

Largest Single-Arch Bridge.

The largest single-arch reinforced concrete bridge in the world has been opened to traffic in France. It is the 450-foot span over the Seine at St. Pierre-de-Vauvray, just completed.

Spirit To the Male Fails; Mother League Succeeds

Madame Bieler Presents the League of Nations, Its Birth and Function, in Attractive Fashion, Before Women's Canadian Club.

"Until Nov. 11, 1918, the spirit of the male had almost exclusively ruled the world," declared Madame Charles Bieler of Montreal, as she opened her address on the League of Nations before the Women's Canadian Club yesterday afternoon in the Central Collegiate Institute.

And her method of dealing with this big and fascinating subject hinged on that first statement, uttered rather humorously (for this little French lady has a keen sense of humor), and yet enlarged upon with the greatest seriousness. The league working so efficiently for the peace of the world today, was the embodiment of the mother spirit. The great war with all its horror had brought the world up with a jerk. Perhaps, after all, the male had made some mistakes. Might there not be a new element introduced? Why not rebuild the world on the inspiration of the best that womanhood embodied, motherhood?

"Until 1918 the spirit of the male had ruled the world," she said. "In every way the spirit of the male had made life more beautiful. Science, literature, art and commerce had progressed under that influence. In one respect only, had things gone from bad to worse, and that was in the settlement of international disputes. From Cain to Von Tirpitz, man had been perfecting his weapons of warfare. And he was not content until he was able to kill, treacherously from below by mine and submarine, from above by aeroplane, and all around by poisonous gases.

Men Begin To Think.

"Then—

"Suddenly the great war broke like a crash of thunder that shook the world to its very foundations. And nation fell upon nation. And hell was let loose.

"When at last the storm was over, 9,000,000 men had been killed, forests and whole cities leveled to the ground, families and nations were raging throughout Europe and one hundred and eighty-five thousand millions of dollars had been spent.

"Then men began to think.

"They remembered that once a voice heralded by the angels had said: 'Peace on earth. Good-will to men.' They began to see that the nations of the earth should look on each other as potential friends, rather than potential enemies. The spirit of the male had failed. The only thing left to do was to turn to the mother spirit. Surely such a spirit could succeed in making the world a peaceful spot. God meant it to be.

"And so the great mother League of Nations was proposed by former President Wilson of the United States. And what a wonderful mother

GIRLS' MASS MEETING CALLED FOR NEXT WEEK

Ontario Girls' Work Secretary Will Address Gathering in Collegiate.

A mass meeting of girls in the Central Collegiate Institute auditorium on Friday afternoon, December 7, will feature the visit to the city of Miss Mary Allison, Ontario Girls' Work Secretary for the Methodist Church. Miss Allison will be in London on Thursday and Friday of next week and her visit is being anticipated with great interest by the girls of London.

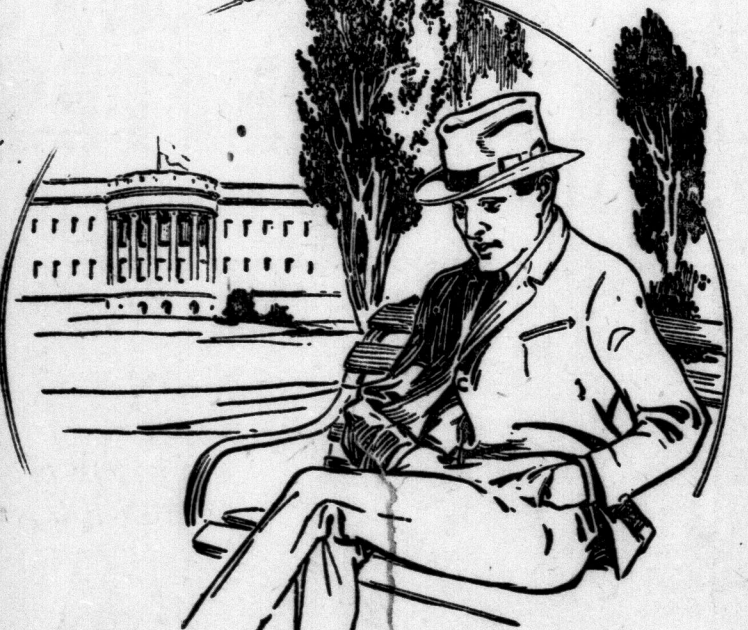
She will be the chief speaker at the annual banquet of the Girls' Work Board to be held in St. James' Anglican Church, London South next Thursday. An effort is being made to have as many parents and ministers of the city as possible attend this banquet, so as to bring the work more forcibly before them.

