

## ANNE HIRST

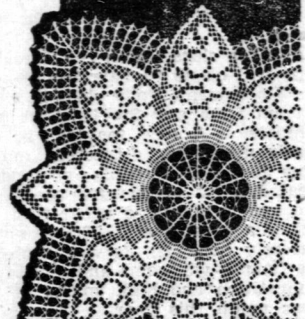
### Your Family Counselor

"At my age (30), I know there is an end to everything," Anne Hirst, so - am trying to hide my time in a frustrating situation," writes a mother who tried to improve an old adage. Six months ago, during a housing shortage, she invited her son, his wife and their baby to move into her home. At first everything worked out so well that the couple turned down a remunerative offer to stay on; but the classic rule about the impossibility of two women living in the same house again has been proven true.

"Now everything has gone wrong!" she cries. "The girl is really a rough housekeeper, and she is destroying my home. She has banged my furniture to ruin, slamming the baby carriage into every piece, and she makes a sloppy job of everything she touches. I cannot tell her anything about how to fix the meals or use the washing machine; she resents it, and completely ignores my suggestions. Now will she listen at all to my son when he tries to tell her about caring for the baby. Yet she complains to him about everything my young girl and boy do, expecting him to fight with us. He doesn't, and this makes her madder than ever."

"The baby is no longer the quiet, well-sleeping child he was when he came, and we have to creep around the house and whisper to avoid waking him."

"They are saving to buy a house, and it will take a year! How can I stand it (or end it)?"



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## Date-Orange Pudding

Combine in a greased casserole (6-cup size)  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. corn syrup, 1 tb. grated lemon rind and  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. orange juice. Preheat oven to 375° (moderately hot). Mix and sift once, then sift into a bowl,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. once-sifted pastry flour (or  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 2½ tps. Magic Baking Powder,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt and  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. fine granulated sugar. Mix in  $\frac{3}{4}$  c. corn flakes, slightly crushed, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. cut-up pitted dates. Combine 1 well-beaten egg,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. vanilla and 3 tb. shortening, melted. Make a well in dry ingredients and add liquids; mix lightly. Turn into prepared dish. Bake in preheated oven, about 40 minutes. Serve warm, with pouring cream. Yield - 6 servings.

Always Dependable



without hurting my good son!"

**A MOTHER** - This troubled mother cannot hasten the end of the present difficulties, she should present difficulties, she has made up her mind to accept change, and to bide her time. The cheering fact that a definite day is coming when this confusion will cease should comfort her and bring the patience to endure what cannot be cured.

Her chief concern is that her son shall not be hurt. If she stops trying to direct his life, let her alone to commit what damage she will, that is the simplest way out. Let the girl complain about the children's behavior, for she cannot be stopped; her husband is too well-bred to resent it audibly and for that his mother can be grateful. It is her own disappointment that the girl will go her own way (regardless of any guidance) which really distresses her, and I hope she will take her son's cue and calm her hurt feelings.

In such a situation it seems best to expect these annoyances to continue and to arm herself against them. When her home is again her own is time enough to repair the destruction and put her house in order.

**TO "A MOTHER"** For your son's sake, be philosophical and try to hide your displeasure. Then when all this is over, what a consolation it will be to remember you did nothing, said nothing, and did not outburst, but submitted with mature grace to a tension which many another mother would find unbearable. Living just for today will help. You know tomorrow will be a new day with new problems, but if you do not anticipate them you will solve them as simply as you did today. Each dawn brings you one day nearer your release from them all.

**GOING CRAZY** - Dear Anne Hirst: Since last fall I have gone with a young man with whom I fell deeply in love. I was sure he returned my affection, for he was never late for a date and never broke one, and we had wonderful times together. We were so compatible that we seemed to think as one person. We never argued, and I confess I expected to marry him - until the night he failed to come. That was three weeks ago, and I have not heard from him at all.

I get over it I hold it responsible position, but I'll lose it if I keep on carrying this torch. Shall I call him, or what? What is a nice girl supposed to do?

**CELIA** - When a nice girl is jilted it is supposed to take the shock like a lady and behave as such. It is a staggering blow, but it is seldom fatal. Your job now is to be most important anchor you have. Dig into it deeper than ever, and if you can take a course on the side that will make it more exciting (and you more valuable), do that. Concentration along some practical line is sorrow's great healer; it leaves less time to mourn, it stimulates our mental energy and during the hours we give it, life's out there in the depths. Hold on to your job.

Of course, you will not call this faithless male nor make any other gesture. His leaving was brutal, and I hope soon you will realize how lucky you are that you did not get further hurt.

**KNOWS HOW** - Handling a baby is nothing new for John Gintner. He's a baby. The baby he snuggles here, is his one hundredth great-grandchild.

\* or involved. . . . Keep in touch with other friends, too, whether you are so inclined or not. It will help.

In any in-law difficulties, it is the older woman's place to show tolerance and self-restraint. The ways of youth are not her ways, and she contributes most by overlooking what she can and putting up with the rest. Anne Hirst's studies of family situations have increased her wisdom, and it is all at her readers' service. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ontario.

