

Women and Their Interests

Dorothy Dix on Dependent Women

By DOROTHY DIX



The ghost that walks by the side of millions of women is the fear of what would become of them if their husbands should suddenly die.

They married when they were young girls. They were never trained to any trade or profession. Their husbands' earnings have never more than barely sufficed for the mere support of the family, so they have been able to lay up no money against a rainy day.

"It fills me with terror to think of what my fate would be if I were called on to support myself," such a woman will say desperately to you. "I never made a dollar in my life. I don't know anything by which I could make one. I am too old to learn stenography or clerking or office work. Besides, men want only bright, quick, young girls around them."

"It's hard enough for a middle-aged man to get a job. It's impossible for a middle-aged woman, and one who has never worked out of her home before. There would be nothing that I could do if my husband were to die but to be dependent on somebody who wouldn't want me. I'd have to go and live with my children, and their husbands and wives would feel like martyrs because mother was saddled on them to be supported, and I'd rather die than do it."

This is all too sadly true. Of all pathetic creatures on earth, none is so helpless and so pitiful as the middle-aged woman who has always lived in her own home and who is suddenly flung out from it into the great struggle of commercialism. She is like a soldier who must fight for his life and who has no weapon with which to defend himself.

Enforced dependence the worst misfortune on earth.

Now, of all misfortunes on earth,

the horrors of dependence. There will none is so great as enforced dependence. The sweetest bread is bitter.

Worry

And if she does, she need never fear on our lips if it is given us in charity. No matter how near to us, we come to hate the hand that does out alms to us. Even the tie between mother and child is not tender enough to stand the strain of this relationship without galling and chafing.

No women are more unhappy than those who are pensioners in their children's homes, who are unwanted by their "in-laws"; who are looked upon as incumbrances by their grandchildren, and who feel themselves in the way at every turn; and the wonder is that any woman would ever voluntarily put herself in such a position.

"But how can I help it?" asks the woman who sees this late starting her in the face. "I can't leave my husband and my home and my little children to go out and study some profession. I wouldn't know what to study. I've no special talent. I'm a pretty good cook and housekeeper and seamstress and nurse, but that's all. I could never be an actress or write a book, or even be a good stenographer. I'm just a domestic woman and that's all."

And that's enough. There's no better trade than domesticity. There's no better paying profession than domesticity. But in order to get money out of it you've got to take it out of the amateur class and put it in the professional class.

If every housewife would make as much of a study of housekeeping as she would have to make of acting or singing or writing or medicine or law, if she made a living by doing any of these things, she would not only do the best possible thing for the sake of her own family as she went along, but if she were suddenly thrown on her own resources to support herself, she would have a lucrative trade at her fingers' ends.

There is a never-ending demand for good cooks, for good things to eat, for well-kept boarding houses, and any intelligent woman can fit herself to supply this need if she will.

If She's a Good Cook She Never Needs

be thousands of people clamoring for her services and willing to pay for them.

The woman in her own home, who knows that her husband will have no money to leave her when he dies, is worse than foolish if she doesn't fit herself for a self-supporting career by studying some domestic art such that she is an expert in it. No one has a better chance than she to learn by actual experience how to market so as to get the last fraction of value out of a penny; no one has a better opportunity to learn the scientific management of a house; no one has a better chance to acquire all the subtle arts of cookery. And the woman who possesses it has a way of making a living that makes the stage or the typewriter turn green with envy.

Or suppose the woman at home has a talent for sewing. There is no more effective weapon with which to rout the wolf away from the door than a needle, and no woman need fear the future if she has the energy and ambition to develop her talent for dressmaking, and make of it a real profession. Also she can do this in her own home, and to the benefit of her family as she does it.

There are two things for which the want will never be supplied, and for which people will pay out money without stint. The first is for good cooking, and the second is for good clothes.

Makes a Profession of Dressmaking and Cooking

And the woman at home can fit herself to supply these needs without leaving her family or neglecting her home duties. On the contrary, the two things run hand in hand.

