

ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: My husband's family have caused the only trouble we have ever had. They were never nice to me, because I married their 'meal ticket'. The first five years, I kept my job to help buy our home; now we have a nice car. Even now I buy my mother gifts, and, of course, I take our baby to visit them.

"They are so rude to me! Yet my husband will not go to see them unless I go along. It is affecting my health. I can't sleep, and I lie there hearing all over again the horrid things they've said. My husband has never mentioned this to them, he just tells me he loves them and to forget it. Twice I have spoken of divorce. He just went on saying, 'You're silly and the baby, and I've got to have peace of mind, which I cannot get unless I see them.'"

How much imagination have you? How much self-control? Can't you put yourself in the place of these in-laws? Then you would realize it is not you as a person whom they resent; it would be any girl who married their son and brother and deprived them of the support he provided. They are not generous enough to be glad he is happily married to a fine young woman. They miss too much the luxuries he used to supply. Being of small minds, they take it out on you.

Can't you, so we used to say, consider the source? Instead of losing sleep repeating their

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Jamie Coffman lowers front steel legs (arrow) on experimental chair to boost wheels over curb.



Front steel legs retracted, she uses rear leg action to finish climb. Jamie is paralyzed from the waist down.



Happy in her new-found self-reliance, Jamie continues on her way into the city, without a curb-care in the world.

"SWEET SUMMER BREEZE" — That's the name of this prize-winning photo taken by Mrs. Sarah Martin, grade-school teacher. It won her \$1,000 and two round-trip airplane tickets to Hawaii. Photo won over entries by amateur and professional photographers in General Electric's national photograph picture contest. Featuring little Karen, Maize of Rio Rock, Mich., it was taken with a Rolleiflex camera, using Super X film. Settings were 1/100 at f/22.

stupid taunts, can't you think, "Poor things! They don't know any better" — and rejoice in your love for your husband and his for you, the joy you two have in your child and your house? That would be the Christian way, and the practical way. And when the time came for your next visit to your in-laws, you would brace yourself for what you know awaits, and forget it again.

What a pity to consider breaking up your marriage! I am afraid if you allow that to happen, you would miss your husband so that you would wish you had steeled yourself to bear anything rather than face living without him. It is true that he should put a stop to it but few men have the will to face down their own people.

Think it over.

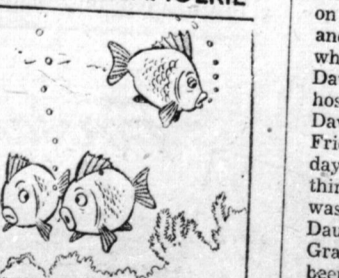
"Dear Anne Hirst: I am 15, and a high school freshman. In a few weeks I was supposed to take my boy friend to a dance and he knew it. Instead, another girl invited him, and he accepted! I don't appeal to him any more, and that he took me out only because he didn't have any other girl. He wants to use a 'free man.' What can I do to get him back? And shall I ask another boy to the dance?"

One of the first facts a young girl must accept is the fact that she cannot appeal to every boy she meets. As the years pass she learns to shrug off the bad news and look elsewhere for dates, which is what you should do now. I understand how you were hurt by this boy's act, but you must not let it get you down. You thought he liked you — how could you know he had no other girl? Boys must start their dating somewhere, and you made the common mistake of thinking you really appealed to him. His wanting to be a "free man" indicates that you were too possessive, and he resented it. In these early love foolish it is to pin all your hopes on one lad; you cannot know how long his interest will last.

Of course you will invite another boy to the dance, and strike this one off your hope list. When a girl no longer appeals to a boy she has no chance to get him back.

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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline D. Clarke

At the front door, I am sitting at the front door, one eye on my writing pad, the other watching the cars go by. And such cars! Two-toned jobs of scarlet and white, pink and blue, green and grey and all kinds in plain colours from dark blue to cream and the palest of pinks and greens. Even ten years ago a driver would have been embarrassed to be seen with such a conspicuous machine. Most of the passing cars are apparently the very latest models and I doubt if many of them are staying within the fifty mile limit. This little stretch of Highway 25 is busy enough — I wonder what 401 will be like — if and when it comes. I also wonder whether it is waste of time for the Department of Highways to paint and white, "no passing" lines on the road. There is a curve just below our house — no passing, of course — but I can hardly look out without seeing one car passing another on the S-bend. A little farther down the road, a thirty-mile speed limit begins and when I go to town I get a great kick out of dropping down to the required 30 m.p.h., and then from my rear mirror watch the fast moving cars behind me compelled to follow my pace.

