

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

How Shall He Act Toward His Old Sweet-heart, Who, Though Married, Admits Her Love for Him? Mother Versus Mother-in-Law. How to Deal With a Too Friendly Friend.

Dear Miss Dix—I have a woman friend of whom I am very fond, but she is getting on my nerves because she tags me and the young man to whom I am engaged continually. She drops in and spends the evening with us, and wherever we go we have to take her along with us. Naturally we do not desire her company continually. I do not like to speak to her about it, as she was the means of my getting acquainted with the young man, but when people are engaged two's company and three is a crowd, no matter how much you like the third party. What can I do? E. A. G.

Answer:

She will never forgive you for telling her that you could do with a little less of her society, but that is the only way you can ever get rid of your buttinsky friend. You will have to speak plainly, for there is no use in wasting hints on any one who is as thick-skinned as a rhinoceros, and who has so little sensitiveness that she cannot feel the difference in atmosphere between being warmly welcomed and barely tolerated.

Certainly, one of the greatest problems in the world is how to deal with the too-friendly friend; the friend who wishes herself on you in season and out of season, and who seems to think that because you like her you can never get an overdose of her society.

She forgets that you have other duties, other interests in life, and that no matter how much you care for her there are times when her presence is a bore, and when it is highly inconvenient to have her about. Nobody wants any outsider to be continually underfoot. Nobody wants an outsider popping in at the back door, seeing and knowing everything that is going on in a household. No one wants an outsider who feels privileged to know and advise you about all of your private affairs.

Yet there are plenty of women who construe friendship just that way.

Because you are fond of them, and they are fond of you, they feel that they have a right to dictate to you about whom you shall employ for your doctor; how you shall raise your children, and to pick out your hats and your furniture for you. They are hurt if you go to parties that they are not invited to, and insulted if you don't have them to every entertainment you give. There is never an hour of the day or night when you can feel that you are secure from having them come to see you.

The reasons why so few friendships last is because women wear them out by their exertions. Too much friend is worse than no friend at all, and so the only thing to do with a monopolistic friend is to get rid of the pest as soon as you can.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—When I was eighteen I was very much in love with a girl of seventeen. She insisted upon our getting married then, but I did not wish to tie myself up in matrimony at such an early age. Shortly afterward the girl got married, and is now the mother of two young children. Lately we have met again, and she tells me that she is very unhappy and doesn't care for her husband, and that she still loves me, and asks me to take her out.

Now, this is the point. Should I or should I not go out with her? I am twenty-one years of age now, and I figure that I am old enough to have a little common sense.

GEORGE L.

Answer:

You might be as old as Methuselah, George, but you still wouldn't be old enough to have any common sense if you mixed yourself up in an affair with a married woman. The man who does that is always headed for trouble, no matter what his age.

Consider the subject calmly, George, and see where you get off. The woman tells you that she has always loved you. Do you think she loved you very much when she solaced herself as soon as you left by marrying another man? No woman who really loved would have done that. She would have waited for you for ten years.

Being in love with a married woman is bound to involve you in a scandal or a divorce case, both pretty messy things and not calculated to further a young man's fortune or enhance his reputation in the community.

Of course, men who have illicit love affairs don't have to pay the piper quite as high a price as women do, but they don't get off scot-free. They have their little bill to settle also, and very often it bankrupts them in heart and purse.

Then what do you think is to be the end of your love affair with a married woman? Do you expect to just go on loving her, hopelessly and aimlessly, having clandestine meetings with her, always living in fear of her husband finding it out? That's a sordid sort of a romance that you won't find much pleasure in, believe me. It isn't the fun that having a nice girl sweetheart would be.

And take it from me, George, no other woman in the world is so fiendishly jealous and keeps a man in such abject slavery to her jealousy as does the married woman who has to meet her lover on the sly and who has fits every time she hears of his going out with a girl.

And if the husband divorces her, don't you think that marrying a woman with two children is rather a large order for a boy of twenty-one? Starting out with a ready-made family is a heavy burden for any youth to assume in these times, and if you have the common sense you pride yourself on having you won't do it.

Sympathize with your friend at a safe distance is my advice, and let her work out her own matrimonial problem.

DOROTHY DIX.

WOMEN and THE HOME

WOMEN WILL SEE IF PROMISES KEPT

London Council To Be Represented at All Campaign Meetings.

The citizenship committee of the local council of women intends to have representatives at all of the municipal election campaign meetings—representatives who will make note of the promises made by civic candidates prior to election, and who will follow up those candidates in the year to come, to see whether these promises are kept.

