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INSTRUCTIVE

## Dorothy Dix

The Dog-in-the Manger Girl Who is Stirring Up Trouble For Her Former Sweetheart—How Can She Cure Her Mother of Eternal Question-Asking?—Why Petting Parties are Taboo.

DEAR MISS DIX—Two years ago I fell heavily for a very pretty and successful young girl. She said "no" three times. A year later I met, and successfully wooed my wife, a little, dainty, soulful girl, the kind that takes in all the stray cats and dogs and binds up their hurts, and we are happy almost.

The fly in the ointment is that my old sweetheart, who lives close by, and is still in the habit of coming to see me, finds our house too attractive. She is eternally running in, and it is obvious to all that she doesn't come to see my wife. This girl is in business. Sometimes I run across her downtown, and just to be friendly on one or two occasions I have asked her to have a drink. She never fails to tell my wife of these chance meetings.

Now my wife has become jealous, and this puts me in an awkward position, as I have no feeling whatever for my former sweetheart. I don't know what to do, as I don't want my wife made miserable, yet I don't like to be discourteous to the girl. To what classification of girl does our neighbor belong? What should be the wife's attitude toward her? What mine?

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ANSWER: The girl undoubtedly belongs to the genus dog-in-the-manger, and, believe me, they justify Mr. Kipling's opinion that the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

This girl didn't want you herself, but she cannot bear to see another woman have you. The fact that you married, instead of wearing the willow for her the balance of your life, is a deadly affront to her vanity, and she is going to avenge it if she can by taking you away from your wife. And the fact that she will break up your home and make both of you miserable doesn't cause her even a passing qualm of remorse.

I will warrant that every time she runs into your house she has spent half an hour primping before her mirror, and that she has put on her most becoming frock because she is determined to make you see how much better-looking she is than your wife. And I will bet my new hat that she is so soft and amiable that butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, and that she "yes-yesses" everything you say, and flatters and jollies you as she makes you feel how much better she understands you, and how much more she appreciates you than your wife does.

And when she tells you that she is going to see you downtown, and that perfectly wonderful drink you had together, and how she enjoyed it, she is doing it with the deliberate purpose of making your wife think that you had dates with her, and the more green-eyed your wife becomes the more she enjoys it.

Oh, there are some mighty able female workers in the Home-Wrecking Crew, brother! Your little neighbor has begun digging her way at the foundation stones of your love nest, and if you don't watch out she will have it tumbling down about your ears before you know it.

And don't believe that she is doing it for love of you, either, or because she has a belated regret that she didn't marry you. Nothing of the kind. She is just a mischief-maker who enjoys fomenting trouble, and she would like to monopolize every man in the world, and keep him around burning incense at her feet and breaking his heart because he couldn't get her.

The thing for you and your wife to do is to freeze her out. Keep her out of your house, you would a venomous snake. And be extra cautious yourself, for when that kind of a woman sets herself to get a man, he needs supernatural wisdom and courage, and the grace of God, to save him from getting into her clutches.

DEAR MISS DIX—What should I do with a mother who is continually asking questions? If I write a letter to a friend she has to know who I am writing to. If I go to a girl's house, she wants to know where I am going, how long I am going to stay, and when I am coming back. If I go downtown, I have to explain just where I am going and why I am going. I don't want to do anything that I should not do, but I would like a little independence, and not to be put through a perpetual questionnaire. What can I do to stop it?

DOROTHY DIX

ANSWER: There is not a thing on earth you can do to stop it. Rose, it is a mother-complex that it would take God himself to change, for it has its root in the eternal mother-love that makes everything a child does of vital interest to her, and in the mother anxiety that never realizes that a child grows up and gets old enough and wise enough to take care of itself.

I have no doubt that Solomon's mother, to the day of her death, told him exactly what he ought to do about every move he made, and that Napoleon's mother warned him against running into danger, and that President Coolidge's mother asked him what he said to the boy she saw him talking to.

It is the way of all mothers, and it makes their children perfectly furious with them, and drives them from home, but mother goes right along asking questions that she knows are going to antagonize Sally and John, just because she can't help herself. She is just built that way.

It is because a mother's children are such a part of herself that she never realizes that they have an individuality of their own, and their own private thoughts and interests with which no one has a right to meddle.

The babe of family life is vulgar family curiosity that pokes and prys into our souls and puts us through the third degree about everything we do and leave undone.

But there is one comfort for you, Rose; you can avenge yourself on your own children when you have them, for you will ask them just the same questions that your mother asks you.

DEAR MISS DIX—For some time we have been questioning the view taken by our parents in regard to the so-called necking, mugging and petting parties, and the general conduct of the present generation. Why do they censure it? As the old saying goes, "Time changes all things" and the freedom of the sexes happens to be one of the things that time has changed greatly since their day. Many things they thought were wrong are matters of course now, and a boy today thinks no more of kissing a girl's lips than our grandfathers did of kissing a girl's hand.

We hold your sympathy for young people in great esteem, and will appreciate your opinion on this matter.

