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INSTRUCTIVE

Dorothy Dix

Special Advice to Homely Girls Who are Wall-Flowers... The Desperate Young Man who is Held by a Written Marriage Proposal to a Woman He No Longer Loves—Should a Young Woman Dare to Pop the Question?

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—Did you ever stop to think how a homely girl feels? I am one. I dress well and have a good education, but what are brains compared to beauty? I try to be agreeable and a good sport, but I can't seem to attract men and I seldom have a date.

ANSWER: I suppose there isn't a woman in the world who, if given her chance between beauty and brains, wouldn't take beauty. For she would argue that if she had beauty, she wouldn't need brains, whereas no amount of brains in a woman ever atones for her lack of beauty.

So it's no wonder that women crave beauty above everything else in the world. And the tragic part of it all is that it is nothing that they can acquire for themselves. It is a gift of the gods, and whether they get it or not is a mere matter of luck.

Of course, volumes and volumes have been written telling women how to be beautiful though ugly, and a great majority of them try to develop a synthetic beauty, but this is mainly lost motion and wasted energy.

In reality, about the only thing that the homely girl who is unattractive to men can do is to accept the situation and interest herself in something else, instead of vainly trying to intrigue some youth into making a date with her.

After all, the world is full of a number of things besides parties and jazzing and love-making and marriage. There are books and study and travel, and the interest and thrill in following a career and climbing up the ladder of success. There are fine friendships with worth-while men and women and stimulating companionship—millions of things in which a girl with brains can interest herself.

I admit that it is hard for the young girl who wants to do what other girls are doing to accept this philosophy, but it is not so hard and bitter as it is to be a wall flower to be a language round at parties, and know that every man who asks you to dance does it out of pity, or because he is covered by his hostess. So I advise the plain girl to save her face, as the Chinese say, by not running in competition with her more favored sisters.

And I would remind her, by way of consolation, of two things. First, that while the beauties have the most beaux they do not always make the best marriages. Many admire them abstractly and like to be seen with them, but when they come to pick out a life partner they are far more apt to choose for a wife a woman who is not so showy, but who looks as if she will wear better in matrimony.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I am a young man of 32. When I was 25, I lived in a certain town of the West where I met a good-looking, pleasant and friendly young woman, who often invited me to her house. Then I was moved to another town, where I knew no one and was very lonely. Under the influence of this loneliness I wrote to this lady and proposed marriage. She accepted. No sooner had the letter gone than I repeated of what I had done, realizing that I had made a mistake. I have told this woman so and that I did not care for her, but she holds me to my engagement and says that she will sue me for breach of promise if I do not marry her. What can I do? A DESPERATE MAN.

ANSWER: I would certainly risk the breach-of-promise suit rather than marry a woman I had ceased to care for and who has shown herself so wanting in all womanly delicacy of feeling.

The only disgrace in a breach-of-promise suit is reflected on the woman who tries to force a man to marry her against his will. The woman whose heart is really hurt doesn't exhibit it in public, and try to heal her wound with a position of greenbacks. She hides it from the world.

It is, of course, a cruel and a cowardly thing for a man to woo a woman and win her affection, just to amuse himself and tickle his vanity. But no blame attaches to him in a case where his intentions were honorable. If, later on, he finds that he was mistaken in his sentiments, for no man can rule his heart and love at will.

So when either a man or a woman finds out that he or she has fallen out of love the only honorable thing is to break the engagement. To marry the one of whom you are already weary is to precipitate misery not only upon yourself but upon the man or woman you marry.

DEAR MADAM DIX—Does a girl have the same right as a man to propose? I have been going with a man for four years whom I love, and who often tells me that he loves me, but never pops the question. He is amply able to support a family. Dare I play the leap-year girl? JEANNE.

ANSWER: Why not? You would at least clear the situation and find out how much his love talk means, and whether you are wasting your time upon him or not.

Personally I believe that there is nothing so silly and so foolish as the convention which prevents women from openly seeking their mates and asking the men they want to marry them.

The courageous women who break down this idiotic tradition will deserve to rank with Susan B. Anthony and the other emancipators of their sex. Copyright by Public Ledger.

Camouflage

SUGGESTIONS FOR PATHING BEAUTIES AND OTHERS

THE SEVERE PAINING-GAIT WILL ENHANCE BEAUTIFUL CURVES

ONLY THE BEAUTIFUL FACE CAN GET AWAY WITH A CAP LIKE THIS

THESE ARE OTHER CAPS, HOWEVER, THAT CALL ATTENTION TO THEMSELVES RATHER THAN TO THE FACE

WHILE THE OTHERS WOULD SEE THEM NO WRAPS

THE BEAUTY CAN GET ON HER CAP

THE OTHERS ARE USUALLY BETTER SWIMMERS THAN THE BEAUTIES WATER IS SO CONCERNING

BEHIND THE SCENES

By GENE CONN. Imitate any confusions and ramifications. "In presenting the pictures it has seemed to me that the selection of proper types, rather than the featuring of stars is of greatest importance.

