

# ANNE HIRST

Your Family Counselor

### ONE SPOILED MAN

"Dear Anne Hirst: I don't want pity, but I do need some advice to make my life more bearable. I am completely miserable. . . For five years I've been married to a man I love dearly—and he knows it. I wait on him like a baby (even lay out his clothes) and he never turns a hand to help me do anything, and I could count the words of affection he has spoken since we married. . . We have two children, and live in a three-room house; you can picture how crowded we are. I do the best I can, but with the children to manage and all the work to do alone, I get discouraged. I am in a bad nervous state—and when I'm sick my husband calls it imagination. That hurts. I haven't been to a doctor in nearly two years. . . He seldom takes me anywhere, except to a movie about twice a year. He does pay the bills; he doesn't let me have any money, though, and I've

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by Anne Adams

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### MOTHER LETS HER DOWN

"Dear Anne Hirst: Most wives who write you have trouble with their mothers-in-law. In my case, it has turned out the other way. My mother does not like my husband. Once she separated us, but I have sworn that I will never happen again.  
"Lately I have seen her far what she is. When my brothers and sisters returned to have her live with them and she had nowhere to go, we took her in. Now when we need her, she refuses to help me out. I have three small children and an expecting another. I haven't been able to find anyone to care for them while I'm in the hospital. My mother says she will not help me. My husband's mother is not living, or I'd have nothing to

## New Fabrics Bring You Bed-Making Dividends

By EDNA MILLS

Having the beds in her house look pretty, ruffy and immaculate at all times with very little effort on her part is one dream of every homemaker.  
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## Modern Etiquette

Q. What is the rule on the introduction of young and old persons?  
A. The younger person is always introduced to the older or more distinguished, but a gentleman is always presented to a lady, even though he is an old gentleman of great distinction and the lady a mere slip of a girl. Of course, a woman is presented to the President of the United States, a royal personage, or a dignitary of the church.  
Q. When attending church services that are not familiar, should one copy the congregation or members of the congregation, or just remain seated?  
A. It is better to try to do what the others are doing. You will see conspicuously.  
Q. When addressing an envelope to an unmarried girl or woman, is it all right to address it merely "Mary Williams"?  
A. No; always use the prefix "Miss", no matter how young she is.  
Q. How can an unmarried woman, living in a hotel or boarding house, return hospital bills shown her by married friends?  
A. One good way is to take them to dinner at a hotel or restaurant.  
Q. Is there any way that one can possibly raise one's fingers at the table if no finger bowl has been provided?  
A. It is permissible to tip the water glass against the corner of the napkin, and then wipe one's fingers on it.  
Q. How far in advance should the invitation to a wedding be mailed?  
A. No earlier than three weeks or later than two weeks before the wedding.  
Q. I know that women are supposed to lead the way down the aisle of a theater, but if a man is host to a group of what does he do?  
A. In this case, he hands the checks to the usher and follows after him so that he may direct the seating arrangement of his guests when they arrive at the proper row of seats.  
Q. When is the proper time for the guests at a church wedding to leave their seats after the proper row of seats?  
A. Not until the very end of the recessional. It is very bad form to break into the march to leave congregations.  
Q. If olives and celery are to be served, when is the proper time to pass them around the table?  
A. During the soup course.

## THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

Selection of Christmas cards may give you a headache, but a telephone book for addresses may prove a headache, but whatever the trouble, these activities are important. They herald the day when the entire christian world joins in celebrating, "Peace on earth, good will to all men."  
You may be inclined to look backward at Christmas time. If one looks far enough, one finds that early Christmas observances on the continent took place in a crude chapel, much like the bark-covered "long houses" of the Hurons. This was the Mission St. Marie near the eastern tip of Georgian Bay.  
To that wild land of forests and roaring waters, Jean de Brebeuf, Norman noble and kin of the Dukes of Arandel, had come as a Jesuit missionary. Any there under the constellations of the Northern winter, he brought the Indians together to sing to the tune of the Breton "Line Jeune Pucelle," a Christmas carol he had written for them in their own language.  
That's something worth thinking about as one struggles through mailing lists, with its late omissions and Christmas shopping, and dressing the tree, and providing the turkey. We don't have any idea of the joys of the Breton carol, though no doubt it was a simple and reverent piece of verification. As simple as the days before premature time and bangles, store-windows of electric trains, black lace and ties which were considered too gaudy to wear.  
So let us forget the crowded stores, the weeks and weeks of "The Red Nose Reindeer" and the other tunes which Tinpan Alley cuts in on the Christmas dollar, and say with Thackeray:  
I wish you health, love and mirth,  
As fits the solemn Christmas birth,  
As fits the holy Christmas birth,  
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,  
To men of gentle will.

