

**Kathleen Norris Says:  
Happy Marriage Demands Character**  
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*My husband began telling me of a pretty girl in an adjoining office. All the men were crazy about her. When I expressed the hope she would soon marry he said gloomily she had admitted she loved him.*

**By KATHLEEN NORRIS**

WHEN a man is mentally defective, girls perceive his affliction, and nobody wants to marry him. But when he is morally deficient there seems to be no way of seeing it in time.

There ought to be. There ought to be questionnaires and tests for the husband-to-be, simple questions as to whether he respected the truth, knew anything about the responsibilities of marriage and was prepared for its inevitable concessions and sacrifices.

For the happiest marriage is a matter of generous adjustments, and is bound to have its dark, difficult and bewildered moments. Successful marriage is no accident; it is a lifework. It demands courage and character.

From his very early days a boy ought to be trained to think of his marriage. He ought to be told that he will owe his wife honesty and faithfulness. To be sure, the wedding service stresses this, in the words "for better or worse, in sickness and in health." But if back of that pledge there is no home influence, extended over years and years, to implement that promise, it means nothing.

**Don't Forget Marriage.**

You mothers who are so anxious about your small boys' teeth and manners, the schools they attend and the friends they make, don't forget to include in your education and care of them an occasional serious talk about marriage.

If men were schooled to simple decency in marriage I could not receive such a letter as came to me this week from "Daphne."

"I am in real trouble and I honestly don't know what to do," writes Daphne. "I have been married three years, and am 23. Billy, my husband, is 27; he is steady, works in an automobile-parts shop and makes a good salary. We have a little boy 15 months old, and I am expecting another child in February. My parents live 700 miles away in a small village, I am the only child. We knew Billy for some years before I was engaged to him. I have loved him from my sixteenth year."

"After Alan was born he acted rather queerly, seemed quiet and went out alone a good deal, and finally confessed to me that he had 'fallen hard' for a woman some years older than he, a divorced woman who had worked in the office. She had, however, married again, and Billy's infatuation had cooled. He explained his straying away by saying that at home it was all 'dust, didies, dishes and babytalk,' and no man liked that."

**Shuns Responsibility.**

"Well, that that I did all I could to be interesting and keep the house pleasant, and our baby was, and is, an angel, no trouble at all, and almost no crying. Billy says he likes the baby, occasionally throws him about or brings him a toy, but he assumes no responsibility for him. We employ a colored girl of 15, who will sit with Alan evenings and help me after school hours."

"We decided that Alan must have a companion; we both wanted a girl baby. I love children and always have wanted them. At first Billy was nice about it, saying that we would have our family young and enjoy them together, but about three months ago he once again began to

**MESSAGE FOR HUSBANDS**

Most of Kathleen Norris' messages are addressed to wives; but here's one for their husbands. A girl who wouldn't think of marrying a man who is mentally or physically defective, will not hesitate to marry one who has never learned to accept the moral responsibilities of marriage. Perhaps she is not to be blamed for that. It isn't easy to judge a man you have seen only at his best. So it is really up to the mothers and fathers of future husbands to give them the moral background they need, so that they will bring to marriage the decency, courage and sense of responsibility without which that marriage has no chance of being a happy one.

seem absent-minded and depressed, and I recognized the symptoms of another affair.

"Pretty soon he began to tell me about Marian, a pretty saucy girl in an adjoining office, who had all the men crazy about her. I hoped, as in Carmen's case, that she would soon marry, too, but when I expressed the idea Billy told me gloomily that she wouldn't, she had admitted that she loved him. She is just 18, has a flighty three-times divorced mother, and I suppose thinks that handsome Billy is fair game, babies or no babies."

"This was a terrible blow to me, for his manner indicated that he was well-pleased with the idea; but worse followed. Yesterday, Monday morning, I received in the mail a letter from him saying that he is not coming home again; he is staying with Marion and her mother in an apartment hotel. He says he has never really loved me, that it was all a mistake, that his mother will take Alan and I must go to my mother until the new baby comes, and that a lawyer has told him that all he need allow me is \$15 a week. He says he will send that only if I agree to a divorce."

