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The Unnatural Mother, Who Claims That Her Son's Marriage Will Kill Her—Is the Love of a Mother for Her Child Greater Than the Love Between Husband and Wife?—Why Pacifists Win Out in Matrimonial Warfare.

DEAR MISS DIX—I am engaged to be married to a man whose mother is a widow. My fiancé has been a very devoted son, and his mother says that if he marries it will kill her. She is a middle-aged woman, healthy and strong, but every time the subject is mentioned to her she goes into hysterics and tells her son that if he marries she will not survive it. And her other children, who are all married, also warn my sweetheart that he will kill their dear mother if he leaves her. It seems that she wept and wailed over the marriage of each of her other children, but was not so desperately opposed to their marrying as she is to my fiancé's.



DOROTHY DIX

My sweetheart naturally does not want to be the death of his mother, but he doesn't want to give me up, either, so what shall we do?

ANSWER: Say nothing more to the mother about it. Do not confide in the other brothers or sisters. But go quietly out and get married without further ado about it. You need not be under the slightest apprehension about killing the mother. It will not hurt her.

Any woman who tries to keep her son from marrying a nice girl and making a home for himself and living a normal life, has no real affection for him. She only loves herself, and she is willing to ruin his life for her monopolistic desire to have him to herself. This is not fair nor right, and any man is weak and foolish who gives in to such an unnatural mother.

She has lived her life. She left her mother for the sake of the man she loved. She set up her own home. She knew the joy of having little children's arms about her neck. And if she had one spark of generosity in her soul, she would want her son to have the same full, happy life, instead of denying it to him.

Every parent is bound to know that while their children may fill their lives, they do not fill the children's lives. Older people are interested in youth, and all that youth does, because youth is hope and progress and high spirits and gaiety. But age bores youth because it is dull, dead, a thrashing over of old straw, a retelling of twice-told tales.

Many women hold the threat of their death like a hangman's whip over their children to keep them from doing the things they don't want them to do. I know one woman who has kept her family terrorized into abject slavery for thirty years with her "poor heart," and she is still going strong. I know of another family where no one in it can do anything they want to do because of mother's "poor nerves."

These women are simply hold-up artists of the meaner sort. For nothing could be crueller, or playing it lower down, than to trade on the affection of those about one, and their fear of doing one an injury. What their families should do is to call their bluff. They wouldn't die. And if they did, they would leave very reconciled mourners behind them.

DOROTHY DIX

DEAR MISS DIX—In an argument with a friend the other evening I contended that the greatest and strongest love of all was the love a mother has for her child, but he thought that the greatest love is that which exists between husbands and wives. What do you think?

SALLY

ANSWER: I agree with you that there is no love so great as that of a mother for her child. It endures all things and forgives all things. Jealousy parts husbands and wives. They cannot endure to see the ones they love love some one else better than they do themselves. Little love between men and women survives absence, coldness, disgrace, unworthiness.

But a mother loves a child so much better than she does herself that she gladly gives him or her to the wife or husband who will take the first place in the child's heart.

Every day we see mothers pouring out their devotion unstintingly on selfish sons and daughters, who do not give them a word of appreciation or thanks. We see mothers going about their children as if they were dummies. We see old women working to support trifling sons and daughters. We see mothers waiting and watching through the years for the return of the prodigal and folding them in their arms when they come back, no matter how foul and sin-stained they are.

They will tell you at every penitentiary that few wives wait at the gate to welcome the prisoner who has served his sentence, but that there are long lines of mothers standing there patiently watching for the child whose disgrace makes no difference in their love.

The French have a proverb that says that some women are all mother and other women are all wife. Doubtless there are individual women who love their husbands better than they do their children, but these are rare.

The greatest love in the world is mother love.

DOROTHY DIX

DEAREST MISS DIX—I have been married about three years, and I love my husband dearly, but we do not get along well together. We are always quarrelling about something. I naturally defend myself, and then we are at it hammer and tongs. Don't you think I have a right to take up for myself?

ANXIOUS WIFE

ANSWER: You have the right. Anxious wife, but women have so many rights that they cannot enforce without wounding themselves. Matrimony isn't a tribunal where justice is administered. It is a place of special privileges and perquisites and expedients.

