

As the price of getting along with them, some people demand that you always give them the best of it.—E. W. Howe.

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If you can't pay for a thing don't buy it. If you can't get paid for it don't sell it.—John Ruskin.

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Dorothy Dix Talks

MAKING GIRLS WISE
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There is a great deal of more or less foolish talk, that gets nowhere, about the things that a mother should teach her daughters for their own protection. The one thing that every mother should impress upon the mind of a girl child from the time she is old enough to understand anything at all is to distrust every man who makes love to her without naming a definite marriage day. Every girl should hail from Missouri and demand to be shown a wedding ring as a guarantee of a man's intentions.

From time immemorial it has been held that one of the chief charms of maidenhood has been its guilelessness, its ignorance and innocence, and its credulous belief in everything that it is told. This tender faith has been so beautiful that mothers have hesitated to destroy it, and to teach their daughters to be sophisticated and worldly wise.

They have not realized that with girls it is safety first, and that in a world full of dangers and pitfalls for girls, safety far outweighs any esthetic considerations.

Mothers must be made to realize that in this day and generation, under present social and economic conditions, every girl has got to take care of herself, every girl must be her own protector. This is equally true whether the girl is rich and spends her life amusing herself or is poor and spends her life working.

No mother can be continually at the heels of her up-to-date daughter who plays golf, and drives her own car, and rides, and engages in all sorts of athletic diversions that take her continually into the society of men. No mother can go with her daughter into the office or store where she works with men. The modern girl is, in the end, her own chaperon, and she meets the situation according to the wisdom that her mother has taught her.

This makes it all important that a girl should not go forth in the world with her head stuffed full of romantic notions about men and love, and its being sweet and womanly for a woman to be blindly trusting, and that there is something peculiarly idealistic and beautiful about unconventional relationships between men and women.

Instead, every girl should be taught

that the standard brand of oil with which the wise virgin keeps her lamp filled is the oil of suspicion. She should be taught that while there are many Sir Gallahads among men they constitute the small minority of the masculine population, and the balance will bear watching.

Gallahads And above all, she should be taught that there is no other relationship in the world so sordid, so brutal, and in which the woman is treated with such utter lack of tenderness and consideration as that which exists outside of the pale of matrimony. Free love is so called because Cupid is free to pack up and leave whenever the man gets tired of the woman.

Nine-tenths of all the tragedies that wreck the lives of girls would be prevented if only they had it bred into their very bones to look with suspicion upon every man who makes love to them, and if they would investigate the sincerity of every man's profession of affection as carefully as they would the genuineness of a silk dress they were buying.

Take, for instance, the case of a married man who deliberately goes to work to win the heart of a young girl. He knows that he cannot marry her. He knows that he will doom her to old maidenhood by keeping other men away from her. He knows that her love for him can only bring her suffering and sorrow and that their association is inevitably bound to stain her good name.

Yet there are tens of thousands of cases in which married men amuse themselves with such affairs, utterly regardless of how they are spoiling the girl's happiness in life. And there is not a case of this kind that could not be prevented if the girl had been taught love affairs with married men are not wistfully and sadly romantic. They are just assinine, and a brand of idocy in which nobody but a born fool girl would indulge.

Then there is the secret marriage. A multitude of other girls slip into that slimy pit through sheer ignorance of what it means and of the kind of a man who is cad and coward enough to even insult a girl by proposing it to her.

There would be no more secret marriages if every girl gave the man who proposed it to her an icy stare and said to him: "I'm wise to you and your kind, and there's nothing doing in the secret marriage line for me, for I know that it generally also means the silent fade away about the time that a wife needs a husband most. Any way, I'm not marrying any man who is so ashamed to have me for a wife that he is not willing to come out and acknowledge her before his friends. Neither am I keen on marrying any man who is so undesirable that he isn't willing to let my family investigate him and find out just what sort of a man he is.

"What's the idea in the secrecy stuff, anyway? If you are poor, I am willing to wait until you earn more, or I will go to work and help to make money. As for the old fairy story about being disinherited by your family, that doesn't go in the little old U. S. A., and, anyway, if I don't look good to you as being remembered in a will there's nothing doing.

"Secrecy and matrimony don't appeal to me in the same connection. I've known of too many secret brides who spent the balance of their lives in trying to explain to an incredulous world that their marriage certificates were genuine."

Finally, there is the pathetic host of poor unfortunates, whose end is

the street, the morgue and the river. Their story is always the same. They fell in love with some man, they trusted him blindly because he promised marriage, and he kissed and rode away.

When one hears this story told over and over again in every accent of despair and heartbreak, and shame and misery, one is divided between contempt and pity for the poor dupes who were so easily deceived, and of righteous wrath against their mothers for not having prepared their daughters against just such a temptation as the one to which they succumbed.

Why didn't these girls' mothers teach them that the man who tries to induce a girl to do wrong never means right by her? The man who loves a girl wants her to be good. He doesn't desire to pull her down in the gutter. Every girl should have it stamped indelibly on her mind that is the touchstone of a man's intentions towards her. By his cherishing of her purity and honor shall she judge him.

And as for trusting the man who promises to marry at some vague future date, why do not mothers teach their daughters that it is better to trust a rattlesnake than such a one? Such men never make good on their promises. Men pay for the thing they desire before they get it. Not afterwards.

It is only by making their daughters wise that mothers can protect them.

