

IN FAMILY COURT A COMMON SORROW UNITES THE WIVES OF ALL AGES

Every Wife Thinks Her Man is the Worst Husband in the World — Cooking Causes More Marital Woes Than the Other Woman

NEW YORK, July 4—Are women more inclined to tell their marital difficulties in court than men? A recent visit to one of the larger family courts in New York city showed a count of 200 women to fifty men on one busy Monday morning.

Imagine if you can, the sight of two hundred angry, sad and embittered wives with a sprinkling of embarrassed husbands in one judicial chamber together and you see love at its zero point.

What makes them come, these two hundred women a day to seek redress, to complain about, non-support and sometimes just to tell the newly established social worker their troubles as a means of an emotional outlet.

Her Own Case the Worst
How old are they, what do they look like, are they poor housekeepers, nagging wives or just victims of the eternal triangle? Do these two hundred women have any one characteristic in common which would cause two hundred husbands to be recalcitrant?

They have one characteristic in common. Each one thinks that she alone has reached the zenith of suffering with her own husband and that no other woman could have endured as much as she has.

Strange as it may seem, the eternal triangle does not occur in most of the cases. The average wife who brings

"My man's not good looking enough" one stout lady confided, "for any other woman to be interested in him, especially since he got his false teeth and lost his hair."

As the more mundane things of life which cause the family quarrels. Different viewpoints on housekeeping, religion, sexual rights, age, nationality and the upbringing of the children cause most of the quarrels. Cooking plays an important part in the drama that unfolds itself. In the strange melting pot of the city, diverse people often fall in love with one another but sometimes they are unable to fall in love with the foods and customs of one another's diverse nationalities.

The brawny Canadian can be trained to eat spaghetti during the first glamorous days of the honeymoon but unless his Italian bride is able to catch on to a few other culinary tricks and learn to cook some of the foods he is accustomed to eating there is bound to be trouble.

Of All Ages
A glance about the crowded ante-chamber would show that the wives

varied in age, type and looks. They are not solely young brides who are supposed to fall in and out of love at the first burned biscuit or first tiff with an over-protective mother in law. The gray haired matron seated on a nearby bench and engaged in talking to a court attendant has weathered thirty years of married life for her children's sake but feels that now that they are happily married she does not have to go on much longer.

"I won't stand his drinking any longer, she announces, "I am planning to leave and sue for a separation."

A Common Sorrow

A young matron nearby nods her head sympathetically. She is seeking redress in court because of her husband's habit of leaving home for two or three weeks at a time to stay at his mother's home if the household bills are high or the baby takes to crying at night.

Bad housekeeping isn't always the cause of family quarrels. Sometimes overzealous wives shudder every time their husbands track up a newly scrubbed kitchen floor and have hysterics when their well ordered homes are upset.

The average husband does not show up very gallantly in family court. He isn't averse to "taking a poke" at the little woman when angry. Perfect husbands often lose their tempers and bestow a black eye or a bruised arm as a token of their disapproval. Sometimes, the wives beat the husbands. The rolling pin has gone out of style but the coffee pot and the frying pan are still handy weapons for the wife who seeks to perfect her aim.

The morning seems the most opportune time for family quarrels.

One milkman's wife told her story tearfully. Her husband worked at night, came home at six in the morning

and went to bed. He generally demanded his breakfast served in bed at 11 o'clock. His wife objected to this. She could barely cook breakfast, wash the dishes and do her shopping and she felt that she was being imposed upon.

It Looked Pleasant

"He saw some man in the movies one night being served by his valet and having his breakfast in bed and it gave him the idea," she charged.

The judge restored peace in the family by ordering the husband to appear at the table for breakfast and to forego the luxury of breakfasting in bed.

Another young husband of twenty-two could not reconcile himself to the dreary routine of domestic life. He wanted to go dancing every night and could see no reason why he should stay at home with his eighteen year old bride and their six month's old baby.

Those Who Dance

"She can go out too," he offered generously.

He was sulky when it was suggested to him that he curtail his dancing hours and use his time more productively.

The most pitiful lot of all are the middle aged childless women who are no longer employable and who have been pursuing their husbands through the courts for years for support.

One woman who is now 55 and ill, has been in and out of court for the past 15 years. She has blocked every effort her husband has made to get a divorce. Her bitterness has made her vindictive and her main effort in life is to see that he keeps up his weekly payments to her.

Love, Honor, Obey?

