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INSTRUCTIVE

Dorothy Dix

The Blue-Ribbon-Prize Selfish Husband—A Letter of Especial Interest to Frail, Neurotic Wives—Her Spunkless Fiance Who Lets His Mother Run His Life.

DEAR MISS DIX—Will you decide which one of us is right, my wife or myself? We have been married six years, and she has never met any of my people. But she says it is wrong for me to go to see them and have a good time while she sits alone at home, and that I should not go where she is not welcome. She says that it is nine months since I have taken her to a show or any place.

She gets mad because I don't give her any money, or make her any presents. Well, she has money in her own right, and she owns the house and all the furniture. I have never laid out a nickel in our house for anything, and that hurts her. She thinks I am selfish because I spend all my money on myself. She is as clean as wax, and at one time would have given me all she had, but no more.

She used to be cheerful, but now she sits and cries all the time, and she is mad because I bought me an expensive radio which I have at my place of business, and she thinks that I ought to buy one just as good for home, which I cannot afford. Which of us is right?

HUSBAND.

DOROTHY DIX.

ANSWER.

Why, I think you would take the blue-ribbon prize in any selfish-husband class, for according to your own showing, you take everything from your wife, and give her nothing in return. You live in her house, eat her food, let her bear all the expense of the upkeep of the home, and you don't even make her the poor return of taking her out now and then to the movies. Pretty soft graft you have got, I'll say!

If your wife owns the house and you don't have to pay any rent, thank Heaven for your luck. You are that much to the good, anyway. But for the sake of your own self-respect, and because you want your wife to respect you and look upon you as a man and not as a dead beat, pay all the balance of the household expenses yourself.

It isn't possible for a woman to feel anything but contempt for the man who sits down and lets her support him, and it humiliates her to death to find out that all she means to her husband is just a meal ticket.

Evidently that is the point of view your wife has reached, and that is why she has become melancholy. She sees that you are stingy and selfish, that you show her no consideration, that you have no regard for her pride, and that she is merely a convenience to furnish you with free board and lodging so that you may have more money to spend upon yourself.

I think she has a right to resent your visiting your people when they will not receive her, as she has a right to resent your sponging upon her, even if you are her husband; and to resent your general lack of even common civility to her, because a man should, at least occasionally, show his hostess some attention, if only as some sort of payment for her bread and butter. If you don't want to lose a good thing, you had better get busy and make your wife a few presents and trot her around to places of amusement now and then.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—I was married I was a frail and delicate young girl, and my husband was a very much more robust fellow. He would not lift a hand to do any kind of work. I was kept in cotton wool, so to speak, and he practically superintended the housework on his own work, as he could not afford a regular servant. As a result, everything was left undone or half done, while I lay around idle and got fretful and peevish and nagging.

Finally I asked myself one day what my husband would do if I should die, and the awful answer came to me that he would be bound to be relieved and glad. Well, that woke me up, and I rolled my sleeves and went to work with the result that I got well and strong, and am cheerful and happy, and my husband calls me his partner.

MRS. GOODWILL.

ANSWER: I print this letter for the benefit of the many disgruntled slacker women who are always writing to me, moaning and groaning, because they have to do their part in matrimony.

These women would rush to the divorce courts and demand their freedom if they had married husbands who refused to work and support them. They would have a perfect contempt for their husbands if they spent the evening whining over their jobs, and telling how sick and tired they got of selling goods, or doctoring sick people, or trying law cases, or laying bricks. But they don't recognize that, if it is a man's business to make the money on which to run a house, then it is the woman's business to make a comfortable home, and give him food and a clean and comfortable place in which to live. Nor do they face the fact that a woman's work is no harder, or more monotonous, than a man's work, and that she is just as much a quitter if she complains about it as he would be if he complained about his.

And also I wish to call my readers' attention to one other point this letter emphasizes, and that is that work is good for both body and mind. There is no other exercise equal to housework. You can get every known system of gymnastics in cooking and sweeping and scrubbing, and there is no such preventive of sickness as not having the time to be sick.

