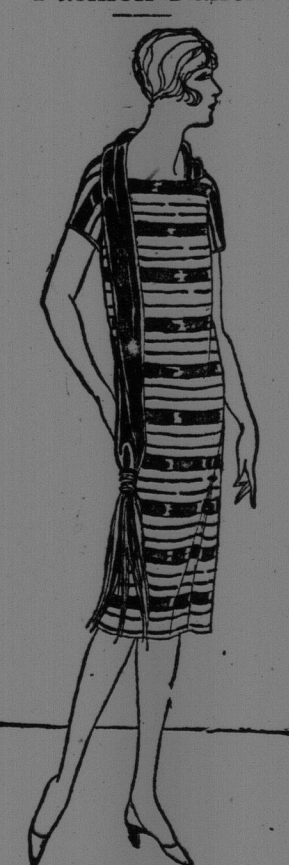
It doesn't pay, my dear. Don't do it. **DOROTHY DIX.**  
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Really, Josephine, Styles Don't Seem To Fit The Age As They Used To

TIME WAS WHEN THERE WAS A DIFFERENT STYLE FOR EVERY AGE—



Fashion Fancies



By Marie Belmont  
**THE** frock above was designed especially for wear in one of the new Broadway productions. The material of the dress is velvet, and the color is the new golden pheasant shade, striped in black. The dress is cut on straight lines, with a scarf collar of the plain black velvet dropping at one side. Golden pheasant is also lovely in crepe frocks, and a number of them have been designed for early fall wear.

DAILY MOVIE SERVICE  
**Jack Holt Regains Popularity**

By RUSSELL J. BIRDWELL.  
**HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 12—As** the big, honest gentlemen of the great open spaces, Jack Holt has found a forte for himself. For a while the cinema gods who were controlling the destiny of Jack found fit to place him in such namby-pamby parts that he began slipping from the popularity that had been his. Now that they have changed their film tactics Jack has again mounted the pedestal of public favor. Holt, by his continuous playing in western roles and especially those of Zane Grey's creation, has now become thoroughly identified with the "land of sagebrush."

"I like this out-of-door stuff," says Jack. "I am primarily of the open

existence, any way. One can be a great deal more natural, garbed in the riggings of a cow-boy or a gent of the wide plains. The only thing I dislike about these western pictures is that location trips keep me away from home too much. I've almost turned out to be a traveling salesman. Last year I was away from my wife more than seven months altogether.

"That kind of work in the movies is just as bad as playing in vaudeville or in stock companies under one-night stand conditions." Jack's most recent picture is "Wild Horse Mesa," from a Zane Grey novel in which Billie Dove plays opposite him. Famous Players-Lasky Company is releasing the movie.

Here's 1926 Shiek



Possibly you haven't bought your new fall suit yet, but here's the spring style for the shiek. Notice that vest, the tucks around the waist and the balloon trousers that almost drag on the ground.

Cross-Word Puzzle For the Wee Folk

By LITTLE JOE.  
In this puzzle there is one unfamiliar word, number 14 across. It means to measure an object by the spread of your hand from the tip of the little finger to the tip of the thumb. This word is short and rhymes with than.

**ACROSS.**  
1—To walk into a stream.  
4—Sound.  
6—Word always used with either.  
7—Grief.  
9—To allow.  
11—Mother.  
12—Mimic.  
14—To measure by the spread of the hand.  
**DOWN.**  
1—Was dressed in.  
2—Another form of "a."  
3—The droops of water found on plants in the morning.  
4—Money paid to cross bridge.  
5—Oceans.  
8—Prophecy.  
10—To rap lightly.  
13—Father.

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

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Your Birthday

October 13.—You possess the qualities of a leader. You are able to grasp a situation quickly, your judgment is good, and you can command the attention and respect of others. You have a splendid memory, and learn rapidly. Your nature demands strong love, and you are open to flattery. Your birthdate is the opal, which means hope. Your flower is the hop. Your lucky colors are yellow and white.

**HIS TRAGIC EXPERIENCE.**  
"Why don't you work? Hard work never killed any one!"  
"You are wrong, lady. I lost both of my wives in that way!"—Sydney Bulletin (Australia.)

Coyote Bites Tracker In Hamilton Chase

HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 12.—A coyote roamed about the east end of the city this morning and used its teeth to advantage when cornered by trackers. William Thresher saw the animal in an alleyway, set out in pursuit and finally brought it to bay in a back yard on Barton street. Thresher was painfully bitten before aid arrived and the coyote was captured. It is believed that the animal is a hunting trophy, but the owner has not yet come forward to claim it.

A YOUNG HEATHEN.

"Jimmie, where did you get this six-pence from?"  
"It's the money you gave me for the Heathens' Fund, mamma."  
"Then why did you keep it?"  
"Well, my teacher said I was a heathen."