This decision was made at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the committee held at the Smallman & Ingram tea-room. Mrs. John Rose, president of the local council of women, was in the chair.

The committee, representing the women of London as a body, will be Mrs. John L. A. Hunt and Mrs. A. E. Tuft, the women candidates for the board of education, but will take no public stand in connection with the other candidates for office.

Would Bar Young Girls. The members went on record as favoring the closing of public dance halls at midnight and barring from them girls of 16 years of age and under who are not chaperoned.

The committee had been challenged not to let a statement made before a recent meeting of No. 1 committee of the city council go unanswered. This statement had been to the effect that the barring of girls under 16 years of age from public dance halls would work to the disadvantage of these institutions.

The members thought that it was a reflection on the industry if it depended on girls under 16 for its financial support. If such was the case, it was time to close the dance halls altogether.

A committee of three women was appointed to obtain the correct ruling of the city bylaws in this connection, and in the light of these findings to draw up a resolution and forward it to the city council.

Members of the citizenship committee were led to take this action because they had been criticized by ladies outside of London for making no move when the matter was first brought up at the city council.

Favor Curfew.

The committee also went on record as favoring the ringing of the curfew at 9 o'clock each night. Word had come to them from different sources that there was a large number of unchaperoned children on the streets of London every night, mostly small boys. This resolution will also be forwarded to the city council.

It was decided that the committee carry on an educational program during the coming winter similar to that which characterized the activities of the committee last season. An endeavor would be made to secure suitable speakers, a committee for this purpose being appointed. It included Mrs. A. T. Edwards, Mrs. A. E. Tuft and Mrs. Colin Smith.

A message of sympathy to the secretary, Mrs. Alfred Drew, in the death of her father, was voted. Following the meeting tea was served.

DIRECT TO SHIP'S SIDE FOR DECEMBER SAILINGS.

A through sleeper direct without change from Toronto to the S.S. Mont-laurier, sailing from West St. John on Dec. 12th, is a convenience that will be appreciated by travellers intending to visit the old country. The Standard Sleeper will be attached to the Canadian Pacific train leaving Toronto Union Station on Dec. 11th at 9:30 a.m., arriving at the ship's side at 12:20 p.m., Dec. 12th. This service avoids the necessity of changing trains at Montreal, and passengers are assured the usual high standard service and courteous attention which has placed the Canadian Pacific in the forefront of transportation companies in the world. Reservations may now be made on application to any Canadian Pacific agent or to Mr. H. J. McCallum, city passenger agent, 417 Richmond street, London.—Advt. N22,24,26,28-D1,4,6

DRESS

By MARY MARSHALL

Red and Violet Are Well Combined With White Velvet.

A great many well-dressed women are rather cowardly in this matter of color. They like color on principle, they sometimes wish they had lived in an age when men as well as women wore strong, bright colors, as brilliant as those of the vesture of a Florentine madonna. But they hesitate about wearing these colors themselves. They play safe, and they know that they can never go very far wrong in black or white or taupe or beige or navy blue or brown. Yet if an age of bright-hued colors is to be revived somebody must wear the bright colors.

In this country when a white woman wears bright yellow, or orange or purple or red—or possibly a combination of some such vivid colors—the comment is sometimes made that she has the taste of a negro—for the colored people of the land are pre-eminently the wearers of color, especially when they follow the dictates of their own hearts. Really this is a creditable attribute. It shows a vivid and unspooled color reaction that many a gifted painter might covet.

Fortunately we are getting away from dark, drab colored evening gowns. And here and there among smart afternoon frocks we find one that is of ardent, vivid coloring. Of late years we have seldom used red without a brownish and yellowish tint that turns it into a henna, chow, chestnut or rosewood tint. Women seldom are willing to wear a gown as red as a cardinal's. The reddish brown breast of the robin is more to our taste, so far as our own clothes go, than the plumage of the tanager.

The sketch shows a smart frock worn recently by a woman of undisputed taste. It consists of a straight, sleeveless tunic of white velvet, trimmed with red and violet crepe de chine, and with it is worn a very long, rather wide scarf of the violet crepe de chine edged with wide bands of red at either end.



White velvet frock trimmed with red and violet crepe de chine.

CITY PALESTINE SHRINE ENTERTAINS BETHANY

Distinguished Members From St. Thomas Are Guests of City League.

