ANNE HIRST - Your Family Counselor -

"Dear Anne Hirst: Our daughter, 16, has been permitted to have her first boy friend; they've dated nearly six months. Now.

DAD SI OULD HELP

Dear Anne Hirst: My mother and father are separated, and she is sick most of the time. I he is going into the army, and is asking her to wait for him. I can't leave her by herseif. (I Her father and I like him well am too young to get a job) If I enough, but we don't approve of this idea at all.

"We feel she is too young to now her own mind, for one thing. When we speak to the but he tells her a different story. Her feeling is that she doesn't want him to leave "heart-

"Also he is extremely jealous; she doesn't dare mention any ther boy she knows. He insists now that she sees only girl riends during his absence, and he said if she dated anybody else, he'd feel sorry for him! (She loves to dance, and if she consents to his demands ourse that is out.)

"We know his family; they are fine people, and are delighted he is dating our girl. What is your advice? BEWILDERED MOTHER"

* I am on your side. To sen-* tence a 16-year-old girl to a * hermit's life during his absence is the natural gesture * of a young boy in love. If she * consents, though, I'm afraid * she would rebel in a few We cannot change human

than you are getting. Good For a soldier to limit hi * nature Young love thrives on sweetheart's social activities * sweet words and constant atwhile he is gone is the ultimate selfishness; it only reveals his * tention. Deprived of these reassurances, your girl would underlying distrust and his sense of possession. . . Anne Hirst has helped many a youngster * find her restricted life too dull * to endure and kick over the * traces, which would be awkthrough painful dilemmas. Write * ward for everybody concerned. to her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

don't go to school much because

could hire someone to stay with her, I could finish my education.

"Don't you think my Dad should help? I don't want to re-

haved (and still does) but if

you print this letter he may see

"I intend to see him soon, and

if he will help me now it will

See your father as soon as

It is unlikely that he re-

ing school. When he learns of

someone to stay with your

mother, I am sure, so you can

* continue your education and

* fit yourself properly for the * future. Be entirely frank in

describing the situation

* what sort of men they per-* sonally are, want the best for

their children; it is likely

* alizes how often you are miss

* it he will want to engage

vou can.

DAUGHTER MAY

be a happier meeting for us

it. It could mean such a lot to

* If the lad were ten years * older, he would encourage her * having dates while he is * away. Then on his return he * would find a normally devel-How Can 1? * oped young woman, more at-* tractive and interesting than By ROBERTA LEE * she is today. During their sep-* aration she might indeed fall in love with someone else; he

* to all other boys she has dated * in his absence, it would be a real test of her love. * However, the boy is not ten * years older, and it is not likely * you and your husband can * persuade him to relax his ulmatum. (I especially deplore * his threat to any rival). You * must work on your daughter; draw a true picture of her * coming loneliness and inac-

* tivity, and try to make her

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chance. If she still prefers him



Q. How can I remove scorched spots from linen? A. If the linen is not scorched very badly, rub a cut onion on the marks and then give the linen a good soaking. The cold water will remove the scorched

minum utensils? brighten the aluminum.

Q. How can I dry damp flour?

cloth, to give it a high polish.

occasionally instead of the usual tooth paste. It invigorates the gums, and if used with cold water is an excellent mouth wash or gargle.

(35¢) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Print plainly SIZE, NAME, ADlist of the world's greatest men?" asked teacher. "Almost," replied Tommy. "I can't quite make up my mind about the goalkeeper."



FOOTNOTES-Latest foot fashions for teen-agers are shoes that carry messages. The messages are so incomprehensive that they sometimes baffle other teen-agers. Girl at left has "Kind of Not Too Goodish" on her right foot, and "Many Many Funs" on her left.



If this column seems some what out of date I hope my readers will remember it is written three weeks ahead of publication. Which means that those of you who read are well into the New Year, but with us it is only the Monday after Christmas. We still have remains of the turkey and plum pudding to eat up. As for Christmas cake we don't even want to look at it-at least for the present. But it was a wonderful Christmas . . . beautiful weather, even if it wasn't a White Christmas. The family were all here, plus two extras, and we had a very enjoyable time. Just to add to the occas

ion Dee and Art brought their

television set along with them.

