

WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

THE SORT OF MAN TO MARRY

By DOROTHY DIX.

A young woman writes me a letter in which she says:

"I am engaged to be married to a young man who, I think, puts too much value on appearances. He goes to cheap places to dine and cooks his own breakfast in his room, but he patronizes an expensive tailor. He denies himself the pleasure of smoking because he cannot afford fine cigars, and he will not be seen smoking a cheap one. He only takes me to the theater once a month, because he will not sit in any but the best seats. What do you think of this kind of a man? What sort of a husband do you think he will make?"

Judging from the tone of my correspondent's letter, I imagine that she does not approve of the system upon which her sweetheart has elected to play the game of life. Yet it is a shrewd and worldly-wise one, and one that nine times out of ten is a winner.

This young man is putting up a bluff at prosperity, and Fortune is a whimsical jade that smiles sweetest upon those who woo her boldest.

One of the problems that every poor person who desires to get along in the world has to face is whether it is better to be comfortable or smart and fashionable—whether, in other words, it is better to spend your money for a square meal or good clothes, whether it is better to live in a big warm room and wear hand-me-down or to abide in a hall bedroom and adorn yourself in tailor-mades.

SO GOES THE VARIED WORLD.

Different men decide this question in different ways, and according to their decision is their fate in life. Sometimes the impecunious youth chooses the succulent beefsteak, and the savory mushroom, and the flowing mug of beer, and the comfortable old clothes—and he remains to the end of his days in the class in which he began.

If he is a carpenter, for instance he stays a mechanic, contented and

happy in the station of life to which he has been called. If, however, he is the kind who is willing to go hungry in order that he may dress like a professional man, he is willing to do without the necessities in order to have the luxuries, he has that within him that will make him rise above his class just as surely as water seeks its level. He may begin life as a carpenter, but he will end it as a big contractor.

Of course the unambitious people who spend their money on good food and warm flannels instead of show and who are satisfied to go plodding along among neighbors who do just as they do, have the best of daily comfort, and perhaps get most of happiness out of life, but they never progress. And they never arrive.

It is the desire for something better than you have, and the determination to have it, even if it is only a better house and better clothes that forces people onward and upward. Contentment is not progress although some people consider it a sort of hypocrisy for a man to spend his money in putting up "a front" instead of making himself comfortable, but this is a narrow and mistaken view to take of the matter. The man has simply had the sagacity to realize that his appetite is a private matter between himself and his stomach, but that his appearance is a matter between himself and the public, and in deferring to the public instead of to his own inclinations he takes a long shot at winning out.

YOU MUST LOOK THE PART.

For their is no denying the truth of the old proverb that nothing succeeds like success, and if you wish to be successful you must look the part. To appear poor and needy and shabby and down at the heels is its own hoodoo of bad luck. It makes everybody suspicious of your ability to do things.

Why, asks inexorable logic, should this man or woman look like a human rag bag unless he or she is

either lazy or utterly incompetent? Surely if this man was industrious and clever he could make enough money to dress well. Certainly if this woman had any talents she would receive sufficient pay to buy her some good clothes.

We unconsciously gauge men's and women's abilities by the way they are dressed, and if their clothes are smart and up to date we jump to the conclusion that they are the sort of alert, wide awake people whose services are worth good money. If a shabby man and a well dressed man apply for the same job, it is invariably the better dressed one who gets it.

A woman with a thirty-dollar hat and a hundred-dollar tailor-made and her hair done in the latest style can sell a busy man, who never reads anything but the newspapers. "The Lives of the Presidents in 9 'Volumes,'" whereas the shabby sister in a last year's bird's nest can never get in telephoning distance of his office boy.

Considering the way the world is built, the wisdom of pinching on your stomach to spread on your back, and of putting your last dollar in fine raiment, is beyond argument. A new "Sartor Resartus" might be written on the moral effects of ruffled tunic and creased trousers. Restaurant waiters defer to them, office boys open doors to them, customers are polite to them, even employers respect them.

Nor have we any right to complain because the world judges us by our clothes. It is all that is on the outside, and all that people have to go by in estimating us, and they show pretty well the sort of men and women we are.

As to what sort of a husband a man will make who will eat at a cheap restaurant in order to have good clothes, I do not know. But one thing: I do know, and that is that if I married a man who had that much grit, self-denial and good hard business sense, I would prepare myself to raise in the world with him. For he'll get there!



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Miss Fairfax Answers Queries

MAKING UP YOUR MIND.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have been having two young men call on me for some time, and do not think it proper to receive attentions from both. I like them both, but want to make up my mind as to which one I prefer. One has a much finer position than the other, and has a chance of advancing. That doesn't make any difference to me. I want to be sure I am taking the right one. They know about one another, as they have met.

UNDECIDED.

Which one of these young men do you feel you need to complete and round out your life? Which one do you understand and approve of? Which one gives you the most vital sympathy and understanding? Which one do you feel that you cannot live without? That one you must choose and no one outside of yourself can help you.

HOG WEIGHED 556 POUNDS

Special to The Telegraph

Dillsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—One of the largest hogs killed in this section for some time was that of one belonging to J. L. McCreary, of South Baltimore street, which was butchered on Thursday which weighed 556 pounds.

HURT WHILE COASTING

Shepherdstown, Pa., Dec. 21.—Carl Spahr, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Spahr, while coasting was struck in the face with a sled. He sustained several painful bruises rendering him unconscious. He was taken to his home and a physician summoned.

LECTURE FOR BAND

Halifax, Pa., Dec. 21.—Dr. Ora Samuel Gray, who lectured in the Royal theater on Friday evening under the auspices of the Halifax Citizens' band, made a big hit and he is said to have produced the best lecture ever given in Halifax. The theater was well filled.

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WHICH IS RIGHT?

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

My friend is twenty, and one who last year went to a dance almost every week, each time accompanied by a different girl. This year he is a member of a club, where he renewed an old acquaintance with a girl, and has been taking her out for seven months. He says: "I've taken many a girl out in the last year or so, and I always figured they would be good wives. Now, I'm going with Eva, and after a study of her character I hope she some day will become my wife. I like her because she's respectable, sensible, and above all she respects her parents. I'll stick to her until I'm old enough to marry."

My friend is a smart and sensible man and in business for himself, but I claim he should not keep company with the girl now, for he is too young and in time he will grow sick of the girl.

DUBIOUS.

I do not believe in long engagements. On the other hand, a friendship such as you describe may be simply friendship for years to come and then ripen into the best and sanest sort of love and marriage—one founded on companionship. I do not think there is any danger of this young man's growing "sick of the girl"—if he does tire of her companionship—think how irksome the marriage bond would become. I should be glad to hear from my readers on this subject.

IT WOULD BE PROPER.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

May I have the benefit of your advice concerning the propriety of accepting furs as a Christmas gift from the man I am engaged to be married to?

ELSA S.

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