

Wife Loves Her Spouse And Another

She Probably Bears Grudge Because Mother Urged Marriage.

Jane Jordan will study your problems for you and throw new light on the situation by her answers to your letters in this column.

DEAR JANE JORDAN—

I love two men at the same time and each love is very sincere. I married young without my heart being concerned. My mother thought it would be a good match. My friends were being married and I wanted a home and children of my own. The first years were very unhappy ones but I stuck it out and learned to love my husband as I did my children, with a true mother's love.

I have been a good wife to him and I believe I have filled his need even though he has been cheated of the love he should have had. I am proud of him and my children and nice home. I am not willing to give them up. A year ago I met the right man and fell hopelessly, desperately, in love. We have everything in common and think exactly alike. We even have the same background. He married a fine girl who had money and he loves her in the same way that I do my husband. Neither of us is willing to take our happiness at the sacrifice of others, as there are children on both sides. Yet we know we have a dangerous situation.

I think his wife is already aware of it and my husband is afraid, but they both trust me. I hate to think they will ever find out that I have betrayed that trust. I hate the deception and would love to proclaim our love to the world if it hurt no one but ourselves. You needn't tell me I must be strong. I am weak in no other way but my love is greater than my will. Is there anything more you can say than "God help them?"

ANSWER.—It is nearly always a mistake to marry when instinct refuses to back up the intellectual choice. Even when the marriage of convenience develops into a satisfactory working agreement, it is not safe from the intrusion of a third party capable of arousing the missing thrill. There can be no doubt that the average person places entirely too much value upon the thrill of love which is fleeting at best and often deceptive.

For example, if you had waited for "the right man" in the first place and married him while in the throes of romantic love, the chances are that by this time you would have settled down to precisely the same type of relationship with him that you have with your present husband. The thrill would have long since departed with familiarity, for we are not geared to live forever on high nervous peaks.

However, if you had married a man of your own choice you wouldn't have felt cheated by your mother. The very fact that your mother influenced you to enter into a loveless marriage has made you particularly vulnerable to the attractions of a married man. When a woman bears a grudge against her mother, it unconsciously influences her behavior and tempts her to take vengeance on some other woman. The most usual way of showing supremacy over another woman is to take her husband or lover.

The fact that your mother bears your husband against your wishes would make it difficult for you to love him and easy to love someone who would not please her. Children who feel oppressed by their parents are very apt to choose partners who do not meet with parental approval. It is their way of asserting their independence and getting even for being dominated.

All these concealed motives are hard to recognize when one is in the grip of a love affair which cancels all critical faculties. Nevertheless they are nearly always present and you can catch them one by one if you watch. A strong feeling of guilt and self-condemnation is characteristic of one in revolt against fetters imposed on him by somebody else who is both loved and hated.

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Zeta Tau Alpha Holds State Day

Indianapolis alumnae of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority were hostesses to sorority members from all parts of the State at their annual State Day today in the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Miss Pauline Sundamo, Ft. Wayne, was the luncheon speaker.

Miss Esther Renfrew presented a scholarship cup to Miss Ina Stanley, Butler University chapter president, for the chapter's high scholastic standing. A cup also was presented to the pledge group presenting the best stunt.

A trio, composed of Misses Estelle Lawler, Ina May Steele, and Mrs. Robert Shultz provided a luncheon program. Mrs. Orlando Dunn sang and Misses Lloydavilla Cook, Elizabeth Smith, Mesdames Elmer Foster and Jack Grier played piano selections.

Remember Babies Are Modern People; Frilly Garments No Longer in Vogue



The creeper suit (upper left) is white broadcloth, tucked and hand-embroidered. The long christening gown (center) has an Empire bodice with a panel of real lace at the front and is lavishly trimmed with embroidery. Baby's short dress-up frock (lower left) is white, and trimmed with lace and embroidery. At right are a pale pink silk, hand-embroidered coat and bonnet set (top), the coat having a removable lining, and (below) a pert frock, lace-trimmed.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Gone are the ribbons and furbelows and layers of flannel in which yesterday's baby was swathed. Clothes for the modern infant are as streamlined as older brother's locomotive or father's new car.

Compared to what babies used to wear, his wardrobe, like mother's, is a skimp affair. The only dress today's young hopeful ever has is a chance to kick into rolls and knots is the exquisite little number in which he is christened. All of his regular dresses are short (21 inches, 4 months), and thereafter wear creeps.

This cotton and wool shirts have replaced the hairy flannel ones of yore. Diapers are smaller and made of lightweight, absorbent fabrics. Throw-away diapers make the traveling mother's life simpler. Special tapes do away with pins on shirts and slips. Water-proof cotton pants and sheets take the place of old style rubber ones. Celluloid cuffs instead of mittens and cotton bandages discourage thumb-sucking.

The 1937 baby isn't wrapped in a blanket, then pinned into it, when nurse tucks him in for the night. Instead, he is put into a light sleeping bag, cut loose and full with a slide fastener up the front.