but we managed to bring in

some of the programmes sur-

prisingly well-especially that

rip-roaring hockey game be-tween the Leafs and the Red-

The inclusion of the television

for the holiday was quite a sur-

prise and was brought along

partly to settle an argument. Dee and Art are very anxious

that we should get a set our-

selves but Partner and I have always claimed we have no de-

sire for one at all. We are in-

variably told . . . "If you had one you would like it." So they

brought their set along just to

convince us . . . and partly succeeded . . . for we did enjoy the

liked some of the others equally

well had we been able to get

them more clearly. At any rate

our ideas regarding television have been modified to a great

extent. But one problem re-mains unsolved . . . how would

we ever find time to watch tele-

vision supposing we did have a

There was just one thing

wrong with our Christmas— Dave wasn't too well. He was

completely off his feed-a hang-

over from a recent attack of

stomach flu. At one time Dee

even wondered whether he would be well enough for them

to come at all. Christmas with-

out Dave . . . wouldn't that have

been a disappointment? I would hate to have missed his ex-

pression of delight as he looked at the Christmas tree with its

glittering lights. He has one

word he uses a lot to let us

know when something really interests him. "See! See!" he

So now Christmas is over . .

and perhaps one of the facts

we appreciate most is that it

other twelve months! We are saddened too, when we hear of

the number of accidents that

brought sorrow to so many

IT MAY BE

YOUR LIVER

If life's not worth living it may be your liver

repeats over and over again.

won't be here again for

wings Christmas night.

Of course we haven't an aerial

stains from fabric?

A. When the stains are fresh pour boiling water through them, or rub with glycerin and wash in lukewarm water. If the stains are old and dry, apply javelle water and as soon as the stain disappears soak the place in ammonia and water to prevent damage to the material. Q. How can I give vitality to a canary? A. If the canary has lost vital-

Q. How can I remove coffee

ity during the molting period, place a rusty nail in the drinking water. It will supply iron to the bird when he is not so active Q. How can I prevent new

A. The new shoes will not burn the feet if talcum powder is sprinkled liberally into them. Q. How can I avoid ruining a garment by using a spot re-A. Try the stain remover first

take the color out of the material as well as remove the stain.

Q. How can I brighten alu-A. Use the darkest aluminum pan for cooking rhubarb, apricots, lemons, or tomatoes. These foods contain acid and will Q. How can I be certain that

I am buying a good broom? A. Choose one with green olored straws, but avoid the dark reddish straws, and be sure the brush is firm on the andle. Never let it stand on its bristles and give it a bath in soapsuds occasionally.

A. By sifting it several times n front of the open door of a hot oven. The flour should be cooled before using it or return-Q. How can I give a polish to tinware?

A. Rub a freshly sliced onion over the tinware and then rub vigorously with a dry clean Q. How can I harden the

A. Use salt on the tooth brush

It may be your liver!

It is a facti it takes up to two pints of live, bile a day to keep your digestive tract in top shape! If your liver bile is not flowing freely your food may not digest. _gas bloats up your storned. _you feel constipated and all the fun and sparkle go out of life. That's when you need mild gentle Carter's Little Liver 'lila. These femous vegetable pills help stimulate the flow of liver bile. Soon your digestion starts functioning properly and you digestion starts functioning properly and you feel that happy days are here again! Don't eser stay sunk. Always keep Carter's Little Liver Pills on hand. 376 at your druggist ISSUE 3 - 1955

homes, most of the accidents being on the highways. In fact fatalities have become so much a part of the festive season that one breathes a sigh of relief when the members of one's family come and go in safety. Before Christmas there is always a nagging fear at the back of one's mind . . . what will the weather be like . . . snow, sleet or clear cold sunshine? Will driving conditions be good or

hazardous? Actually no one really worries as to whether it is a white or a green Christmas —just so long as it is a safe one.
On the other hand the Christmas season brings aolng so many delightful surprises! For instance Partner got a letter from a very close relative living in Australia. We had not heard from him for over twenty years. The letter was answered immediately. And just imagine-that letter was mailed in Brisbane on the 16th of December and arrived here on the 22nd! Distance is relatively unimportant in this modern world.

For me there came another letter from a well-loved cousin in England—the first arrived sometime last year after a silence of at least twenty-five years. And from a nephew in England, whom I have never even seen, came a letter and snapshots of his wife and two little girls. Desmond is the only surviving male descendant of a branch of the Fitz-Gerald fam-

ily of which my sister and 1 are a part. And I might add we are very particular about how that name is spelt. There are Fitzgeralds and FitzGeralds, but we are of the clan Fitz-Gerald with a hyphen, and we feel that every person who spells his name that way is in some way a dis-

tant connection.

