

Women and Their Interests

Dorothy Dix on "Women's Lack of Humor"

BY DOROTHY DIX
To everyone who takes an altruistic interest in the feminine sex it is bound to be a matter of profound regret that women have so little sense of humor. They miss such a good joke in not being able to see themselves.

What else, for instance, has ever been so sardonically humorous as the spectacle presented by the suffragettes of starving themselves to death to spite a government that wouldn't give them the vote?

Or what could be more amusing than woman's idea of enjoying herself at her club by sitting and listening to a deathly dull essay on the "Ancient Byzantine Empire," that some sister clubwoman has dug out of the encyclopedia?

And isn't it a scream that the majority of middle aged wives are actually going through all sorts of torturing exercises, and enduring starvation diets in order to keep themselves thin and lithe to retain the affection of fat, bald, rheumatic, bay windowed husbands?

These and a hundred other feminine peculiarities—to say nothing of the spectacle of a stout lady in the present style high water skirt—add to the gaiety of nations, and it is heart-breaking to reflect that the poor dears, who furnish so much amusement to others, miss the joke themselves.

It is, therefore, gratifying to notice that the feminine bump of humor is beginning to grow, and that lovely woman is at last coming to the place where she can enjoy a joke on herself, which is, as every one will agree, the acid test of genuine appreciation of fun.

The proof of this is furnished by a lady who recently had her husband arrested after he had beaten her every day for a week until she was battered and blue and had both eyes bugged up.

At the trial, however, she withdrew her charge of assault and battery, stating, in explanation of her change of position, that she had found out that her husband was merely whipping her for fun, and to prove to a friend with whom he had made a wager that he could beat her every day for a month. "Had I known that at the time," added the humor-loving wife, "I should not have had him arrested, but would have helped him to win his bet, but the mix-up came through his not having let me in on the joke."

Of course, many husbands complain that their wives do not catch the point of their witticisms, and so the wife who can take a drubbing as a playful bit of repartee will certainly do much toward making matrimony a merry jest. This new attitude of women should be hailed with rapture, for there is no doubt that it will do more than anything else to lessen the domestic tension and

change life from a tragedy into a farce comedy.

Everything depends on the point of view, and if women can only learn to look at matrimonial contretemps humorously instead of pessimistically their happiness and peace of mind are assured. For example, take the very common case of the husband who stays out at night with the boys, and comes home gloriously tanked up.

Very few wives have ever seen anything in that situation except tears and anguish. Yet on the stage the maudlin fellow with his hat smashed in, his collar off, who staggers round from one side to the other, is considered so excruciatingly amusing that he gets round after round of applause.

If women's sense of humor has reached the point where they can see a joke in a beating, may we not anticipate the day when the drunkard's wife will joyously wait up for her spouse's return for the purpose of laughing at his funny efforts to find the keyhole, and thus one of the common sorrows of life be eliminated?

How much, too, it would do to brighten life if wives could only learn to regard their husbands' remarks about the household bills as mere facetiousness? It is really, when you come to think of it, absurdly funny, for a man to ask his wife what she did with that quarter he gave her week before last, or to expect her to keep house on air, and it's nothing but women's lack of the sense of humor that has prevented them from enjoying these domestic jokes.

Certainly, if every man were court jester to his wife, and she regarded his criticism on her housekeeping and his flings at her lack of management, and her general vanity and weaknesses as an amusing monologue, delivered for her special regaling, she would save herself many a pang she now suffers. It is better to laugh than to cry, and to have your funny bone tickled than it is to have your feelings hurt.

And think of the hilarious time women could have if, instead of being worried by the bills, they had their Noras, and Hildas, and Dinahs, and their in-laws, they could see that the servant problem, and the mother-in-law question are funny instead of tragical, and that in wrestling with them they are being permitted to dip into two of the perennial fountains of humor. Likewise, that when their children are bad and mischievous they should laugh with them, as with the Katzenjammer Kids in private life.

In all good truth, women have always taken themselves too seriously, and an appreciation of humor would save them much trouble. And it would prevent them from making fools of themselves so many, many times.

KAUFMAN'S CASE GOES OVER AGAIN

Dauphin County Man Was Once Refused Pardon; Two Murderers Refused Commutation

The Board of Pardons last night announced that it had continued the case of Dave Kaufman, serving from two and a half to three years in the Eastern Penitentiary for larceny committed in this county. Kaufman was convicted in 1913 and was refused pardon early in the year. A new application was made on the ground that his accomplice had been freed and that the punishment was disproportionate. Some investigations will be made.

