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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.



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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 willow 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 he hadn't gotten it. Wherefore he shrieked 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 on. 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?” or “Is she intelligent?” or “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-looks' 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 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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Advertisement for Life Savers candy, featuring an illustration of a child and the text: "Nervous folks who smoke a lot find relief by taking LIFE SAVERS THE CANDY MINT WITH THE HOLE"

Advertisement for Vector Heater, featuring an illustration of the heater and the text: "Science Offers You This New Heat! Ideal VECTOR is the product of our extensive heating research laboratories—largest in the world."

There Are Bells and Belles



Behind the Screen

WHEN Bebe Daniels promised to become Mrs. Charles Faddock she didn't know Charlie had a little tucked away with the trophies he won as the "world's fastest human." Honestly, Faddock has the right to tack "Big" in front of his name. "The King of Montenegro conferred the honor upon him in 1919. 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 comedienne, in her first film, "Exit 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. 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."

Advertisement for Famous Players 6 1/2% Bonds, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text: "Canada's largest theatre-owning company controls central real estate and buildings in leading cities throughout the Dominion."

Menus for the Family

MENU HINT. Breakfast. Prepared Cereal, Broiled Bacon, Coffee, Milk, Toast. 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, Lead 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 gelatin, two tablespoons cold water, celery, salt, paprika, seasonings. Dissolve gelatin in cold water and place over boiling water until melted. Mix with mayonnaise and add other ingredients, turn into mold and put in icebox to harden; serve on lettuce. Cheese and Rice Souffle—Melt two tablespoons of butter and one-quarter cup cooked rice, yolks of three eggs, 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.—Pascal.

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts cereal, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman at a table and the text: "Is Breakfast Unimportant? The longest fast of the day precedes breakfast. The hardest work of the day follows breakfast. Under such circumstances how can breakfast be of little importance?"

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts cereal, featuring an illustration of a box of Grape-Nuts and the text: "The Vital Nourishment Your Body Needs is in this Food. Grape-Nuts is made from whole wheat and malted barley. It furnishes dextrins, maltose and other carbohydrates for energy; iron for the blood; phosphorus for bones and teeth; protein for muscle and body-building; and the essential Vitamin-B. One serving of Grape-Nuts with milk or cream supplies more varied nourishment than many a hearty meal!"

Large advertisement for Grape-Nuts cereal, featuring the text: "There's a Reason Grape-Nuts Made in Canada. FREE 'A Book of Better Breakfasts'—and two servings of Grape-Nuts. Send this Coupon Today!"

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 carefully, 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 streets about theatre stage doors. Rather they wait along the line of march, seemingly for the sole purpose of getting an "eyeful" of the beauties. 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 quite easy way of getting extra money for the household. GILBERT SWAN.

Advertisement for Mennen Borated Talcum powder, featuring an illustration of a baby and the text: "Is your baby's comfort? Use only this powder specially prepared and medicated for baby's use."

Advertisement for Rothesay Collegiate School, featuring an illustration of a building and the text: "Rothesay, N. B. Michaelmas Term begins September 10th, 1926. Two entrance scholarships of annual value of fifty dollars, and tenable for four years, open to competition for boys under thirteen."