The women who have nothing to do except to think about themselves can always hunt around their systems until they find some deadly complaint, real or imaginary, or they can acquire nerves, and the only preventive of this is to keep so busy that you haven't leisure in which to develop symptoms.

Furthermore, the only happy people are those who have the consciousness of knowing that they are doing their part in life, and that they are of some real use in the world, so I commend the example of Mrs. Goodwill to all frail and neurotic ladies.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am engaged to a young man who has supported his mother since he was a small child. When he went to work as a little boy he turned over his entire pay envelope to her, and he has been doing so ever since. She buys his clothes, and gives him a couple of dollars a week, and he seems satisfied. I have tried every way in the world to make him see that this cannot go on, that we can never be married unless he has his own salary to handle himself, to be used for us to live upon, but he doesn't seem to have the courage to demand his rights. His mother is strong and well able to support herself. Do you think a fellow like this is worth while, or would you look out for somebody with more spunk?

DISGUSTED.

ANSWER: I think the spunkless one is certainly a poor outlook as a husband, for a man who is that completely under his mother's thumb has had every bit of courage and initiative crushed out of him. He will always be afraid of his mother, and put her before his wife, and expect his wife to know her as he does. And it is never very pleasant for the wife to realize that she plays second fiddle to the mother.

Certainly it is the duty of children to support their parents when they need help, but I do not think that parents have the right to take their children's entire pay envelope from them, for this makes the child nothing but a slave toiling for the benefit of his father and mother.

That takes all the heart out of it and crushes all the ambition. It breaks down the child's morale.

Even where the child's whole wages have to go to the family support, it is better for the child to give the money with its own hands, and to have the sense of being a benefactor and the pride of being depended upon than it is to be ruthlessly robbed of its hard earnings and have them taken as a matter of course, and without thanks or appreciation.

DOROTHY DIX.

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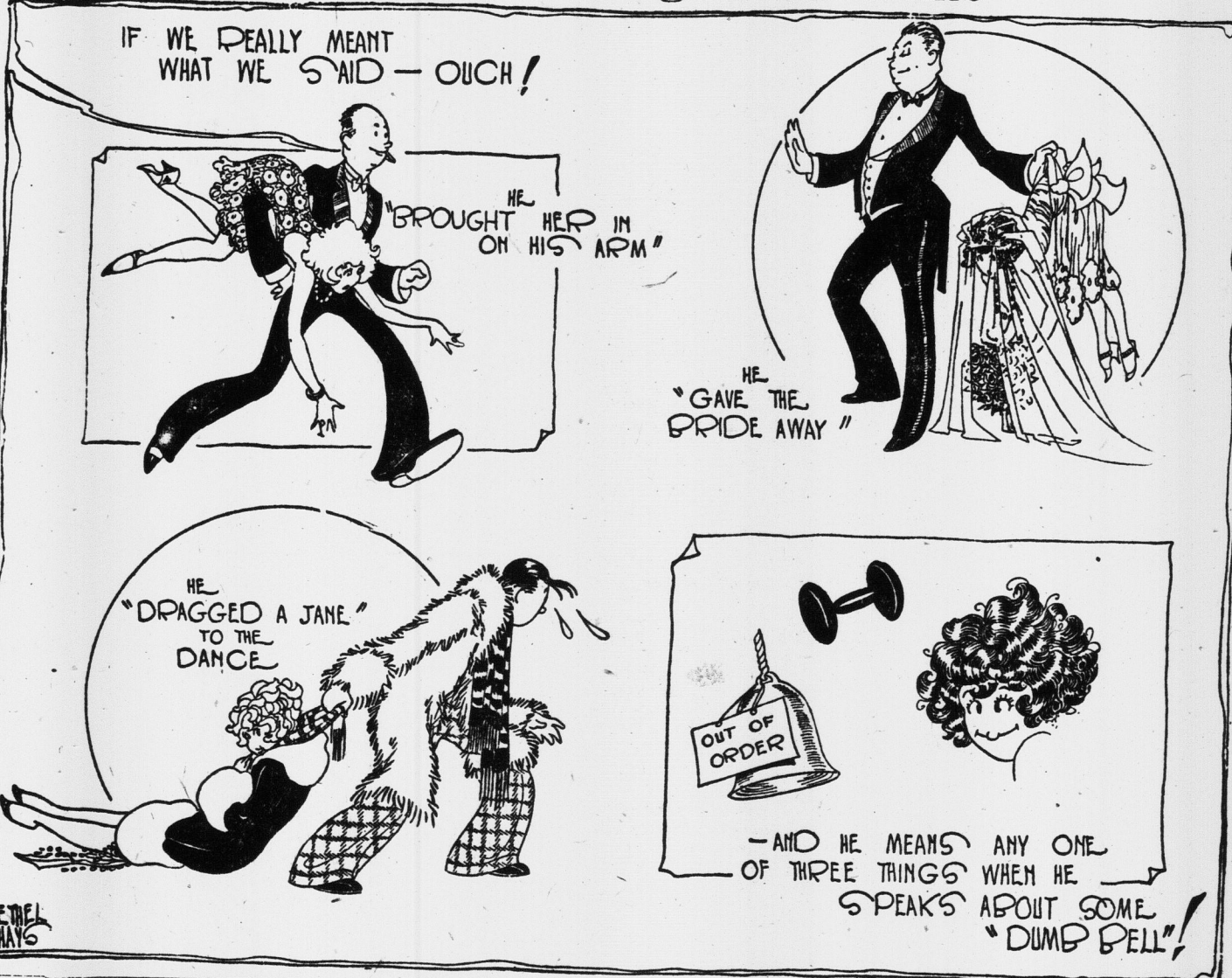
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Some of Our Lingual Idiotisms