Members of Bethany shrine of St. Thomas were guests of Palestine shrine in the city this week. About seventy of their members came over to exemplify the degree work. Among the party were Sojourner Laura Vicary, worthy high priestess of Bethany shrine; Sojourner Earl Burgess, watchman of the shepherds of Bethany shrine, and past worthy high priestess, Mrs. Cook, of Bethany shrine.

There were also five past worthy high priestesses of Palestine shrine, including Sojourners Mrs. Annie Tullett, Mrs. May Borland, Mrs. Emma Cousins, Mrs. Elsie Staples, and Mrs. Elizabeth Ross. And likewise five past watchmen of the shepherds, Sojourners Charles Heaman, F. G. Staples, J. D. Ross, Charles Westman and Albert Utting.

The shrines were honored in that they had in their midst two attendants to the supreme queen, Mrs. Arthur Linnell of this city, and Mrs. Laura Vicary of St. Thomas, appointed to that office at the last meeting of the supreme shrine. Following the meeting, during which the visitors gave a very fine exhibition of the degree work, a social hour was spent.

The advertising and sale of real estate may be accomplished to advantage through Advertiser classified "Want" ads.

PALESTINE SHRINE ARRANGES BAZAAR

Series of Showers at Homes of Members Precede Important Event.

Palestine shrine is arranging a bazaar for Thursday, Dec. 4, under the general convenship of Mrs. James M. Mills and Mrs. Elvin Will-sie.

In aid of the bazaar, Mrs. Richard Sinclair is lending her home, 350 Ashland avenue, on Monday afternoon and evening for a book shower. Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Ben Davis and Mrs. J. E. Hill will act as conveners. An apron shower for the same cause is scheduled for Friday afternoon, Nov. 28, at the home of Mrs. Millson, 35 Askin street. And a euchre has been arranged for Tuesday night, Dec. 2, at 555 Central avenue.

Convener for the coming bazaar are as follows: Curiosity shop, Mrs. Harry Boyce and Mrs. Ed. Reid; tea room, Mrs. J. Weams and Mrs. Blanche McLean; home-cooking, Mrs. T. Shaw and Mrs. Matthew Horner; mysterious boxes, Mrs. Arthur Borland and Mrs. Shelly; candy, Mrs. H. Barnes and Mrs. W. Newman; Christmas tree, Mrs. Kell and Mrs. Howitt; fish pond, Mrs. H. Harrington and Mrs. Malcolm Kerr; children's booth, Mrs. P. Campbell and Mrs. Arthur Wilkes; aprons, Mrs. C. Peacock; Mrs. Agnes Kreitzer and Mrs. M. Millson; fancy-work, Mrs. C. Connor and Mrs. P. Campbell; handkerchiefs, Mrs. Fred Tullett and Mrs. James Hendrie; cigars, Mrs. Murdy; flowers, Mrs. T. Cousin, Mrs. F. G. Staples and Mrs. Letch; fortunes, Mrs. These and Mrs. Mary Young; miscellaneous Mrs. Sutherland of Woodstock, Miss Thompson of Wingham, Mrs. Ellis of St. Thomas, and to Mrs. Brewer of Ingersoll; grocery store, Mrs. Susan Hill and Mrs. Gilmore; stocking booth, Mrs. Duncan Ross and Mrs. Alex. Wootton; toyland, Mrs. James Weir and Mrs. Bert Logan; bookstall, Mrs. Richard Sinclair and Mrs. Richardson; men's booth, Tom Shaw, Charles Heaman, Arthur Bridge and Duncan Ross.

MILADY DONS HER FURS FOR "BREAKY-- IN BED"

Practically Every Boudoir Costume Is Fur-Trimmed This Season.

By AILEEN LAMONT.

Special To The Advertiser. New York, Nov. 21.—Breakfast in bed. Those three words carry an appeal no woman can resist. Even though she can treat herself to breakfast in bed only one day a week, the modern woman takes sufficient delight in that occasion to dress for it. To do so, she closes the window and puts on her furs.

Practically every boudoir costume today is fur trimmed. Matinees and boudoir robes are embellished not only with the lighter skins, such as marabout and monkey, but with the heavy winter skins, like fox, skunk and beaver. Many of them have a corduroy base. The soft thick pile of this fabric lends itself wonderfully to the informal bedroom costumes, giving both warmth and cozy. If the lighter material is chosen, it usually is decorated heavily with embroidery and the somber tints are entirely absent.

