

## ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: Since I left my husband, my little boy and I have lived with my parents; my husband supports us. I am 32, I pay board and do all the housework. My mother does not approve of my going anywhere, even with a girl friend to the movies."

"She says I made a mistake, and I must pay for it. She goes out often."

"She refuses to mind the baby, and will not let me get a sitter. More than once, she has asked me to leave; but I feel my son is better off here than in furnished rooms in care of someone else, because I'd have to go to work. She calls me selfish names. I am not a bad girl, Anne Hirst, and never was; my reputation has always been good. My father never asked them for a penny; I worked before the baby came, and saved and paid for everything myself."

**WHO IS TO BLAME?**  
"Before I married, I loved to parties and dances and have good times. I'd like to go now, to see if the world still goes around! Two and three months at a time pass without my going anywhere."

**Week's Sew-Thriftly**



4659  
by Anne Adams

**THRIFTY:** Your round wardrobe in one pattern! Make the cardigan jacket and long pants in wool, corduroy, or one of the new trended cottons. If you wish, sew the short pants in rough-and-tumble denim or seersucker. Add several short and long-sleeved cotton shirts—and your little boy is ready for school, play, Sunday! Pattern 4659: Child's Size 4, 6, 8, 10, Size 6 long suit, 2 yards 54-inch short sleeve shirt, 1 1/2 yards 35-inch fabric.

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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## KILT AND KIMONO MEET

The Tartan-plaid and Nipper silk spar for prominence at a Spanish embassy party in London last night. Sir Shane Leslie, Bart, first cousin to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, dined with Madame Yoshio Suzuki, wife of the Japanese ambassador's commercial councillor.

"It is hard for one who does not know your mother nor you to justify her unreasonable restrictions. One who enjoys people as you do continues to need their companionship; without it she cannot live. Her nature is warped and her outlook bitter. Four mother enjoys her own friends, and your presence allows her to see them more often."

"She and you are at cross-purposes. You do not tell me how she felt about your marriage, or your leaving your husband, which might explain a great deal. You lived with her, and she was a mother to you. Yet he comes to see you and the boy frequently, so there can be really no caustic feeling between you."

"I am at a loss to understand why you father allows your life to be so circumscribed—unless he is under your mother's thumb and only by staying there can he find any peace at home."

"No one else can definitely say who is at fault. From your letter, I conclude that a conflict of personalities is the actual cause, and it is probable that has existed for a long, long while."

"One solution (if your church permits) is a divorce, and allowance that will permit you to care for your boy unaided. Can this be arranged?"

When you write Anne Hirst, be explicit in giving her background upon which to base an opinion of your problem. She can be of great help. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighth St., New Toronto, Ont.

**Legend of the Laurel**

That the longing for greenery which has become an instinctive trait of the Briton no matter what part of the world he happens to be in, makes us cherish the few plants whose foliage has not yet been shed. Who is there that does not associate the dark days of winter with the glossy foliage of our evergreens?

Traditions and legends have gathered round the laurel, holly, ivy, and mistletoe. One of them is that these evergreen shrubs and trees do not shed their leaves, but that this is wrong.

It is true that there is no regular season for the fall of the leaf, as in ordinary forest trees, though a holly-bush in May and June looks thin and meagre compared with its Christmas appearance. As a rule, however, all so-called evergreen plants gradually replace the old leaves with new, and so are constantly changing their foliage.

Reason why evergreen plants can maintain their foliage so long, when others so readily shed it, is that the thick skin of the leaves prevents a too rapid "breathing" which produces fall of the leaf generally. This thick skin also enables evergreens to withstand extreme of heat and cold.

Most evergreen leaves last several years. The holly, for instance, produces new leaves each season, but each new leaf lives three or four years, and although there is a leaf fall every year, it affects only the oldest leaves, and

## Why, then, do the mistletoe and the apple-tree become so firmly linked in legend? Because the ancient Druids were much more observant of nature—lovers than we are. It was on account of the rarity of the occurrence of the mistletoe on the apple-tree, and since the time of the ancient Greeks this shrub or small tree has been held in veneration.

Its berries, twisted into a wreath or crown, were used to adorn the victors in Grecian games of strength and skill. The laurel crown came to be regarded as the distinctive reward of valour or of scholarship.

Another false notion is that the evergreen mistletoe is the arch enemy of the apple-tree and is very fond of growing upon it as a parasite. But botanists have collected the mistletoe from thirty trees on which the mistletoe has been found growing, and of these the thorn is the one most affected by it. The mistletoe is way down at the bottom of the apple's danger list.

**City With A Roof**  
If Prof. Ambrose M. Richardson, an architect on the faculty of the University of Illinois, has his way the city of the future will be roofed by domes formed of plastic "pillows." Nobody will have to carry an umbrella, wear overcoats or shovel snow. When some adventurer returns from hiking in the open country he will boast of the brooks through which he splashed or the wind and standing rain that tutted him. Skyscrapers are too tall for

Upisodated to Prevent Peeking  
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