Fashion Fancies



By Marie Belmont

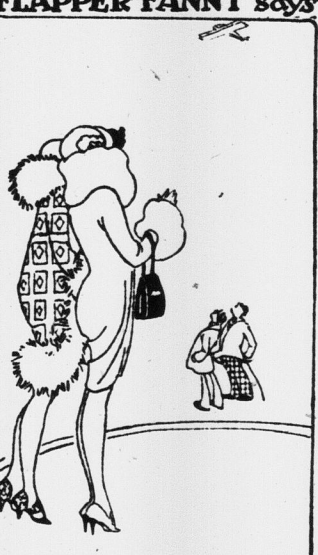
Very pale tints, such as chartruese, have been recorded smart favor in the sheer chiffons of the season.

The dress above draws attention because of its unusual bolero treatment. The material is soft chartruese chiffon, that greenish yellow tint that is so becoming to fair complexions.

The back of the frock is straight and unpleated. The plain seam is in one piece with the back, while the pleated section is added in front.

The yoke, which is seen in front, extends across the back, and at the centre of it is a tiny bow of silver ribbon with long streamers.

FLAPPER FANNY says



Don't think an aviator is a snob because he looks down on a lot of people.

CHOSE HIS WORDS

SOME small boys were playing baseball in a vacant lot in Boston when the ball crashed through the window of an adjacent house. The wrathful of an adjacent house, the wrathful of the lady, who had taken to her heels. He managed to collar one spectacled, slow-footed youth. "I didn't do it, mister. I was not playing with them," the boy said. "Then why did you run?" roared the man. "I'm afraid that I was a victim of the prevailing mob hysteria, sir," was the cultured reply.

IF a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him.

