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A Feature Page of Interest to Everyone

INSTRUCTIVE

Dorothy Dix

From Business Men and Matrimonial Bureaus Comes the News That Beauties Are No Longer in Demand—“And,” Adds Dorothy Dix, “the Plain Girl Usually Makes a Better Wife—It Doesn’t Do to Take a Woman On Her Face Value.”

CHEER up, ye maidens who are not conspicuously endowed with the gift of beauty! There are indications that the living picture is going to be turned to the wall, and that the plain-faced girl is about to come into her own at last.



DOROTHY DIX

The manager of a circuit of motion-picture shows has posted up a notice that no Venuses need apply for jobs as cashiers in his theatres. He says that the beauties waste too much time in flirting with young men who hang around their boxes and obstruct trade, and that they are more interested in their looks than they are in making the right change, whereas the girl who isn't sufficiently pulchritudinous to attract attention, and who doesn't expect her face to make her fortune, gets right down to business and is worth half a dozen good lookers.

THAT is good news, for, heretofore a peach and cream complexion, combined with a willowy figure and a boyish bob, has been more potent in getting a girl a good situation than a knowledge of how to spell or add up a column of figures correctly, or an ability to sell goods.

However, the best is still to come. The editor of a matrimonial paper, in which men advertise for wives, says that his patrons seldom mention beauty among the qualities they demand in a wife and frequently state that they prefer homely girls to pretty ones.

WHAT do you think of that? Isn't that the rainbow of hope, and the Balm of Gilead, and all the other consoling things you can think of? Also, isn't it an indication that men are beginning to show very nearly human intelligence when they commence realizing that it is the plain girl, and not the beauty, who is the preferred matrimonial risk?

One of the reasons why there are so many divorces is because, in selecting their wives, men have only looked at the outside of girls' heads, and if they were sufficiently painted, and calomined, and otherwise adorned they have not taken the trouble to try to find out how the said head was furnished inside with brains. Now, if a girl's figure was lissome and straight-fronted and graceful, have they stopped to investigate whether there was a warm and loving and generous heart beneath those entrancing curves.

AND often there was neither intelligence nor affection, for the beauty is likely to have all of her goods in the show window, and when the man got tired of his pretty baby doll and wanted a wife who was a real companion and a helpmate, and upon whose unselfish devotion he could depend, he found that she didn't get it. Wherefore he shipped a loudly, “Stung,” and rushed for the divorce court, or else went about with the air of an early Christian martyr the balance of his life.

Now, of all things on earth that a man can marry for, beauty is the silliest, because there is an absolute time limit on it, and he risks his happiness on something that he knows, himself, he is bound to lose out upon. Five—ten—fifteen years of matrimony, and where is a woman's beauty?

Good! Gone the milk-white skin. Gone the roses in the cheek. Gone the entrancing dimples and slenderness of youth. Gone the lustrous sheen of the hair.

NO WOMAN of 30 is physically beautiful. If at that age she is good-looking, it is not a matter of skin and hair and figure. She is lovely because she has a lovely soul.

Yet, in spite of knowing this, the first question a man asks about a woman is never: “Is she good?” “Is she intelligent?” “Is she sympathetic and understanding?” But his invariable query is “Is she pretty?”

OF COURSE, men are not really such beauty worshippers as they think they are, or else there wouldn't be so many married women who would not take a blue ribbon in a good-looking contest, but that is the result of men's guardian angels working overtime. Every man thinks he marries a beauty, but when he is able to see charms that no one else discovers in a plain-faced, sensible, affectionate girl it is a miraculous intervention of Providence in his behalf.

No one will contend that there are not beautiful women who have minds and souls as perfect as their bodies, but they are as rare as hen's teeth.

Nature is a stingy old dame, and when she gives anybody an over-supply of one good quality, she is mighty apt to skim them in something else. Therefore, as a general thing, you will find that the woman who is extraordinarily good-looking is about as thrilling a companion as a clam, and with about the same amount of feeling for anybody else except herself.

ALL the circumstances of the beauty's life also contribute to make her vain and selfish. From her cradle up she has been flattered and worshipped, and given the best of everything, and the man who marries her may rest assured that he will have to spend the balance of his days in burning incense before her, and hustling to get the money to buy the clothes that make the proper frame for the living picture.

On the other hand, the homely girl has not been spoiled. She has always had to make herself useful and agreeable as a sort of an apology for not being better looking, and when she marries she is so grateful to the man who has not treasured her lack of beauty against her that she breaks her neck trying to please her husband.

YES in ninety-nine times out of a hundred the plain girl makes a better wife than the beauty. It doesn't do to take a woman on her face value.

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Fashion Fancies.



By MARIE BELMONT
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This dress is so easy to make that it might be practical to have two or three of these little frocks in your summer wardrobe.