Also in our mailbag were quite number of cards and letters from readers of this column which were much appreciated and for which we thank you most sincerely. From some of these good friends we hear regvear after year, as surely as Christmas rolls around. It wouldn't seem like Christmas without good wishes from Mr. and Mrs. B . . . and from Mrs. L . . . In addition, there are cards and nice little notes from new friends that are equally ap-preciated. David got plenty of gs "Glencoe" but it wasn't any trouble to give him an extra one for you—as requested. Our Davey is a lucky baby to have

so many kind friends interested in his welfare. Once again many thanks and very best wishes for the New Year from Partner and myself.

Origin Of Forks

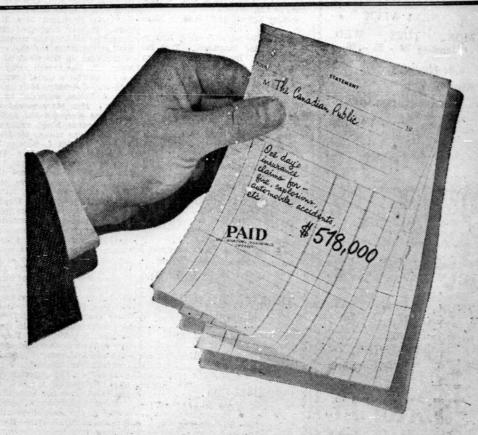
It is not known, exactly, when people first began to eat food with a fork. Of course, even the stone-age people had knives, and the first spoon probably was a clam shell fastened to a stick. n addition to knives, the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans had wooden, silver and bronze spoons with which they ate, but no table forks.
Undoubtedly, the first fork

was developed from the threepronged fishing spear, and was very crude. The first known forks had two prongs or tines and were used in cooking, and probably for holding meat as it was carved. Noble and wealthy Venetians of the eleventh century used forks for this purpose, and King Charles V of France had a few for his own use in the fourteenth century. Probably forks with which to eat food did not become known in Great Britain until the seventeenth century.

MISGUIDED MISSILE

Annoyed beyond endurance by the attentions of a fly, George Eltgroth, of Syracuse, grabbed the nearest thing to hand-a towel-and with a terrific swipe swatted the insect to extinction. Unfortunately, his whirling towel hit an electric bulb. This burst and the flying glass cut

SPECIAL Eltgroth's wife so badly that an ambulance had to be called to take her to hospital for treat-



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Sensitive Plants

When a plant is injured it does not feel what you and I know of pain, for a plant has no brain and no nervous system. Plants may be said to "feel," however, in the sense that they react things that are important to them. If a tree is gashed with a knife, for example, it promptly begins to grow new heal the wound.

All green growing plants react to the light. Many flowers open their petals in response to the daylight and keep them closed during the darkness of night. A young seedling kept in a dark cupboard will grow pale and weak. Take it out and set it on a sunny window sill and it will turn a healthy green. As it gows it will bend and curve toward the light, stem, leaves and all, Some young trees bend so far toward the light that they topple over, pulled down by their heavy masses of leaves. One of the most important ways in which plants react to light is called photosynthesis, the process by which green leaves manufacture the plant's food. Air, water and the plant's green coloring matter (chlorophyl) share in this wonderful process, but only in the presence of light.

There are a great many things that make plants react and they react in many different ways. Some plants, called "sensitive plants," will react if you touch or pinch them. They will fold up their feathery leaves and even draw their leaf stalks close to their stems as if to get away from you as far as possible. The tendrils that help to support many vines react to the touch of a solid object such as a twig, strings, wire or even another tendril. The young tendril weaves about in the air, seeking for something to cling to. Then it curves around the object, even when that hapens to be a part of its own vine.

The roots of plants react in a most sensitive manner. Their great search is for moisture. As their delicate rootlets and root hairs explore the soil they may encounter a rock or a pebble Deftly, then, they turn aside, sometimes traveling great dis tances to find the water that the plant must have or perish.

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• The most remarkable player in the National Hockey League, in many respects, is tall Elwin Ira (Al) Rollins, born in Vanguard, Sask., netminder for the lowiy Chicago Black Mawas who finished last in 1953-54 and were flirting with last place in the current race when

Rollins is remarkable because, with a tail-end team, he was last Spring voted winner of the Hart Trophy, most coveted award in the major league, designating as it does the player most useful to his club. In the 31-year history of the trophy, this happened only once before. As the Hawks finished last in the race, the voters possibly assumed that without Rollins, they might have fallen right out of the League. It's possible.

When Rollins won the trophy, one cynical observer rearked that he deserved some sort of award for escaping th his life. Rollins played in 66 of his club's 70 games last ason. He was scored on 213 times, or at the average of goals per game. But two others called in to replace Rolling when he was ill had 29 goals rolled up against them in games, over 7 per game, indicating by comparison a superb job Rollins was doing.