But—and it is a big BUT—the woman who makes money by keeping boards or dressmaking has got to make a profession of it. She's got to make an art of it. She can't do it in the hit-or-miss, sap-dash way in which she does it at present without coming to bankruptcy. That's the trouble. And that's why I urge every woman to get busy and study her own business. Raise housekeeping to the highest power and she need never worry about how she would make a living if her husband died. She'd know how to get rich.

Miss Fairfax Answers Queries

CHURCH AND CREED

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have been going with a girl for over three years, during which time we have never had a difference. Now, less than a month before our marriage, we have had a little trouble, which I feel sure you can straighten out for us.

She is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and I am a Lutheran. Her mother insists that we shall both be members of the same church, though she doesn't say which. She is far more devoted to her church than I am to mine, and while she would join the Lutherans were I to ask her, I can see that she would be making more of a sacrifice than I ever could ask of her. She has asked me to become a member of her church and I have not yet said "yes" or "no," but I have never failed to do anything she asked me to.

Is there so very much difference between the two churches? And in the event I join her church could I be private and so much ceremony eliminated? Might add that we shall be married by an Episcopal minister.

"So many gods, so many creeds. So many ways that wind and wind. When all this sad world needs Is just the art of being kind."

Wrote Ella Wheeler Wilcox once. I think that poem contains the answer to all your doubts. You and the girl who love with worship God, and the forms of your church are less than the big idea or religion back of them. Now, if it will make you wife happy to have you worship with her, for you love her against that, for one moment the thought "What will people say?" Unless man and wife attend the same church they are all too likely to get out of the habit of going to church at all.

A YOUTHFUL INFATUATION

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a girl fifteen and I'm in love with a young man seven years my senior. I know him about four months. We never went out together alone, but I often meet him at a friend's house. He never spoke to me about us going together until I'm old enough to get married. He never speaks about love or anything. I left for the country and when I was away about two days I sent him a card that I arrived safely and he answered it, and we are still corresponding. I think he likes me.

S. S. K.

Of course this young man does not talk to you of love. You are a mere child and ought not to be dreaming of romance and sentiment yet. I am afraid that you are a bit pert and forward or you would not have begun a correspondence unsolicited. Put your mind on your books or your work and don't try to start love affairs with men who are likely to think you a silly child.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a man of twenty and am deeply in love with a girl of the same age, whom I have known for the past six years.

The girl knows how I love her and the result of my sufferings from same. I receive no encouragement from her whatsoever, only she says she feels sorry for me and that I should try to get over such feelings, as she will always remain a friend to me and nothing else.

I have no future ahead for me and it would be impossible for me to control my affections for this girl.

Don't you think she at least ought to encourage me? I don't know whether meaning it or not, so she could relieve my heartache?

HEARTBROKEN.

It would be most dishonorable for the girl you love to encourage you unless she meant it. You are really too young to pick out your life companion, and I think it would be far wiser to see no more of the girl with whom you are infatuated, but instead to devote yourself to working your way ahead in this world. You have a perfectly good future ahead of you if only you choose to make it so. Don't run in this manner of love—it is not all of life—and it is not a thing you will ever win unless you prove yourself a little more worthy and capable of acting like a man and making your way in the world.

DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE RECONCILED TO HIM.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

About a month ago I became acquainted with a young man for whom I have learned to care. He always made appointments with me which he never kept on time. Once after I had waited for him for two hours. I saw him, intoxicated and being led home by a friend of his. Now we are not on speaking terms.

DOROTHY.

Put this man out of your thoughts and your life. Think what agony the wife of a man would have to endure if she sat waiting for him two long hours and then he was led home drunk. If he risks treating a girl so before he has won her, he would not spare her after he was sure of her.

DIVIDE THE POLICY.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a man of twenty-four and am about to get married. I am insured, and my mother is the beneficiary in my policy. I love my mother and I also love my sweetheart. What I want to know is, should I make my future wife my beneficiary, or should I divide it up equally between them? What is the best thing to do under the circumstances?

