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Dorothy Dix

The Importance of Discussing Marriage Problems Before the Knot is Tied—Shall "Miss Twenty-Five," Who Has Never Loved, Marry to Keep From Being Lonely?—How to Treat a Selfish Husband.

DEAR MISS DIX—Should a young couple who are engaged discuss the problems of their future life together before they are married, or should they wait until after they are married to settle them?

ANSWER:

If you were going into a business partnership with a man, into which you were putting every cent that you had or ever expected to have, and every bit of your soul and body, wouldn't you try to have just as clear and definite an understanding about it as possible?

Wouldn't you want to know just what duties and obligations you assumed? Wouldn't you want to know what he expected of you? Wouldn't you want to know what his ideas were, what his principles were and how he proposed to manage the concern? And wouldn't you want to know just what he was investing in the firm and what sort of a division he proposed to make of the profits and what your status was to be in the business?

You wouldn't sign up a life contract in any sort of a business concern without looking into it and asking the advice of experts and calling in a lawyer to make out the papers so that you would get a square deal. Why, then, go blindly into matrimony, which is a business contract as well as a sentimental one?

I think a great deal of unhappiness would be saved if every young couple who are contemplating matrimony would not only thrash out on the safe side of the altar every subject that affected their mutual life, but if they would have a good lawyer draw them up a marriage contract in which the duties and obligations of each to the other was spelled out forth. It might not be possible to enforce all the provisions of this contract, but it would certainly be a useful document to refer to in times of domestic stress.

No man should marry a girl, for instance, until he knows definitely whether she will do her part in making a home out of the money he earns or not. If she is career mad or society crazy, and if she thinks that the function of a husband is merely to support her while she amuses herself a her own way, a man certainly has the right to know it before he commits himself for keeps.

Also, a man has the right to know before he marries a girl whether she prefers Pommern pop to babies wood, and not only thrash out on the money question, and whether she intends to be a parlor ornament or a kitchen help, and whether she will permit him a ladylike of not and how many of her relatives she proposes to have pay her perennial visits.

Knowing these things, he could either take her or leave her. He would at least know what he was doing, and he would not suffer the awful shock of surprise he gets when he finds out that his bride regards matrimony simply in the light of a graft and that she does not propose to worry herself about making him comfortable or giving him anything fit to eat, and that she considers that all he is good for is just to make money for her to spend and take her but to places of amusement.

Certainly a girl should marry a man who will not make a definite agreement with her before marriage to give her an allowance for the house and one for her own personal expenses; who will not promise to take her out at least once a week to some place of amusement; and who will not bind himself to spend most of his evenings at home.

For many of the men who swear at the altar to endow their wives with all their worldly goods, because their wives' street fare, many a man thinks that being married to him is all the entertainment any woman could want and many a lover who drew the most alluring pictures of the sweet little home they would have never come home until every other place is closed up.

So my advice is to find out all you can about the views of the man or woman you are about to marry before the fatal knot is tied. Even then there will crop up enough unexpected quirks of temper and temperament to keep you in a state of amazement till your dying day. DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I am a young woman, 25 years old. I have a fine position, with every chance for promotion. Here is my problem: A man whom I like and admire wants to marry me, but I care nothing for him. I have never been in love. Shall I marry this man who loves me or shall I keep my position and wait to see if I ever find a man I love? It is all right now to be unmarried, but it is the years after 40 that I hate to think of spending alone. BETTY.

ANSWER: It is foolish of you to despair at 25 of falling in love. You have only come to the years in which a woman is really capable of the grand passion. Up to that time it is only mushy calf love that girls feel. And you are lucky to have escaped that.

So I should certainly urge you not to marry this man whom you do not love, for there is every chance in the world that before long your real mate will come along and you will want to be free to take him instead of being bound. You don't want to be held by every tie of honor and duty to a man that you will hate when you realize that he stands between you and happiness.

Believe me, Betty, marriage is no picnic for women. It is full of sacrifice and suffering, of self-denial, of work and worries, and nothing on earth makes it worth while except a love for a man so great that it makes you feel that you would rather have a crust with him than a feast without him; that makes any labor a pleasure if done for his sake, and that causes you to feel that life without him is cinders, ashes and dust.

You have a good position. You are doing the work you enjoy doing. Your life is full of interest. You have independence and money. These are mighty good things to have, Betty. And you should be very certain that you are head over heels in love with any man before you give them up for him.

And don't worry about the years after 40. Every phase of life has its own particular joys and interests, and you will be just as keen about things at 40 and have just as good a time doing them as you have now.

The chances are that if you don't marry you will be no more lonesome than you will be if you do marry. Look about you and see how many middle-aged men are chummy with their middle-aged wives!

