

# WOMEN'S INTERESTS

## WHY I NEVER MARRIED

No. 9—The Woman who saw too many Matrimonial Scarcrows Tells Her Story.

Why do so many women who are attractive, intelligent, full of human affection and tenderness—the sort of women who were designed by nature to make ideal wives and mothers—never marry?

Is it because they were bent on celibacy? Or is it because men were too stupid to know a good thing when they saw it, and so passed them over. Or is it the fault of social conditions that never gave them their matrimonial chance?

It is one of life's great puzzles, and in an attempt to solve it, Dorothy Dix has asked a number of charming old maids why they never married.

By DOROTHY DIX  
"The reason I am an old maid," said the ninth woman, "is because of the awful examples of matrimony that I saw all about me. I beheld so many scarcrows fluttering their rags of warning in the domestic fold that I was afraid to enter."

"To begin with, in my own home there was nothing to lead one to think of marriage as a desirable, not to say, a holy idea. Rather it was a perpetual scrapping match. My father and mother were both good people, high minded, honorable, even kindly and generous, but they were both nervous, irritable, quick-tempered and utterly lacking in self control."

"They possessed all the virtues, and none of the amenities of life, and it never occurred to either one of them to use any tact or forbearance in dealing with a mere husband or wife."

"Conscious that they were doing their duty to each other, they did not feel it necessary to be polite, to spare each other's feelings, and the result was that my father used to speak to my mother as he would never have dreamed of speaking to any other lady in the world, and that my mother would say vitriolic things to him that must have seared to the bone."

"Yet I think my parents were truly attached to each other. They simply belonged to that large class of people who feel that they have a right to take out on their own the nerves and temper they dare not inflict on the outside world, and, that the freedom of the home circle is freedom to lay aside their good manners with their good clothes, and go negligee in conduct as well as dress."

**THING TO AVOID.**  
"However that may be, my first impression of matrimony was as a thing to be avoided, and I remember as a small child, used to think that if I ever did marry I wouldn't get a husband who was as disagreeable about the bills as my father was. Then I would wonder why a man would work himself to death to support a woman in luxury who manifested as little appreciation of what he did as my mother did of what my father gave her."

"After I was grown and began to look around a bit, I didn't see very much to alter my original impression that marriage is the greatest gamble on earth, and the one in which you risk the most with the

least prospect of winning the prize. My girl friends married, and from time to time I visited them, but there was nothing in their lots that made me want to go and do likewise.

"There was Susie, the daintiest, most delicate, the most flowerlike creature I ever knew in my life. She was one of those girls who are all idealism and dreams, almost too ethereal for this sordid old world. Susie married a nice young fellow, but he proved to be one of the kind of men who are simply incapable of money-making."

"After she had been married about four years I went to see her, and she was the most dragged out, washed out wraith of a woman you ever saw, with three or four sickly little crying children hanging to her untidy skirts, and her shabby home looking as if a Kansas cyclone had passed through it."

"And there was Mamie, the gay-hearted, the laughing, a perpetual spring of bubbling fun. Mamie married 'well'—that is, she married a prosperous business man, and has had all the comforts of life, but the hard hand of a master that had wrung a fortune out of the women and children of a woman you ever saw, with three or four sickly little crying children hanging to her untidy skirts, and her shabby home looking as if a Kansas cyclone had passed through it."

"And there's Janie. Janie went into business when she finished school. She had a genius for it, and went up in her office by leaps and bounds until she became assistant to the manager and was earning a big salary. She gave up her position to get married to a man who believes that a woman's place is in the home, and that a wife is nothing but a servant without wages."

"Janie works ten times as hard as she ever did before, and twice as many hours a day cooking, scrubbing, sewing, mending and she hasn't even a cook's wages."

"Janie traded off independence and luxury for the life of a domestic slave, and if she doesn't think she made a fool bargain, I misread the look in her eyes."

"Of course, I know that not all marriages are failures. I know that the successful marriage is the nearest approach to heaven on earth that we ever get in this world, but I have asked myself, 'Who am I that I should hope to be one of the darlings of the gods to be so blessed as to win the capital prize in the great matrimonial lottery?'"

"And no answer forthcoming. I have simply been afraid to risk my all on one throw of the dice. That's why I am an old maid—just sheer cowardice to undertake the great adventure."

### Don't Let Soap Spoil Your Hair

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulsified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

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By MAY MANTON



9131 (With Basting Line and Added Seam Allowance) Blouse with or without Cape Collar, 34 to 42 bust, 9149 (With Basting Line and Added Seam Allowance) Flounced Skirt, 24 to 30 waist.

This is a gown that shows two distinctly new features. Here, the material is the taffeta that serves so many uses, but it is easy to think of this model copied in a dozen different fabrics. It would be charming made of crepe de chine and it could be used for charmuse with perfect success. The blouse is a perfectly simple one but with an unusual collar and sleeves. The skirt consists of a plain front that is gathered at the upper edge, ruffled sides and a back that is extended to form the fourth ruffle, the edges of which fall in soft drapery.

For the medium size the blouse will require 2 1/2 yards of material 27 inches wide; 2 yards 36 or 2 1/4 yards 44, with 3/4 yard 36 for collar and cuffs, 5 yards of velvet ribbon; for the skirt will be needed, 1 yard 36 inches wide for the foundation, 7 1/4 yards 27 or 36 or 5 1/4 yards 44, for the flounces, 15 yards of velvet ribbon.

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### Starve Husband if You'd Avoid Divorce

Washington.—Starve your husband and avoid divorce. The Rev. Dr. H. H. Kress, evangelist, has figured it out, wives. If you haven't the heart to starve friend husband, at least don't feed him meat.

### GERMAN PLANE DOWNED

Paris, Aug. 3.—The American air squadron scored another success on Monday, when Sergeant N. Lufberry downed his first German flyer near Etain. Lufberry dived immediately behind the hostile machine, firing from his mitrailleuse. The German pilot fell forward over the controls and the plane dropped headlong. Three other Germans attacked Lufberry, but he got home safely.

### Butcher Boy Takes Out Own Appendix

Greeley, Ohio.—Roy E. Wright, 16, an employe of a butcher here, removed his own appendix as neatly and efficiently, physicians say, as a surgeon might have done it. The youth is the son of Dr. W. O. Wright and has spent his life as a carver of beaves.

### Hoboes' Summer Villa Is an Old Sewer Pipe

Haverhill, Mass.—A 24-inch sewer pipe which was left at Plug Pond in preparation for the building of the marginal sewer was converted into a summer residence by Marshall Villars.

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