The remark about escaping with his life is not entirely jest. The 213 goals scored on Rollins is a lot of goals, it what of the shots he stopped? It would be most convative to say that, in the course of the season, he was imbarded by not less than 2,000 shots from the sticks of

Besides being a great goaler, Rollins is something of a billosopher. After winning the trophy, he told a sports writer: "When you're with a team like Chicago, every game a tough one. But maybe it's a good thing. When you've got all that work, you keep warm and loose. Some goalies tet beat on the easy shots because they're cold and all ightened up. Maybe a fellow can look better with a weak club than with a strong one. If he's any good at all, he tands out."

Se Rollins stood out, like a lighthouse. He became the first goalie to win since New York's Chuck Rayner in 1950, and the first winner from a last-place club since defenseman Tommy (Cowboy) Anderson, a forward, of the 1942 New York Americans.

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

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Ten Commandments or Farm Safety

The farm section of the Na al Safety Council says that you really want to be serious about safety here are ten "Sat ety Commandments" to follow:

1. Keep machines in good re-

pair. Keep all guards and afety devices in place. Stop notors before making ad-2. Operate tractors safely. Avoid ditch banks and soft ground. Always hitch to

drawbar and do not over-3. Know and obey all traffic laws. Have trucks checked

periodically.

4. Be 'Firesighted.' Don't smoke around the barn or combustible material.

5. Speak to animals when ap-

proaching them. Never trust bulls. 6. Be a good housekeeper. This does not necessarily mean the housekeeper. Keep everything around the farm

7. Watch youngsters. Kids like the thrill of riding and driving tractors. Too many kids

2. Poisons are dangerous. Mod-ern science develops pesti-cides to kill. This means humans too. 9. Look for reptiles. There are still many diamond back rat-

is a dangerous sport. Follow safety rules!

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR-Roger Bannister, first man to run

e mile in less than four minutes, holds the trophy which was presented to him in London at ceremonies in which he was

named 'Sportsman of the Year."

Looks At Cloud— **Cloud Dissolves**

Dr. Ralph Alexander, a New Zealand physician and author, has scores of district residents puzzled because of demonstrations of what he calls "constructive realism."

This consists of concentrating

hard on a cloud in the sky. The cloud dissolves, while others around it retain their shapes. More than 100 eye witnesses swear Dr. Alexander has performed this feat several times. He selects a fairly small cloud and, after a few minutes of intense conecentration, the cloud is said to appear.

On one occasion a cloud was selected by a newspaperman, and Dr. Alexander began to conecentrate. Two minutes later the cloud showed unmistakable signs, thinning and breaking up. Six minutes after that Dr. Alexander shook his head and relaxed. Of the cloud nothing remained except a couple of

tiny dots of vapour. brain "has power over inani-mate matter," and he has staged the demonstrations in the hope of forcing scientists to recognize and study the "strange

force" he claims to possess.

"I have spent many years of study in developing this force, which in its essence is a form of the same power being investigated at Duke University, U.S.A. the world. under the name "extra-sensory perception," he says. This pow-er, he maintains, lies latent in every human mind.

> He explained: "The bowler. too small, is striving for dig-nity. The moustache is vanity. The tightly buttoned coat and the stick and his whole manner are a gesture towards gallantry and dash and 'front.' He is trying to meet the world bravely, to put up a bluff, and he knows that, too. He knows it so well that he can laugh at himself, and pity himself a little."
> Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton, and Larry Semon were the only comedians who came near to rivalling Chaplin. Bet ween them, in films like "Grandma's Boy," "The Photographer," and "The Perfect Clown," they made

But it was becoming more and more difficult to make the audience laugh. They were growing up. The gimmicks that Mack Sennett had used couldn't be employed any more. Then, almost overnight, came the talkies, and silent films be-came as out-of-date as yester-

day's news. The old guard of comedians hated the idea. Said Chaplin: "They come to ruin the world's most ancient art, the art of



THIS IS A TOY?—If you've got about 600 bucks to spare, you can buy your youngster this miniature model of a popular sports car. Complete with headlights an a battery-driven motor, it has a top speed of six miles per hour. Here Joan Voorhees tries it on for size in a department store, while Pat Landregan looks on.

On Pay - Day They Got Kicked Off A Dock

One morning in 1905 a French comedian named Max Linder received a terse note from one pantomime. They annihilate the great beauty of silence."

But like it or not, they had of the pioneer film producers: "Sir,—I have observed you. In your eyes lies a fortune. Come and act in front of my cameras, and I will help you to make it.

—Charles Pathé."

