What men (and women) want is not talent, it is purpose; not the power to achieve, but the will to labor.—Bulwer-Lytton.

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The modern majesty consists in work. What a man can do is his greatest ornament. —Carlyle.

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Dorothy Dix Talks

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A SIDELIGHT ON DIVORCE.

(By DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.)

MOST intelligent people have come to see that divorce is not an unmixed evil, but a necessary evil. It is often the surgeon's knife that cuts away the cankering sore in a life in order to save it, but just as surgery is not always an infallible cure for diseases, so divorce is not a never failing remedy for domestic misery.

Sometimes divorce means jumping out of the frying pan into the fire, as the homely old phrase goes, and a man and woman who have been miserable together in matrimony find themselves still more wretched after they had parted.

After all, perhaps one gets attached to one's sparring partner and feels lost when deprived of the enemy with whom one has fought for years.

This is particularly the case with women, who are the complainants in more than three-fourths of the divorce actions and who find out in the majority of cases that their decrees absolute are boomerangs that annihilate them and that even a very indifferent husband may be better than no husband at all.

Without doubt men have the same experience, for there 's no denying that with all its faults, its drawbacks, even its martyrdom, matrimony does unfit people for the celibate life, and the man who has grown accustomed to the comforts and discomforts of a home finds himself like a fish out of water when he is cast forth upon the cold comfort of boarding houses, hotels or clubs.

He may have rebelled against having to punch the domestic time clock; he may have writhed under the tyranny of a wife who kept tab on his going out and coming in, and who told him what he should eat and what he should wear, and what he shouldn't smoke or drink; he may have begrudged the money that went to pay for shoes and groceries, and milk for the baby, instead of for pleasure; his eyes may have wearied at the sight of a fat old wife and turned longingly towards sylph-like chickens, but that is while he is still bound hand and foot in the holy estate.

Let the law strike his shackles from him and he soon finds that matrimony has done its deadly work. He is a tamed and domesticated creature who has learned to eat out of a wife's hand, and he is lost without it.

There is no thrill in staying out at night when nobody cares whether you stay or not. What's the use of making money when a man has no one of his own to spend it on? Better even is the nagging of an honest, faithful, fat old wife than the jollying of the painted lips of the sirens who work a man for all he is worth and from whom he soon turns in disgust.

Thus it happens that thousands of married couples who thought they could not live with each other find that they cannot live without each other, and it is a pity that there is not some half way station in the divorce proceedings where the law could offer a husband and wife a chance to take back all the charges they have made against each other, and kiss and make it up.

The thing that is the matter with matrimony after all is monotony. We try to run it as a continuous performance, with never a let up or a break in it with the same face across the table at every meal, listening to the same line of conversation three hundred and sixty days a year, rasped by the same faults, weaknesses, peculiarities, habits, and it gets upon our nerves. It's eating the thirty quails in thirty days that no appetite can stomach.

No wonder marriage is a failure. So would anything else be if we get too much of it. We loathe music, literature and art when we get an overdose of them. People with barrels of money get no enjoyment out of spending it. Nothing bores like a perpetual round of pleasure. We pray for rain after a long succession of sunshiny days. And if people could only be married half of the time instead of all of it, or if every husband and wife had enough intelligence to go off by themselves for a long vacation and give separation a chance to do its healing work, there would be very few divorces.

When we are very close to people their faults rub us raw. But when we get away from them we get a clearer perspective and we see that we made mountains out of molehills, and that if another did wrong, we showed neither tact, nor patience, nor wisdom in the way in which we dealt with a difficult situation.

The other day I met an unhappy woman who said to me:

"Two years ago I divorced my husband because of an affair he had with another woman. I was mad with jealousy and felt that I could never forgive him; I hated him, and all I wanted to do was to take my children and get as far from him as possible. I thought that divorce would somehow be a cure for the agony that was eating my heart out and that once I was free from my husband I would be happy.

"But I have been utterly miserable. Except for this one big sin against me, my husband was all that any woman could ask. He was good and kind and generous to me and the children. We had a pretty home, a settled place in society, and I could devote myself to taking care of my children.