DOROTHY DIX

ANSWER: It is true that customs change, and that modesty and propriety are largely a matter of place and time. I have seen a perfectly naked girl in India stand on the roadside with a complacent air of observing all the proprieties because she veiled her face with a wisp of cloth. Fifty years ago men rubbed their heads when a passing gust of wind revealed a lady's ankle. No man gives a second glance at a woman's knees nowadays, because the fashion makes women's legs as much a commonplace as their arms.

But social customs are not the result of caprice, my dear. The laws that govern the relationship of men and women are the condensed wisdom of centuries and are founded upon the experience of countless generations, and they have taught that there is danger in the familiarity of the sexes.

That is why the taboo has been put on kissing, and what we vulgarly call necking and mugging and petting parties. It is not possible for young people to indulge in fondling each other, and remain innocent and pure.

It is folly to deny this. Human nature never changes. We are all animal at bottom, and if it were not true that boys got a kick out of kissing girls, they would not do it. No girl's brother importance her for kisses, or wants to indulge in a petting party with her.

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## Club For Fathers Is Formed In England

LONDON, Dec. 24—A club for fathers is likely to be formed at Hull as a result of a series of lectures which have been given by Dr. Katherine Gamgee, the assistant medical officer for child welfare.

Although originally restricted to fathers, the meetings have now been opened open to men engaged to be mar-

ried. Dr. Gamgee said, at the opening meeting, that fathers could assist constructively by securing proper hygienic conditions, and could make complaints to the Health Department about the bad condition of their houses, without fear of being regarded as "bothersome."

"One thing I have noticed," she said, "is that more men are seen wheeling prams in the South of England than in Hull. The father who takes a real interest in his children will not be ashamed to wheel the pram."

## ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by OLIVE ROBERTS RADFORD

INCH O' PIE AND THE BLUE GEES

Nancy and Nick hastily dressed and slipped on the magic shoes that Inch o' Pie had brought with him. Then the little old fellow told them to sit down the two big fat blue geese he had ridden in through the window. Nancy sat on Gans and Nick sat on Ole, for these, you know, were the names of the geese, and as soon as they were settled, Inch o' Pie jumped in front of them, with a foot on each goose's neck. Then gathering up the shaggy reins, and cracking his tiny holly-branch whip, away they all went right out through the open window toward the sky.

"I hear the trees crackling," said Mrs. Walton. "There is going to be a hard frost tonight."

But it was only Inch o' Pie's whip. "And I hear a peculiar hissing around which means that the wind is changing to the north," said Mr. Walton.

But it was only Ole and Gans hissing as they flew. They didn't have any idea that those two noles were their own children riding as hard as they could go toward the North Pole to help Santa Claus. For not a minute before they had been in the room where the Twins slept, and fixed things for the night.

On went the two geese, onward and upward, flapping their wings with great slow flaps that seemed to carry them forward with great speed.

You can swim very fast by moving your arms very slowly, and so it was with the geese. No aeroplanes could have gone faster.

They passed the Big Dipper finally and were making straight for the North Star.

"When we get as far as the North Star, we will be there," said Inch o' Pie. "For the North Pole is right under the North Star. Indeed, it has been said that the North Star is a child that flew out of Santa Claus' chimney and never came down."

The Twins laughed. It was pretty fine, riding smoothly along over the world with a jolly little old fellow to you and tell you things, and Inch o' Pie never stopped talking for a minute.

"I know what you are thinking about," he said one time. "You are thinking about my name and how I happened to be called Inch o' Pie. Well, I shall tell you."

"When I was born I was just about as big as a two-cent piece. I suppose you think I'm not much bigger now, but really I'm a regular giant to what I was then."

"I was little that no one could think of a name for me. One name was too long, and one too short, and one too hard to spell, and so on."

"Well, sir, one night when my father came home from his work in Santa Claus' toy shop, he said: 'Have you named him yet?'"

"And my mother said, 'No.'"

"And then my father said, 'Well, it's no wonder! He isn't any bigger than an inch o' pie' and that was my name ever since."

The Twins laughed merrily. When they began to look about them again, they could see a large bright house in the distance, with gleaming windows.

"We're almost there," said Inch o' Pie. "That's where Santa Claus lives."

To Be Continued.

Family Menu

Breakfast  
Orange Juice Rice Brown Sugar  
Cookies Coffee or Cocoa  
Luncheon  
Clam Chowder Scones  
Jam or Honey Tea  
Milk  
Dinner  
Baked Veal with Tomatoes  
Baked Sweet Potatoes  
Picked Beets Stewed Fruit  
Cookies  
Tea, Coffee or Cocoa

TODAY'S RECIPES

Rice—Cook one cup of rice in one quart of boiling water salted to taste. When the rice is done, drain off the water, and add one-half cup of butter, then add one-half cup of hot milk and cook for five minutes until the rice is mostly taken up by the rice. Serve with brown sugar and bits of butter.