"The shock of this has made me frightfully nervous and I don't know what to do. I don't believe his mother would take Alan, for she lives with a married daughter who is not strong. But what arguments can I use to bring Billy back, and what is your opinion of him?"

**Refuses to Divorce Him.**

My opinion of Billy could hardly be printed in a family paper. The writer of this letter lives in Sacramento, Calif., less than a hundred miles away from me, and my answer was to drive up and see her and have a personal talk. Shortly afterward she stored her furniture and went with her small boy to live with her mother and father, and the courts have told Billy to send her \$75 a month. She intends never to grant him a divorce, and so the matter will stand at a deadlock for a long time.

But the misery of it, the heart-break and tears and loneliness and sense of failure can't be cured by any such solution as that. Daphne took all a girl's dreams and hopes into her married life. She loved her little home, her husband, her first baby.

There's no cure for a man like that. If this had come after 12, 15 years of marriage there might be. He might then have lost his senses for a while, only to recover and begin to realize the value of what he had tried to throw away.

**Household News**  
by Lynn Chambers



Invite the Club—Serve Apple-Banana Rings  
(See Recipes Below)

**Dessert Parties**

"Come over for dessert" has become one of the most popular ways of entertaining at luncheon or afternoon meetings of bridge or sewing clubs. Your guests will take a light snack at home and come over to your home for dessert only.

Very successful way of starting out your afternoon. So, take out your best recipes for dessert and let's go: Whatever you have must be attractive, so bring out your nicest dessert plates and doilies. First idea on our list today are these broiled Banana-Apple Rings which will polka-dot your table in dessert perfection.

**Broiled Banana-Apple Rings.**  
(Serves 6)  
1 cup sugar  
½ cup water  
2 apples, unpeeled  
3 firm bananas  
Melted butter  
Salt  
Cinnamon

Bring sugar and water to a boil and cook until sugar is dissolved. Core apples and cut crosswise into three thick slices. Add to syrup and cook until tender, but firm. Remove from syrup and place on a broiler rack or pan. Cover apple slices with overlapping slices of bananas which have been peeled and sliced thin. Brush with butter and sprinkle with salt and cinnamon. Broil about 10 minutes or until bananas are brown and tender, easily pierced with a fork. Serve hot with sweetened, whipped cream.

To make your dessert party a double success, serve:

**Banana Oatmeal Cookies.**  
(Makes 3½ dozen)  
1½ cups sifted flour  
½ teaspoon soda  
¼ teaspoon nutmeg  
¼ teaspoon cinnamon  
¾ cup shortening  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 cup mashed bananas (2 or 3 bananas)

1¼ cup rolled oats  
½ cup chopped nuts  
Sift together flour, soda, salt and spices. Add sugar gradually to shortening and cream well. Add egg and beat well. Add bananas, rolled oats and nuts and mix thoroughly. Add flour mixture and blend. Drop by

teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet about ½ inches apart. Bake in a moderately hot oven about 15 minutes. Remove from pans at once.

Simply elegant will be your guests' or family's verdict when you serve

them

**LYNN SAYS:**

When planning your luncheon dessert parties, be sure to use this season's rich color schemes on your tables and favors and placecards. White with silver, gold, blue, red are tops right now.

If you like three color combinations, there's green, white and gold, blue, white and gold, or white, red and green.

For an elaborate color scheme use the rich tones of violet, emerald, gold, blue and red. This is especially good in a centerpiece.

Bridge placecards may be made out of paper chrysanthemums in your favorite color with the card tilting out of the flower. The white cards may also be decorated with painted flowers, or candy-shaped flowers pasted in the corner. Evergreen, holly, mistletoe, bright berries, pine cones, used alone or with a silver ornament such as a bell on the place card are sure to bring delighted murmurs from your bridge guests.

