

In Confidence By Flo

When A Widow Is in Doubt

Dear Miss Flo: I am a lonely widower—in search of a wife—not only because I crave companionship but also because I have two small children, and they need a mother's care. Don't you think I should marry again for their sake? What kind of a woman would make the best wife—the young girl, a widow, or an old maid? It seems like a lot of nerve for a widower with children to ask a woman to marry him, but I have a comfortable income, and feel sure I could make a woman happy. Don.

Well, Don, I certainly agree with you that it would require considerable nerve to ask a woman to marry you merely because you think it is your duty to provide your children with a mother. If you marry a woman only because you think she would make a good mother, you cannot expect much happiness. On the other hand, it would be very foolish to marry a woman, regardless of how much you care for her, if you think her incapable of mothering your children.

The only solution is to find a woman whom you can love, and a woman who will make a good mother. That shouldn't be very hard to do. That shouldn't be very difficult, because the majority of women are good mothers instinctively. This fact is proved in no better way than by the number of women who, because they are denied children of their own, adopt them to satisfy the cravings of their maternal heart. Why, then, should not women with this same instinct welcome an opportunity of lavishing their affection on the little ones of the man they love. Certainly motherhood is the superior job, and most women, if they loved a man, would jump at the chance of mothering his children.

As to the kind of woman you should marry, I would advise that you choose a woman near your own age. The young girl is not fitted to be the wife of a widower—nor is she fitted to be a stepmother. Rearing children is a difficult job, even when they are your own, but when they are step children the troubles are even greater. Step children do not often take kindly to a step-mother. They resent her authority, and in many cases are ungrateful and unappreciative. For that reason, it takes a woman with a knowledge of life, and a great deal of self-control and dignity to manage them. The young girl, lacking these qualities because she is young would be unable to deal successfully with children.

The widow offers every element of safety to the man who is looking for a wife. She does not enter marriage with the impossible expectations and demands that the young girl has. She has had experience with one man, and she has learned from him that no man is a demi-god, and that they all have their faults and weaknesses, as well as their good qualities, so she shuts her eyes to the faults and thinks only of the virtues—which is the only way in the world to get along with any man. Then too, she knows how to treat a husband, and can laugh at domestic difficulties over which the young girl would have hysterics. The widow with children, of course is out. Mixed families do not get along in peace.

But the safest bet of all is the old maid—the woman who has known

what it is to be lonely and unloved; the woman who has known what it is to have love to give and nobody to give it to; the woman who has earned how impossible it is to make a real home for one. And when some wise man comes along with sense enough to appreciate her fine qualities and want her for a wife, she spends the balance of her life worshipping him.

So there you are, Don. Take your choice. After all, it is the woman with the mother heart that you are looking for—the woman who will love you and your youngsters—the woman who is big enough to realize that she has no better way in the world to prove her love for you than by mothering your children as she would mother her own. And believe me, the woman who can be a real mother to another woman's children does one of the finest works on earth—and one that surely entitles her to a reserved seat in heaven.

Communications

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Aug. 3, 1925.

Editor of the News: I suppose this time never will be when city councils particularly of the smaller towns will cease making themselves ridiculous by grinding out grists of petty ordinances which clutter up ordinance books with a lot that are never enforced and others whose only merit is to bring ridicule and contempt and drive away business.

On my way home Sunday evening I saw one speed cop tag two out-of-town Ford cars for being parked without lights, the owner of one was evidently here to attend church while the other was making some needed purchases, both cars appeared to be old models that have lights lonly when running.

One man who for years has done practically all his business in Springfield was halted before the city recorder recently for violating the parking ordinance and so keenly feels an injustice was done him that he is doing his business elsewhere and I am told that a number of others have done likewise.

I have never known a single instance of a sober motorist running into a car parked at the curb without lights and have yet to find anyone else who does. This ordinance covers such a remote possibility that it has the same merit one would have providing for a steel roofing over the pavement to protect it from falling meteors. No falling meteor has done any damage yet but they might.

A number of motorists have been fined for speeding (more than twenty miles an hour) on East Main street and well out on Fifth street, locations that any motorist might consider country roads and where driving at thirty miles an hour is just as safe as on any other highway, but having done the awful thing of violating the ordinance they have been "pinched," paid their fines, cussed the town and

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President Not Resting On Vacation



An unusual picture of the President and Mrs. Coolidge aboard the Mayflower for a short cruise along the New England Coast. Despite the fact that the President is badly in need of rest and relaxation, reports from Swampscott, Mass., are that he has again thrown himself into affairs of state with important conferences scheduled almost every day.

went their way feeling they have been done a rank injustice and a lot of people wonder at the growing contempt for law.

One tourist said not long ago, "I heard of your town down in California and all the way up from there, you certainly get a black eye from the tourists on account of your traffic regulations."

The enactments I have referred to are no protection to life or property

—they make the town no friends, but drive business away. They are the source of a lot of needless irritation, are unjust and uncalled for and should be repealed. Their only excuse is a supposed menace that does not exist.

That some other town has similar regulations is no justification for us. The results we are getting are decidedly bad.

I suppose it would be too much to



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Respectfully,
M. M. PEERY.

Editor: So that the people of Springfield may know why Mrs. Parham the evangelist, is holding meetings in the Bell theater, I wish to state that first of all she wants to see people saved from sin, then she wants to advertise her meetings at the big tent in Eugene. She stated last evening that she was not preaching churchianity, did not ask them to join any one church, while she believed that many good Christians did not belong to any church, yet she thought they should join some church.

So then if you church people in Springfield want to see people saved from sin, why not take an interest then get them to join your church. The gospel of Jesus Christ is just the same wherever it is preached. It has never changed, and never will change. We have no new theory, it's just the simple story of Jesus, and his love for mankind.

Here is the program for next Monday evening, August 10, at the Bell theater. Music by the orchestra, and singing, special song by Miss Wood "I Walk and I Talk with the King." Five minutes' talk by Rev. Fred Hornshub, on what is meant by the four square gospel.

Song by the evangelist, Mrs. Par-

ham, and believe me, she can sing some, too.

Slater Parham will speak on the twentieth century signs of the soon coming of the Lord.

I think this is her best sermon, and she uses more scripture on this subject than any evangelist that I have heard so far. There is no use in us closing our eyes to facts, so come Mr. Skeptic and bring a Bible and see for yourself.

This will be her last visit to Springfield, so you just come and feel at home, for we never ask anything about what church you belong to, we look at the church, as made up of individuals, belonging to many different organizations, therefore, fellowship all those who love the Lord regardless of name.

Written by one who loves the people of Springfield, and has your best interest at heart.

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