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WOMEN and THE HOME

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

The Young Bride-to-Be Who Hasn't Had Her Fling—Shall She Give Up Her Sweetheart to Please Her Mother? The Engaged Girl Who Borrows Trouble.

Dear Miss Dix—I am eighteen years old, and I am thinking about getting married. The young man to whom I am engaged is a splendid fellow and I am very fond of him, but every now and then I just long to go about and play around with the other boys and girls that I used to, and to go to the shows and dances, and have good times with the bunch. I don't do it, because it would make my fiancé so angry that I would lose him, and I don't want to do that. But what keeps me from being perfectly satisfied with him? What keeps me wanting to go with the old gay crowd instead of just wanting to be with one? What makes me so changeable?

ANXIOUS TO KNOW.

Answer: Youth, my child. It is because you have not yet had your fill of the playtime of life. Your feet still ache to dance. You still crave amusements, lights, crowds, laughter, the joy of living.

The gang spirit belongs to youth. No young person wants to do anything by himself or to go alone. They must go in crowds, they must do what the crowd does. It is only age that makes us seek solitude.

Believe me, my dear, you are too young to marry because marriage means that a man and woman give up all the balance of the world for each other, and make a little world for themselves. To be happy they must be sufficient to themselves, and able to give each other what they need of companionship.

You cannot do this when you are eighteen. You still want the gang. You still want to flirt with the boys, and have all the innocent skylarking that belongs to your girlhood. You want to be free and untrammelled as the other girls are.

If you marry while you are still just a girl in heart and spirit, you will find yourself wanting to do all the things that your friends do, craving all the pleasures of girlhood, and when you cannot have them, you will be very bored, and miserable.

That is why there is such an enormous percentage of divorces among couples who marry young. The boy husband and the girl wife cannot endure the restrictions of matrimony. They want all the pleasures, and privileges, and freedom of boyhood and girlhood, and when they take them, trouble ensues.

Don't marry until you have had your fling. Don't marry until you are fed up on flirtations, and all that you ask is the love of one good man. Don't marry until you are tired of dancing and gadding about, and are ready to settle down.

Girlhood doesn't last long, at best. Don't be in a hurry to give up yours. It is the happiest time of a woman's life.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—A very dear friend of mine is engaged to a fine young man whom she loves very dearly. The young man is of good standing, and well-to-do, and would certainly make her an excellent husband. But not long ago a question arose with regard to the couple's future over which the mother and her intended son-in-law disagreed, and the result was a very serious quarrel between them. Since then there has been no peace in the home for the girl. Her mother insists upon her breaking the engagement, saying that the young man will never treat her right, since he insulted her mother, and that she must have nothing further to do with him.

The girl loves her mother, and hates to marry a man her mother does not like, yet she loves her sweetheart too much to give him up. The question is, shall the girl give the man up, and make him and herself miserable for the rest of their lives to satisfy her mother's grudge, or shall she stick by him for better or worse as she promised, and trust that the two she loves will make up in the end?

Answer: Who is to marry the man, the girl or the mother? If it is the girl, she surely has the right of choice, and it is her taste and heart that are to be suited not her mother's.

If a mother opposes her daughter's marriage to a man for any good reason; if the mother can prove to the girl that the man is immoral, or a drunkard, or that he is brutal-tempered, or that he cannot make a living, then the daughter should listen to the maternal counsel which is backed up by her own common sense. But a girl is foolish who lets her mother keep her from marrying the man she loves for any frivolous reason.

I know a mother who once broke off a most desirable match for her daughter because she did not like the man's nose. And she lived to see the girl living in abject poverty with a ne'er-do-well husband, while the man with the nose rose to the height of his profession.

