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"Dear Anne Hirst: I've been engaged for over a year, and my fiancé is growing impatient. But I hesitate to marry him because of my mother. She is not only handicapped, but very spoiled. She has always frowned on all my former beaux and does not get along well with my fiancé. I know it is chiefly her fault because she hates the thought of losing me by marriage.

I cannot afford to pay her board expenses. She would have to live with us and, frankly, the thought frightens me. But I must either take that chance or end my engagement.

"My fiancé and I love each other dearly, but I cannot ask him to wait any longer. He is a patient man, and wonderfully kind, and says we will manage somehow. But have I the right to expose him to my mother's whims?"

TAKE THE CHANCE
If your fiancé is as eager to marry as he seems, why not go ahead? He will make allowances for your mother's temperament, and he would not offer her a home unless he believed you three could live together agreeably.

Tell your mother that you have fixed the date of your wedding, and expect her to be more tolerant toward your fiancé. Selfish as she is, she should be grateful that you have found someone to love, and you take care of you. When she sees that your marriage is inevitable, she will have to reconcile herself to it.

In planning your living arrangements, I suggest that you provide a pleasant room for her, furnishing it more like a sitting room, with her own books and radio. When you are settled, encourage her friends to visit her, and see that she has some interests other than herself.

After a while, you may find a private family who can give her the little care she needs.

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by Anne Adams
Mom, your fashion-conscious little girl will love her new spring outfit applied with a sailor's stars. Cape takes the place of a spring coat, it's practical as well as pretty! Adorable dress has square neckline, puffed sleeves, and a swirl of a skirt!
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"Many people are glad to add to their income in this way and the expense is not usually prohibitive."
Neither of these arrangements is ideal, of course, but how else can you do it? Your fiancé wants a home of his own, he does not wish to move into your mother's house. Go along with his idea, and take it for granted that things will work out well. If you all will be a little more charitable, and thoughtfully understand each other, you may find that the troubles you anticipate will not develop.

Opening one's home to a permanent guest, whether related or not, is not the ideal way to live. But if one must, she can work things out, usually with less difficulty than anticipated.

... Anne Hirst's counsel will help. Write her at Box 1, 125 E. Ontario St., New Toronto, Ont.

CHRONICLES OF QUINER FARM
It has been a horrid, wet, miserable day, and this afternoon we had a slight thunderstorm. When he heard it Partner said "Thunder in March, empty barns in September." Just a saying of course, but I suppose all these old-weather predictions made on the personal observations of country folk throughout the years. Here are a few more weather forecasts all wrapped up in rhyme.

Signs of Fool Weather
The hollow wind begin to blow;
The clouds look black, the glass is low;
The soot falls down, the sparrows sleep
And spiders from their cobwebs creep.
Last night the sun went pale to bed,
The moon in bates hid his head.
The bodding shepherd waves a sigh
For see a rainbow in the sky.
Mark how the chairs and tables crack—
Old Daddy's joints are on the rack.
Her corns with shooting pains torment her
And to her sad antlers sent her.
Loud quack the ducks, the sea-fowl cry.
The distant hills are looking hazy,
Twill surely rain, we see't with sorrow—
No working in the fields tomorrow.

Dr. Erasmus Darwin
The couplets go on for another 50 lines but check on the ones I have given you and you will probably know them whether or not it is going to rain!
Rain or shine, it doesn't worry me very much when I am at home but if I am going away for a day I wish I could see whether it will be warm or cold.
Last Friday, for instance, I had to go to Toronto, and the forecast was for high of 53 I rushed down to pick up my spring coat from the cleaners so for once I was quite comfortable

A Hollywood resident patient of a surgeon that can be operated by a single person.

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WOW! THAT'S TERRIFIC, MOM! WHAT IS IT CALLED? CAN I HAVE MORE? IT'S DELICIOUS!



Hide Their Money In Queer Places

A Cornish farmer, persuaded to invest in National Savings, produced £180 in half-crowns from an old milk can. He was one of those people who for some reason destroy banks and choose strange hiding-places for their wealth. For even in 1933 there are folk who like hoarding. His savings in places where they believe they will be "safer than the Bank of England."

Another experience last week concerned plumbing, and as a result we are very thankful we were not faced with the necessity of putting in a furnace or a bathroom. Our outside pump was giving trouble. Partner was sure the leather washer had perished, and so we sent for a plumber. Time was when Partner would have done a job like that himself—but it is beyond him now.

The plumber arrived, along with his assistant, took out the pump, fixed it and put it back again. The men were here less than an hour yet the bill for labour alone was \$5. Now, just suppose we had to have a big job done, an eight-hour day would cost at least \$40 for labour, plus the high cost of materials used. That is the sort of thing that makes farmers dissatisfied with their own returns. A bathroom today would run into at least \$1000—and possibly considerably more.

It would take a lot of milk, eggs, cream, butter, or even eight or nine cows—to make up a \$1000.

Incidentally, the trouble with our pump was not caused by a defective washer but by a nice fat frog. The mass scattering had broken away from the intake and this poor little frog had become wedged in the pipe. Partner with his assistant took the pump apart almost at once. Partner was almost afraid to touch the frog. It did not worry me—not for that length of time. Frogs and water seem to belong together. And after all, frogs' legs are considered a delicacy. If it had been a rat or a few dead mice, I might have been more apprehensive. I had a snake—so close to St. Patrick's Day.