Science Builds \$70,000 Dam Just To Destroy It

By DAVID DIETZ.  
**SCIENTISTS** are planning to build an arch dam one hundred feet high near Fresno, Calif., at a cost of \$70,000. As soon as they have built it they will set about destroying it. But in destroying \$70,000 worth of concrete masonry, the scientists expect to settle problems that are centuries old and to save the future builders of arch dams not thousands but millions of dollars. For, paradoxical as it sounds, scientists have found that one way to improve things is to destroy them.

The scientist calls this process "testing to destruction." It is practiced by the U. S. Bureau of Standards, the U. S. Bureau of Mines, the national fire underwriters' laboratories, and many manufacturing companies, including especially the makers of telephones and electrical apparatus. An engineer designs a telephone transmitter that he thinks is better than one in use. Accordingly the transmitter is put before a graphophone which shouts "hello" into it continuously, day and night, until the telephone transmitter breaks. The record is then compared with the record for other types of transmitters. The U. S. Bureau of Standards tests steel beams by smashing them with a hydraulic press capable of exerting thousands of tons pressure. Steel safes are tested by throwing them off roofs down upon concrete pavements. The fire underwriters stage fires to test fire-proof materials.

No test up to the present, however, has been as spectacular as that proposed with the arch dam.

A SPECIAL committee of the Engineering Foundation, a national organization with headquarters at New York, is to be in charge of the work. Leading engineers of America and Europe as well as government engineers from the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, the states of California and Oregon and the cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles will co-operate in the work.

The dam is to be built on Stevenson Creek, a tributary of the San Joaquin River, about sixty miles east of Fresno.

The dam is to be built upon a foundation of solid rock. It will be seven feet thick at the base and two feet thick at the top.

The dam will first be built to a height of 60 feet.

Tests will then be carried on for a year. Delicate measuring instruments, fully tested for accuracy at the U. S. Bureau of Standards, will be used to determine the stresses and strains in the dam and any movements of the dam under such strain.

Many of these measuring instruments are being specially designed for the work.

At the end of the year, the height of the dam will be increased by steps until the 100-foot height is finally reached.

The place where the dam is being built is a rugged rocky gorge. This location was picked so that a sudden breaking of the dam during the tests would do no damage to inhabited or cultivated territory.

To Be Continued.

Adventures of the Twins

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON.

MISTER BUNNY reached down into his pocket and got the money for the gasoline and pop and paid Nick. "Is it good gasoline?" he asked. "Nice and fresh with plenty of pep in it like your pop?" "Yes," laughed Nick. "We just got it fresh this morning. If it won't go, just come back and I'll exchange it."

"That's fine!" thought Mister Bunny to himself. "If I do happen to see Mister Hunter or Mister Farmer, I can step on the gas and get out of their way faster than I can hop."

He got in his car and waved his hand good-bye. Then down the road he chugged and the last the Twins saw of him, he was turning the corner of the lane between the elderberry patch and the poke-berry bushes.

"Yes, I should," said Nick. "Mister Hunter probably doesn't know that you have an automobile this year, though. He will be looking for footprints instead of automobile tracks. If he saw you in your new car, he would probably be too much surprised to do you any harm anyway."

"Well, I hope so," said Mister Bunny shaking his head. "But I am worried about this year, though. He has been looking for footprints instead of automobile tracks. If he saw you in your new car, he would probably be too much surprised to do you any harm anyway."

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A Thought

Also, that woman adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.—1 Tim. 2:9.

FOND pride of dress is sure a very curse; ere fancy you consult, consult your purse.—Franklin.

Trinity Y. W. Guild Resumes Meetings

Trinity Church Young Women's Guild opened its new season last night and the members attended services in the church before the business meeting. Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, pastor, conducted the service and gave a short address. Miss Dorothy Robson, president, was in the chair for the business meeting and welcomed the members.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Oct. 26, and it was planned that at the annual meeting the Guild would endow a day in the Pickett Memorial Fund in memory of the late Miss Anne Orr, who had been the faithful Dorcas secretary of the Guild several years. It was decided to do a tea and sale later in the season; the date was not fixed.

A letter from a former member, Miss Louise Topping, who is now doing some mission work in one of the Indian schools of the Northwest, was read with much interest. A nominating committee was appointed for the annual meeting and at the close of the evening a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

MAKES LONG DRIVE.  
WINSTED, Conn., Oct. 12.—Astrate golfer blames a hawk's lack of intelligence for not helping him to make the famed "hole in one."

A golfer on the Norfolk Down Club drove the ball and, as it was descending, a hawk snapped it and carried it a considerable distance but failed to place the ball in the hole when he dropped it.