It is a great thing to marry if you find the right man. But it is a lot better to be single than to marry the wrong one. And there are no compromises in matrimony. DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—My husband goes out to the movies three and four times a week. I have two small children, and when I ask him to mind them so that I can go to see a picture he refuses and says that a woman's place is in the home with her children. Do you think he is right? MRS. O. C.

ANSWER: I certainly do not. I think he is monumentally selfish and unfair. The children are just as much his as they are yours, and it is just as much his duty to take care of them now and then and give you a rest and a change as it is your duty to look after them most of the time.

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BEHIND THE SCREEN



Mary Pickford and Mary Louise... What does the exodus from the Warner lot mean? Huntley Gordon is the latest film star to leave the Warner fold. Others who have left the organization recently are Marie Prevost, Olive Brook, John Roche, Dorothy Devore and several lesser lights.

Mabel Normand is going to attempt to stage a comeback in a Hal Roach short comedy feature. If she fails the picture, she will be a contract.

Jetta Gordon has been raised to stardom by Cecil DeMille. Her next two pictures are "Her Man" and "Fighting Love."

A newcomer in the ranks of former Bennett comedy queens who have made good in films outside the bathing beauty class is Louise Fazenda. She is to be given leading roles in Warner productions.

Some Helpful Home Suggestions

Make a paste of equal parts of baking soda and chlorinated lime. Put enough boiling water to form a paste and spread on stained parts of sink. It will remove all fruit and vegetable stains and leave sink nice and clean.

Here are two suggestions for the distracted mothers of shut-in children. Buy half a pound of "sea shell" noodles. These can be painted with water colors. This fascinating game of making beautiful shells will entertain a child for several days.

In many parts of the country potatoes are high and poor this year. As an occasional substitute use macaroni as follows: Take two cups cooked macaroni, four tablespoons grated cheese, one cup chopped cooked ham. Mix all with mustard sauce, about four or five tablespoons. For the mustard sauce do as follows: Brown lightly together one-half tablespoon butter and one-half tablespoon flour.

Carrot Salad—Mix one-half cup finely cut cold carrot with two stalks of celery cut fine and one teaspoon finely minced onion. Mix with salad dressing and serve on lettuce leaves.

Oatmeal Cookies—One cup sugar, one teaspoon cinnamon, three-quarter cup shortening, one egg, stir well together, add two cups flour, one teaspoon soda, two teaspoons molasses, salt, four tablespoons milk, two cups rolled oats. Stir and drop from spoon and bake slowly in moderate oven until brown.

Dates Pudding—Take the whites of two eggs beaten stiff, four tablespoons sugar, one-half cup finely cut dates and drop into greased pan. Bake in very slow oven for 25 minutes until brown. Serve with soft custard made of egg yolks, one cup milk and one-quarter cup sugar.

Little Joe If you've got more work than can be done with two hands, double your fists.

By Marie Belmont A hand-painted evening frock is shown above, in sunset colors, designed for the wardrobe of a smart woman who was going to one of the Southern resorts.

The background is a sort of grayish blue crepe, and on this are tongues of brilliant colors in sunset hues. The sheath frock is outlined with bands of sunset shading.

A flimsy shawl of orange chiffon is outlined in matching bands of shading.

IN NEW YORK SEE-SAWING UP and down BROADWAY

I encountered Lya de Putti, late arrived from Hungary and way points who soon will be super-sirening in all the best movie houses.

NOTE: Doggers about this village announced the coming to town of "East Lynne." And who should be producing it but the Provincetown Players, whose experiments in ultra-modern drama have been quite disastrous this season.

WILD WEST THEM—Tom Mix's cow-boys costuming the coming to town of "East Lynne."

Menus for the Family

MENU HINT Broiled Fish Poached Eggs Confectioner's Sugar Spaghetti and Cheese Celery Apple Sauce and Cookies

TODAY'S RECIPES Veal Chop—Wipe as many veal chops as required with a damp cloth and remove. Broke a brown gravy of drippings, browned flour and water with a few drops of tobacco sauce in the gravy and simmer slowly for one or one-quarter hours.

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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

TWINKLE PEN IS CURED The minute Blue Whiskers lost his beard, he cried out, "I'm done for! I can't stay in Fairyland now. I'll have to go and work for my living."

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There is now a way to restore "off-color" teeth to clear and sparkling whiteness. A way that firms tender gums and brings them healthy coral tint.

Modern dental science has found teeth rarely are naturally clouded off color—dingy. But simply clouded by a dingy film coat that ordinary cleaning methods do not successfully remove.

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What film is—Dulls teeth, invites gum disorders Dental science now traces scores of tooth and gum troubles to a germ-laden film that forms on teeth.

Run your tongue across your teeth and you will feel it—a slippery, viscous coating. That film absorbs discolorations from food, smoking, etc. And that

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