

THE TIMES-STAR FEATURE PAGE

Dorothy Dix

Shall She Remain a Widow to Please Her Children, or Remarry to Please Herself?—“Miss Nineteen” Who Wants to Marry the Man She Writes To, But Has Never Seen—A Question of Morality.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I am a widow of 38, very much in love with a man of 40, who wishes to marry me. But I have two children, a boy of 16 and a girl of 10, who object to my marrying just because they have a jealous feeling that they do not wish to share with any one. They are very fond of this particular man and he of them, and I am sure he would be very kind to them, but they feel that if I married it might make some difference in my attitude toward them. What shall I do? Remain single to please my children or marry to please myself?



DOROTHY DIX

ANSWER:

Marry your man by all means. It is utterly selfish of your children to ask you to sacrifice your life to their jealous whims, and you will be very foolish if you give in to them. Furthermore, even if they do object now to your marrying, it will not be long before they will see that it was the best thing for you to do not only for yourself, but for them. Your children ask you to stay with them, but they will not stay with you. In a very few years now life will call to them, and they will not be long before they will see that it was the best thing for you to do not only for yourself, but for them.

And your being married and having your own home will be an advantage, not a disadvantage, to your children, for it keeps you from being a burden upon them either spiritually or financially and leaves them free to live their own lives unhindered, as they would be by a widowed mother who clung frantically to them because she had nothing else but them.

Of course, your children think now that they will always need you and always want you with them, but that is not the truth. They will find mother a handicap when she has to be perpetually the tail to their kite and they have to drag her around with them and see that she is taken care of and amused.

And when they marry, their husbands and wives will not want mother to live with them. The mother-in-law in the house is invariably the cause of so much friction that even a woman's own children are happier without her continued presence, no matter how much they love her.

For this reason a widow of your age is most wise to marry if she meets a man she can love and who is a suitable husband for her. You have, in all probability, a long life before you that should be filled with happiness, with love, with the interests and occupations that a woman finds in having her own man and her own home.

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Your children are old enough to understand this, and if you will explain it to them they will welcome the new father with cordiality instead of resenting him. And if they refuse to listen to reason, go along and marry anyway and send them off to school until they get old enough to have some sense. Don't let your life be ruined by two selfish youngsters. Remember this is your last call to the dining car.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I am a girl of 19. For the last two years I have been corresponding with a young man whom I have never seen. He will not come to see me, but he offers to send me my railroad fare if I will come to him. He wants me to marry him as soon as we meet, if we like each other. Do you think I will be happy if I marry this way? B. C.

ANSWER: My dear child, can't you see what a frightful risk you run in every way if you go out to this man whom you have never seen, of whom you know nothing? Probably he hasn't the slightest intention of marrying you, and when you get to this strange place you will be completely in his power.

You will have no friends there. You will have no money, and no one will believe you an innocent girl because nobody will believe that any good girl could be so foolish as to go to the place that you contemplate doing. The women of the streets are recruited from the ranks of girls who have gone off to marry men who promised to marry them and who failed to make good their words.

And suppose the man did marry you. Aren't there enough chances of a woman getting a bad husband, even when she has known a man for years and thinks that she knows all about his disposition and character and morals and manners?

Think, then, of the risk she runs in marrying a man whom she absolutely knows nothing; who may have another wife; who may be a jail-bird; who may be a drunkard or a gambler, or who may be just plain lazy and shiftless.

Don't do it, my dear child. If you have one particle of regard for your future happiness, stay at home and marry some neighbor boy whom you have known since your mud-pie days.

DEAR MISS DIX—Our little circle is all torn up over this question in morality. Will you try to settle it for us? A married couple in our neighborhood had two children and were apparently very happy until three years ago, when the intimate friend of the wife came to live with them. The friend and the husband fell in love with each other. The wife turned the friend out of the house, but the husband continued his attentions to the friend. The wife has importuned the friend, begging her not to break up her home, but the friend says that she and the husband love each other and intend to marry as soon as the woman divorces her husband. Now, which is the more to blame, the false husband or the false friend?

