

Blow Given Sacrificing for Secrecy

Keeping Baby Declared Better Course for Unwed Mother

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NEW YORK, May 22.—Should the unmarried mother be encouraged to keep her baby or to give it out for adoption?

The problem is discussed by Dr. Ruth Reed in a study of the 2,000 illegitimate births which occurred in New York in one year. The report, which was made for the Welfare Council, criticizes the attitude of some social service agencies which sacrifice all other considerations to the strictest secrecy in order to protect the reputation of the mother.

These agencies, she reports, encourage the young women to keep everything a secret from their parents.

although very often the family, after the first shock of disapproval, might have helped the mother to keep her child.

They separate the baby and mother so soon after birth as to endanger the life of the child and give it to an adoption society.

Often, because of the fetish of secrecy, this second agency keeps no record of the baby's identity, making it impossible for his mother ever to reclaim him.

The story of the unmarried mother is not one which we expect to have a happy ending. Even the old-fashioned solution of a forced marriage does not fit in with our present ideals. Unless there is a real affection between the parents of the child, a reluctant legalization of their relationship usually will lead only to bitterness and discord.

The mother who has to decide whether to give her child away for adoption or not is in a state of acute panic. She dreads the disgrace of her situation becoming known. She imagines her family and friends pointing the finger of scorn at her.

And if the social agency to which she has appealed encourages her in these fears she is very apt to feel that her only course is to give up the child and go on living as if he had never been born.

Another side of story But there is a catch to this. For unless this woman is an unusually hard and calloused person she is going to remember her baby's existence and to wonder whether he is being kindly treated. She is going to want to see him take his first step and to help him cut his first tooth. And she will not be allowed so much as a glimpse of him or news of what name he bears. There will be a tragedy of frustration and self-reproach.

But does the woman who keeps her baby really have so much to fear? She can, in most cases, move to another city, where no one knows her story, and pass as a widow. She can, if she has unusual courage, face her world and make no effort at concealment. The joy of keeping her child by her side will more than make up for the criticism of uncharitable outsiders.

World More Tolerant Today The world today is a more kindly and tolerant place than in the days when a woman was made a parish for having a fatherless child.

The organizations which care for such cases were once known as "Homes for Fallen Women." Today many of them are called clubs or James Smithson, founder of the Smithsonian Institution and an illegitimate son, Louis Hackney, lists some prominent men and women who have overcome the stigma of illegitimacy as an encouragement to other such children. The list includes Alexander Hamilton, Sarah Bernhardt and Gordon Craig.

The fatherless child starts life at a disadvantage, it is true. But if his mother is a wise woman she will not attempt to solve the problem by making him motherless, too.

Mt. Holyoke Club Meets Mrs. Edward Haynes of Portland and Miss Katherine Weaver of Greensburg, were out-of-town guests at a luncheon of the Indiana Mt. Holyoke Club Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Archer C. Sinclair, 3620 Totten lane. Mrs. Robert S. Sinclair is club president.



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Contract Bridge

Today's Contract Problem

South is playing the contract at three no trump. West opens a heart, East wins with the ace and returns a heart. Declarer wins and leads a club, which West wins with the ace. What should West's next play be?

▲ Q 10 8 6 3
♥ K J 2
♦ A J
♣ K 9 3

▲ AK 9
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ A 4 2

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Solution to Previous Contract Problems

BY W. E. MCKENNEY
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CONTRACT bridge is not made up of two separate games—the bidding and the play. Many persons are under the impression that bidding is the important part in contract, but the bidding is only a prophecy of the play that follows.

If you and your partner prophesy that, with the cards you hold, you can make thirteen tricks, you may find that it will take exceptionally fine play to carry out your prophecy.

During the bidding of contract, try to visualize the play, but by all means learn to play your cards well, because bidding systems are based on accurate play.

You will also find that you will often get into a bad contract, but exceptionally fine play will allow you to make it.

Today we find a hand in which two finesses must work to give the declarer his contract, but by properly timing the hand, and with both finesses working, a squeeze will work out so that the declarer can make seven odd. The bidding given here is as it actually occurred in the game.