## How Can I?

**Q. How can I keep the colors bright in house dresses?**

A. When a new colored cotton house dress is to be laundered for the first time, use one tablespoon of salt to each quart of water. Then in the rinse water use one tablespoon of vinegar to each quart of water. This treatment will keep the colors bright.

**Q. How can I make time water?**

A. Dissolve a fresh piece of lime in from one to two quarts of water. Let it stand for two or three hours. Shake occasionally and remove any substance that may rise to the top.

**Q. How can I make attractive desserts?**

A. Try using vegetable colorings when making bread puddings or custard. It is harmless and will make the dish look more appetizing.

**Q. How can I remove rusty screws?**

A. If a rusty screw is obstinate and will not move, use an ordinary screw driver apply a heavy screw heated red hot and hold it there until the screw is hot. Then use the screw driver and it will turn easily.

**Q. How can I clean the dust mop?**

A. After the dust mop has become dirty, put a heaping tablespoon of lye in a half bucket of water and let the mop boil in it. Then rinse well and allow it to dry in the sun.

**Q. Can you give me a table of comparative measures?**

A. I cup equals  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 2 teaspoons equal 1 dessertspoon; 4 dessertspoons equal 1 tablespoon; 2 dessertspoons equal 1 tablespoon.

**Q. How can I give a better flavour to coffee?**

A. The flavour of coffee will be more delicious if it is allowed to stand for a few minutes after removing from the fire. Pouring a little cold water into the spout will also have a setting effect.

**Q. How can I clean carpets?**

A. To make rugs look like new, scrub with a stiff brush moistened in diluted ammonia, and then rinse with the garden hose while hanging on a line.

**Q. How can I make the step-ladder safer?**

A. Make the step-ladder safer by fastening rubber or felt pads to the feet of the ladder, and also strips of rubber to the steps.

**Q. How can I keep cork floors clean?**

A. By sweeping with an ordinary broom or floor brush, then putting a small amount of neutral-soap in a basin of warm water and washing the floor. Stains can often be removed by rubbing lightly with a fine grade of sandpaper or steel wool.

## Chemical of Many And Varied Uses

The fragile heroines of old, reputed to have fainted at the slightest provocation, were frequently brought around with a whiff of "ammoniac salts" - sometimes called spirits of ammonia.

Nicholas, one doesn't have to be in the habit of swooning to recognize the pungent odor of ammonia, since it is one of the most common chemicals that we know. In fact, ammonia alone or in its several compound forms, affects almost everything we use.

Ammonia is by no means a modern discovery. In the middle ages it was obtained by distilling the horns and hoofs of stags - hence its ancient name of "hartshorn". Today, ammonia is mostly synthetic and is usually made from natural gas or fuel oil.

100,000 tons of ammonia are produced in Canada each year, to be used in products that range from wood pulp to perfume. Household uses include cleaning agent, butlers, scullions, and finding at last a long table fork with cooked foods, set down to a cleaning agent, while industries use this same chemical in large refrigeration systems. Other industrial uses are in the making of oil, petroleum, explosives, textiles and dyes.

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Later, when the royal couple

## A Royal Banquet of Rotten Fish!

When Princess Marina, now Duchess of Kent, was a few months old, a mountain gipsy called at the Athens villa of her parents, Prince Nicholas and the Grand Duchess Helen. "This is a child of fortune," she said. "She will make a great marriage with a king's son. She will lose her husband while she is still young and at the height of her happiness. Her children will be her consolation." Could any prophecy have been more accurate?

E. P. Tisdall has been in an absorbing account of the Greek Royal Family - "Royal Destiny" - that as a child Marina, named after a famous Greek saint, was the self-willed, obstinate member of the family. She always knew what she wanted to do, and it forbade her to do it. "All right - then I shall pretend to do it!"

In 1908, shortly before her birth, her parents went on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople to congratulate Sultan Abdul Hamid "Abdul the Damned" - on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession. Abdul drove down the long hill to the great mosque in a open carriage, heavily guarded by lancers. A puffy old man in a black uniform, looking deathly pale and terrified, he jumped nimbly from the carriage, hurried into the mosque for his Friday prayers, re-emerged, then climbed into a small pony phaeton with his son and drove up the hill again at a fast trot.

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dined with the Sultan and his entourage at the Palace. Helen beside him at the head and behind her, the young girl, loudly cursing the scarlet liveries, bearded waiters, unshaven, with black ties, in dirty white uniforms, with bare grimy hands, side each chair. The young girl, winking at the Austrian ambassador, wiped the red nose of the diamond history while a sports world rocked with laughter.

Advice is like kissing - it is nothing, and it is a thing to do. - H. W.

**Half-Size St**

On a day when the St. Louis Browns were scheduled to meet the A's, the Browns' pitcher, Tiddals, said he had to work against the great Waddell, challenged the Rubes to a contest for the great mosque in a open carriage, heavily guarded by lancers. A puffy old man in a black uniform, looking deathly pale and terrified, he jumped nimbly from the carriage, hurried into the mosque for his Friday prayers, re-emerged, then climbed into a small pony phaeton with his son and drove up the hill again at a fast trot.

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