There is no hope of reconciliation in some cases. In others, a friendly word

ONE KILLED, ONE HURT IN PRISON BREAK

PENDLETON Indiana, July 3—One youth was killed and another was wounded critically yesterday when 4 prisoners attempted to escape the State Reformatory.

Simon Dyer, 24, was shot down just as he was scaling the outer wall and Robert McAllister, 24, was wounded in the shoulder as he dropped to the ground outside the wall.

Robert Sanders, 18, was captured immediately, but Darrell Paul Jones, 23, escaped. Physicians said McAllister would not live.

The youths gained the outer court through the wash room which serves the dormitory, reaching the ground by means of a rope they fashioned from bed sheets. As they came to the wall which surrounds the grounds of the reformatory a guard saw them and commanded them to stop. He fired when they refused.

Dyer was serving 2 to 21 years for voluntary manslaughter, McAllister, Saunders and Jones were sentenced for robbery.

U. S. FISCAL DEFICIT \$3,575,357,963
WASHINGTON, July 4—The United States Treasury's deficit for the fiscal year ending last Sunday was \$3,575,357,963.

The figure, covering the second full year of the New Deal Administration, compares with a deficit of \$3,989,496,035.42 in the previous fiscal period.

of advice, a threat of a jail sentence or a recommendation for either physical or mental care will avert further trouble.

However, the judge, the social worker and the court attendant all know how villainous a husband may be painted by a wife, she is often ready to go back on all the legal authorities if he shows any signs of repentance. The words "To Love, to Honor and to Obey," still hold their potent charm for the feminine mind.

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The Jersey cow Woodland Myrna bred by Alton D. Lister, Harvey Station, New Brunswick and owned by Corey Lewis, Salisbury N. B., has completed a record at 2 years and 166 days of age in 365 days of 8,185 lbs. of milk 496 lbs. of fat with an average test of 6.06 per cent.

The Jersey cow Campburn Blonde Beatrice bred and owned by Charles Robison & Sons Harvey Station N. B. has completed a record at 2 years and 18 days of age in 365 days of 8,542 lbs. of milk 444 lbs. of fat, with an average test of 5.19 per cent.

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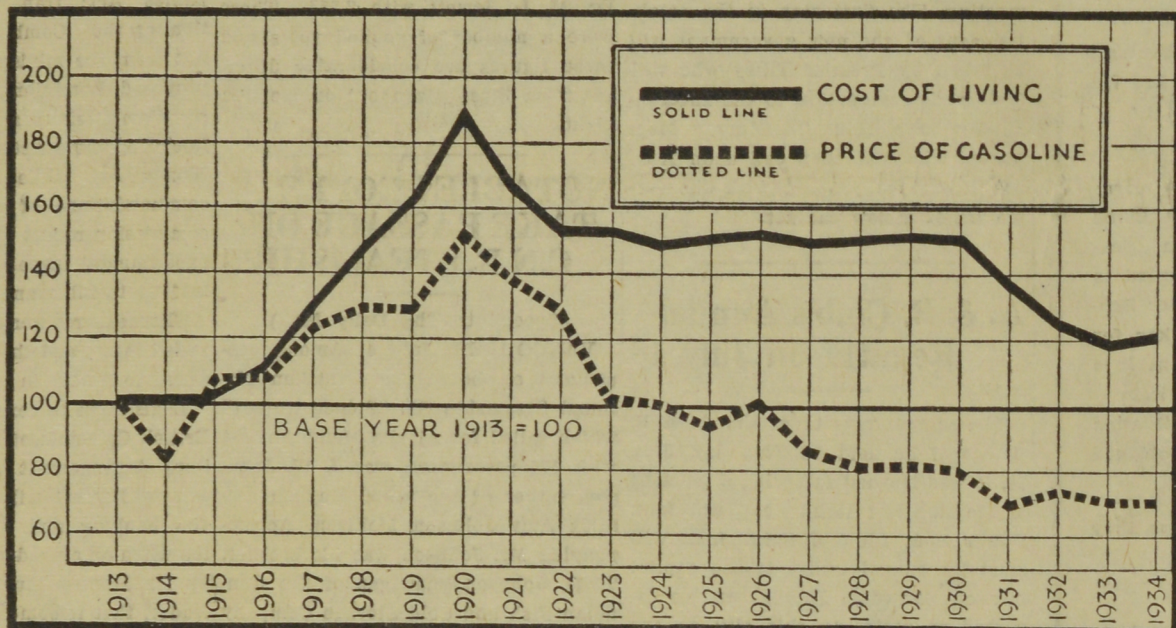
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