THE RHYMING OPTIMIST By ALINE MICHAELIS. When night's dark shadows creep away, they take double mistle of pain, and with the glow of dawn's day all gladness wakes again.

Little Joe THE PROFESSIONAL RACER GETS A RUN FOR HIS MONEY

A Thought Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me—Prov. 30:8.

WILL SEEK WRITER "Perhaps I may find a young American writer who will be able to do this work according to my ideas," he went on. "And perhaps by that time I shall be able to bring over my own man. My point is to take the story, strip it down to its bare essentials; work out its course with uncompromising directness. There should be no need for titles in a picture whose story is properly stripped and arranged. The picture should clearly tell the story without the need for any props. My idea has been to achieve the utmost in simplicity, to

Menus for the Family

MENU HINT Breakfast Poached Eggs Milk Toast Coffee Luncheon Brown Bread and Butter Radishes Onions Orange and Pineapple Salad Cookies Tea. Dinner Brown Gravy Mashed Potatoes Creamed Green Beans Fruit Gelatin Whipped Cream Coffee Milk

TODAY'S RECIPES Orange and Pineapple Salad—Put a slice of pineapple on lettuce leaf, mayonnaise dressing, orange slice, more mayonnaise, and sprinkle with nut meats. Add a sweet cherry for garnish. Cookies—One and one-half cups sugar, one cup shortening, one-half cup butter, one cup raisins, three eggs, three cups flour, one teaspoon soda, spice or vanilla. Cream shortening and sugar, add eggs, beat, soda dissolved in milk and flour and raisins. Drop on buttered pan by teaspoon. Bake in quick oven.

Flapper Fanny Says A doctor is a man who means well. AT A FANCY dress ball for children a policeman stationed at the door was instructed not to admit any adults.

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SEE-SAVING BROADWAY

THE "gay white way" of New York's vast east side begins at Stuyvesant Square, a spot easily reached by east-side subway or elevated train. This little belt of glaring arc projects itself like some glittering barrier, along Second Avenue. The "easy spender" of the foreign quarters may be found gazing about here at night. Excursions are numerous as upon a populous corner of Broadway. A roof garden presents a crude and salacious "girl show."

NOW walk down the avenue a few blocks of a summer evening and you come upon a sidewalk coffee house—the Cafe Royal. The tables are partly hidden by green lattices and those seated about them sit chatting and watching the passing crowds. If one closes his eyes to the surroundings this might be Vienna or Budapest.

Here gather scores of artists and writers of the "foreign language" papers and magazines. The "old timers" have regular tables at which they appear with the accuracy of a time clock puncher in a department store.

Actors from the Yiddish theaters are to be found there just before theater hour, joined by young dramatists and writers—Hungarians, Germans, Russians. A dozen tongues being spoken. On the walls, in the languages of the world, are little cards announcing recitals, dances, new foreign books, musical attractions.

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Horlicks

Safe Milk and Diet For Infants, Invalids, The Aged, Nourishing—Digestible—No Cooking. Avoid Imitations—Substitutes

BIRTHDAY PARTY A very enjoyable time was spent on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid, 22 Millidge street, when they entertained in honor of the third birthday of their little daughter, Marion. A dainty supper was served and the table was centered with a birthday cake with three candles. Many gifts were received by the little guest of honor. Mrs. Reid was assisted in serving by Mrs. Fred Miller, Mrs. C. A. Bridger, Mrs. H. Northrup and Miss Kathleen Flynn.

GILBERT SWAN. The Rumanians, by the way, are the "real scounders" of the foreign legion in Manhattan. Also most of them are of more than average intelligence. On Rivington street there is a Carnegie library, the shelves of which are filled mostly with the work of "native" writers. And next door to a famous element house. It was the first on the east side, and one of its pioneers was the prominent "millionaire-liberal," J. Phelps Stokes. Half the notables of the world have lectured there.

Thereafter a mass of shops and discouraging looking upstairs factories. And suddenly comes Orchard street, with its incredibly colorful parade of pushcarts. You have passed out of the "heart of Rumania"; a little slice of America dipped in the etherworld of a Bohemian land.

Run your tongue across your teeth and you will feel a slippery, viscous coating. That film absorbs discolorations from food, smoking, etc. And that is why your teeth look "off color," dingy and unattractive. It clings to teeth, gets into crevices and stays. It lays your gums open to bacterial attack. Gums by the millions breed in it. And they, with tartar, are a chief cause of pyorrhea and decay.

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