The second secon

The thousands of comedies the film industry has produced since then all owe something to that letter. According to the author of a new book ("Comedy Films," by John Montgomery), it was Linder who established the funny man of films as an artiste, who dragged comedies out of the class of films like "What Little Willie Did," and "Oh, That Terrible Odour!" At that time, of course, the

film was silent, so that the comic had to rely on his antics instead of his script. Before Linder, the success of a comedian was gauged by the number of custard pies he had thrown in his face, or the length of time he was chased by a horde of overfed policemen.

It was with the most famous

slapstick company of all time, the Keystone Cops, that the great Charlie Chaplin received his training. Mack Sennett, the founder, used to advertise: "Wanted. Players of India Rubber! Apply to the Keystone Company." And his private po-lice force certainly had to earn wide screens in super than our fathers did at the Key its wages. One of them recalls: stone Cops. "Five days in the week we

had to ride in the patrol wagon. On the sixth day, which was pay day, we all fell into the lake . . . Or sometimes, just for a change, we fell in the ocean-just off the pier. It was better to fall in than to be kicked in. Charlie Chaplin has kicked me into every lake in Los Angeles. Those were the good old days. No actor was too great to kick

another actor . . ."
Good old days they were. The eyes proved so valuable to him that he insured them for \$40,-000 against going straight. The days of Mabel Normand, who made enough to spend \$80,000 a year on clothes alone; and a Fatty Arbuckle, one - time plumber's mate, whose sixteen-stone frame was known all over

But Chaplin had no heart for the slapstick of the Keystone company. Inspired by Max Lin-der, he wanted to try a more delicate brand of humour. He borrowed a pair of Fatty Arbuckle's trousers, a cane, and an oversized pair of shoes, and adopted the role of a seedy dandv. It was an immediate suc-

STYLE IN "SHORTS" - Spring fashions for men, recently shown at Palm Springs, show a trend to trousers and jacket sleeves that are cut shorter. Particular style pictured above, "Ville d'Este," features a short jacket of black cotton with empossed stitching on cardigan collar, sleeve cuff and trouser outseams. Jacket has hidden pockets, and slacks have only side 2 WIVES, 6 MEALS DAILY Glenn Cole recently received

a prison sentence for bigamy. The suspicions of Cole's wife pictures that still rank with Hollywood's best. were aroused when, despite long hours away from home con-nected with his employment, he only toyed with the food she set before him on his return. Previously he had set to with gusto.

Her investigations led her to the second wife. Cole's poor appetite was explained. He had three good meals a day from his bigamous wife, and then tried to eat another three from

pockets.

his legitimate wife. The scheme



great beauty of silence."
But like it or not, they had come to stay, and with them a

new generation of comedians-

ter, the cross-talkers. Laurel and Hardy, the Marx Brothers,

Jack Benny, Jimmy Durante— these were the great names of the talking screen. Since they demanded a completely new style, talking comedians had to begin from scratch. Twenty years of developing silent films counted for nothing. W. C. Fields realized how much had been lost, and fought hard to restore it, despite the per-sonal fortune he was making through talkies. "My ambition is to bring back the old burlesque. It is as eternal as laugh-

ter," he said.

Fields lived to see_his own generation of comedians super-seded by another—Danny Kaye, Bob Hope, Abbott and Costello. With them, the gag-book came to count for more and more, the visual comedy for less. But the latest humorists

Martin and Lewis, and Norman GUARANTEED poults and eggs the year 'round at economy prices. They're medium sized, salable at any age, either for brollers or roasters, depending on Wisdom, are leaning back to the silent style of comedy. This book leaves us with age.
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First White Child

the Netherlands!

"There, as early as 1614, a child named Jean Vigne was born of Hugeunot parents," cried Chevalier. "So with scholars, if not with the illeduceted, patriotic English, this baby disputes with Virginia Pare of the Province of Virginia, the title of being the first white child to enter the world on the continent of North America." — From "The Hugeunot", by Donald Douglas. CHARLEY HORSE de Forest proposed to the Dutch West India Company, then in process of formation, that he

Many times we have wondered about the origination of the ex-pression "charley horse." Here

During the 1890's, baseball diamonds weren't given the special care that is given them today. However, club owners did try to keep their fields playable. In Chicago, the White Sox employed a heavy roller to smooth out the playing surface. It was drawn by a lame horse called Charley. It was natural for the fans to apply the term "charley horse" to any player who ex-hibited a muscular injury resulting in stiffness or lameness of an

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and maintenance of that Dutch

colony at the mouth of the Hud-

son River. . . . "What then did the new colon

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the island; a trading post main-

and with the remainder of the

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