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Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

### Couldn't Talk Till He Fell In Love

Angelino, son of Signor and Signora Paoli, of Maris, a village near Pisa, was from the early days of his childhood unable to talk to anybody but his mother. His parents thought this was a mere phase of his development, and that in time it would disappear.  
But that is where they were wrong. The affliction appeared to be a permanent one. Angelino could not talk to anybody else, in spite of the special trouble his father used to take with him. No doctor could give a satisfactory explanation. So Angelino grew to manhood.  
When news about him began to get about, a radio reporter arrived at the Paoli home. With him he brought a microphone, and, strangely enough, Angelino had no difficulty in speaking a few words to it.  
In this way his affliction became known to the world. Hundreds of letters poured in among them, and a young Dutch girl named Cokky Werwer, who showed such sympathy with the young man that a regular correspondence sprang up between them.  
Then recently Cokky came to see Angelino. They fell in love with the miracle happened. Suddenly Angelino began talking to Cokky. He chattered so fast he could hardly be made to stop.  
In a few months' time they will marry. Cokky has returned home, but Angelino keeps on talking.

Something To "Broad" About—Mama's looking worried about the sad situation, but this biddy on the A. O. Open farm cheerfully goes to the dogs. She mothers the pups constantly, and rules the roost completely when Mama goes out for a walk.

## Practical Jokers And Their Pranks

A member of the cast of a Broadway play was recently fired for playing pranks. The part of a prankster called for her to mix a drink for one of the actors. At one performance she added a liquid distilled from her own highway to the glass of pucker which he had as a result of which he could hardly speak his lines.  
The Hudson River is, for the most part, very wide, even more so than the group of looting wide boys who were throwing stones into it. Stopping to watch their antics was a big raw-boned Yankee who had made his way from the backwoods into New York State. A little time elapsed before the stone-throwers began ribbing the newcomer.  
In reply to their taunts, he explained that he wasn't too bad at throwing himself. Only recently he had received a man clear across a river back home and he could even leave a man right across the Hudson.  
One of the New Yorkers promptly laid down ten dollars. The feat was impossible, he said.  
Grasping the challenge by the lapels of his trousers, the Yankee promptly flung him straight into the river. Crawling out, the shiverer asked for his winnings. Nothing doing, for, said the big man, "I didn't wager to do it the first time. Just said I could do it, and I sell you I can."  
With that, the dripping victim was again flung into the river. "Third time never fails," muttered the thrower as the soaked man struggled gasping for air, coughing and splashing as he clung to a log.  
The joke had gone far enough; ten dollars was his, and the victim went on his way.  
Setting the seal on a hilarious subject is H. Allen Smith's book "The Complete Practical Joker." It's one long laugh from beginning to end, and as loopy as the antic spirit that moves those who figure in it.  
Motoring in the juggernaut age was a great adventure, and passengers waiting for the explosion that might burst them to kingdom come, demanded the author, that Roy Colby—brother of the famous humorist James Thurber—thought up a lively prank to play on his father.  
Roy collected together a great many articles from the kitchen, bundled them up in canvas and fixed them beneath the family car in such a manner that a tug on an extending string would release the whole collection.  
Father, contentedly enjoying a drive, was suddenly shaken to the core by a clatter of knives, forks, tin-opens, pie dishes, pot lids, ladies and egg beaters falling noisily on the road. "Stop the car!" he yelled. "I can't," replied Roy. "The engine fell out." His father's remarks when the joke was explained to him are not recorded.  
Well up on the list of funsters is Jim Moran, an American who hit upon a hair-raising means of relieving the tedium of driving endless miles alone in his car.  
He bought a rubber mask designed to fit the face of an idiotic character. This he fitted to the back of his head, his vision for the road ahead remaining unobscured. Bowling slowly at a fair speed he would wait until

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## CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Geraldine Clarke

There was a time when shoppers in small towns looked favourably upon the increasing number of cars owned by farm people. Cars brought the country folk away from the village "Corner Store" where they had previously done most of their week-end shopping. Now it was not the lack of them, that kept people away from shopping at small town stores. It was the lack of parking space. And it is certainly lack of places to park that keeps visitors from shopping at these small town stores. But if there is a shopping centre . . . ah, that solves the problem, for visitors, and the shopping folk alike. No parking problems there and practically everything you want within easy walking distance from your car.  
Now, this isn't a brief for community shopping centres—far from it. I am all for the small town stores who served the public long before shopping centres were even thought of. I am merely making a few observations on things as I see them—particularly because of what happened last week. I visited a nearby town with a friend a few days ago. We drove through the main street just about one o'clock—a good time for finding a place to park, I thought—and I looked forward to a few things at the Five and Ten Cent Store. So we had to choose but to go back to the outskirts of town to the shopping centre that was opened about six months ago. Here we found plenty of parking space, a splendid lunch counter where we were able to get a good cup of tea to reinforce us for our journey home.

## Mystery Of Servants

Dublin. — This is vouched for as a true ghost story. A Mr and Mrs. Eden from Salzburg, Austria, recently came to stay at a beautiful old castle on the outskirts of Dublin. The castle stands in the middle of a great cedar forest, and was built about the year 1200 by King John. It was recently used as a setting for a film about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. "It is crammed

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