Snake, frog or snake, it just goes to show a well should be looked into once in awhile, however carefully the top is protected. If there is no access through the top to some creature find a way of burrowing through the sides—that is in the case of a dug well.

Good Taste For Teens

By SALLY McCRAE
This week we're going to talk about that common teen complaint, "Why Boys Love Interest!" The boy in your life doesn't phone you more and living is a pretty dull affair without him. Even your girl friends tell you your taste is showing. And the sad thing about it, it isn't the first time this has happened. Just a couple months ago, that terrific fellow, for no apparent reason, walked out of your life. Before him there was Jimmy, whom you also thought was terrific, but just didn't call any more, either.

You just can't figure it out; you're not enough looking, wear the wrong clothes, dance quite well, in fact you believe you're all the things you think boys like in a girl. But they just don't come over any more. Its enough to give a gal a king-sized inferiority complex. Besides, since you wear and tear on your hair, it's terrific. Something is wrong. What's the matter with you? You wish and wish that someone would tell you. Well, that's our aim. In fact, we've taken you into our own hands and asked the boys to tell us. Here are the questions and their answers.

Tastier Carrots
These three ways of cooking carrots have brought favorable comment from many.
1. Mash carrots as you would potatoes and put plenty of hot cream or butter. Serve piping hot. Salt to taste.
2. Cook sliced carrots and add to one side while you prepare the rest of the meal. Fry out a couple of slices of bacon which has been cut up. When a nice hot brown, pour on a cup of cream. Have hot and pour onto sliced carrots.
3. Cook carrots. Make a very thick white sauce and add the carrots, mashing them first. Spread combined mixture on a plate, and let stand a couple of hours. Afterwards, shape into crumbs, and fry in butter. They're delicious!

Splitting a Headache
A friend of ours, who has a suspicious turn of mind, suggests that the lads were probably making it close in order to assure plenty of customers for the lads; but we resent such a suggestion, which shows too much of the modern commercialistic spirit to have existed so long ago—we hope. Besides, the records don't mention anything about gate receipts at all, so we are willing to let it go that the lads were strictly leveling, although we must say that they were certainly very evenly matched.

Sydney Skilton, writing in the Christian Science Monitor, says that at this point some Tinley Green character made the Solomon-like suggestion that the boys should save the young lady and Giles and Hodge, and let it go at that. But the lady had a better idea, and proposed that her swains should battle it out to a finish, at-hold your breath now!—the sport of marbles.

Not to make too much of a mystery of it, Giles and Hodge went to one another at stool-ball, ring-ball, club-ball, hand-ball, hand-tennis, archery, club-play and wrestling. And when they were finished the score, between them was 1-1.

A Fort Wayne, Ind., man reported that he had set foot in every country in the United States (3,074 of them).

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The Calvert Sports Column

by Elmer Ferguson

Trap-shooting is not, of course, what might be termed a popular sport. It has a limited participation, an even more limited spectator following. So it is hardly surprising that a glittering hockey star, Rocket Richard of Montreal Canadiens, whose feat in breaking the ancient lifetime goal record, 284, accomplished by Neil Stewart, should have been voted Canada's athlete of the year.

Richard is the Babe Ruth of hockey, a dynamic showman, a magnetic figure. But it seems as though the selectors, perhaps overlooking one of the most brilliant achievements of 1952 by a Canadian youth. We mean the performance of 17-year-old George Gekker of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the high school boy who won 10 of Canada's 20 points, and its only Gold Medal symbol of Olympic supremacy, when he defeated the greatest trap-shooters in the world. That one so young should win such honors is unusual. That he should lack the acclaim such a performance merits is unfortunate.

George Gekker's record in his favorite sport is little short of fabulous. He was only 13 years old when he first started out at the Saskatoon Gun Club. His ability was quickly spotted by Jimmie Giguil, veteran trapshooting star. Giguil was introducing his sons to the clay-target hunting business one afternoon, by letting them shoot at birds with a .410 shotgun, when George joined in. This proved to be an important meeting, for from that time an tournament-wise Giguil kept George under his wing and has been his coach and mentor ever since.

The first major victory in competitive shooting for George was in 1949, when at the tender age of 14 he shot his way to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Handicap Championship. Two years later at the American Trapshooting Association competition at Vandalla, Ohio, he won three North American championships—the Junior, the Junior All-Around and the Junior High Over All.

Last year at the contests sponsored by the A.T.A. he was runner-up in the Junior Preliminary Handicap Championship, and won the Junior Champion of Champions North America title. To this he added the Saskatchewan Championship (Singles). Thereafter going to the Olympics in Stockholm, Giguil kept George under his wing and has been his coach and mentor ever since.

Championships, trophies and prizes in sport are a dime a dozen, or thereabouts. But what would you think of a championship that has been contested annually for just 365 years? Well, you'd hold still for a moment, wouldn't you? If you did, you'd see that the contest was initiated, he will be promptly heaved out of the congregation.

Well then, it seems that back in the year there were two living in, Giles and Hodge, living in the village of Tinsley Green who were both gaily smitten with the charms of a young lady of the vicinity. The name of this amato has not, unfortunately, come down to us through the passage of the years, but the story must have been something of a piker because, in order to prove their mutual love, they decided to have a contest of athletics which would make some of these Olympic Decathloners look like amateurs.

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