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# Kathleen Norris Says:

Fiance's Fears Are Unjustified



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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

L INDA has been engaged for four years. That is a long time for an American girl to wait for her wedding. In Europe it is different. A six or seven years en gagement doesn't disturb a girl there, because just so much social and financial adjusting must go on, and engagements are family matters, considered and accepted as solemn contracts; breaking an

matters, considered and accepted as solemn contracts; breakin; an engagement is almost as serious as a divorce.

Linda said "Yes" to Charles in 1944, while the great war was on. Charles stayed home with her mother and her blind father. Before Charles came back Linda's mother died, leaving a 17-year-old sister to Linda's acre, as well as their father. The sister, Betwey, is evited to the said of the sister of the sister

#### Fiance Is Afraid

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But Charles is afraid to try it. His
mother's life was blighted by a motherin-law who for 20 years usurped her
place in her home and in her husband's
affection and she has warned him
against any such arrangement. He
loves Linda, he will do anything for
Ner, but not that. He likes her father,
thinks Betsey is a swell kid, but he
has decided that he and Linda must
wait until "something happens."

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Now, this waiting until "something happens" is a favorite de-lusion of us all when what we really hope is that someone will die. Linda's father is a strong and cheerful 60, he may easily live 15 years more. Her sister probably will marry but not for some time.

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"I've tried the trick of telling Charles that we had much better end the engagement than go on with any such expectation as this," says Linda's letter. "But that didn't work." In our count to tell me that we simply couldn't be parted. He made hinself so adorable to my father and sister, and even to old Sophy, that all resistance on my part seemed frideiulous and things went back to their old status.

"Frankly, he is afraid. He says he would not be jealous, that he loves to have me read to harmonious be has ever known. His war record shows that he never abrinds back from anything he undertakes. But still he besitates to marry. And of course that makes me hesitant, too. Will you tell me if you think he is right, or might we go ahead and take a chance?"

My dear Linda, you would be taking no chance and neither would he. This delay is a nerrous strain or you between and you have worked yourself up into quite unnecessary distress over it. You have a comfortable home in which to begin your married life, and you're doinglyour full duty to your father will only enhance Charles appreciation of



#### UNWILLING FIANCE

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After an engagement of four years Linda and Charles still haven't married. Although Linda is willing, Charles is reliuctant because he fears family-complications, sectoral years ago Linda's mother died and Linda feels obligated to cape for her blind father and her 17-year-old sister. She would like to marry and make Charles part of their harmonious family group.

Charles, on the other harmonious family group.

Charles, on the other harmonious family are in the young married couples, like young birds, should leave the young birds, should leave the family mest and strive for themselves.

Miss Norris is of the opinion that a marriage be tween. Marken and Linda would involve no unusual risk. She urges Linda to inform Charles that they are going to get married and make him think that the idea is his. Once he has taken the step he vill be extremely happy, forecasts Miss Norris.

Most of these engagement anxieties are unwarranted. A man who never will show jealousy again may make his sweetheart's life a burden while they sweetheart's life a burden while they are engaged. A girl who throws her money about recklessly, is smartly dreased and is always on the golden and the state boldy that they love night life and dining downtown turn into maddeningly domestic husbands, unwilling ever to leave the family fireside; men who are surre they despise babies become fatuous fathers; Robert he country and hates dogs, presently is telling you of early radishes and the fidelity of old Binky, and girls who despise the kitchen go in for cookies and curried eggs on a big scale.

Love is the alchemy that works

Love is the alchemy that works these miracles and since you and Charles truly love each other, you need have no fear. Forget his mother's gloomy prophesies as you prove to her that she is wrong.

prove to ner that she is wrong. Your own good sense will teach you to develop a friendship between your two men, how to delegate some of your daughterly duties to Belsey, how to refer everything first to Charles and seem to act on his advice even when you don't. All loving wives learn this trick.

Make that home of yours the hap-piest in town. Carry things from this moment with a high hand. Tell Charles make it soon. Put it in the paper. Plan straight ahead for your honeymon, your home arrangements; be complete-ly happy yourself about it, and you'll find that he not only falls into line, but that he's happier than you are, and when presently he convinces himself that the whole thing was his idea, and that he had to talky you over to it, be sure you leave him in this fond delu-ation.

Talking Turkey'
The expression "talking turkey" generally is attributed to an Indian who camed through a patch of woods.
It seems the Indian and a white man went hunting and agreed to split the spoils. They bagged a fat wild turkey and an old black crow.
The fast-talking white man said:
"I'll take the turkey and you take the trow; or you take the crow and I'll turkey have a specially the talking white indian grunted. "You no talk turkey"



#### Voters' Weak Voice

If YOU are a member of the Demo-cratic or the Republican party you have a weak, diluted voice in the nam-ing of a president of the United States. If you are an independent voter your say about the presidency is practically

Ing of a president of the United States If you are an independent voter your about the presidency is practically nil.

This is an amazing fact, but nevertheless true. The threatened bolt of southern states from the Democratic party and the proposed action of Virginia to remove names of presidential party and the proposed action of Virginia to remove a complicated process by which we name our presidents and how little voters actually have to say about it.

It goes back to the constitutional provision setting up our electoral syspecial provision setting up to the provision setting t

ional compuision to vote for any pic-licular candidate. For many years, however, under our election system these presi-dential electors are held as morally bound to vote for the party winner in their state. So long has this been custom, there are some who maintain that the courts would hold that it has been legalized by

hold that it has been regarded.

In only 18 states, however, is there any provision to give the voter a chance to make himself heard in a primary election of delegates to the primary election of delegates to the primary election of delegates to the primary election of t

among presidential candidates and only pine make provision for pledging dele-fic. In the state party conventions choose dele-gates to national conventions and the only chance the average voter has to express a preference for delegates is in the small precinct unit. After that the whole thing is in the hands of the party boxess in county, district or state

conventions.

In the 10 states providing for a presidential primary—Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Nobrasia, Olio, Ore-Wicconsin—Lee vote is worfsilly small in comparison to total vote and only in Florida, Ohio, Oregon and Wisconsin are delegates pledged to a particular and the condition only five states are convention-elected delegates pledged with the New Hampshire, New Jersey and South Dakota.

### South Lost Influence

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Southern states objecting to President Truman's civil rights program complain they lost their influence within the Democratic party when the two-thirds rule for nomination was abolished in 150 ears' distribution of 1,234 delegates in the national Democratic convention even the two-thirds ruler-combin not give the South a veto either on the nomination or the platform. It requires 618 votes for a simple majority. Cere 224 overseas 411 votes would block action, but the 13 states in the Solid South have only 294 votes.

These name states have 127 electoral votes out of 331 in the electoral college. Six of 151 in th

ence.

Rep. Clarence F. Lea of California has had a resolution before congress for many years to give the people direct vote be. The second of the property of the people of the people

For instance if a candidate got 51 per cent of the New York state wote he would get 51 per cent of the state's 47 electoral votes, not 100 per cent as at present. This would minimize the influence of minority groups in some northern states which sometimes hold the balance of power in those states. Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts also is sponsoring a constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college and provide direct election of the president.

### **Electoral Practice**

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In the 1944 election President Roose
welt received 54 per cent of the popular
vote and 81 per cent of the electoral
college while Governor Dewey, who got
64 per cent of the popular vote, received only 19 per cent of the electoral
college. Under our present practice
selection of electors is a formality but
if Virginia or other states permit indepresent formation of the property of the proceived only 19 per content and the property of the proceived only 19 per cent of the property of the proceived only 19 per cent of the property of the proceived only 19 per cent of the property of the property of the proceived only 19 per cent of the property of



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