ANSWER: A woman who comes into her friend's house and takes advantage of the opportunity that is thus offered her to steal away her friend's husband is as slimy as a snake in the grass as ever crawled into any one's Eden.

She is a dastard and an ingrate. She has not even the savage virtue of being true to the bread and salt she has eaten, and no condemnation can be passed upon her that is too severe. If she got her just deserts she should be branded as a thief and ostracized from decent society.

But bad as the woman is, I do not think that she is as blame-worthy as the man who wrecks his home with his own hand.

After all, the friend's duty is not so great as the husband's duty. The friend's responsibility is not so great as the husband's responsibility. The friend has taken no oath of allegiance as the husband has.

The friend's obligations are great, but they are not the obligations of the man who has taken a woman's life into his hands and who has brought little children into the world. And this is always to be remembered: that no woman can steal a man from his wife unless he is willing. He can always shut his ears to the songs of the siren. He can always flee from temptation if he wishes to do so.

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Fashion Fancies



By Marie Belmont

MODISH shops are showing a number of new undergarments types, which find ready interest among the younger set.

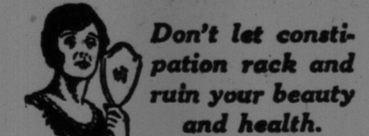
Typical of these youthful new fashions is the azalea tinted crepe de chine combination above. The model is made on simple lines and the bralette top is of satin in matching color.

This bralette arrangement slopes down at the back and is held together by a ribbon-covered elastic band.

"LONDON FIVE" GOOD.

One of the best musical programs ever given in the Seamen's Institute was given last evening when the William Waters "London Five" orchestra from the Melita furnished a varied program of classical and popular numbers, displaying remarkable musical talent. They were assisted by Harry Hammond, who appeared in Scotch character specialties and was enthusiastically received. H. E. Armstrong, president of the New Brunswick branch of the Navy League of Canada, was the chairman and expressed the delighted appreciation of the large audience. The hall was filled to capacity.

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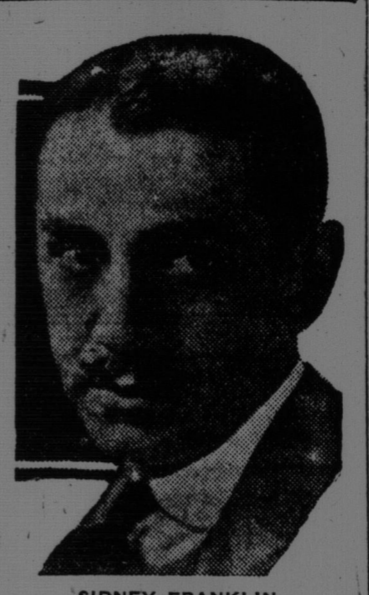
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Says Good Acting In Films Is Usually Accidental

By RUSSELL J. BIRDWELL. SIDNEY FRANKLIN is one of the few brutally candid men in Hollywood. He has been directing pictures for about 10 years and during the last few twelve months has been dragging down the sum of \$2,000 every week. Thus he can afford to say what he deems well pleased and let the chips fall where they may. "Nearly every good performance on the motion picture screen is an accident," says Franklin. "When an actor or actress does 'hit' with a single part and is made famous overnight, it is mostly due to luck—and to the director. "On the stage it is quite different. Actors in stage productions rehearse sometimes as much as three months before they are seen by an audience. They study their parts diligently and develop little traits and mannerisms of the characters they are portraying." In a movie production, declares Franklin, quite the opposite is true. "Very few movie actors ever read the script and fewer still ever know what the story is all about. The scene is rehearsed possibly two or three times and then it is photographed."



SIDNEY FRANKLIN.

A Thought

Better is the poor that walketh in uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.—Prov. 21:5.

POOR and content is rich and rich enough.—Shakespeare.

REV. DR. MACPHERSON ILL. HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Rev. Dr. H. P. MacPherson, a member of the Royal Commission investigating the coal industry of Nova Scotia, is ill in hospital here, and was unable to accompany the board which left for Montreal this afternoon, for the purpose of continuing the investigation. At the hospital today it was stated Dr. MacPherson's condition showed improvement and it was anticipated he would shortly be able to leave the institution.