No breakfast costume is complete, however, without a cap. These now have assumed the character and importance of a wig. They are of silk, floss of the exact tint of the hair, beneath them and give the impression of a freshly arranged coiffure and serve both to keep the water waves in and to keep out the suggestion of untidiness.

A dash from under the covers would not be thoroughly au fait unless the feet were slipped into enviable slippers. A splendid program has been arranged, and refreshments will be served during the evening.

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CHESLEY AVENUE M. C.

The regular meeting of the Chesley avenue mothers' club will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, at 8 o'clock, when F. S. Lawrason will give a travel talk. A splendid program has also been arranged, and refreshments will be served during the evening.



Prof. Mulveney

Answers Telephone Call

Helio! Is that Prof. Mulveney's, Parkdale 4327?

Is Prof. Mulveney there?

Yes, Prof. Mulveney is speaking.

Have you a worm remedy for children?

Yes.

Could you tell me, if I brought my little girl down, if she had worms?

No, lady, I cannot tell by looking at children if they have worms.

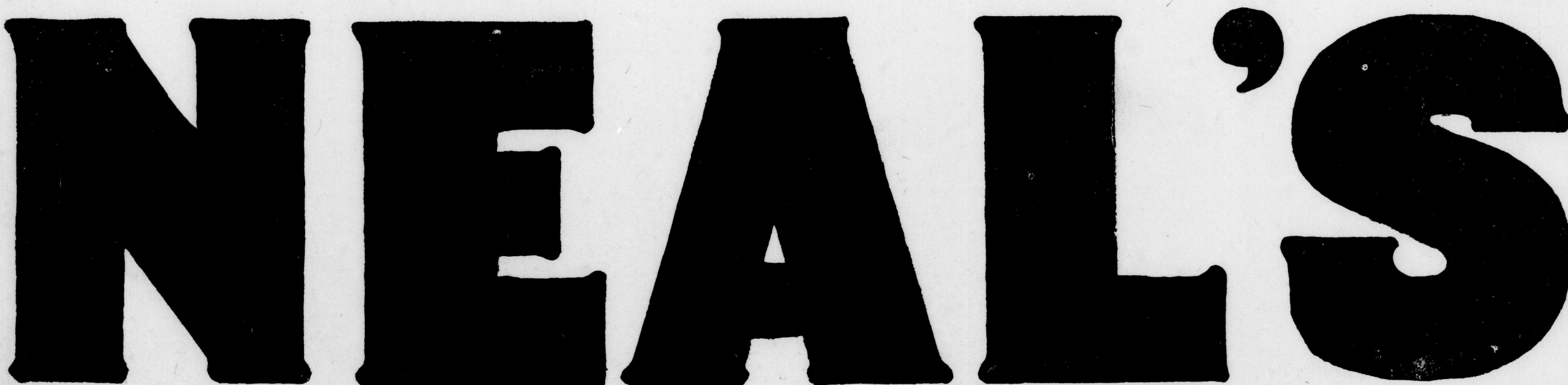
You can't?

No, madam.

Couldn't you tell me if I told you all the symptoms?

No, madam. My remedy called "Mother's Friend" expels worms, is an excellent Tonic and Builder, good for the nerves and is an excellent medicine for Regulating the Bowels; it brings away all filth and small intestinal Worms, is perfectly harmless, and can be given to the smallest infant without fear of doing harm. A lady who is living on Shaw street got a bottle of this medicine for her baby, two years old. She said she had no peace with this child night or day for four months; the doctor was calling regularly and did not help the child in the least. The little one took a bad spell and was choking; the mother opened its mouth and pulled out a stomach worm that was strangling the child. She rushed over to me and brought the child, also the worm, which measured 8 inches long, with her. She purchased a bottle of Mother's Friend, and the second dose brought away 17 more. She was horrified at the sight, and brought the worms to me, which I have here in a bottle in my office, and many others from other happy mothers. So if you think it a good investment to try Mother's Friend it is \$1.00. Now, you understand, it is not necessary to use a cathartic, bringing your children here, as I do not practice medicine, and have only the one remedy for such children, which expels Worms if they are there. It is an excellent medicine for children and has relieved many little ones of St. Vitus' Dance and Convulsions, also fits. Call or send to 211 Ossington avenue (formerly Dundas street), Toronto. Phone Parkdale 4326. Mother's Friend in powder form; each package makes twice as much medicine for \$1.00; no danger of breaking and no cost for sending. Just send \$1.00.—Advt. N15,22,29-D5

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