"My divorce changed all of that. I have no home. I have had to go to work to help support my children and they lack many things they need that their father could have given them. People pity me as a divorcee and I can see that even my family and my friends who urged me on to get a divorce and not to stand being flouted by my husband, consider me a burden on them.

"Believe me, if I were confronted with the same problem today there would be no divorce for me. I would stick by my home and my place in society and I'd shut my eyes to my husband's philandering until he got tired and came back home repetenant, as men always do, if you give them time enough. I should try to size the situation up fairly and take the lesser evil, instead of jumping into the greater one, for after all a hurt heart and wounded vanity are not as hard to bear as the loneliness and desolation of the divorced woman who has no real niche in the world because she is neither maid, wife, nor widow.

"Do you know what divorce is?" went on the woman. "It is a shock that brings people to their senses and makes them realize how much they care for each other. It made me know that I could never be happy without my husband. It cured his infatuation for the woman. When he was free to marry her he didn't want to do it. Now he wants me to come back to him, to try the experiment over again, but my family and friends advise me against it and say that if he was faithless once he will be faithless again, but I need him and the children need him. What shall I do?"

"Marry him," I said. "You both found out that there is one thing worse than matrimony, and that's divorce. And the next time when you begin to quarrel, take a good long trip. Temporary separation is the only sure antidote for the divorce evil."

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It Happens in the Best Regulated Families - - By BRIGGS

Schofield Barracks Society

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 15.—Capt. and Mrs. Charles Rice, Chas. Rice, Jr., and little Miss Jane Rice were the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Walter Greacen for dinner on Sunday. The honoree was Mrs. Greacen's small daughter, Katherine, whose fourth birthday it was.

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Mrs. Philip Thurber and small son Pomeiroy spent several days of last week as guests at the Young Hotel.

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Miss Mellie Cotchett attended the attractive bridal luncheon given at the Country club by Miss Isabel Baker of Fort Shafter in honor of Miss Martha McChesney, who is one of the beautiful bride-elects of the Christmas holidays. She will be welcomed to Schofield Barracks as the wife of Capt. Owen Fowler of the 4th Cavalry.

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The many friends of Capt. and Mrs. Charles Rice will learn with regret that Capt. Rice has received orders to proceed to the Western Department. Capt. Rice will be accompanied by his charming family, and their departure will be a distinct loss to the society life of the post. Capt. Rice expects to leave in January.

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The handsome home of Maj. and Mrs. Case Deering in Honolulu was the setting for a very delightful garden tea given on Tuesday afternoon. Major and Mrs. Deering invited in a number of their friends in compliment to Gen. John Wisser. During the afternoon the 25th Infantry band furnished a beautiful selection of music, which was much enjoyed by the guests. From Schofield Barracks Major and Mrs. Deering's guests were: Col. and Mrs. Earl Carnahan, Miss Katherine Carnahan, Capt. and Mrs. Clarence Danielson, Capt. Carl Ballinger and Lieut. James Ballard.

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Mrs. William Saportas left on the liner Sierra, which sailed for the United States on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Saportas expects to join Lieut. Saportas in San Francisco.

Major and Mrs. John D. Burnett had Mrs. Downes as their attractive house guest for Sunday and Monday of this week. Mrs. Downes, who is the wife of Senior Lieut. Downes of the battleship Cincinnati, was on the transport Sheridan en route from Manila to the United States, and when the Sheridan stopped for two days in Honolulu Mrs. Downes spent the time at Castner as the guest of Major and Mrs. Burnett. Mrs. Downes is a sister of Mrs. Frederick Austin, who was recently a member of Schofield Barracks society.

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Mrs. Short and Mr. Lyman P. George of Honolulu enjoyed the charming hospitality of Capt. and Mrs. Lloyd Clary for dinner at the University club in Honolulu on last Saturday evening. In the afternoon the party had been the guests of Mr. George for a swim at Waikiki.

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Major La Vergne Gregg is very much delighted over the arrival of Mrs. Gregg and their daughter, Elizabeth, who were passengers on the transport which docked in Honolulu on Thursday from San Francisco.