Menus for the Family

MENU HINT
Breakfast
Cereal with Top Milk
Buckwheat Cakes
Coffee or Substitute
Luncheon
Spanish Rice
Stewed Prunes
Bread and Butter
Chocolate Cookies
Dinner
Canned Salmon Cutlets
Creamed Cauliflower
Bavarian Cream
Tea or Coffee

TODAY'S RECIPES
Buckwheat Cakes—One quart lukewarm water, one teaspoon salt, three one-quarter cups buckwheat flour, one-half cup flour, one-half ounce compressed yeast, two tablespoons molasses. Dissolve the yeast in a little warm water and add to the rest of the water and mix with the flour, salt and buckwheat to make a thin batter. Let raise overnight; next morning add molasses and bake on a hot greased griddle, in small cakes, browning on both sides. Serve with sugar or syrup. Save a cupful of this batter each time and use it in place of fresh yeast. After using two mornings, add one-half teaspoon saleratus or soda to two tablespoons of boiling water.

Spanish Rice—In four tablespoons of oil, brown one-half cup of rice, keep stirring continually so that it will not stick nor burn; when it is a golden brown, add two medium sized onions and one bell pepper that you have chopped fine, also a small clove of garlic. Cook for five or six minutes, or until the vegetables turn golden brown, then add one quart of tomatoes, two cups of boiling water, a quarter of a tea-spoon each of oregano and cummin seed and one teaspoon (or more to taste) of chili powder with salt to taste. It will require about one and a half to two teaspoons of salt. Cook slowly, adding more water if necessary. The rice should be slightly swollen, and while the sauce should be thick, if you let it cook down too much the rice becomes dry and unpalatable. Serve with or without grated cheese.

Canned Salmon Cutlets—Add a cup of hot mashed potatoes to a cup of fish well picked apart, salt and pepper, one well-beaten egg and a teaspoon of water; mix well, make into cutlet form, roll in egg, then in bread crumbs, and fry, garnish with slices of lemon.

Bavarian Cream—One teaspoon gelatin, one tablespoon cold water, one-quarter cup milk, yolk one egg, one-half teaspoon sugar, one-quarter spoon vanilla, one-quarter cup whipped cream; soak gelatin in cold water five minutes; heat the milk and pour the mixture to gelatin, stir until gelatin is dissolved; add the sugar and vanilla; when it begins to stiffen fold in the whipped cream; pour into moulds; serve with whipped cream. Chocolate may be added by omitting vanilla and adding chocolate to hot milk, dissolving it before adding to the yolk.

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News Notes From Movie Land

By JACK JUNGMEYER

IT is written in the future book of movies that color films will be the commonplace of the better product within the next five years; that black and white will be largely a memory of the cradle epoch of the screen.

Judged by pioneering experiments in color physics now under way, and results already shown in the first ven-

ture, this spells revolution in the mechanics, investment and personnel of the pantomime stage.

The chief disturbance will be in the ranks of the actors, and it may well be that color photography will relegate to oblivion many personages now prominent, while new-comers, more happily endowed, will blaze in gorgeous new splendor. For "color personality"—the way one registers for the tint camera—has been proved decidedly different from one's semblance in the present-day neutrals.

These prophesies are inspired from comment by Albert Parker, director of the famous Pathéfrank "Black Pirate," during the course of which he subjected over 60 beautiful actresses to the "lens that paints," with Billie Dove as the final choice.

"Color personality," asserts Parker, whose explorations in this field have been extensive, "is determined by pigmentation, by texture of the skin, by color of the hair and eyes and the indefinable glow of the blood behind the features."

"Nor can this native quality be very much altered by make-up. The color camera peers through any superficial masking and brings out often unexpected tone values and strange emphases. Tests in black and white afford no criterion."

A Thought

But he that hateth his brother is in darkness and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.—1 John 2: 10, 11.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Beating coconuts with an egg beater will prevent acid from rising to the top. Coconuts cooked in the double boiler will not boil over and may be kept hot a long time.

Orange Juice is now a regular portion of the diet of babies because modern science has shown that the juice of the orange is a well-balanced and exceedingly healthful meal which the tiny stomach has no difficulty in handling. In fact the orange contains nearly all of the food elements necessary for health and strength in more or less degree, particularly the mineral salts and the highly necessary elements known as vitamins. The orange has the vitamin B, which is effective against rickets.

