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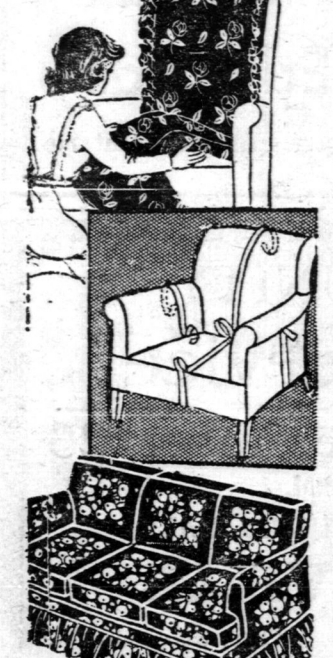
"Dear Anne Hirst: I've just finished reading that letter telling you about my happy marriage where age didn't make any difference. Maybe she should have looked around before writing. . . I am married to a man seven years older, and I have friends in the same situation; others are married to younger husbands. . . We really could join a group called 'Lost Wives Club'."

"Older men want to stay home and watch TV, or have a night out with the boys; they never want to do anything their wives would like. When women marry younger men, the wives are tired at night, while the men want to go out; often the wife would go along, but he doesn't want her because she is older and looks it."

"A person seven or more years older will likely be used to his freedom and will not change. The younger one hasn't had freedom long, so is expected to change her ways."

"I have seen many happy marriages, but most of them have only two or three years' difference in ages. After the wedding with them, marriage really is growing up or growing old together — and their love grows stronger each year. The other kind of marriage is a struggle all the way through, and many times you lose your love more each year, growing old before your time."

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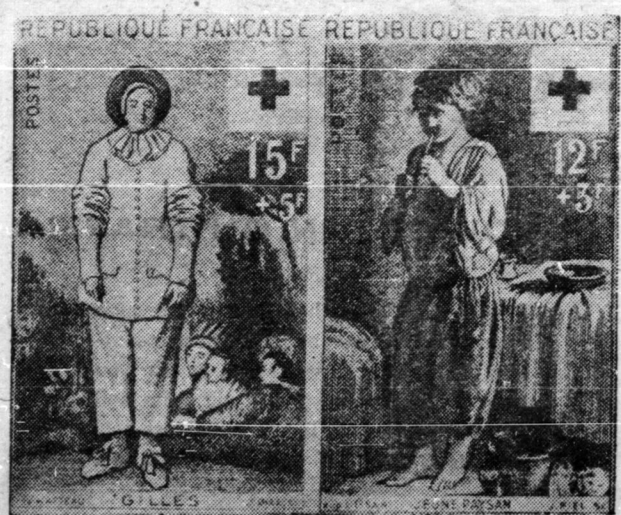
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MINIATURE MASTERPIECES — Art comes to the French postage stamp for a good cause. These two new ones are engraved reproductions of Watteau's "Gilles," left, and Le Moine's "Young Peasant." The 15-franc stamp costs a surcharge of five francs, the 12-franc a surcharge of three francs. The extra money goes to the Red Cross, whose symbol appears on the stamps.

"Marry someone in your age bracket. You will have a healthier, happier love for each other because you will enjoy being together and doing things together. In most cases when a man or woman marries somebody much older, he or she dreams about young love. But when you marry one about your age, you have it."

POUR FRUSTRATED MARRIED WOMEN

PERSONALITIES COUNT MOST

* This controversial question is always good for hours of agreement or opposition in any group. The problem comes to this desk regularly. * It is difficult to take sides, for I'm of the belief that it is not a matter of age, but a matter of individual personalities. I know women who married men 10 years younger, and several such couples of my acquaintance have had successful marriages for 12 to 20 years. The wife, being more mature, exercises a loving, maternal influence on which many young husbands respond; as one wife told me, "We are each other's children, and there can be no more satisfying companionship than we have." Older men (with the exceptions you mention) are usually proud to have captured young brides, and are indulgent and completely satisfied. Only the years can reveal whether the girl will be.