Flapper Fanny Says



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Hair-raising stories have given way to hair-bobbing stories.

FIRST AIMLESS SHOPPER (to second ditto)—Well, dear, if you're not going to buy anything, we might just as well look at something more expensive.

BEHIND THE SCREEN

WHEN Bebe Daniels promised to be- come Mrs. Charles Faddock she didn't know Charlie had a title tucked away with the trophies he won as the “world's fastest human.” Honestly, Faddock has the right to tack “Sir” in front of his name. “The King of Montenegro” conferred the honor upon him in 1918.
The sprinter doesn't take his rank seriously, however, and Bebe, when sport writers who dug up the story broke the news to her, thought a minute, then said, “Why I feel like a regular Cinderella. Honestly I didn't know I was getting into the nobility, along with Gloria Swanson, Pola Negri and Mae Murray.”

STAR DUST

Mary and Doug are planning to return from their European trip late in August. Ronald Colman often spends his odd moments in the woods with a rod or gun and a couple of friends. No society life for him!
Colleen Moore likes to play tennis with her brother Cleve.
While Adolphe Menjou, the screen's ultra-sophisticate, likes to putter about his home.
New York rumors say Gloria Swanson has applied for a \$5,000,000 insurance policy.

Jack Pickford has been signed by M.G.M. to play opposite Beatrice Lillie, the English comedian. In her first film, “Till Smiles.” It is a comedy drama with a rural locale.
Work of clearing the Pacific of the five old time windmills blown up and sunk during filming of “Old Ironsides” is being completed. With the aid of divers the vessels are being dynamited from their resting place on the bed of the ocean and the debris hauled ashore and burned.



Bebe Daniels.

Extras in Hollywood are having their best season in many moons. With four and five big specials in production, which require thousands of players, the extra men and women are finding work plentiful since all types are needed. Among the pictures which spell parade to the extra are “Old Ironsides,” “Eagle of the Sea,” “Rough Riders” and “Whigs.”

Menus for the Family

MENU HINT.
Breakfast.
Oranges Prepared Cereal
Broiled Bacon Toast
Coffee Milk
Luncheon.
Jellied Shrimp Salad
Bread and Butter
Peaches Cookies
Tea and Milk
Dinner.
Cheese and Rice Souffle
Green Peas
Lettuce and Tomato Salad
Rolls and Butter Iced Tea
Snow Pudding, Custard Sauce

TODAY'S RECIPES.
Jellied Shrimp Salad—One can shrimps in small pieces, three-quarters cup chopped crisp cabbage, one green pepper chopped, three-quarters cup mayonnaise, one tablespoon celery, two tablespoons cold water, celery salt, paprika, seasonings. Dissolve gelatin in cold water and place over boiling water until melted. Mix with beaten light cream, add one cup of cheese, fold in stiffly beaten whites of three eggs. Turn into greased baking dish, bake in pan of water in moderate oven until silver knife inserted in middle comes out clean.
Snow Pudding—Three-quarters cup sugar, two tablespoons corn-starch, one cup water, cook together until thick, add juice of one lemon and pour over stiffly beaten egg whites, return to pan and steam over boiling water for ten minutes. Four into molds wet in cold water. Serve with custard made of three-quarters cup milk, yolks of two eggs and one-quarter cup sugar.

A Thought

Speak not evil of one another, brethren.—Jas. 4:11.
I TAKE it as a matter not to be disputed that if all knew what each said of the other there would not be four friends in the world. This seems to be proved by the quarrels and disputes caused by the disclosures which are occasionally made.—Pascals.

SEE-SAWING ON BROADWAY

MORE beauty passes in a certain spot on Seventh avenue in ten minutes than may be seen in many hours elsewhere on this globe. The reason is simple: This is the heart of the cloak and suit industry, and these are the models filing by when the day's work is done.
The beauty show may be best seen in the short distance between 34th and 40th streets and the hour is generally about 1 o'clock.
THERE are short beauties and tall beauties, Junoesque beauties and old-fashioned beauties, bobbed heads and long, waving tresses.
Some are dressed in fashions that are a month ahead of the market, and some are carelessly, even shabbily dressed.
Anticipating their arrival, the buildings are lined with oglers, but I have often noted how few girls are met by men. They generally go to lunch in groups, or alone. I have yet to see one of them “picked up.” The “johnnies” do not seem to clutter the streets in front of the skyscrapers as they do the streets about theatre stage doors. Rather they wait along the line of march, seemingly for the sole purpose of getting an “eyeful.”
These girls seem to have few acquaintances in the neighborhood of their employment.
THE reasons, I find, are several. The number of lovely models who are married is considerable. This is a pretty model often is the real salesman in a big order. Offhandily, this would not seem boring, but one of them tells me it becomes as casual as any other job.
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