Naturally, no woman wants to make a doormat of herself, and have her husband trample all over her, but she can't prevent that by fighting with him over everything that comes up. She may have all the right and justice in the world on her side, but it will do her no good if it estranges her husband from her, and makes the atmosphere of the household one of stress and storms.

No woman can get her rights in matrimony by standing up and battling for them. No woman can make her husband love her because it is his duty to love her. The kind of treatment she gets from her husband comes from his heart and not his head, and is the result of impulse, and not of logic.

So if you want your husband to love you, and enjoy being with you, and treat you with tenderness and consideration, just forget all about your rights and make yourself so pleasant and agreeable that he will want to hand you the world on a silver salver. Remember that the soft answer turneth away wrath, and that you can start something, or stop it, by your reply to a criticism.

Fault-finding falls flat before the one who admits a mistake and promises to improve. And an argument dies for lack of food to feed on, if you refuse to combat it, and agree that much is to be said on both sides of any subject.

It is the pacifists who invariably win out in matrimonial warfare.

DOROTHY DIX

Humble Bunny Supplies Pelts For The Smartest Furs



By MME. LISBETH
THE rabbit may be a very humble member of the four-foot family but it furnishes very many of the handsome fur coats one sees on the avenues these cold days. Of course it is dyed and treated so that Bunny, meeting a relative disguised as a far cost and worn by a lovely young woman, would pass without a nod of recognition. And even Bunny's own mother wouldn't know him when he is made into a coat.

Above are pictured three examples of the furrier's art shown at a California fashion show where the afore-said bunnies are raised. Combination of furs are illustrated as shown white evening wrap is shown in the center, looking like genuine ermine, and a deft manipulation of skins is exemplified at the right.

STYLE WHIMISIES

A number of London dressmakers are selling knee breeches exactly matching the gown. These are fastened at the knees with jeweled buckles.

Powdered glass is being used extensively in beautifying the new English evening gowns. It is applied broadly to a shot broche of shimmering silver and blue or silver and green and produces an effect much softer than beads.

Unusual bait suits for southern resort wear are being shown. Cascade drapery and undulating flounces are used for trimming, and salmon pink silk poplin in a wrap-around effect was applied with a huge white sequin and finished at the hem with wide fringe of self material.

A brilliantly colored parrot is applied on a new and stunning leather purse. And a squat umbrella with parrot handle may be carried with the purse if you like the ensemble idea.

See-Sawing On Broadway
OUT on windswept Riverside Drive, overlooking the Hudson, a little marble urn stands in the shadow of Grant's tomb.

It tells its own story: "Erected to the memory of an amiable child, St. Claire Pollock, died July 15, 1897, in the 5 year of his age." The monument was placed there by a kindly Irishman, in memory of his son, who was killed in a tumble off the cliff.

ONE HUNDRED years after the father had placed the urn in a corner of his fair fields, the builders came to construct a tomb for a famous soldier and a former president.

They lie there side by side now, great man and little child. About them the green carpets have been torn up by the marching city. Thousands see Grant's tomb and thousands see the monument of simple love erected to an "amiable child."

Soldier and child share the world's fame alike.

NOT all the hurrying girls who pitter-patter along Park Row are New Yorkers. But a certain newboy can tell the New Yorkers from the ladies from Topeka. Tomkinsville and way points.

"The subway ventilator shafts blow the skunks," he told me, "and the New York gulls will walk over the gratings. The others do."

GILBERT SWAN.

A Thought
Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.—2 Sam. 1:23.

THE friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy heart with hooks of steel.—Shakespeare.

Little Joe
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MENUS For the Family

MENU HINT.
A good hot cream soup tastes delicious in cold weather and is nourishing as well. Such a soup with fresh fruit and a sweet makes a complete lunch.

TODAY'S RECIPES.
Cream of Lima Soup — One cup dried limas, four slices carrot, six cups cold water, two slices onion, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon peppercorn, four sprigs parsley, two cups evaporated milk, three teaspoons Worcester-shire sauce, few drops tabasco sauce.

