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The Use of the Telephone Not Commended for Love Tales.

BUSINESS AND SOCIETY DIFFER

Dorothy Dix in the San Francisco Bulletin Gives Some Good Advice as to the Use of the Telephone Which Should Be Heeded.

To the thoughtful observer there are a great many modern improvements that don't seem to improve things much, and that are doubtful blessings. One of these is the telephone. Of course we stily couldn't get along without it now, when we all live on the end of a wire, so to speak, and I am not arguing against its usefulness or convenience in business and society.

But whenever I see a young girl at the telephone I wish will all my heart and soul that it had never been invented. A girl and a telephone make the worst combination of idiocy, indelicacy and bad taste that was ever devised. and if I had daughters I would no more keep a telephone handy in the house than I would keep prussic acid lying around loose.

This sounds like a sweeping statement, but I defy anybody to deny its justice. Just listen to the next girl you happen to see talking over the telephone. Doesn't her conversation run about like this:

"Hello, Central! Gimme 1123-32. Hello! Is that Mr. Blank's office? Say, can I speak to Jim Smithers? Hello! Is that you, Jim? Hello! Say, can't you guess who it is? You don't know! He—he—he! Say, it's your little bride. Don't you recognize the voice? Oh, say, you are jollying me about my voice. He—he—he—he! Yes, it's Lulu. Wasn't the Jinkins ball perfectly grand yesterday? Say, now, you are stringing me about your heart being broken. It wasn't me. It was that red-headed Brown girl, though what people see in her to admire I don't see. Say, I just called you up to ask if you were coming up tonight. You haven't been up in a long time. Not that I care, of course. You'll come? And bring a box of candy. Oh, say, but you are too sweet for anything! If your mouth wasn't so far off I'd kiss you. He—he—he—Hello! Hello, Central! What made you cut me off so? I wasn't half through with what I was going to say."

This is a verbatim report of a conversation that I was recently privileged to hear, and its like can be duplicated in a million American homes, and the strange part of it is that the girls that talk this sort of flub-dub nonsense that sounds so bold, and brazen, and vulgar, do not mean a thing by it, and do not realize the folly of which they are guilty. One would think that when a girl spoke to a man over a public wire she would at least have enough sense and good taste to couch her communication to him in formal and dignified language. Instead of this being the case, girls seem to regard talking through the telephone as giving them a certain license, and they say things to the man in a distance that they would not think of saying to his face. It is a common thing to hear them address a man as "dearest," or "darling," or "honey," or "love," through the telephone, and suggest kissing him, when they wouldn't think of doing such a thing if the man were on the spot, ready to take advantage of the invitation they extended.

If the girl, though, makes herself common and immodest by telephoning to young men, she does the young man a practical wrong, for she frequently loses him his job. Nothing puts a young man in worse light with his employer than to be continually called away from his work to converse with some fool girl over the telephone, and if young women had any idea of the terror and anger that fill the breast of the average young man when they call him up by wire, and of the swear words he thinks they would in mercy forbear.

To the idle girl it seems great fun to flirt over the telephone, but to the poor young man who feels the cold hard, unsympathetic eyes of his employer boring into his back while he tries to answer the girl at the other end of the wire, it is a situation full of acute misery. He doesn't want to offend the girl by ringing off, and he doesn't want to lose his job by talking, and earning the sobriquet of a telephone Romeo. Perhaps there is no way to stop the telephone nuisance unless you gag the girls, but it is a pity that when one does call a young man up and talk nonsense to him over the wire that she can't realize how much she is cheapening and vulgarizing herself, and injuring him.

DODGE TANGLE.

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HIS APOSTOLIC MAJESTY.

Title of the Emperor of Austria as King of Hungary.

The title of "apostolic majesty" is borne by the emperor of Austria as king of Hungary.

Hungary was ruled by dukes from its conquest by the Magyars to the year 1000, the regal title being assumed first by Valk, whose education had been entrusted by his father, Geyza, who had married a Christian princess, to Adalbert, bishop of Prague. On succeeding his father Valk embraced and established Christianity, applied for and received from Pope Sylvester II. the title of "apostolic king," was crowned as Stephen I. and afterward known as St. Stephen.

The title was renewed by Clement XIII. in 1758 and, though abolished in 1848, was reassumed as "apostolic majesty" in 1851 and restricted in 1868 to the Austrian emperor in his character as king of Hungary. The privilege of being preceded by a cross bearer was granted with the original title.—London Standard.

A Conversion.

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