

DENNIS THE MENACE

—By Ketcham



"I WAS JUST SITTING THERE, KEEPING CLEAN, WHEN THIS KID SAYS, 'HI, Sissy!'"

DOROTHY DIX

She's Too High-Handed With Generous Husband

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Two years ago I married a woman who was buying a home. We are both middle-aged. I assumed the mortgage and interest payments, although she refused to put my name on the deed.

Now she has refused to speak to me for five weeks. She wanted a particular piece of furniture, and what with the house payments and current bills, I couldn't afford it. I have never refused her anything I could buy, but she takes this unreasonable attitude, anyway. I'm disgusted enough to leave, but she wouldn't be able to carry the house alone.

—Bailey

DEAR BAILEY: Some women just don't know when they're well off.

Turning over all your money to a wife who doesn't speak to you is just too much. I think you've spoiled her. A temporary separation from you and the handy purse may jolt her back to appreciation of the good things she has.

A middle-aged woman who latches on to a loving, generous husband has indeed uncovered a jewel. Only a very selfish, inconsiderate female would fail to recognize the fact. Surely she can see the plight of other lonely oldsters; a hint to the effect that her conduct may lead to loneliness and insecurity again may change her attitude.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I've been going with a boy—not steady—for four months. I've been asked out by another boy who has been a friend since primary school. I've always liked him but he never asked for a date before. I don't know what to do. I like both boys. I'm 16.—Crystal.

DEAR CRYSTAL: Since you are not going steady, go out with the Johnny-come-lately. Steady dating at your age isn't recommended.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: A friend of mine walked out on a very fine wife and home some years ago, and has been living with another woman ever since. Now he has become ill, and this woman told him to get out as she cannot take care of him. He wants me to see his wife and try to fix things between them. I'm sure they would be happy together, but I don't feel it's right to ask his wife to take in a sick man.—Will.

DEAR WILL: It's the wife's right to know about the new development, and either you or the husband should tell her. Why can't he send his own message? Afraid he might be turned down? That's a chance he should take.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am a young widow with a 3-year-old child. I've been dating a very nice young man who is devoted to my daughter. Our families are anxious for us to marry. My family especially feels my little girl should have a father. I know I'd have a good life with this boy, but I don't love him. I feel that to make a happy marriage love should be on both sides. Am I right?—Corinne.

DEAR CORINNE: Right as rain! Your daughter would never be happy (and apparently she's the deciding factor). Your husband would realize you didn't love him and had married him for the girl's sake and, naturally, he would be resentful. Don't do it.

Send your problem to Dorothy Dix. Or write for her free leaflet D-33, "Are You Sensitive?" In all cases, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and send request to her care of this newspaper.

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