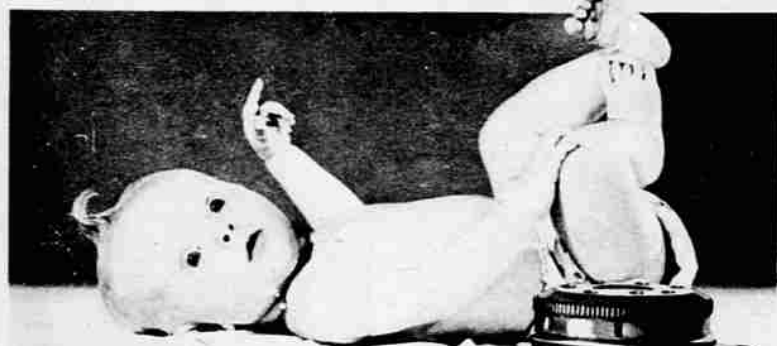


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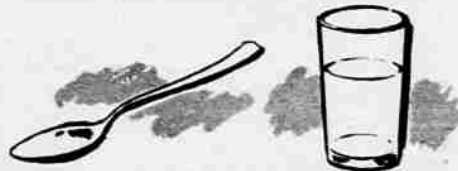
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Why Rich Girls Run Away

(Continued)

Lemmon, perhaps the most iconoclastic of all society belles, who eloped with divorced society playboy Jacob ("Jakie") Webb in 1941. Characteristically, her "wedding ring" was a beer-bottle opener. She waited until 1945 to divorce Jakie only because he spent most of the time, including a six-month court-martial sentence, in the Army.

Barbara Billingsley, daughter of Sherman who operates New York's famous Stork Club, ran away to marry John Christoffers, a 28-year-old commercial photographer. Sherman had hoped she would marry one of his more socially acceptable patrons and shed no tears when Barbara returned home five years later.

THE SETTING for perhaps the most dramatic of all rich-girl disappearance cases was New York in the '10s. Dorothy Arnold, a debutante from one of that city's wealthiest families, was chatting pleasantly with friends outside a Fifth Avenue bookstore. Minutes later, she disappeared; no trace of her has ever been found. All that is certain is that she had aspired to be a writer and her family had ridiculed her efforts. This, coupled with a feeling of futility toward the role of "rich girl," has been advanced as a reason for her running—if, indeed, she did run away and was not the victim of foul play.

The police discovered several interesting facts in their investigation. Unknown to the family, Dorothy had a suitor, an older man and a most unlikely choice for a society girl. For a time, there was conjecture that she might have fled with him and that he had done away with her in a fit of jealousy. When that proved unfounded, police concentrated on a mysterious package that had been delivered to her only a few days before her disappearance while she was visiting a friend in Boston. She never showed her friend the contents, but whatever was inside the package caused her to end her visit and rush back to New York. Some believe the package was a rejected manuscript and a final blow to Dorothy's pride.

Another curious fact was that Dorothy's family didn't report her disappearance to the police for some time, although they claimed she had no reason to run away. Even during the police investigation they were reluctant to cooperate. To this day, the case remains unsolved.

Psychiatrists interviewed by FAMILY WEEKLY all arrived at the same basic reasons why rich girls run away from home. "Lack of love and security at home," asserts Dr. Smiley Blanton of the famous Marble Church Religio-Psychiatric Clinic.

"There are well-to-do families where a child, in a sense, is almost abandoned except that he lives in the same house with his parents," says Dr. Franklin Robinson, Director of the Children's Service Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and one of the foremost authorities on the subject. "The parents are often so busy that they assign a lot of their own duties to maids and governesses. This certainly produces insecurity."



Disappearance of Dorothy Arnold, a rich girl who wanted to become a writer, is still unsolved.

A New York psychiatrist, who has treated many wealthy children and asked to remain anonymous for that reason, agrees with Dr. Robinson, but explores more deeply: "From my own experience, I certainly know that turning over children to governesses is very common. Then, during the formative years when a child needs close relationships, there's much more divorce, drinking, and casual affairs among the well-to-do, for the simple reason that their wealth permits it. It's understandable that the kids run away if there's such a poor family relationship."

Gamble Benedict herself spoke eloquently for the "poor little rich girls."

"I was miserably lonely," she said after running off with Porumbeanu. "A girl like me, dealing with the same Social-Register kind of people, meets someone like Andre, who knows the world, who shows you a gentleness you never knew. You say to yourself: 'For this, I'll brave the world!'"

"We're pushed into socially acceptable schools," says the girl who was raised by her grandmother. "There's pressure to have contact only with the children of our own group. Anyone who does anything different is sent to a psychiatrist."

GAMBLE TELLS how she was not allowed to study ballet because it was "supposed to be bad for my figure"; how she couldn't study music seriously because she had refused to play the piano as a young girl. The result of such an upbringing, she claims, is inevitable.

"They (society girls) marry boys from their own set," Gambi says. "They hate them within a year. Then they become drunks or go from divorce to divorce—or both."

"I swear that this kind of money is nothing but a headache," she continues, speaking about the millions that will be hers if her grandmother doesn't disinherit her. "It means watching business conditions, getting heartburn over income tax or corporations or what not."

One syndicated columnist has a less complicated explanation. He says that the basic reason rich girls run away is the sudden realization—even if it's a subconscious one—that while their money and prestige can open many doors, it can never win respect or love. That's a frightening realization for a young girl who observes others being loved and respected even though they can't buy minks and sports cars—and this can be frightening enough to make the desperate ones run away.