As for the man quarreling with the girl's mother when she lived to map out their future for them, that speaks well for him instead of ill. The bossy mother-in-law breaks up more homes than any other one thing, so the divorce courts say, and perhaps it is just as well to settle who is to be the head of the house before marriage as after it.

In this particular case I should say that the girl would be wise to go along and marry her sweetheart. Mother will come around, and there will probably be no more love lost than there is between the average mother-in-law and son-in-law.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a girl twenty years of age, and am engaged to a man thirty-three. He seems devoted to me, and tells me that he loves me better than anyone on earth, but before I met him he had been going with another girl for seven years. Do you think this man really loves me? Could a man give up a seven years' friend for a girl he has only known two years? Do you think that after we were married he would think of me, and wish that he had married her, and be sorry that he married me? I am so miserable I do not know what to do.

LEILA.

Answer: As a trouble borrower, Leila, you are a world's wonder. If you are going to make yourself miserable speculating over something that might happen, if something else happened that hasn't happened, you are in for a nice dark blue existence. So cheer up and take the goods the gods provide, and let it go at that.

The best proof that the man didn't want the seven years' lady is that he didn't marry her. So forget that. And as for a man being able to fall in love in two years, why, two minutes is ample time for it. So that's that. Furthermore, it doesn't make a particle of difference whom a man loved in the past. All that counts is that he loves you now. So can your tears and buy your dress.

DOROTHY DIX.

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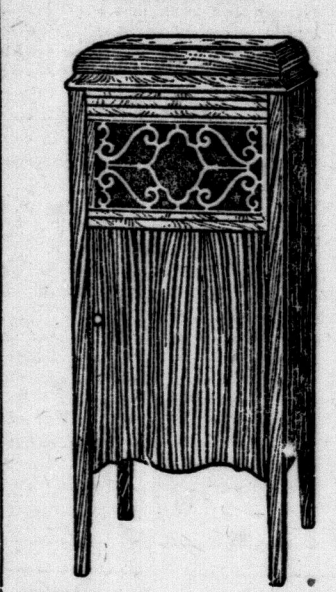
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Nanny Meadow Mouse was no longer afraid of the great man-bird or of the aviator. She knew now that it was just as Danny Meadow Mouse had said—this man who made the great man-bird fly was really their friend, even though he kept them prisoners. So when their cage was placed up in front where they were protected, but where they could look down and see the Great World spread below them, Nanny actually began to enjoy flying, just as Danny did.

They were looking down on a strange land. That is, it was strange to them. They saw forests and meadows and brooks and rivers and lakes but all were strange. They were not like the Green Forest, the Green Meadows, the Laughing Brook and the Big River, which they had known all their lives. When the great man-bird came down near the ground the very plants seemed different and all the time the air grew warmer.

There were times when Danny and Nanny sniffed and sniffed and wondered why the air was so different. That was when they were near the ocean and the air was salt. There were times when they looked off in one direction and saw nothing but water. There was water, water, water, as far as they could see. The sky and the water seemed to meet. It was as if in that direction the whole Great World had turned to water. They knew not what to make of it. Of course, they were looking out to sea, and of course they knew nothing about it.

It was exciting. It was very exciting. There was something new every instant. When they were low enough they saw houses that were very different from Farmer Brown's house. They saw ships on the water and they thought they must be some

The next story: "The Sunny South at Last."

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new and strange living creatures. Once they passed close to a big bird sailing high in the sky, and they recognized him. It sent funny little thrills all over them. That big bird was Old Mistah Buzzard, yes, sir, was Old Mistah Buzzard, whom they had watched so many times sailing above the Green Meadows at home. They knew then beyond a doubt that they must be down in the Sunny South.

How they did want to talk over the things they saw. But it was useless to try while they were flying. You see, that great man-bird made such a noise that they couldn't hear each other at all. They must wait for the great man-bird to come down to earth before they could talk. It was all so exciting and so wonderful that they quite forgot that they were being carried farther and farther from their old home. In fact, they were already beginning to think on that man-bird as their home.

At last they began to glide down,

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