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A monument erected in New Orleans in 1884 to commemorate the charity of Margaret Haughery, "the orphan's friend," was the first statue ever erected to a woman in the United States.

Miss Ella Sykes, noted English traveler and writer, was the first European woman to cross Katta Dawan, or Great Pass, leading to Lhasa, the "roof of the world."

A series of three dinners of one hundred guests each is to be given in New York in December, January and February under the auspices of the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association. "China-What Next?" is the topic announced for the first dinner. The object is to discuss topics of international interest. Guests of international distinction visiting in this country will be present.

ADVENTURES of the TWINS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON THE COACH TO TIPTON.

When the Twins left the hunting picture with Mister Blue Cap, all the ladies and gentlemen waved good-bye to them. "Too bad we didn't get a fox to show you," said the man who had been so kind. "But come back and we'll try it another day. Your ponies and hunting suits will be here waiting for you."

"Thank you, we have had a very good time," said Nick. But he never said a word about the fox. He knew and Nancy knew and Mister Blue Cap knew why they hadn't "bagged" a fox on the fox-hunt. It was because they, themselves, had helped Mister Fox to get away.

They went down the steps and Mister Blue Cap locked the glass door of the picture after them. When they looked back, all the ladies and gentlemen on the horses, and the horses themselves, and dogs, and everything had turned into paintings again. The picture was put marked "Number 44—The Hunt."

That was all. No one ever suspected that once behind the glass, all was different. That the whole affair was as real as a football game or a taffy-pull. But there was no more time to think of that picture any more now, for Mister Blue Cap was saying:

"If we are to have any more adventures in the pictures before your mother comes back, we shall have to hurry. The coach is just about to leave anyway."

"The coach!" cried Nick. "What coach?"

"That one," said Mister Blue Cap, pointing to the next picture. The Twins looked and beheld a cobble-stoned court-yard, and the front of an old inn, before which was a large sign hanging from an iron arm over the door. The sign said, "The Red Lion Inn." Travelers could read it plainly by the light of an old-fashioned lantern hanging beside the door.

In the door-way stood a fat gentleman who ran to a large stomach and coat-tails. Over a portion of his long waistcoat and tucked neatly under his coat-tails at the back was spread a neat bit of apron.

By this one knew him to be the landlord. Beside him was a young lady with a wide ruffled skirt, a shawl neatly crossed over her breast, and a bonnet which looked much like a sun-bonnet, except that it had a fine feather on the side.

A coach and four stood waiting. A very large coach it was, with seats both on top and inside.

The driver, a man in a very tall hat curved toward the top, and almost buried in a large muffler, held the reins of the coach-horses, and a very, very long whip.

"Is the lady going to take a ride?" asked Nancy.

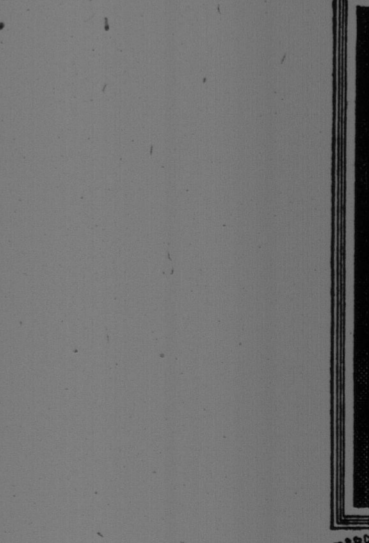
"Yes," said Mister Blue Cap. "She is on her way to Tipton."

"She always stays at the Red Lion Inn when she comes to London to shop—she and her maid. Her name is Miss Cranford and all the Cranfords have stopped here for the last hundred years."

SEVERE PENALTY.

John Dean was given the option of paying fines aggregating \$68 or spending eight months in the county jail after being found guilty in the police court yesterday afternoon of driving an automobile with the license plates of another and of being drunk. He pleaded not guilty and Detective H. J. Kilpatrick and Policeman Covay gave evidence.

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