Spice Rocks—One-half cup butter or substitute, one cup sugar, two eggs, one-half teaspoonful cloves, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-quarter teaspoon salt, one cup chopped walnuts, one cup chopped dates or raisins, one cup chopped figs, one teaspoon soda, one-quarter cup hot water. Cream the butter, add sugar and eggs well beaten. Add the dry ingredients, adding the soda dissolved in hot water next. Lastly, put in the fruit and nuts. Drop from a teaspoon on to a cookie sheet and bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

Peanut Drops—Six tablespoons butter or butter substitute, one-half cup sugar, two eggs, one cup flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-quarter teaspoon salt, one-quarter cup milk, one cup finely chopped peanuts, one teaspoon lemon juice. Cream butter, add sugar and well beaten egg. Sift dry ingredients, add to first mixture. Add milk, peanuts and lemon juice. Drop from the top of a teaspoon on to a baking sheet. Flatten with a second teaspoon, placing a small amount of finely chopped peanuts on top. Bake in moderate oven about 350 degrees Fahrenheit for twelve to fifteen minutes.

TWO STILL ALARMS.

The firemen at No. 7 station, West Saint John, responded to two still alarms last evening, the first at 8:30 o'clock to the residence of the late John Coughle, St. James street, and at 8:45 o'clock to Mr. Daley's house on Queen street. Both were chimney fires and there was no damage.

COUNT THEM TONIGHT!

Pick up your mirror and count the pimples, and other facial blemishes you have tonight. Instead of plastering on the cream—take Siegel's Syrup as directed on the bottle for just a few days. Harmless, pure, but potent—it removes the cause. You will swear by it over after. Any drug store.

## Couturiers Employ Gorgeous Brocades, Embroideries



By MME. LISBETH.  
GORGEOUS effects in brocades and embroideries are being used by the leading couturiers for robes of all kinds. Gowns of metal cloth and other shimmering materials appear on even the most practical garments, while the sartorial novelties reveal in colorful fabrics that would pale into insignificance the garments described in Arabian Nights tales. One garment of this character was a wrap of Chinese brocade crepe in a self-toned, figured heavy, but exceedingly supple silk crepe in rich shades of red, yellow, green and blue. American as well as foreign couturiers use these brilliant materials, as

witness the American designed tea gown (left). It is fashioned of Bohemian brocade and it features the tunic, circular skirt, the mandarin sleeves and a fairly high neck. The large splashy flower pattern of chrysanthemums is very effective.

A two-piece ensemble (centre) is unique in its style and trimmings. White crepe de chine fashions the one-piece dress that is modeled rather closely to the form. The girdle, which ties directly in front, the lower part of the tight fitting long sleeves and the scarf section are trimmed with worsted embroidery in dull tones of orange and black. This most interesting scarf section is draped over the shoulders and hangs down both in the front and back, forming a panel and apron effect. Long, heavy black silk fringe edges the scarf. The turban, which adds to the almost oriental effect, is of white crepe de chine with a black silk pom-pom posed low down on the side.

An elaborate lounging coat is even more striking in its colorings and fabrics than the other two garments pictured. It is seen on the right. A heavy brocade is used for its building in a combination of pastel shades of green, blue and yellow. It is lined with shell pink satin and the elaborate fur hand bags are of skunk. It is a Lelong creation.

By Marie Belmont.

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Above is shown a day frock which combines a long black velvet overblouse with a black satin skirt showing the front flare. Novel trimming is added in the use of silver kid for collar and cuff bands and for the three-cornered piece caught at the upper corner to the frock. These overblouses, which are straight and quite long, are being favored by smart women.

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## Have Your Pantry Full Of CHRISTMAS GOODIES

from the "Busy Bee"

SOME HINTS THAT WILL HELP YOU

Fruit Cake Plain Cake Chocolate Cake Macaroons Cookies Nut Bread

Pies, etc., as practical gifts.

Delicious Cakes, Puddings or a box of our Special Cookies, such as Jelly Wafers, Coconut Fingers, Peanut and Currant Cookies, Almond Wafers.

Old Time Plum Puddings, Luscious Mince

Dwyer's Busy Bee

Corner Charlotte and Princess Streets.

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## SEE-SAWING ON BROADWAY

AS FAR as the Broadway barbers are concerned men can learn to cut their own hair. They prefer to have the dear ladies with their bobs. "The average tip from a woman is 25 cents," they point out. "Show us an average man who tips better than a dime."

The Cumberland (Md.) barbers who refused to open their shops to women might take notes on this.

A TURKISH BATH sounds funny. It implies a heavy drinking bout, or perhaps a fat man reducing. But some idea of how popular is this sport may be gained from the fact that a fire in one New York Turkish bath establishment sent 500 men to the street clad in towels.

JAMES W. DEAN.

## Boxing Day

Observed at London House

Store Closed Saturday

As has been the custom for the past

five years the day after Christmas will

be observed a holiday for employes at

the London House. This is a good old

English custom and is much appreciated

after the Christmas rush. Store

will be closed from Thursday night

until Monday morning.

We take this opportunity to thank

the people for the generous share of the

Christmas business accorded to us.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Yours very truly,

F. W. DANIEL & CO., Ltd.

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