**THIS WEEK'S MENU**

- Tomato-Pea Soup
- Breaded Veal Cutlets
- Ricced Potatoes
- Broccoli
- Molded Gingerale Salad
- Broiled Banana-Apple Rings
- Cookies
- Beverage

\*Recipe Given

**Krispie Cream Roll.**  
(Serves 10)

- 1½ cups whipping cream
- 8 marshmallows
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup chopped dates
- ¼ cup chopped nuts
- 3½ cups oven-popped rice cereal

Whip cream until stiff, reserving ¼ cup. Cut marshmallows into small pieces, adding them to cream. Add honey, dates and nuts. Roll rice cereal into fine crumbs and add 1 cup of crumbs to cream mixture. Blend well. Spread remaining crumbs evenly on a piece of waxed paper and place cream mixture on top. Mold into a roll and chill for several hours. Slice and serve garnished with remaining whipped cream, chopped nuts or fruit slices or berries.

**Orange Ice-Box Cake.**

(Serves 8.)

- 1 tablespoon gelatin
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 2 cups milk or 1 cup evaporated milk diluted with 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 2 dozen lady fingers

Soak gelatin in cold water. Scald the milk in a double boiler, mix cornstarch and sugar, and add to hot milk. Add the eggs slightly beaten, combined with cold milk. Cook several minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from fire and add gelatin. Add orange rind and juice. Line a mold with lady fingers, then fill with alternate layers of the cooked mixture and lady fingers. Have a layer of lady fingers on top. Chill in refrigerator overnight. Serve with whipped cream, garnished with orange sections.

Piquant peppermint adds a never-to-be-forgotten flavor to chocolate, and served in quaint tarts, here's a dessert that will mark you as a leader in your crowd:

**Chocolate Mint Tarts.**

(Serves 6)

- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup evaporated milk diluted with 1 cup water
- ¼ cup sugar
- 5 tablespoons flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 6 baked tart shells

Sweetened whipped cream  
¾ cup crushed peppermint candy  
Add chocolate to diluted milk in double boiler and heat until chocolate melts. Beat with rotary beater until chocolate is blended with milk. Combine sugar, flour and salt and add gradually to chocolate mixture. Cook until thick and smooth, about 15 minutes. Beat yolks and add to cooked mixture gradually. Cook two minutes longer. Remove from fire, add butter, vanilla and nuts. When cool, pour into tart shells. Top with whipped cream, mixed lightly with the crushed candy.

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**HOUSEHOLD HINTS**

If, when you stand in front of the sink, you can lay the palms of your hands on the sink bottom without bending your elbows, then the sink is the right height.

Don't heat soup too quickly and never allow it to boil.

The white part of orange and lemon rinds is usually bitter. So when grating use only the outside yellow part.

Try dipping the knife in boiling water before cutting cake or pie.

YES, a dress to admire for its very fresh approach to the problem of looking slim and stately when your figure is too heavy! Pattern No. 1482-B happily overcomes your figure difficulties with a vestee effect through the top, extending as a slim waist treatment. The softly gathered side pieces permit easy roominess through

**JUST A MINUTE!**

It Got Him  
Hardboil—What are you looking so sheepish about this morning?  
So lallyhooy—I couldn't sleep and counted 'em all night.

Drop in Temperature  
"Did Jack remain cool when the burglars came in?"  
"Cool! He was positively shivering!"

Off Pitch  
Ben—I'm continually breaking into song.  
Gladys—You wouldn't have to break in if you got the key.

Assumed  
"Do you think you could learn to love me?"  
"Perhaps. But if I were a man, I'd hate to think I was an acquired taste."

Well Described  
As Sandy walked slowly down the village street two of his old friends looked on sadly.  
"Man, Sandy's lookin' awful white and thin these days," said the first.  
"The second shook his head dolefully. "Ay, ye're richt," he replied. "He's just like a bottle o' milk w' shoes on!"

A silent man often has a reputation for knowing about ten times as much as he really does know.

On Wrong Trail  
A Negro preacher was hearing confession. In the middle of it he stopped the young sinner.  
"Young man," he said, "you ain't confessin'—you's braggin'."

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