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Dorothy Dix's articles appear regularly in this paper every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

BOARD MEETING IS POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that it was impossible to obtain a quorum, the board of supervisors had to forego the meeting last night. Mayor Joseph J. Fern, Supervisor Hollinger and Supervisor McClellan were at their desks at 7:30 o'clock and Supervisor Ahia arrived shortly after to announce that he had just been out to Camp Liliuokalani to secure the presence of Supervisor C. N. Arnold, but that the guardsmen would not allow him to get into the camp to communicate with the missing civic dad who is training at present.

Supervisor Lester Petrie was away from the city. Supervisor Charles H. Bellina on the mainland and Supervisor Mott-Smith was ill.

After sitting around for fifteen minutes discussing the weather, the best brand of cigars obtainable for 15 cents, and other weighty matters, the board postponed the session until Thursday night. Supervisor Ahia extended an invitation to the board members to be present at Camp Liliuokalani on Friday to witness the grand review of the National Guard of Hawaii. Mayor Fern agreed to furnish the car and pay for the luncheon at Haleiwa.

Holland will suffer intensely this winter, owing to the coal famine. Germany is Holland's only supplier. For every 20 tons of coal taken from Germany Holland has to send a man to the Teuton mines to work, owing to shortage of labor.

Macauley's Cartoon For Today



“So! You're going to make the world safe for Democracy, eh?”
“Yes, but first I'm going to make it unsafe for Autocracy!”
DRAWN BY C. R. MACAULEY.

HAWAII FIGHTS 'WHITE PLAGUE'

Since the beginning of the war France has lost 10 per cent of her fighting strength from tuberculosis. Before the war began she had made no concerted fight against this disease. Now, with the gravity of her error before her as an appalling lesson, she is endeavoring to fight tuberculosis when all her efforts, all her energies and all her funds are needed to carry on the war to a successful issue, and to care for her people who are sufferers because of the war.

For several years America has been fighting tuberculosis. To carry on this fight intelligently and efficiently there must be, and there has been and continues to be, highly concentrated effort. A very great deal of money is needed for this work, and to help out as much as possible every year Red Cross Christmas seals are sold.

This sale in Honolulu takes place next Saturday, November 24. From early morn till late in the evening the streets of this city will be traversed by earnest workers, selling Red Cross Christmas seals. Everybody in town is asked to buy as many of these seals as he or she can make use of. They are very pretty seals, and give a most Christmasy look to any letter or package they adorn.

Of the proceeds received from the sale of these seals, Honolulu will get 90 per cent. This amount will be turned over to the fund for Leahi Home and the Pa Ola Day Camp, where tubercular patients are cared for and many of them restored to health.

A committee of ladies will sell these Red Cross Christmas seals in the downtown business district, while the various other sections of the city will be canvassed by Boy Scouts.

The seals come in packages of 10, 25, 50 and 100 each, and their price is a penny a seal, ten being the smallest number sold.

William Jennings Bryan in a speech at Camp Wadsworth to the soldiers, told them to always keep in mind the Christian ideal when they go over to fight and never let their sense of humanity to be obscured by their determination to win the battle.

RED CROSS SEAL CAMPAIGN HERE WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT SATURDAY

Work Has Received Strong Indorsement of Mainland Organization

The coming Red Cross Seal campaign in Honolulu has received the indorsement of the Pacific Division, American Red Cross. Under date of November 6, John L. Clymer, director of the Bureau of Development of the Pacific division, sent the following letter to A. L. Castle, secretary of the Honolulu, Hawaii, chapter:

"It is quite important that the Red Cross chapters everywhere get behind the sale of Tuberculosis Red Cross seals. This is our work. The Red Cross manufactures these seals, as you know, and gives the National Tuberculosis society the opportunity of profiting thereby.

"Of course the handling of the seals is in the hands of tuberculosis organizations, but in a great many places the society does not have an organization and prefers to have the Red Cross chapter act as its agent. Whether the chapter is the direct agent or indirect agent makes no difference.

"We must all get behind this seal sale this year more than any other years, as we will need all the money possible for this work."

(Copy of letter from Honolulu Chamber of Commerce indorsing Red Cross Seal campaign.)

"November 15, 1917.
"Mr. James A. Rath,
"Head Worker, Palama Settlement,
"Honolulu.

"Dear Sir:
"We have for acknowledgement your letter of November 14 asking for indorsement to your plan of going before the public in the annual sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. The sale of Red Cross seals is under the auspices of the American Red Cross society.

"In a meeting of the advertising and subscription committee of the chamber of commerce of Honolulu, held this date, your plan received endorsement.
"Very truly yours,
(Signed) "RAYMOND C. BROWN,
"Secretary."

Plan of Sale
Red Cross seals campaign for anti-tuberculosis work, Saturday, November 24, 1917.
Districts 15-16.
Mrs. Gerrit Wilder, chairman, assisted by heads of districts:
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SILVER LOVING CUP CONTEST ON THE ROOF

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NASTY MEDICINES BAD FOR CHILDREN

It is not often a child requires medicine of any kind. If the bowels are regular and promptly disposed of undigested matter discarded by the stomach, the general health is very apt to be excellent. In any case, pills, powders, nauseating or suspicious compounds, should never be given to children. Any therapeutic virtues such remedies may possess is largely nullified by the youngsters' natural antagonism.

For most children a mild laxative, administered occasionally, is all that is needed to assure normal regularity and good health. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a pleasant-tasting combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, free from opiate or narcotic drugs, and acts gently yet effectively; children like it and take it readily, so that it is the ideal remedy for the family medicine chest. It is sold in drug stores for fifty cents a bottle. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. E. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.



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