The board announced these decisions: Refused—Mike Louisa, Schuykill, and George H. March, Delaware, first degree murder; C. H. A. Dissinger, larceny as bailee, Lancaster; Herman F. Borchers, forgery, etc., Allegheny; George Lee, burglary, Cameron; Stanley Pietrykowski, felonious entry, etc., Montgomery; Louis Levine, larceny, Allegheny; Michael Rose, statutory rape, Montgomery; Alex Paglia, illegal sale of liquor, Lawrence; Joseph Garzynski, larceny, Philadelphia; John Gallagher, assault and battery, Philadelphia; William C. Truxal, manslaughter, Lawrence; Francesco Scall, second degree murder, Philadelphia; Angelo de Ermenegildo, second degree murder, Chester; Charles Mars, larceny, Philadelphia; John Yeager, assault and battery, Franklin; James Stetson, larceny, York; Giuseppe Ferraro, second degree murder, Philadelphia; Luca Scoge, manslaughter, Philadelphia; Robert Bacon, burglary, Philadelphia; Felix Storti, second degree murder, Philadelphia; John Zakaluk, burglary, Lackawanna; George Wright, larceny, Bucks; James Musky, larceny, Delaware; John Behun, burglary, Chester; Frank Muscaro, assault and battery, Philadelphia; John Clifford, assault, Philadelphia; Daniel M. Yake, assault, Lebanon; David Stearns, burglary, etc., Bucks; Albert Nipert, burglary, Monroe; Julia Tronsue, larceny, Bradford; Charles and Edgar Uhler, burglary, Lehigh.

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Class Dinner to Mark Start of Commencement Exercises at Academy

Commencement exercises of the Harrisburg Academy, which will begin Friday evening with a class dinner at the Harrisburg Country Club, will continue until Thursday morning, June 3. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Brown will tender a reception to the graduating class members of the faculty and the trustees of the Academy, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. On Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. John D. Fox, pastor of the Episcopal Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. The commencement dance will be held Tuesday, June 1, at 8 o'clock. A feature of the exercises will be a baseball game between the sixth form and the faculty Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. In the evening, at 8:15 o'clock, "As You Like It" will be played by the Harrisburg Company on the Academy campus. The exercises will terminate Thursday morning, June 3, with commencement exercises at the Majestic Theater.

Temporary Receiver Asked For African Ostrich Co.

Special to The Telegraph
Sunbury, Pa., May 27.—A temporary receiver for the African Ostrich Farm and Feather Company has been asked for by creditors of the concern which formerly maintained offices at Harrisburg and still operates an ostrich "farm" adjoining Paxtang Park. A hearing in an equity proceeding will be held Monday. Collusion and fraud on the part of the management has been charged by holders of some of the stock, and Judge Witmer deferred action on the request for a temporary receiver until that time as the stockholders have also asked that a receiver be appointed. The directors at a meeting last Saturday joined in the request for a temporary receiver. Claim, however, was made at the time that the company is not insolvent.

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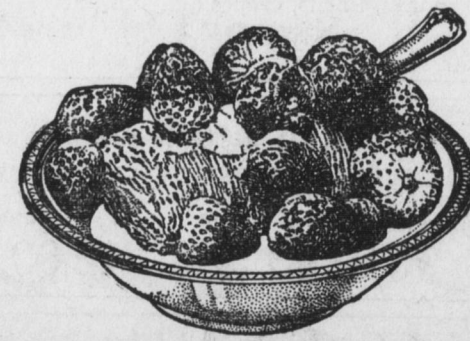
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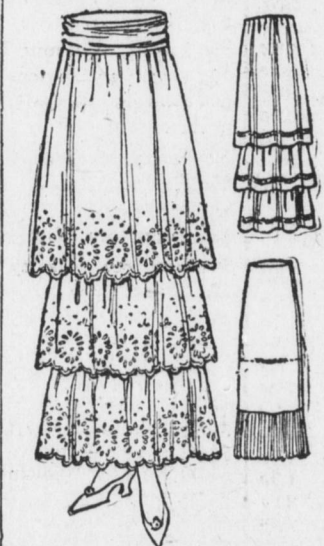
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MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL

Special to The Telegraph
Little Britain, May 27.—The Rev. Alexander Thompson, pastor of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church, has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Westfield, New York. He is a graduate of the Princeton University and has been apstor here for six and a-half years.