Key West, Fla., claims the only weather bureau in the United States where a drunk never has been recorded.

FLAPPER FANNY says



WHY worry if a fellow steals a kiss? He'll gladly return it.

A BUSY MONTH.

Reports of a busy month of nursing care were received at the meeting of the directors of the Victorian Order of Nurses held yesterday afternoon in the Health Centre with L. W. Simms, president, in the chair. A new arrangement has been put in force for the calling of the nurse on night duty since the V. O. nurses are not living in residence. The new plan of having the nurses' registry receive all night calls is working out admirably.

The spectroscopic reveals that there are copper, nickel, zinc, lead and tin in the sun.

BLACKHEADS

Blackheads go quickly by a simple method that just dissolves them. Get two ounces of peroxide powder from your druggist, rub this with a hot, wet cloth briskly over the blackheads—and you will wonder where they have gone.

Little Editorials

RADIO AGE.

EMERSON said that the book was worth reading until it was 20 years old. He meant, of course, no book of imaginative literary art. Scientific books are out of date in less than 20 years, even in his time, and now they need supplementing by new discoveries before the printer has finished setting the type.

And even literary works need no longer await the slow consensus of the competent. The Nobel prize, and other devices, spread at least some established verdicts around the world in a day. If we were to follow Emerson's advice, we should be just now beginning to read some idyllic romances of pre-war Germany.

Besides, Emerson did not invent his present. He borrowed it from Horace, who got it from Aristotle, who probably learned it in Egypt. It is too slow for the radio age.

PRO TEM.

"Rastus, why do you call your baby Sam Pro Tem, Johnson?"

"Well, boss, we kinder thought dat young Sam might like to choose his name when he grew up, so we done gone put in 'Pro Tem' as a warnin' to de public."

LITTLE JOE

THE TOUGH PART IS THE MOURNING AFTER.



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Time Work.

"What are you feeding to those hogs, my friend?" the professor asked.

"Corn, professor," the grizzled old farmer, who knew the learned gentleman by sight, replied.

"Are you feeding it wet or dry?"

"Dry."

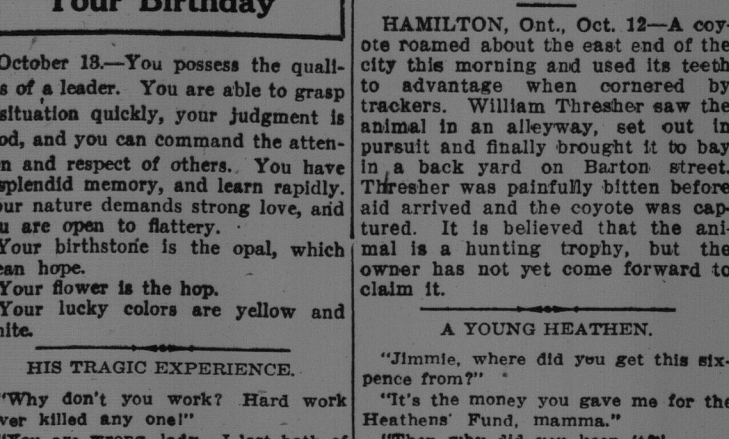
"Don't you know if you feed it wet the hogs can digest it in one-half the time?"

The farmer gave him a quizzical look. "Now, see here professor," he said, "how much do you calculate a hog's time is worth?"—The Victorian.

Millions in Royalties.

It is estimated that the amount of royalties paid to American playwrights each year is around \$800,000. In some of the plays as many as six persons share royalties and a considerable portion goes to foreign authors whose works have been adapted by American writers.

Children Cry for

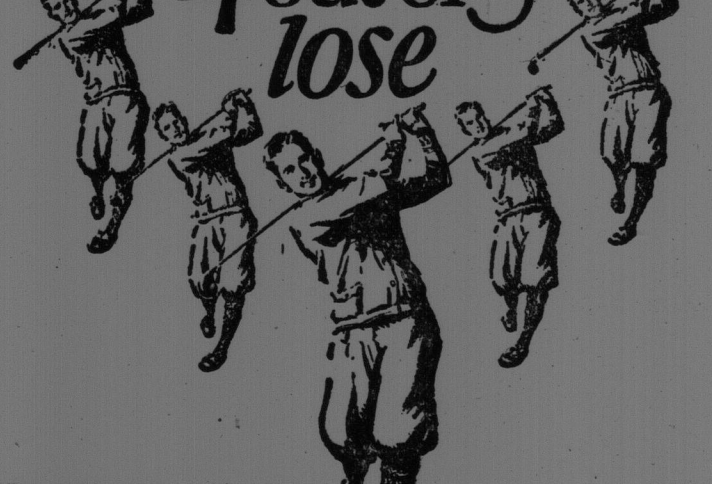


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