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Another popular army family has left Schofield Barracks for the fair city of Honolulu, namely, Col. and Mrs. William Banister. Colonel Banister succeeded Col. Keefer as chief surgeon on Gen. John Wisser's staff, Col. Keefer having been ordered to the mainland. Col. and Mrs. Banister will occupy a suite in the Halekulani hotel on Waikiki.

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The awe inspiring Kilauea Volcano is drawing its usual portion of visitors from Schofield Barracks this month, as Capt. and Mrs. Lloyd Clary and small son, Hugh; Capt. and Mrs. Albert Hennessy, Mrs. Samuel Heidner, Mrs. Charles Walson and two children left the post yesterday to spend ten days in Hilo studying the phenomenon of the ever burning crater. They propose to return on Christmas day.

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Col. and Mrs. Earl Carnahan entertained with an informal dinner party on Thursday evening, having as their guests Major and Mrs. Case Deering and Miss Katherine Carnahan. A vase containing cut flowers and green leaves adorned the table as a much admired centerpiece.

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Capt. and Mrs. Lloyd Clary entertained Mrs. Lillie Noble White and Lieut. Arthur Davis as their guests for the movies on Tuesday evening.

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Major and Mrs. Herbert Charles Gibner were host and hostess at a handsomely appointed dinner party in their attractive quarters at Castner. This delightful event was given on Tuesday evening and was more of less in the nature of a farewell to Col and Mrs. William Banister, who moved to Honolulu on Thursday. Vases and bronze bowls of beautiful white chrysanthemums were placed here and there about the quarters to effect a lovely background for the dinner party. As a centerpiece for the table a cluster of delicate white periwinkles were used. Place cards marked seats for Col. and Mrs. William Banister, Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Markley, Lieut. and Mrs. Mueller and Major and Mrs. Gibner.

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The third battalion of the 32nd Infantry have moved into the cantonment left vacant by the departure of the 1st Field Artillery. The officers in command of this battalion are Capt. Corbit Hoffman, Captain Charles Kelcher, and Captain William Warren.

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When the transport Sheridan sailed from Honolulu on Monday afternoon for the mainland, a number of army people from the Hawaiian Department had been added to the passenger list. Schofield Barracks was a loser of the following people, Captain and Mrs. Charles Jewel, and little daughter, Mary Jewel; Major and Mrs. Jacob Devers and infant daughter; Mrs. Archibald Arnold and Mrs. Philip Thurber and small son Pomelroy. Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Thurber will join their husbands at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, their husbands at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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Among the guests at the Haleiwa hotel for dinner on Sunday evening were Major William Russell, Captain Charles Bankhead, and Mrs. Halstead of Pearl Harbor.

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Mrs. Walter Greacen was the charming hostess on Wednesday to the regular weekly meeting of the 1st Infantry Bridge club. The members enjoyed an unusually pleasant afternoon until 5 o'clock when a tempting luncheon was served to Mrs. Greacen's guests who were Mrs. Charles Rice, Mrs. Englebert Overshine, Mrs. Henry Lewis, Mrs. Harry Blasland, Mrs. Charles Walson, Mrs. Robert Houston Anderson, and Mrs. Corbit Hoffman.

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A very charming social event of this week was the dinner party given on Thursday evening by Captain and Mrs. Orville N. Tyler. The table held a very beautiful centerpiece formed from an immense cluster of gorgeous yellow chrysanthemums. The same lovely flowers were used to decorate the cozy home. Place cards, which harmonized with the color scheme, were used to mark covers for Captain and Mrs. Tyler's guests who were Colonel and Mrs. John Heard, Colonel Lucius Durfee, Miss Mollie Cotchett, Miss Lenore Tyler, Mrs. F. B. McStocker of Honolulu, Captain Raymond McQuillin, Captain Carl Cohen, and Mr. John MacCaulay of Honolulu.