TO KEEP TREASURER'S OFFICE OPEN FOR TAX DELINQUENTS

Beginning to-night, City Treasurer O. M. Copelin will keep his office open from 7:30 to 9 o'clock to accommodate the citizens who have not yet paid their personal school taxes for 1914. The same hours will hold good to-morrow and Saturday evenings. The office will also be open from 2:30 o'clock until 5.

"ESMERALDA" AT NORMAL

Special to The Telegraph
Shippensburg, Pa., May 27.—Preparations are being made for the Alumni play, which will be given at Normal school on Alumni Day, June 22. The title is "Esmeralda." The play is under the direction of Miss Stroth.

\$12,494 GIVEN FOR RELIEF WORK HERE

Nearly All of This Sum Was Spent For Wages and Material For 40,000 Pieces of Supplies

Citizens of Harrisburg and vicinity contributed \$12,494.97 to the work of the Home and War Relief Committee during the past winter.

Just \$11,906.61 was spent in wages for needy women and for materials upon which they sewed.

Forty thousand one hundred and sixteen pieces of supplies were made up by the paid workers, volunteers and committee workers.

Citizens contributed \$5,998.60 in the house-to-house canvass made during the winter.

Four hundred and six families received wages ranging from \$1 to \$3 each week during the fifteen-week period.

These are some of the figures and facts regarding the wonderful relief work done last winter which were made public yesterday evening by Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert, chairman of the executive committee.

WOMAN FALLS FROM PORCH

Special to The Telegraph
Marletta, May 27.—Mrs. William Apple, living near town, yesterday fell from a high porch and was badly injured. Her left arm was broken at the elbow, and she is hurt internally.

County Boys Take Honors at Conway Hall This Year

Special to The Telegraph
Carlisle, Pa., May 27.—County boys have secured the majority of honors for the year at Conway Hall, according to the statement of standing made to-day by Dr. W. A. Hutchinson, headmaster of the institution. George Rupp, of Shiremanstown, has secured the valedictory oration for the commencement exercises to be held next Wednesday and has the highest grade for the four years, and honor orations have been assigned to the following for class standing: Joseph Hillbush, Newville; Ira Pimm, Camden, N. J.; Robert Reiner, Muir; Clyde Sheaffer, Shiremanstown; Kenneth Steck, Carlisle. The commencement exercises begin Saturday, May 30, and continue until Wednesday when the annual commencement will be held.

The class this year is a large one, and numbers the following: George W. Blair, Cresson; George Bacon, Laurel, Del.; Rollin Clark, Mansfield, Conn.; Abe Goldin, Shenandoah; Roscoe Gougler, Harrisburg; Dallas Gangwer, Allentown; Joseph Hillbush, Newville; Whiting Herrick, St. Marys; Evans Sanby, Chester; Ernest Kemp, Nanticoke; James Lupfer, Bellwood; Frank Martin, Easton; Robert Mumper, Mechanicburg.

Louis MacGregor, Carlisle; John H. Metzger, Rebersburg; Ira Pimm, Camden, N. J.; Roy Pickens, Bellwood; Robert Reiner, Muir; Charles Reed, Mt. Carmel; George Rupp, Shiremanstown; Leon Speck, Carlisle; Alton Simpson, Pittsburgh; Luis Seruano, Ecuador, S. A.; Kenneth Steck, Carlisle; Clyde Sheaffer, Shiremanstown; George Switzer, Plymouth; Thurlow Todd, Phillipsburg; Richard Vaughan, Royersford.

AUTO PLUNGES INTO RIVER

Car Gets Beyond Control of Lad Who Changes Gear
Special to The Telegraph
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 27.—Changing a gear on his father's automobile,

which had been left standing by the chauffeur to-day in front of the home of Lyman H. Howe, the moving picture producer, of this city, Harold Howe was unable to control the machine, which, after dashing across fashionable Riverside Drive, plunged over the bank, 30 feet, to the Susquehanna river and lodged in nineteen feet of water. Young Howe was able to extricate himself, swim to the surface and then to shore, a short distance away. The machine has been recovered.

WRECK CAUSES DEATH

Special to The Telegraph
Hagerstown, Md., May 27.—Excitement caused by a wreck caused the sudden death of Conductor Lewis Van Dean, an employe of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Brunswick yesterday. The train of which Dean had charge, met with a slight wreck near Germantown and he was thrown against the side of the caboose. Shortly after Dean was taken suddenly ill and his collapse was followed by death.

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