

How "Leap Year Beans" Grow.

An ancient superstition, which prevails in some parts of England and America, is that in leap year "beans grow on the wrong side of the pod."

WEARS THINNEST STOCKINGS
AND MUFFLES UP HER EARS

Julia Hoyt Says She Follows Custom For Many Reasons.

ANKLES ARE WARM

Scorns Women For Wearing Straw Hats in Snow-storms.

Woman's dress has never been distinguished by its logic or appropriateness. Although we still retain many incongruities, in certain ways we have become, to my mind, much more sensible in the last few years. Who of us would willingly return to the days of tight lacing, or the days when we swept up the filth and dirt of the streets with long and absurd dresses and trains? To a certain extent our change of life and interests has changed our dress. In days gone by, women were much more indolent, exercised very little, and, of course, took hardly any part at all in business or sport.

But today we see absurdities of a different sort. One thing which I

must confess that I practice as much as anyone else, is muffling one's ears in furs on a cold winter day, yet wearing only the thinnest kind of silk stockings and low and fragile slippers. I follow this custom for a number of reasons, which I presume are the same as those of many others. Why, I can't say, but my ankles and legs never seem to feel cold if I am otherwise warm. Besides, I can't bear the feeling of spats and heavy stockings. Consequently, even though I may look absurd, I excuse myself, saying that I am not suffering.

One custom of the last few years which seems to me ridiculous is the wearing of straw hats by women in the middle of January or beginning of February. Straw hats are shown on sale in the stores for those fortunate people who are departing for warm climates. They are certainly not intended for wear in snow storms and freezing weather, and I cannot see the advantage of trying to change the seasons by our apparel. We have plenty of time in which to wear straw hats without having to be so inappropriately covered in cold weather.

But the most generally followed and flagrant example of the absurd and illogical is the use of furs during boiling weather. I have often been amused to watch women on a hot August day, quite evidently and unattractively hot in appearance, clinging (because they undoubtedly think it smart) to a large fur neck-piece. It certainly does not look smart, and is, to my mind, extremely unattractive.

The thing to try for in the summer, I have always believed, is an appearance of coolness. It is not only pleasant for ourselves but it is charming to the people who have to look at us. That is one reason why people who are unfortunate enough to be in mourning in the summer have difficulty in dressing, because black is an extremely hot color, and no matter how cool the dress actually may be, it gives an impression of heat.

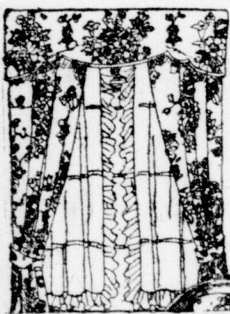
It seems to me that any inappropriateness that adds to the charm of woman's dress is perfectly permissible, except when she is working in a business place, or playing golf or tennis. When her costume is chosen for its attractiveness logic is not the main issue. But I fail to see any reason for illogical dressing if it makes for her discomfort and is not attractive to others—and I can see no argument which could be brought against the fact that furs in summer are both uncomfortable to the wearer and heating to the observer. Personally, I hate to see women give anyone, particularly men, a chance to ridicule them.

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WOMEN and THE HOME

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

Testimonial From "A Happy Husband and Father," Who Tells How to Make Marriage Successful—How Often Should a Man Call on the Girl He Loves?—The Girl Who Isn't Allowed to Have Dates.

Dear Miss Dix—So many people write to you about unhappy marriages that I want to tell you of one marriage that has been a great success, and of a home where love, happiness, joy and children abound. I married at the age of 29 a very intellectual, cultured, animated and attractive girl of 24. We had little money, but by working together we have accumulated a modest fortune and have raised a fine family of children.



But all through these twenty years of married life I have seen a strong, intelligent, animated and happy face across the table from me. I have seen my wife always cheerful and happy, and busy with her family, and never complaining, which has been a source of inspiration to me while at my office and made me feel that I had something worth while to work for. So I say, boys and girls, marry for love and love only. It is the one permanent factor in happiness.

It is perfectly possible to marry at the proper age and remain absolutely happy during one's married life, provided each partner to the contract is ready and willing to make sacrifices and do his or her part. A HAPPY HUSBAND AND FATHER.

Answer: Thank you, Happy Husband and Father, for these words of cheer. We need them in this column, because we hear so much of miserable marriages that we need to be reminded that there is a reverse side to the medal, and that there are also successful marriages, and happy homes, in which husbands and wives love each other, in which there is companionship and mutual consideration, and where the dove of peace perches perpetually on the roof pole.

Certainly the man and woman who have made a success of their marriage have found the greatest happiness on earth. When a husband and wife are really mated, they make a little heaven for themselves. No love is so satisfying as domestic love. No comradeship equal to that of those who have all thoughts and interests in common, and who know that nothing but death can ever separate them. Wife, husband, children, home—these make up the cycle of the ideal life.

So great are the rewards of the happy marriage that it is tragic to think how few enjoy them when all might have them, for there is no marriage that could not be made a success if a man and woman, working together, tried to make it one.

