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Interest to Women

MONEY PROBLEM THREAT TO MARRIED HAPPINESS

(By Arthur Dean, Sc. D.)

"The mother of the boy to whom I am engaged is making unjust demands upon his weekly salary. He and I have been keeping company for four years, and only lately have things been bright enough for us to dare to set the date.

"He worked his way through high school, through college, bought all his clothes, paid all doctor bills, etc. Of the $30 which he now earns weekly, his mother demands $12 for his room and seven breakfasts (he pays for his dinners and lunches). There are three other wage-earners in the family.

"We are trying to save a substantial sum between now and Easter and at times the whole thing seems impossible. He spends $8 weekly for meals and car fare. He has a bill for tuition at the university which has to be paid at the rate of $5 a week. The balance of $5 must provide him with clothes, spending money, entertainment of very humble sort, and to increase our bank account besides. Do you think I am selfish and needlessly resentful of her attitude—Engaged.'

I don't believe that you are selfish and unjustly resentful, but I do think you are on the road to marital unhappiness if you keep worrying about the financial relationship between the young man and his mother. The biggest thing which makes hard going in the marriage game is the subject of finances. There are sharp words on the question of the money which the husband gives his relatives. I suspect that I would be a little selfish myself if I were a wife, pinching and saving and discovered my husband was handing over money to his mother or his sick sister or his brother. I'd feel somehow, that it was my money that he was spending.

This discussion should take place before marriage. She ought to agree to it, promise to let him assist his parents; keep her promise and be silent.

I know nothing about the expenses of his mother as you didn't tell me. She may have a big mortgage on the house. She may be putting money away because she is afraid that something will happen to her or her sons which will work an unnecessary hard ship. She may think that the amount she is charging him for a room and seven breakfasts is not too much, I think it is, and this leads me to say that I have never cared how little a boy gives his mother, provided she doesn't really need it, if the boy is putting money away and not spending it on gasoline.

Another thing comes to my mind. It is a little dangerous, Miss Engaged to become too much involved in a question such as you raise. You sympathize with him. That is natural. But if you express too much sympathy you will have to talk against the boy's mother, and, strange though it may seem, a boy will say a lot against his mother, but he will not let any one else do so. Again this money discussion might be taking up a great deal of your courting time and it might be sort of holding you together. Just now it is a big bond of sympathy, but it is a weak bond because in the end the boy will turn toward his mother.

He should tell her that he is expecting to be married on a certain date, he must have a certain amount of money on which to get married, and ask her to make her contribution to his happiness by reducing the board and room charge.

Wants to Help Her Sister

"Dear Dr. Dean: Please send me your leaflet, 'How to Study.' My kid sister is in her first year of high school, and I know it will be valuable to her. I wish I had had one myself when I was a freshman. I'm sure I wouldn't have left in the second year. Also please send me your complete list of leaflets. There are other subjects I wish to send for. The ones I have already received from you have done me a world of good. Sometimes I am in doubt, then I read them and I am convinced that my opinions are sometimes right and that my parents are sometimes right, too.—A Girl."

That's the way to talk. Parents are sometimes right. Some think they possess all knowledge and never listen to their children. The result is sometimes disastrous.

Treatment of Burns

(By Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, Former President, American Public Health Association)

When a person cuts his finger, often the first thing he does is to let the cold water run on the wound. But the doctor will tell him that is not the wise thing to do because this treatment stimulates the flow of blood instead of stopping it.

But when one burns his finger, letting the cold water run on the burn is a wise thing to do, because it gives immediate relief from pain, so says Dr. W. A. Wright, of Williston, N.D.

For a small burn, gauze soaked in cool water and applied to the burn will bring relief. In severe burns, the individual, clothing and all, should be put into a tub of lukewarm water. This simple first aid treatment may well be used, says Dr. Wright, before the arrival of the doctor, or before the patient is brought to a hospital.

When the doctor sees a person with a severe burn, the first thing he will want to do is to give the patient some relief from the pain. He knows that one of the best ways to do this, in most cases, will be to give an injection under the skin of a narcotic, such as morphine. Sterile dressings should be put on the burned areas, and the patient covered with blankets.

Hot water bottles or heat from an electric lamp may also be used to keep the individual warm, because a person with a severe burn may suffer from a condition of shock or collapse The patient may be given fluids by mouth, or they may be injected under the normal skin or into a vein.

In taking care of the burned skin itself, every effort should be made to prevent infection. The burned skin, as well as the skin around it, should be carefully cleaned off with soap and water. Ether or benzine may be used to get rid of the grease. While cleaning up the skin, it is often advisable to give the patient an anesthetic, since the process of cleaning may be excessively painful. After the skin is cleaned, the blisters should be opened and all the dead skin carefully cut off. This will leave raw surfaces which must have a protective covering.