Wash and soak beans several hours in half the water. Add rest of water and cook slowly until tender. This requires about 45 minutes. After cooking 20 minutes, add carrot, onion, parsley and pepper-corns. When tender rub through a sieve. There should be three cups of pulp and liquid. Should there be less than this amount, make up the quantity with water. In the meantime have the evaporated milk heated to scalding point. Add bean pulp and seasonings to milk and serve at once.

Six servings.

Fruit Salad—This may be molded with gelatine or made simply with any desired fruit cut up and a sweet dressing, mayonnaise or French dressing added, according to taste.

The Rhyming Optimist
By ALINE MICHAELIS.

I do not seek too much of worldly lore, of science or philosophy or art; such thirst, unsated, asks for more and more to feed the brain and quite forgets the heart. But, ah! how eager I acquire some art by which my spirit might discern in others, souls that hunger and aspire; such knowledge I would count it bliss to learn! Could I but find the good in every one, the shining gold in stranger, friend or foe, my world would grow so radiant that the sun, a pale reflection, like the moon would glow. Could I but learn to see in each man's face the beauty of the self he hides away, the whirling universe would gain in grace, the night more starry and more fair the day!

HAVE LONG SLEEVES
The black lace dinner dress of this season is smartest when it has long sleeves. Chiffon dinner frocks are quite as apt to have sleeves as to be without them.

Toll of Reaper Traffic Becomes Tremendous

By DR. MORRIS FISHBURN
FOUR-WHEEL BRAKES have perhaps helped to lessen the severity of many accidents, though they do not seem to have greatly decreased their number.

St. A. Newbray of the National Safety Council has pointed out a perfect system of traffic signals, with police officers at every busy corner, which will do much for safety. But these things have no advantage if an automobile with a drunken driver speeds through the warning signal section.

2,000 HURT DAILY
There is evidence that more than 2,000 persons are injured by automobiles every day in the United States, and that at least one-third of these are under 15 years of age. In most instances, the pedestrian is injured, rather than the driver.

Statistics show that most of the traffic accidents occur between 5 and 7 p.m., that more than half of them take place at street corners, but that more than 60 per cent of pedestrians are injured while crossing in the middle of the block.

The most dangerous driver is the one who contests the right of way, who tries to pass the street car on the opposite track, who drives on the wrong side and who disregards safety zones.

RIBBON TRIMMING
An effective trimming on dark serge and silk frocks is the use of handings of different, but harmonious colors in gros grain ribbon.

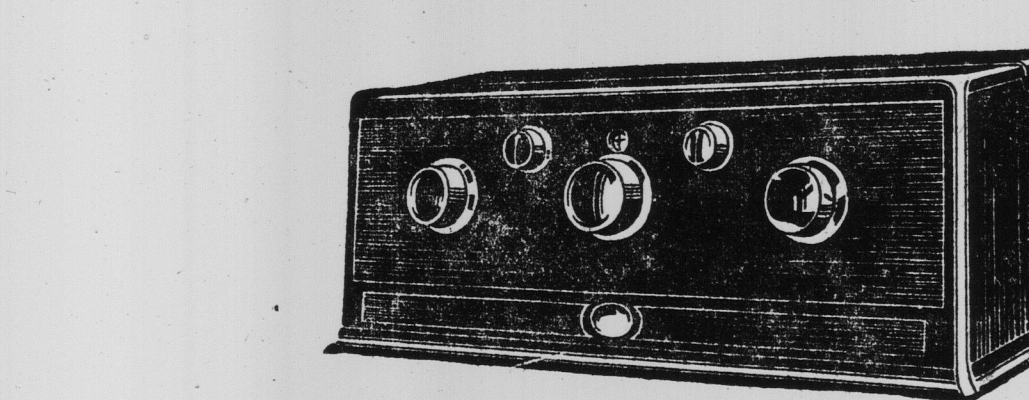
DARK SHOES
Besides the light nude and pinkish tan shades in hosiery for evening, one sees an occasional gun metal or black.

LARGER COATS
In coats, one notices a tendency to fuller models and more circular cuts.

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