In Confidence by Flo



Readers desiring a personal reply can address Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper

SHOULD I GET A DIVORCE

D[illegible]—I am a married wo- eight, with three uest being nine. My e man. He is kind, nder. He is a model r. But it kes barely enough ey to supp us—we have the re necessities of life. I do all the work in our five room house—washing, ironing, baking, sewing. I am an absolute slave to my husband and children, and get nothing out of life. I am dissatisfied with life and tired of trying to make both ends meet. I can see no happiness ahead of me. I would gladly take my freedom at almost any cost. I married when I was only seventeen, and realize now that I made a terrible mistake. I do not, cannot, love him as I did then. I try hard to make him happy. I try to be cheerful and keep him from suspecting how I feel, but my heart is dull.

Do you think I am justified in asking for a divorce? Helen.

Yours, Helen, is the tragedy of those who marry too young. The man who fires the fancy of the seventeen year old school girl does not often appeal to the woman of twenty-eight. That is the argument I use so often in trying to point out the danger to those many youngsters who write me asking if I think they are too young at sixteen and seventeen to marry. They think not, of course, and regardless of the advice they receive, they usually take the step in haste—and repent at leisure.

The fact that you have changed your mind in regard to the feelings you have for the man you married is certainly not excuse enough for divorce. If your husband is good and kind—if you know that he is doing the very best he can, you are a poor sport indeed if you don't do your part. What you did, you did, and it is clearly your duty to carry on and make the best of the bargain you have made. You are in honor bound to do your utmost to make the husband who is trying so hard to make you happy. Life is no easier for him than it is for you, and the only way the load can be lightened is by mutual sympathy. And, more important than your duty to him—you have your obligation to your children. You have no right to consider your happiness when it conflicts with your children's good.

And what would you do if you did get a divorce? Go to work? Support yourself and three small children? Do you think that way would be better? I think not. What could you do by which you could earn as much money as your husband earns. And who would take care of the children while you were away from home at work?

GOLDEN RULE AND WORLD PEACE

By DR. S. PARKES CADMAN

President of the Federal Council of Churches

In this powerful appeal for the adoption of the Golden Rule as a guiding principle in international relations, the great radio preacher holds up as an example in constructive international charity the work of the Near East Relief, which makes its annual appeal for the support of the American people

NOTHING in the history of the American people of recent years so becomes them as their attitude towards the unhappy and persecuted people who have been the beneficiaries of the great work of the Near East Relief. At this season when the annual appeal for the support of this work is made, through the observance of Golden Rule Sunday, it is an overwhelmingly gratifying thing to hear the reports of the triumphs and successes of this philanthropy.

I have been hearing of the horrors of the Near East from the days of my early youth, when Mr. Gladstone conducted his memorable campaign in which he denounced the Turk and urged that the Turks should be thrust bag and baggage out of their country. The horrors have continued ever since, but our country has been an instrument in alleviating them by contributions out of its abundance to the crucial need of the distressed orphans and what few unhappy relatives they have left to them.

We can do no better thing than to give for those who are in need, and thus make such merchandise out of our material welfare as to have credentials for the life which is to come. I do not take the attitude that there is anything much to praise about the American people in this matter, though I am proud of them, as we all are. It would have been a strange thing if we had not done as we have done.

When you think of the millions which are squandered in this country upon feminine devices for beautifying—which do not always succeed in realizing their object—when you think of the vast cost of trying to make mutton look like lamb, when you think of the multitude of surplus things with which we surround ourselves in daily life, and then see this work for far-off children, I think you will agree with me that even though our political promises have not always been realized, at any rate we have tried to retain the credit of our people by contributing generously to this work which we must continue to sustain.

As a churchman, I may be permitted to point out that the Near East Relief has contributed enormously to the cause of church unity. At Stockholm a few weeks ago I had the privilege of conferring with all the patriarchs and metropolitans and archbishops of the Greek church. They assured me that they have been drawn toward the West not by the common



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consent of intellectual minds nor by the doctors of the church, but rather through the work of Near East Relief. That work has won the hearts of great bishops as well as refugees and politicians. Truly we have seen the truth of the saying that a little child shall lead them. The little Armenian orphan, Zadi, whom thousands have heard sing and talk at the preliminary Golden Rule dinners in a hundred cities of this country, is a five-year old representation of thousands of these Eastern peoples, whom we have approached not with theology or dogma but with those deeds of mercy which are the very essence of true religion.

There is a lesson of world peace in this philanthropic approach to the hearts of men. We must follow it up with this decision—that we will not allow the state in the future to dictate to the church or to any body of men as to what shall be their attitude toward peace and war. We must take our patriotism from the preaching of the prophets. Unless we want a future like this every fifty years to repair the recurrent waves of slaughter and devastation, we must cling to the spirit of the Golden Rule. The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes. It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

A Hard Worker



Opal Code, from Fort Worth, Texas, has plowed her Bell County farm for four years, making a living for six members of her family. Now that her young brothers and sisters are provided for she is working her way thru Baylor College, serving as waitress.

"Kid Mayor"



Washburn, Wis., has the youngest Mayor of any municipality in America. Paul Ungrodt was elected to reform the town when hardly more than a boy. Now, at the age of 23, he has made a great success of his administration, handling the city's affairs with rare judgment for one of so limited experience.

Of course, I am assuming that you love your children, that nothing would make you part with them. You are indeed an optimist if you believe some millionaire will come along and marry you and provide you and your children with fine clothes, etc. Such things happen in fairy tales, and in the movies, but never in real life.

Don't [illegible] Cheer up—carry on with your job—as your husband is carrying on with his—in face of all discouragement. Be thankful that your man is kind and considerate—be thankful that even though you cannot love him—you can respect and admire him. It might be otherwise you know.



Washington's Elm



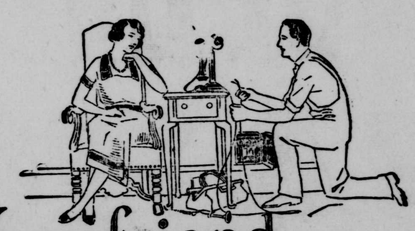
The tree under which George Washington took command of American Army, July 3rd, 1775, has been cut into small blocks, and sent to Boy Scout Troops all over U. S. Get yours? If not write to City of Cambridge, Mass., for it.

Stude—But I don't think I deserve an absolute zero.

Prof.—Neither do I, but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give.—Selected.

He—Darling, if I give you such an expensive engagement ring we can't get married so soon.

She—That'll be all right. For your sake, I can wait.—Selected.



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