ADVENTURES of the TWINS

by OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

MISTER HAVALOOK'S INITIALS
"I just wanted to say," said the Tin Soldier, saluting, "that there isn't going to be a revolution in Hidy Go Land, sir."

"What?" cried poor Mister Havalook in amazement. "You don't say so! No revolution! How come?"

"Everybody is happy, sir. That's why," said the Tin Soldier. "The Crinoline Doll has found her skirt, the Gingerbread Man has found his eye and his coat-tail, and Limber Long Legs has found a backbone."

"A backbone!" exclaimed the Twins, who were helping poor Mister Havalook to count his laundry so as to be sure he had it all. "What did he get for a backbone?"

"A drumstick," said the Tin Soldier. "Someone lost a drumstick down the crack in the floor, and it came to Hidy Go Land."

"It didn't take Limber Long Legs two seconds to grab it," he went on, "Miss Pithers, the yarn lady, used some of her yarn to tie it on and now Limber Long Legs is a new man."

"Good!" cried poor Mister Havalook. "We shall now proceed to be happy. I am going to change my name to Happy Mister Havalook and turn the corners of my mouth up."

"Then I'll have to change all my initials on your napkins and towels and handkerchiefs," said Nancy. "P. M. H. won't do any more. It's H. M. H. now."

"Dear! Dear! That's a lot of trouble!" said poor Mister Havalook. "Couldn't we make it something that means 'happy' but begins with a 'p'?"

"Nobody seemed to be able to decide," said the Tin Soldier, "so the door and blew his tin whistle."

All the dolls in Hidy Go Land hurried to see what was wanted.

"Put on your thinking caps," said Nancy. "We want you to answer a question."

"Is it school?" asked Belinda. "If it is, I shan't stay. I came to Hidy Go Land just to get away from it. The girl I belonged to was eventually playing school and having me for a dunce. I just wouldn't stand it, and one day I jumped out of the window and came here."

"We want a word," said Nancy, "not paying the slightest bit of attention to the Tin Soldier, who was sitting on the floor and blowing his tin whistle."

"Prosperous," said Calamity Jane, who was feeling quite set up since she had gotten a wedding veil. She insisted on wearing it even if she had no husband, because, if she didn't, she said, "Sailor Sam would always be borrowing it for a sail for his starch-box boat."

"That's good, but too long," said poor Mister Havalook, almost forgetting about the corners of his mouth and looking quite doleful.

"Pleasant!" squawked Jack-in-the-Box, who had had his neck fixed, and who insisted upon being heard on every occasion.

"Good, also, but still too long," said poor Mister Havalook.

"Playful," piped up Teddy Bear, who spoke very mildly always, for such a fierce creature.

"I'm not playful!" declared poor Mister Havalook. "I'm a hard working fairytale if ever there was one."

"Popular!" said Mrs. Jiggs.

"Profound!" said Limber Long Legs.

"Proper!" said Miss Pithers.

"Peaceful!" said the Rag Doll.

But none of them were much good. Poor Mister Havalook said it wasn't worth while changing his name for any of them and I think he was right. He'd just as soon be called 'poor' as 'peaceful.' It means happy and brave, too.

"Furrry!" shouted all the Hidy Go people. "Three cheers for plucky Mister Havalook!"

So Mister Havalook didn't have to change his initials after all.

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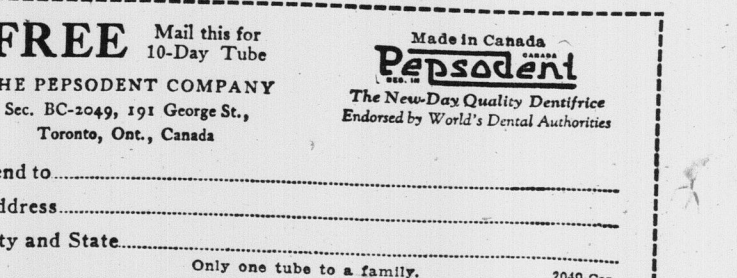
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