And it seems to me, Happy Husband and Father, that you offer young people the formula for how to be happy though married: Not to marry until they are old enough to know what they want in a husband or wife and are ready to settle down. To pick out an intelligent woman or man of whom they will never tire for a life companion. To be willing to work and struggle together. To have a common aim and object in life. And, above all, to start out with an unlimited supply of love.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—Will you please answer these questions: How often should a young man go to see a girl with whom he is in love? How far should he trust her? Should he have his own way all the time or give the girl hers?

P. W. D.

Answer: I should counsel moderation in calling on the girl. Go to see her often enough to keep her interest in you alive and prevent her from feeling neglected, but do not give her an overdose of your society. No matter how fond a woman is of a man, she does not want him perpetually under foot.

And when you go to see a girl, don't stay too late. No human being can be interesting for longer than two hours at a stretch. Most of us say everything we have to say inside of thirty minutes. Whenever a girl begins to look at the clock, or smoothers a yawn, or gets up and walks around the room to keep herself awake, take the hint and beat it. You are beginning to bore her, and boredom is fatal to love.

As to how far a man should trust the girl he is in love with, I should say all in all or not at all. There is no half-way house in faith. You have to believe that a woman is sincere and honorable and discreet or else that she is unworthy of trust. I should certainly advise you not to marry a girl unless you have perfect faith in her. People who have to be watched are not worth watching.

It seems to me that neither a man nor a woman has a right to have his or her own way all the time. Certainly the bossing in a family should be a fifty-fifty proposition. No one individual has a right to expect others to make all of the sacrifices and do all of the giving up.

Generally speaking, a woman should have a right to do as she pleases about feminine affairs, and men a right to do as they please about their own personal matters, and they should compromise on things that affect them both. If you expect to be happy though married, don't let yourself be henpecked. Neither be yourself a domestic tyrant.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—My parents are very fond of me and give me everything I want, but there is one thing that they oppose very much, and that is my going out with boys alone. They let me go to dances, but I must go with my brother. Their idea is that a girl should be 25 years old before she thinks of having any beaux.

Now, I can't see how I am ever going to get married if they keep on like this. How can I even get acquainted with boys if I am not permitted to have them come to the house or have any dates? My father says I must do as he says, but I think that at 25 I will be too old to attract men. What do you think?

DOTTY A. P.

Answer: At 25 a girl is at her most attractive age. She is a full-blown rose instead of the bud, and she is generally more sought after than when she was younger, but that is only when she has been in the running all the time; when she has played about with men from the time she was 18.

If a girl has never been permitted to have any masculine attention up to the time she is 25, she is not likely to ever have any, and nothing short of a miracle will save her from being an old maid. She doesn't know how to play the love game. She doesn't understand the arts and graces with which women attract men. She is stiff and self-conscious in masculine society and men pass her by.

Your parents are doing you a cruel wrong in not letting you live the life of a normal girl of your day and generation, and they are certainly blighting your chances of matrimony by not permitting you to have dates as other girls do.

Your father is a merchant. Make him see that he can keep a daughter on the shelf too long, just as he can the goods that he carries in stock.

DOROTHY DIX.

Capes on Frocks. London, May 14.—Often today, when a frock is given a panel in apron form, it has a deep cape collar to match. The panel, usually finely plaided, is often in two tiers, and the cape—hanging from the shoulders in back—copies the two-tiered effect.

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About Topcoats.

New York, May 14.—Topcoats at present are in many styles, including those which are half cape and half coat. Some of them have dozens of tiny glass buttons, with an edging of silver braid. Others have narrow bands of fur around the collar and hem.

A Youthful Suit.

New York, May 14.—There is an appealing youthfulness about the little navy suit shown here today with white plect edge, the coat of which fastens only at the neck and flares open at the waist. It is, of course, a short coat, and has a swanky throw-scarf of the navy material.

Fashions By Wire

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Paris, May 14.—A costume which well illustrates the sports mode of today is a banana yellow flannel frock with a scarf of crepe marocain in blue, fringed with yellow, blue and green. The hat is blue felt, with pompadour of blue, yellow and green to match the scarf fringe.

Many Large Hats. Paris, May 14.—There are many large hats seen now in manila. These are usually shrouded in clouds of tulle, held in place by heavy, big flowers.

Lacquer Red Modish. London, May 14.—The prevailing colors at present are very lovely and striking. Lacquer red is still a favorite, as well as Burgundy red, bright yellow and Chinese blue.

You Don't Lace Them. New York, May 14.—One feature of certain new Oxford is that the laces are all a merry jest. You don't lace them; you slip them on, thanks to elastic inserts at the sides.

Veils Will Distinguish Them. New York, May 14.—Veils in orchid, purple, beige, navy and canary yellow are among the things which will make the late spring hat something to look at twice. These veils are ornamented with big velvet dots in contrasting colors.

Careless Shampooing Spoils the Hair

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