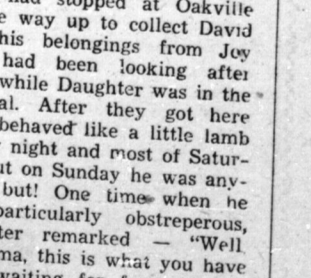
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little fellow, finding the usual routine of his days suddenly upset, was just giving expression to his resentment in the only way he knew. Strange, when you think of it, that one little bit of humanity, has the power to disrupt a whole household — especially when he gets so much attention. From that you may gather our grandson is far from being perfect . . . Just a little peace-destroying rascal at times, like the rest of normal children. But at such a time I remember with regret that years ago I used to say I didn't like children that were too good — they appeared to lack character.

I suppose by this time some farmers will have their cows out on grass. On farms where there is a shortage of hay and oats farmers are glad to turn their cattle out as soon as possible. Ours are still in the barn but we are looking forward to the time when they can be turned out. And I am sure the cows are anticipating that day with great longing. Just imagine what it must be like to be a cow — to be tied up in a stall for six months on end, or to be confined to a loafing barn. To be fed dry hay and dry meal, with salt and maybe molasses and ensilage as an appetizer. No wonder cows kick up their heels, race and chase each other the first time they find themselves in wide open spaces with only strands of wire to fence them in. Obviously they are delirious with joy. And yet cows out on pasture remind me of women at a bargain sale. The cows see luscious green grass all around them. So what happens? Instead of cleaning up on one place they wander all over the field tramping down more good feed than they eat. And at a bargain sale . . . very often women don't know what they want. This dress . . . that set of towels . . . they look like a bargain but there may be better ones at the next counter — let's move on. Now isn't that a terribly uncomplimentary simile? But you know, being a woman, I know it's true.

Right now I am hoping various organizations are finding bargains in new officers. Women who have been in office for years deserve praise for their loyalty and service. But a change of officers is often a good thing. New officers may not be as efficient but by requiring more help, older members, must, of necessity, become more active. And that is all to the good.

This nice girl is well educated. In fact, she is a college graduate with degrees to letter after her name, and was once a schoolteacher. This will satisfy a good many men who think wives should be sensible and, on the other hand, will encourage just as many unmarried girls who have moments of wondering whether their educational attainments are frightening the men away.

But a real shock is in store for Americans of both sexes when they learn that no women — not even the bride — were present at the wedding (a Moslem custom). This is the world turned upside down. For any woman knows, who confesses her own thoughts honestly, that weddings are planned around women alone. Every father of the bride has learned that his sole function is to furnish a somber foil for his daughter's splendor as she floats down the aisle on his arm. And every groom has learned that his presence at the substantial is tolerated only to satisfy the requirements of law, custom, and the ritual.

As a mere man might observe among his kind: Maybe "they have something there."

—From The Christian Science Monitor.

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by Laura Wheeler

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THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

• The final line in one of the most colorful chapters in Canadian thoroughbred racing will be written on June 11 when, for the last time, a Queen's Plate race will be contested over the ancient Woodbine track at Toronto, oldest of all Canadian Race Courses.

It will be the 96th running of the oldest continuously-run classic on the American continent. In actual quality of horse-flesh this race doesn't pretend to measure up to the Epsom Derby, or the Kentucky Derby, but it does possess something which neither of those glamorous races can boast. For keen sporting interest, for "neighbour vs. neighbour" rivalry, with perhaps a score of notable Ontario and other Canadian stables competing the event has no counterpart anywhere. It is a gala day in Toronto, and has been for almost a century.

It was in 1859 that a Toronto turf club followed the example set by sportsmen of Quebec 23 years before, and petitioned Queen Victoria for a royal donation of 50 guineas for a Queen's Plate "to be run at Toronto, or other place in Upper Canada, as Her Majesty might appoint."

From that year to this, the reigning monarch has made this donation.

Canadian racing history was made when the Ontario Jockey Club enjoyed the signal honour of the presence of King George VI with the Queen Mother for the 80th running of the King's Plate.

The death of King George VI changed the name to Queen's Plate again, and, as a lover of racing, who champions a very successful stable, it was only natural that Queen Elizabeth II continued the donation. To the 50 guineas from Her Majesty, the Ontario Jockey Club adds \$15,000.

Quebec's Plate, started in 1856 in the reign of King William IV, but not run continuously, has now vanished from the scene, with harness racing replacing the runners. But the Ontario Queen's Plate, while having its last running at the famous old Woodbine track, will be continued on another course and its sporting rivalry will continue to flourish in years to come.

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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HERE'S HOW — Diane Sibbett, 17, above, shows near-perfect form as she trains with the Essex Ladies Athletic Club. Taking a trip from the recommended form, Iowa's Rich Ferguson, below, turns high hurdles into a diving event between the Kansas Relays Steeplechase.

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