Let's Talk It Over . . . Never Chase a Man

By Arthur Dean, Sc. D.

Dear Arthur Dean:

A young man who has been paying serious attention to my daughter has suddenly ceased to call upon her without a word of explanation. There was no engagement. But there was a definite understanding between them. As there was no quarrel, my poor child is heartbroken at his failure to appear.

Now, in my opinion, his action was that of an utter cad, and I do not want him to renew his calls, but I do think that the girl is entitled to an explanation of some kind. As her mother, have I the right to demand such an explanation? In my own opinion, I have, but as I am a woman, my viewpoint is necessarily different from that of a man.

Perplexed Mother.

I once knew of a father who was very much put out because the young man did not bring his courtship to the point of marrying the daughter. She entertained him about four evenings a week, he had about three good meals in the house every week, plenty of parlor heat in the winter, and pink lemonade in the summer. Everything was being done to lead him to the altar by the parents and by the girl.

But nothing happened. The father became very much worried. He was in the habit of asking the girl every evening, after the young man departed, "Well, did you get anywhere tonight? Did he settle upon any date?"

The reply was always the same, "No, papa."

Not Wanted Around

Thereupon one evening the old gentleman took it upon himself to close the deal. He went, without a word to his daughter, to the boarding house where the young man lived and informed the young man, "Now you've been going with my daughter long enough. It is about time you married her. And I am going to say right off now that you are not to come to the house again unless you come along with a marriage license blank."

The sequel to this sad tale is short. He never came back.

I agree that the young man mentioned in your letter is a sort of cad, and I should not want to have him come around again. But I would not chase him over the country to find out why he does not come around.

FORGET HIM

When a man behaves like a cad (Webster defines this old-fashioned word as having five meanings but the one generally employed is to describe "a lowbred, presuming person; a mean, vulgar fellow") he should be forgotten forever . . . by the girl who received his attentions and all her family —so says Dr. Dean in this informative article.

Find New Interests

I would not put any daughter of mine, or girl who was in my charge, in such an embarrassing situation. I would not have this young man think he is the only person in the world who would marry my daughter. And I would not get my daughter into a frame of mind where she feels she is being abused.

So my advice, Perplexed Mother, is "forget it." Fill the girl's life with new interests and new friends who will help her to forget this particular young man.

Tables Turned

I love a girl of questionable character. I have known all along that fact that she was not what she wanted me to believe she was. Should I marry her? I think I could bring her to realize her error and straighten her out. I am sure of my love for her and she loves me, so don't think it is pity for her.

Irish Boy.

ANSWER—Usually the tables are turned. The girl wants to do the reforming. I want to say "No" but my heart says "Yes," and fortunately or unfortunately, it's the heart that speaks well of love and not the head.

Mother's Fear of Glasses

I'm all upset and cried all night. My little girl told me that her teacher told her she ought to wear glasses. Isn't it just a foolish notion to make people buy glasses? Children never wore glasses in my day.

Upset.

ANSWER—It may be that your child has some slight defect of vision which will be cured by wearing glasses for a few years. I am quite sure that many of us oldsters would have been better off if we had worn glasses when we were young. The idea seems to be firmly fixed that the moment glasses are put on they must be worn forever.

Can you remember way back when you were a sensitive, half grown youngster? In dealing with your unpredictable son or daughter, be guided by the sane advice of Dr. Dean. Send for his booklet, "Understanding Adolescence," enclosing ten cents. Address Dr. Arthur Dean, c/o this newspaper, P. O. Box 75, Station O, New York.

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Serve Cherry Meringue Pie

Have you ever served a cherry meringue pie? Two-crust cherry pies are the customary ones with most families, but a one-crust pie shell filled with cherries and covered with meringue makes a mighty good pie. Just in case you would like to venture forth and make one, here is a recipe.

Cherry Meringue Pie

1 No. 2 can water packed pitted red cherries
⅔ cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons butter
1 8-inch baked pastry shell
2 egg whites
4 tablespoons sugar

Heat the drained liquid from the cherries in a saucepan. Combine half of the sugar with the cornstarch, salt, and cinnamon. Add to the boiling liquid and cook until thick and clear, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat, and add the remaining sugar, cherries, and butter. Pour into the unbaked pastry shell.

To make the meringue: Beat the egg whites until stiff, add the sugar gradually, and beat until it will stand in peaks. Spread over the pie and bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees, about 15 minutes, or until well browned.

Sometime when you do not want to serve pie, prepare the same cherry filling as given in this recipe and serve it hot over cottage pudding or over squares of warm sponge cake. Such simple desserts are frequently the ones that win most praise for the cook. Try them.

Serves County's 8,500 Employees

WALLACE C. BRADEN

Appointment of Wallace C. Braden as new manager of the County Employees Association has just been announced by Ugene U. Blalock, president of the organization which numbers some 8,500 county employees. Braden brings to the new post, it is pointed out, experience in county government and affairs dating back over a considerable period of years. He will act as executive officer of this organization.

Midwestern burglars broke into a church recently and came away empty-handed. They didn't get, it seems, even religion.

A poor man does not flatter.

Seek Funds to Fight Polio Here In May

Fearing a possible epidemic of poliomyelitis next May, county health officials have requested $10,000 from the National Poliomyelitis Board to defray the cost of research work here, it is announced.

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, stated that studies show that these epidemics occur regularly in cycles and that next May will be the danger time for Los Angeles county. The money sought would come from the fund raised in the "March of Dimes" campaign.

Discoveries announced by the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Pomeroy said, will greatly reduce the cost of conducting research experiments. Symptoms of poliomyelitis vary. They may take the form of high temperatures, headaches, aching muscles, intestinal troubles and the like. He asserted that the disease acts so quickly that persons apparently will become partially paralyzed in a few hours.

The Siamese have a double-reed musical instrument called "No."

See what "Confucius Say" under classification 100, today.

Wooldridge Herald-News Circulation Mgr. Writes

If brevity is the soul of wit, perhaps that explains why some folks look so funny in bathing suits.

FISHING AT ENSENADA

Sport fishing at Ensenada is now tax free, with no fishing license required. It is recommended that sportsmen bring their own bait and tackle, with rock worms preferred.

Branks, a kind of bridle constructed of iron bands, was used to punish slanderous women in England in the middle ages.