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Captain and Mrs. Lloyd Clary, Mrs. Short and Mr. Lyman George of Honolulu formed a jolly party of dancers, who enjoyed a pleasant evening at the Alexander Young roof garden on last Saturday evening.

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The little folks of the post had a very jolly time at the party which Major and Mrs. Herbert Charles Gibner gave for their son, Herbert Chas. Gibner, Jr., whose ninth birthday it was. The party took place on Saturday afternoon and ended with a birthday dinner and the movies where the grand finale was "Charlie Chaplin." All the usual birthday goodies were spread before the little guests who really had the time of their young lives. Master Gibner's guests were Barbara Lowe, Miriam Halstead, Katherine Greacen, Billie Smoot, Jane Rice, Billie Walter, Christy Smoot, Dona Forbes, McArthur Manchester, Jack Smoot, Billie Forbes, Charles Forbes, Charlotte Gibner, Dickey Smoot, and Margaret Blasland.

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Captain and Mrs. Paul Manchester, Captain and Mrs. Whitaker, and Major La Vergne were the honor guests at an enjoyable dinner party given on last Sunday by six of the bachelor officers of their regiment. These officers have a very successful mess and entertained their guests royally, the hosts were Lieut. Jacobson, Lieut. Austin, Lieut. Sparks, Lieut. Beckman, Lieut. Williams, and Lieut. Haskins.

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Captain and Mrs. Orville N. Tyler entertained 12 of their friends at a beautiful dinner party on Monday evening of last week in celebration of their wedding anniversary. The affair was also given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Magoon whose anniversary it was also. The long table at which the guests were seated was brilliantly decorated with a flower motif in color scheme of yellow, green and white. Beautiful yellow roses and green ferns were used to carry out this decoration. In the very center of the table stood a miniature wedding procession in all its loveliness, cunning little kewpies being used for the bride and greem and attendants. This feature was very striking and very much admired. The name cards each bore reference in some way to love and wedding bells. Captain and Mrs. Tyler's guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. T. Bottomley, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Magoon of Honolulu, Lieut. and Mrs. Frank Brigham, Miss Mellie Cotchett, Miss Lenore Tyler, Mr. John MacCauley, and Mr. Thomas Abel of Honolulu. As a further pleasure of the evening Capt. and Mrs. Tyler entertained at bridge. At the conclusion of the games it was found that Mrs. Bringham, Mrs. Cockburn and Lieut. Brigham held the highest score at their respective tables and as such were awarded the prizes.

How You May Throw Away Your Glasses--Doctor Tells How To Strengthen Eyesight 50% In One Week's Time In Many Instances

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LONDON.—The statement is made that thousands wear eyeglasses who do not really need them. If you are one of these unfortunates, then these glasses may be ruining your eyes instead of helping them, says Dr. Lewis. Thousands who wear these "windows" may prove for themselves that they can dispense with glasses if they will get the following prescription filled at once: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Optona tablets. Dissolve one Optona tablet in ¼ glass of dater. With this harmless liquid solution bathe the eyes two to four times daily, and you are likely to be astonished at the results right from the start. Many who have been told that they have astigmatism, eyestrain, cataract, sore eyelids, weak eyes, conjunctivities and other eye disorders, reports wonderful benefits from the use of this prescription. One man says: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not hurt any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses but after using this prescription for 15 days everything seems clear. I can even read fine print without glasses." Get this prescription filled and use it; you may so strengthen your eyes that glasses will not be necessary. Thousands who are blind, or nearly so, or who wear glasses might never have required them if they had cared for their eyes in time. Save your eyes before it is too late! Do not become one of these victims of neglect. Eyeglasses are only like crutches and every few years they must be changed to fit the ever-increasing weakened condition, so better see if you can, like many others, get clear, healthy, strong magnetic eyes through the prescription here given.

Note: Another prominent city physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Optona is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family."—Adv.

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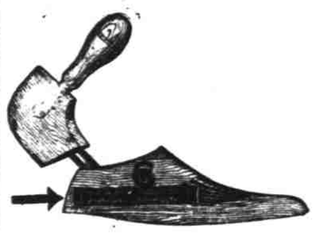

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