WEST made the most difficult opening on the hand—the eight of diamonds—which must be won with the ace in dummy. The heart finesse is taken, and when it holds, a small club is led and won in dummy with the ten.

Another heart is played and the queen finesse is taken. Declarer now leads a small club, which wins in dummy with the ace, returning a small spade and finessing the queen which holds.

South then cashes the king, queen and jack of clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy. East lets go the seven of spades, the five of diamonds, and the king of hearts.

Declarer then plays the ace of hearts, which squeezes East. He must let go a diamond. So the declarer then plays a small diamond and wins in dummy with the king, picking up East's queen.

▲ J 9 3
♥ 8 6 3
♦ AK 2
♣ A 10 5 4

▲ 8 6 2
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 7 6

South West North East
1 N. T. Pass 3 N. T. Pass
4 ♠ N. T. Pass 4 ♦ Pass
5 N. T. Pass 7 N. T. Pass

He then leads a small spade, winning in his own hand with the ace and cashing the jack of diamonds for the thirteenth trick.

Chi Beta Kappa sorority will meet at the home of Miss Ruth Williams, 963 West drive, Woodruff Place, tonight. Miss Margaret Welch will assist.

Dinner Will Be Followed by Dancing

Virginia Dare Fete of Athletic Club Set for Thursday.

Notices were sent yesterday by the entertainment committee of the Indianapolis Athletic Club announcing the club's Virginia Dare dinner Thursday. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 in the Lantern room, and dancing will be from 8:30 to 9:30. Members and their guests are invited.

Reservations are being received at the club for the pre-race day dance, Tuesday, May 22. Paul Ash's orchestra of Chicago will play for dancing from 10 to 2, and he will feature his floor show. A la carte supper service will be available after 10:30.

With the influx of out-of-town visitors at Speedway race time, the club is planning another dance. Memorial day for members and their guests. A special dinner will be served from noon on, with dancing beginning at 6:30.

SORORITY OFFICER



Miss Doris Arnold

Butler university unit of Tri-union installed officers recently at the annual senior banquet at the Lincoln. Miss Doris Arnold was installed as recording secretary. Other officers include Miss Irma Murray, president; Miss Bettina Johnson, vice-president; Miss Grace Roberts, treasurer; Miss Emmaline Joseph, corresponding secretary, and Miss Mary Heaton, parliamentarian.

Manners and Morals

BY JANE JORDAN

If you question the wisdom of your own decisions, write to Jane Jordan who will help to guide you in the right direction. Write your letter now!

Dear Jane Jordan—I am 28 years old and have a fine position. I have been with the firm for several years. For five years I have been deservingly in love with one of the men in the office who has a wonderful opportunity for advancement. He is one of those types that says he is never going to get married.

Of course any man who is as good-looking as he is, who has a good position and who makes money can have any woman he wants. Some years ago I played my last card with him. We had an argument and I quit him for the thought that I just wanted a good time.

I often wonder if he thinks I am not good enough for him. He dates many girls and says he tries them all. There is an unwritten rule that employees should not have dates with each other, and I often wonder if things would be different if I would leave.

I'm getting up in my age, but I can't care for any one else as long as I am around him. The humiliation of my experience with him is just about to get the best of me. I want to know if you don't agree with me that it would be better to be away from here even if I have to work for half the money. I have repented deeply for my mistake and certainly have made a mess of things.

JO.

Answer—I am too practical to advise a girl who has a good job to throw it up in a period when jobs are scarce, merely because she has failed in a love affair with one of the personnel. If you are energetic and ambitious enough to better yourself in business, that is fine. But if you have to lower yourself in the economic scale to escape a life of humiliation, you only add a second defeat to the first.

In a way I think you wish to punish yourself for conduct of which you disapprove. Some stern inner censor demands that you continue to suffer for what should be regarded as a passing piece of foolishness. Banishment will in no way atone for your mistake, and less money will only make you feel worse. It is natural for you to seek compensation for the love you could not win, but for heaven's sake let it be on the side of economic advancement rather than martyrdom.

I suppose you feel that a change of jobs would change your contacts and that you might meet a man with the power to make you forget. This is possible, though I wouldn't risk it without the assurance that the new job would pay as well as the old.