ANONYMOUS.

Divide the policy equally between your mother and your wife. You want to feel that you have made some provision for each of these women you loved and who loved you.

MISSIONARY MEETING

Special to The Telegraph

Blain, Pa., Nov. 12.—Last evening the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of the Lutheran Church, met at the home of Miss Ella Gutshall, in this place. Members present were: The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reighard, Miss Grace Stambaugh, Mrs. Elizabeth Henry, Miss Ella D. Dineen, Mrs. S. W. Gutshall, Miss Mary Gutshall and David Gutshall.

KITCHEN SHOWER FOR BRIDE

Special to The Telegraph

Blain, Pa., Nov. 12.—A kitchen shower was held last evening for Mrs. Clarence Wilt, recently married, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Reber, in Jackson township. The bride received a large collection of useful articles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Special to The Telegraph

Annyville, Pa., Nov. 12.—On Sunday morning the Sunday school of St. Paul's will render an interesting program, including an address by the Rev. C. H. Hooper, and a presentation of promotion certificates by Superintendent Jacob Frantz.

\$20,000 FOR FARM

Special to The Telegraph

Annyville, Pa., Nov. 12.—A deed was filed yesterday morning in the courthouse at Lebanon, of the transfer of the forty-acre farm in South township to Samuel K. Imboden to L. L. Booda, of Lemoyne. The price was \$20,000.

THE TUNIC BASQUE MAKES ONE OF THE LATEST FANCIES

A Garment that is at Once Practical and in the Height of Style.

By MAY MANTON



8383 Basque with Plaited Tunic for Misses and Small Women, 16 and 18 years.

The basque that shows an attached tunic, is one of the latest developments of the idea. This one is adapted to small women and to young girls and, since it can be worn over any skirt, it is an exceedingly practical garment as well as an exceedingly smart one. It can easily be seen that it can be made just after the manner illustrated or of two materials, a trimming fabric being used for the plain portions of the basque while the sleeves and side portions match the tunic. The high collar that still is open at the front is a new feature and a smart one. The sleeves can be finished in full length or just below the elbows but the long sleeves with the deep cuffs seem especially adapted to the design.

For the 16 year size, the basque and tunic will require 1 1/2 yds. of material 27, 5 yds. 36, 4 1/4 yds. 44 in wide.

The pattern 8383 is cut in sizes for 16 and 18 years. It will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper, on receipt of ten cents.

Gowman's sell May Manton Patterns.

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It's Easy—If You Know Dr. Edward's Olive Tablets

The secret of keeping young is to feel young—to do this you must watch your liver and bowels, there's no need of having a sallow complexion—dark rings under your eyes—pimples—a bilious look in your face—dull eyes with no sparkle.

Your doctor will tell you ninety per cent. of all sickness comes from inactive bowels and liver.

Dr. Edwards, a well-known physician in Ohio, perfected a vegetable compound mixed with olive oil to act on the liver and bowels, which he gave to his patients, and he says:

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel, are gentle in their action, yet always effective.

They bring about that exuberance of spirit, that natural buoyancy which should be enjoyed in everything, by toning up the liver and clearing the system of impurities.

You will know Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets by their olive color. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

The Olive Tablet Company, Columbus, O.—Advertisement.

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You ought to eat the beans that you can digest the easiest, because it is only from digested food that we derive nourishment. Settle this question right and you will then get the full benefit from one of the most nutritious and economical foods that we have.

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JACK WEEKS, Prop.

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Mon., Nov. 16th

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WOMEN'S DRESS SHOES — Popular styles in patent and dull leathers and velvets. \$2.50 values, all sizes.

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WOMEN'S SHOES — Worth up to \$3 in pair. Patent and dull leathers. Many on the Over-Gaiter pattern. All sizes.

