

WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

How I Lost My Husband

By DOROTHY DIX.

"I lost my husband," said the tenth woman, "because I didn't keep up with the procession."

"When I look back upon my life with the clear perspective that the years give, I can see that one of the chief attractions that marriage held for me was the prospect of letting myself go, of slumping down mentally and physically."

"In my ignorance I thought of marriage as the end of a woman's struggle to interest and fascinate a man, instead of its being the beginning, as I know it is, of a woman's heart and mind, having won a man's heart and married him, could settle down in peace and comfort to enjoy her victory. I have found out that a man's fancy is a revolting garrison that has to be recaptured every day, and that it is ten thousand times more difficult to regain it, once lost, than it is to capture it at the beginning."

"Frankly, I am of a lazy, easy-going, comfort-loving disposition. I like good things to eat and drink. I adore negligees. I am fond of reading the six best sellers, and my idea of a perfectly happy state of existence would be a life which you spent among a few old friends who took you as you were and for whom you didn't have to make the slightest effort, where you could wear your old clothes and be comfortable without regard to style, and eat all you liked without any qualms as to how fat it would make you."

"These were the dolce far niente views of life that I began to put into operation as soon as we were married, and by the time I found out that matrimony is the most strenuous profession that a woman can possibly follow, and the one that requires her to be most on the job, I had wrecked my happiness. My dearly bought knowledge came too late."

Her First Mistake.
"The first mistake that I made was in thinking that matrimony gives a woman the right to wear wrappers, and be as ugly as nature made her. It was so comfortable not to have to tuck my straight hair into curls, nor to touch up my complexion, nor to be girded up into stiff straight fronts any more than before I realized that I had gotten to be not exactly a sloven, but one of the women who seem to be always overflowing their clothes."

"I got fat and frowsy and lost my good looks, as any woman does who neglects her personal appearance. But it didn't seem to me that it mattered—I was married and I idiotically supposed that no matter how ugly I let myself become I would always be a tearing beauty in my husband's eyes."

"I should have been warned, for one day, not very long after we were married, he tossed a roll of bills into my lap and said: 'For heaven's sake, Sallie, go and get you some ribbons or laces, or whatever it is that women

wear that swishes about them, and makes a man like to look at them. You look like a ook and you are getting scandalously fat. Why don't you play golf or do something to keep your figure?'"

"I laughed and thought it a good joke for a man to be so fussy about women's clothes, but there came a time after he had left a fat and frowsy wife for a pretty little French doll of a woman, when I wondered if I might not have prevented the tragedy if I had had intelligence enough to have taken his tip and made myself attractive looking to him. After all, you can't blame a man for not kissing a wife who has ceased to be kissable."

"My husband was an ambitious man. He made many acquaintances among people who were important socially, financially and politically, and he was keenly intent on making the most of these friendships. All His Efforts Fail.

"He wanted to accept their invitations, to go to their dinners, and country houses, and what not, and to entertain them suitably in return, and I objected, because it required an effort on my part to get the proper clothes, and to give smart entertainments. My husband and I had a hundred quarrels over the matter, and at last it resolved itself into his going alone and my staying at home. He became a leader in a gay and brilliant set, while I sank deeper and deeper into the obscurity of a domesticity for which there was no excuse."

"And just as I let my body get fat for want of exercise and through indulgence in too much eating, so I let my mind get fat and heavy for want of using it. My husband tried to get me to join clubs and take an interest in the great feminine movement, but it required more energy than I possessed to attend meetings and be on committees, and worry myself about the injustices and sorrows of humanity."

"It was so much easier to shut my eyes to it all that I simply closed mine and refused to see. My husband also tried to get me to read books that stimulate and quicken the intellect, but I preferred the kind of novels that pleasantly tickle one's fancy without making any call upon the understanding, and I followed the line of least resistance and confined my reading to the chocolate cream school of literature."

"Of course, the inevitable happened. At forty I was an ugly, fat, sloppy, dull old woman without a single charm of mind or body, and my husband a young, alert, intelligent man. He grew tired of me, and he deserted me for a younger and fairer, and more interesting woman."

"I have never blamed him. The fault was mine. I was too lazy to keep up with the procession, and by my own volition I dropped out of it—and the procession swept on and left me, as it leaves every woman who progresses."

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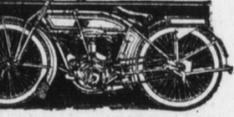
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President of Cambria Steel Company Gives Reasons For Steel Trade Depression

The tariff is held responsible by William H. Donner, president of the Cambria Steel Company, for the existing depression in the iron and steel business of the United States. The foreign manufacturer, he declared, in his annual report to stockholders, was able to undersell in this country because of higher-priced labor on this side of the water, and, in addition, he said, foreign laws permitted a closer co-operation among the manufacturers in both domestic and export trade. Sweeping condemnation was made by Mr. Donner of freight discrimination in favor of imported steel. He said that as American workmen were protected against importation of foreign labor it was inconsistent not to protect them against the product of foreign labor. Another handicap that was held responsible for poor business in the steel trade was competition on rails from Canada. Mr. Donner held that under the existing tariff law, rails from foreign manufacturers were admitted free in the United States, whereas the Canadian tariff tax on United States rails was \$7.84 a gross ton. How the tariff dominated the steel trade by means of low prices was succinctly set forth by Mr. Donner in these words: "With most of the large steel plants of Europe tied up on account of the war, foreign competition is now virtually suspended; but in the steel trade contracts are made so far ahead that it is almost impossible to secure an advance in prices after they are once lowered until there is evidence of sufficient business to fill up the mills. No one in the steel business can tell just how seriously the present tariff will affect the manufacturers or their employees until it has been tested under various conditions. Those connected with the industry must bear the burden of this tariff experimentation, while those without employes to consider, or investments to protect, have nothing to lose."

TO GIVE RECIPAL

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DECREASE OF SNOW OVER WATERSHEDS

Excessive Rainfall and High Temperatures Send Streams Up Throughout State

There has been a decided decrease in the amount of accumulated snow over the watersheds of Pennsylvania during the past ten days, owing to the excessive rainfall and high temperature which prevailed over the State during the early part of the month. The depth of snow on the ground averages less than one inch in the Upper Ohio and Lower Monongahela valleys, with about two inches in the Upper Monongahela. Over the Allegheny Valley, there are from two to five inches of snow on the ground and from three to ten inches along the main ridge of the Allegheny mountains. The western and northern extremities of the Susquehanna watershed are under a snow cover from three to ten inches, decreasing to a trace at the southern boundary of the State, while over the southeastern part of the State the quantity of snow on the ground is very slight. The maximum amount of snow in the State lies along the top of the Allegheny mountains and the water equivalent of the snow on the ground is unusually high owing to recent rainfall which occurred since the accumulation of the snow. The low temperature which prevailed during the past few nights has caused ice to form on nearly all of the streams, most of which are now flowing with their surface covered with drift ice.

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