Please remember that it is not the physical presence of the man which holds you back from finding another so much as it is your own inferiority feeling. The man is your real problem, and it can be worked out in one place as readily as another. A courageous person leaves one job only because he has found a better one and not because his pride is inconvenienced.

Dear Jane Jordan—We have been married four years. Last summer my husband began mak-

ing frequent trips back to his home town. After the first of the year I realized that he hadn't been going home at all, but seeing an old friend of former days. This was followed by letters at first few and far apart, but now they are coming every two or three days. Also, at first they were given me to read, but that, too, is over.

We have had several arguments over this. I saw we were getting nowhere, so I've said nothing, hoping he would give it up. But things have gone backward. If I had given him any reason to act this way, it would be very clear, but I haven't; so what shall I do now?

THANK YOU.

Answer—The only thing I have to suggest for the wife whose husband's love is slipping, is to fill her life with other things. The sooner she wins her economic independence the better.

The woman with the wisdom to let her husband alone in his love affairs is the only one who has the ghost of a chance to be the winner in the triangle. I do not say that the affair is trivial, for I do not know. But either way you have nothing to gain by an outraged attitude.

Many perfectly good men feel an urgent need for change, and they can't be made monogamous by hurt wives or righteous courts. If they settle down to monogamy in the end it is because one woman is more satisfying than several.

Seven will be initiated into Alpha Nu chapter, Alpha Zeta Beta sorority, at 8:30 tonight at the Home-stead, 5604 North Meridian street. Initiates include Misses Florence Eggleston, Helen Murray, Anna O'Donnell, Thelma Eades, Melvina Stevenson, Alice Deal and Georgia Dillon.

MAY BRIDE



Mrs. Earnest T. Howe

Mrs. Earnest T. Howe before her marriage Saturday was Miss Mary Jo Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sanders, 51 East Thirty-fourth street. Mr. and Mrs. Howe will live in Shelbyville. The only wedding attendant was Miss Eliza Walker, Shelbyville.

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Mrs. Harry Jasper will assist her daughter. Appointments will be in spring colors. A May pole will center the serving table and bowls of pastel colored sweet peas and roses will be used on the individual tables.

Guests, with the honor guest and her mother, Mrs. Mammie Wallman will be Mesdames Christina Jasper, Henry Jasper, William Jasper, Henry Kornblum, Robert Brink, Emma Hauck, Edward Nordholt, Lee Stut-

ler, August Riemann and Henry R. Meyer; Misses Alma Wallman, Mildred Dirks, Marie Baumer, Dorothy Esamann, Florence Viewegh, Eileen Weishaar, Florence Wilkins, Eleanor Geis, Norma Jasper and Virginia Boyd.

Miss Harris Engaged
Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Harris, 3510 Washington boulevard, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eugenia Harris, and Robert Lowe Batchelor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Batchelor, 2621 Broadway. The ceremony will take place Saturday.

Lambda Gamma sorority will meet at 7:30 tomorrow night with Miss Dorothy Hale, 4242 Cornwell avenue.

CLUB MEMBERS TO ATTEND LUNCHEON

Members of the Smith College Club will attend a luncheon at 1 Friday at the home of Mrs. Frederic M. Ayres, Sunset lane, with Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. Roy Elder Adams, hostesses. Officers will be elected for the coming year.



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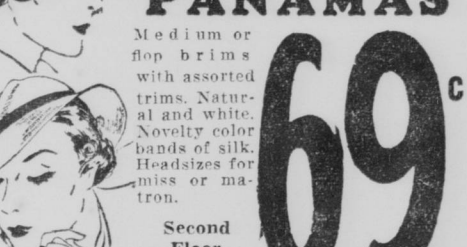


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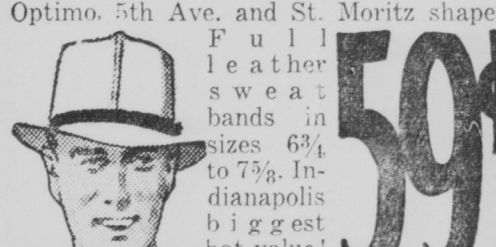
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