Dr. Wright thinks that one of the best things to do is to use a 5 per cent solution of tannic acid, applied directly to the burn with ordinary gauze applicators. A liberal coating of the tannic acid is put on. The excess solution is gently wiped off, and then a ten per cent silver nitrate solution is put on. No bandages are put on over the burned area. A wire cradle or net is used to protect the burned parts from the bedding.

If infection develops, hot, wet dressings should be used until the infection subsides. If no infection occurs, within 6 to 12 days, a hard crust which is formed from the tannic acid, gradually loosens up and leaves either healed skin or clean scar tissue, depending on how deep the burn has been. Within three weeks, if necessary, skin grafts may be used. The exact kind of skin grafting done will depend on the location and the size of the burn.

PLEATS STRONG IN PARIS SHOWING

Accordion and Knife Types Used For South and Mid-season

PARIS—Trim, printed dresses with knife-pleated skirts worn under light weight woollen coats are featured for Southern wear in Lucien Lelong's midseason collection. Navy blue is combined with white in coats and dresses, and lightweight straight-lined coats are worn in pastels over black and navy blue frocks.

The collection indicates that after a winter rich with fur for every occasion, early spring costumes will be tailored on fitted lines with pleating, tucking and detail the only trim.

One of the most outstanding day time costumes in Lelong's collection is a navy wool coat designed with horizontal bands on the waist and a skirt accordion pleated from the low-cut waistline. A band of white pique lines the opening of the coat to the waistline with small gold buttons as fasteners, and a white band circles the close-fitting, untrimmed neckline. With the tailored, youthful coat is worn a dress of navy blue and white dotted stripes placed horizontally for the waist and vertically in the pleated skirt.

Molyneux shows a tailored black wool street dress with shirtwaist blouse and accordion-pleated skirt, and Paquin uses cartridge pleats for a distinctive navy costume. The seven-eighths coat of the ensemble is designed with pleats at the sides and back of the waistline, and the dress follows the same waistline pleats. The same cartridge motif is repeated in a close fitting neckline and shoulder epaulettes.

An entire evening gown is knife-pleated at Jenny's. Of bright blue and silver satin, the gown is made in panels with the the blue set in broad bands down the sides and across the lower part of the skirt in front. Cut simply with straight semi-molded lines, the gown has a high boat neckline back and front.

Heim introduces pleats at the back of a dusty pink wool dress trimmed with black composition pigeon buttons and a double box pleat is used for back fullness in a chocolate brown full-length evening wrap at that house.

Patou puts three inverted pleats in the front of a brown wool dress worn with a brown, beige and white diagonal plaid coat. Lucien Lelong pleats print dresses, and in one navy blue coat uses an accordion-pleated skirt and pleat trim.

For a navy wool suit, Mainbocher pleats the skirt from the hipline and with it shows a hip-length jacket and striped woollen blouse. Other suit skirts are pleated similarly and roses mark the waistline of a black tunic dress with pleats in the lower part of the skirt. He also shows a black lace dinner dress of tunic design with accordion-pleated skirt, and in blue chiffon makes another evening gown with accordion-pleated skirt and fitted lace bodice.

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ENCOURAGE MEN TO RELAX AT OWN HOME

(By Ruth Cameron)

"It is a desperately foolish woman, and one devoid of all pride, who will chatter about the shortcomings of her man to other women," says Powys.

And yet, such chatter among wives if it isn't bitter, sometimes clears an atmosphere which has become clouded with too much solitary brooding.

A group of women were chatting in goodnatured, desultory fashion over the teacups the other day, when one of them yawned and apologized, saying that she was tired from having been out late the night before.

'Jim's crazy about contract,' she explained, and he's always wanting to make up a foursome. I like to play well enough, but I could do with more evenings at home.'

'I wish Bob were crazy about some thing or other to do evenings,' said another 'He's a dear, but I don't know as I want to spend the rest of my life watching him sleep in his armchair'

'What you need is a sort of composite living picture of your two men, laughed one of the wives. 'A little of Jim and a little of Bob shaken together would make the ideal companion.'

Much as I sympathize with Bob's wife, I think the ideal husband would be one who had more of his characteristics than of Jim's.

For Bob loves his home.

I've heard him laugh ruefully over that tendency of his to fall asleep in the evening.

'"But, gosh, it's so darned restful to come home after a day of hard mental concentration at the office, where you don't dare relax a minute for fear of missing a trick and losing a contract to your competitor. Jane makes a grand home for me. It's her fault if I'm so contented that I hate to go out of it."

And Jane, mollified, admits that a contented, albeit sleepy husband is a lesser evil than one who must forever be looking abroad for recreation.

For the further consolation of other Janes whose husbands as one of them remarked are "just as lovable after 40, but awfully sleepy,' let me quote what George Jean Nathan says about the love which a man has for the woman who makes for him a home in which he finds surcease and rest from the turmoil of his working day.

"A man reserves his greatest and deepest love, not for the woman in whose company he finds himself electrified and enkindled, but for that one in whose company he may feel tenderly drowsy."

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