Pillows Are Passed

Baby pillows are as passe as rocking chairs for the nursery. Today's youngster sleeps without one, thereby giving mother some assurance that he won't be round-shouldered later on. Soft, warm but light down puffs have obliterated thick padded quilts the sewing circle used to make for expectant mothers.

Sleeves of infants' dresses are soft and perky. Science has improved baby's feeding habits to such a state of perfection that bibs no longer are important items in the layette.

Special caps to make junior's ears grow flat against his head are more satisfactory (from his point of view as well as yours) than pieces of adhesive tape. Toothpicks, with sterilized cotton wrapped around the end of each one, come in dust-proof boxes and make the business of cleaning baby's ears and fingernails simpler for mother.

Except in France, where the reverse is true, pink is for girls—blue for boys. However, the majority of babies wear white dresses, depending on coats and bonnets for color. Fragile little silk coats and bonnets have removable linings which can be washed and washed again.

For trimming, embroidery is more favored than lace and ruffles. The average everyday dress has neither, however, and is as tailored and trim as your own suit. Christening dresses, of course, are lavishly decorated with embroidery and lace.

Department Club To Show Work

Exhibits illustrating "their year's activities will be arranged by the various departments of the Women's Department Club for the May 23, Wednesday in the club house.

American Home Department will feature home of yesterday and today; Art Department, study of the year's highlights; Literature and Drama Department, exhibit of posters and book jackets; Garden Department, flower arrangements in the club house; Community Welfare Department, projects. The Little Club is to serve punch to visitors in the club rooms on the third floor of the club house.

Terre Haute Woman's Department Club members are to attend the program.

Mrs. Paul T. Hurt, president, has announced that the meeting will serve as a reunion and homecoming for past and present members. Guests are being invited.

Marriage Is Announced

Mrs. Anna Madden has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Madden, to Frank S. Gootee. The wedding took place Feb. 6.

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Revival of Home Ties Is Advised

Mothers Told Not to Cut Children From Apron Strings Entirely.

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

As we look about us at the world, and observe the widening rift between the world of youth and the world of age, it appears to me that we shall have to tie on the good old-fashioned aprons with long strings.

This good old piece of apparel was put away in the attic chest some dozen or more years ago, when the word went 'round that children were entitled to live their own lives.

"Apron strings" was the word used to belittle Johnny if he was fond of his mamma. Some of the more erudite called it "Oedipus" and Freud and company spared every parent almost to death about boys becoming too fond of their mothers.

If I may say so rightly, not a word was said about the girls, who were nice little sit in the corners and helped with the dishes. But just the same, mothers untied their aprons, said "shoo" to their broods and felt themselves very brave in allowing the youngsters to forget those miserable things called home ties.

Some Home Tie Needed

Now this wise old Buddha has crossed his arms and observed some sights, meaning that I have seen the home-fires burning too often with no one at home but mother and dad. Out in the world somewhere getting all fed up on knowledge and experience were, and still are, the Johnnies and Marys. They were, and are, getting plenty of group experience, plenty of ego in winning prizes in contests, plenty of sports and dances and good times.

But some way there is something still wanting. And I believe it is the tether to home.

Indeed I have talked with so many lonely mothers, and disappointed ones, who wish the years back so they could do it all over again, it seems that something is radically wrong with the whole situation. We should have lengthened the apron strings, not dispensed with them altogether.

Fledglings Want to Try Wings

When a child reaches adolescence, and even before, he hears the call of the world. He is more interested in things outside the house than inside. The wise mother will recognize this wing-flapping and be proud to let her fledglings have freedom. But I also consider this to be a psychological moment in home life. It is now that children need the steady hand of love and home.

And they will always need it. There is something about parental influence, and close warming relationships, too valuable to lose.

Make home as attractive and happy as possible. Make the children interested in your interests, but make yours, too.

Let them feel that their parents are important, and count for quite as much as the hills that call.

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Jewish Women And Affiliate To Meet Jointly

Indianapolis Section, National Council of Jewish Women, and its affiliated organization, the Jewish Juniors, are to meet jointly at 8 p.m. Monday in the Kirshbaum Center. Miss Fannette Katz, Juniors' retiring president, is to extend Mother's Day greeting.

Mrs. Samuel Dorfman is to preside and Miss Ruth Medias is in charge of the program. Mrs. Walter Wolf, the senior council's new president, is to speak.

Mrs. Kathryn Turney Gerten is to review a novel and "The American Doctors' Odyssey."

During a social hour, Mrs. Dorfman and Miss Katz are to preside at a tea table. Hostesses and ushers are to be Misses Rae Lee Binzer, Mary Lapinska, Lillian Klezmer, Phyllis Greenburg, Edith Chapman, Florence Slutsky, Marcie Goldstein, Mildred Freeman, Ray Klezmer, Goldie Cellman and Thelema Sachs. Sponsors are Mrs. L. W. Lapinska and Meyer Efraymon.

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