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FELT JULIETS — Several hundred pairs of Women's Felt Slippers. All colors. \$1.50 values.

At 98c

Many Other High Grade Styles for Women at \$2.45.

Gaiter Boots at \$2.95

Should be priced at \$5, as that is their value and price elsewhere this Gaiter Top Model is the very latest up-to-the-minute style conception—the fad of all well-dressed women. Book's are now prepared with a complete line of these popular styles at \$2.95 the pair patent colt and gun metal leather with fawn, gray or black tops. All sizes and widths.

RUBBERS New Winter Styles For Men

For Men, Women and Children

\$2.45 & \$2.95

WOMEN'S RUBBERS—A fresh new lot of Women's regular 50c to 75c Rubbers. Special 39c

CHILDREN'S RUBBERS—Come in storm or plain croquet styles. 50c values. Special 39c

MEN'S RUBBERS—A complete line of different styles to fit any shoes. Regular 95c values. Special 50c

Thirty strictly up-to-date Fall and Winter styles, including the low heel English model. Tan, patent and dull leathers. Welt soles. All sizes. Actual \$3.50 and \$4.00 values.

Boys', Girls' and Children's Footwear

Boys' Strong High Tops \$1.50

Boys' heavy tan and black storm calf high tops, stitched waterproof soles. Extra high tops and 2 buckles. Sizes up to 13 1/2.

CHILDREN'S SHOES — Soft donkey kid, lace or button styles. Sizes up to 5. 75c values, at 49c

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' SLIPPERS — Girls' Fur Trimmed Felt Juliets. All sizes, 75c values, at 49c

GIRLS' SHOES — For school and dress. Patent and dull leathers. Sizes up to 11. \$1.50 values, at 98c

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CHILDREN'S JOCKEY BOOTS — Different colored tops, with tassels. Sizes 5 1/2 to 8. \$1.50 values, at 98c

GIRLS' DRESS SHOES & HIGH TOPS \$1.24

A special sale of girls' dull leather dress and school shoes. High or regular cut tops. Actual \$1.75 and \$2.00 values.

"BEES" IN PERRY COUNTY

Blain, Pa., Nov. 12.—A large crowd of pupils and a number of teachers gathered last evening to participate in a spelling contest held at Center school, Miss Nora Peck, teacher. Dwight McMullen was last speller. He also won this honor at an interesting spelling school held on Tuesday evening at Emory Green, Gardner Palm, teacher.

Mrs. Ellen Phenice held a spelling bee at Stony Point, at which much interest was manifested. No one could be spoken of as best speller. When the word "sortie" was pronounced those that remained standing were trapped down.

MRS. MAGGIE CASSEL

Mrs. Maggie Cassel, aged 44 years, died last night at the Harrisburg Hospital following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Cassel was admitted to the hospital October 28.

You have eaten Florida oranges that didn't have any flavor. The pulp was dry and stringy and the juice—well, there wasn't much of it but what there was you found to be flat and sour. Not much pleasure in eating oranges like that! The fruit was insipid and tasteless because it didn't ripen on the trees.

Again you have eaten the other kind of Florida oranges—thin-skinned fruit filled with sweet, delightful juice. These oranges tasted so good—um! How you smacked your lips at their delightful flavor! They were so fine, simply because the growers had left them on the trees until fully ripe.

To advance their own interests by protecting those of the co-operative organization. The members are pledged to ship only tree ripened fruit, that has been handled with extreme care from tree to railroad. None but white-gloved workers prepare this fruit for market—it never is touched by human hands before shipment. In the packing houses of the organization no child labor is employed. The name and trade mark of this growers' mutual body is

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Only a limited number of Parson Brown oranges are grown in Florida. The greater part of the crop is produced by members of the Florida Citrus Exchange. When you buy Parson Brown oranges in boxes that carry the Exchange trade mark you may be sure they are true to name and will be found ripe and sweet. Ask your dealer for Florida Citrus Exchange Parson Brown oranges and you will be sure to get what you want.

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