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Whether readers of this column agree or not with the opinions given, Anne Hirst is always happy to hear from them and will print letters as space permits. Address her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

Safety Hints For Chopping Wood

For tightness on handle. Replace weak handles. Chop so that the axe handle is as nearly horizontal as possible when the axe strikes. Champion woodchoppers keep their axes sharp — it makes chopping easier and safer.

Of obstructions: keep children and stock at a safe distance. Avoid bulky clothing. Swing so that axe is always under control.

If possible, anchor wood so that the ends will not fly up when the axe strikes. Use short strokes when chipping ice in water tanks and troughs or when killing chickens.

When not in use. Place it where it cannot be stepped on or bumped and where it won't fall.

Keep your eye on the point where you want the axe to strike.

BARGAIN

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STYLISH ZIP-HIT of a recent convention of French master tailors in Paris was this dual-purpose suit. Concealed slide fasteners in the back and shoulders of the jacket quickly convert it from a close fit for business to a loose, casual coat for leisure or hunting.



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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline D. Clarke

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after an usually quiet week-end. We looked for the Toronto folks but David had a touch of stomach flu so he didn't come. Maybe the flu was the result of too much excitement. His parents took him to the Royal Winter Fair and while they were watching the saddle horses one man asked Dave if he would like to ride. Dave, being crazy about horses, was all for it. Art lifted him on to the horse's back and the fellow took him around the ring. It is doubtful if any horse ever had a prouder mount!

As for the other small fry, Bob took Babe and the children to London on Sunday, their last visit before leaving for Elliot Lake. When that will be depends on how soon their house will be ready. Watching day by day developments on a house you are waiting to occupy must be quite an ordeal, besides having to move into it before it is ready. It is difficult to take sides, for I'm of the belief that it is not a matter of age, but a matter of individual personalities. I know women who married men 10 years younger, and several such couples of my acquaintance have had successful marriages for 12 to 20 years. The wife, being more mature, exercises a loving, maternal influence on which many young husbands respond; as one wife told me, "We are each other's children, and there can be no more satisfying companionship than we have." Older men (with the exceptions you mention) are usually proud to have captured young brides, and are indulgent and completely satisfied. Only the years can reveal whether the girl will be.

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redskin lurks underneath. That's why every dentist encourages the copywriters: there are no decaying teeth because of cleanliness and a quiet diet, there will be no children in the dental office. More of Bob Benchley's Spurgeon, the lad who blazes every time he stole a policeman or little Fletcher, who has his aunt off with her mink and then hung it up in the next best pawnshop.

Courtroom Capers

"I understand you called on the plaintiff," the lawyer stated. "Yes," answered the witness. "What did he say?"

The prosecutor leaped to his feet and in a fit of anger denounced the question as false, misleading, tend to incriminate an entirely innocent party. He also accused it of being a new for the defence of illegal tactics, being an immoral person, guilty of malicious practices in daring to try to introduce such testimony. He also mentioned the legitimacy of the attorney's birth. The defence lawyer sprang for the throat of his accuser and the courtroom was in bedlam. The judge rapped for order and finally court attendants subdued the two antagonists but not before they bloodied each other's nose and blackened each other's eyes.

Then the judge ruled that if the attorney would repeat the question the witness would be directed to answer it. "I repeat then," said the lawyer, "wiping blood from his upper lip. 'What did he say?' He did say 'yes' and 'no' and 'I'm going to Chicago'."

Dentists' Blues

These million dollar sales of toothbrushes, million dollar sales of toothpaste, and countless millions of dollars of dental products, make the mouth a fertile field for exploitation. It all begins with dentition, that physiological force that propels the tooth through the gum.

The youngster of five years explains it. "Wadda yer mean, I'm cuttin' teeth! The teeth are cuttin' me!"

As the child gets older, he is taken for his first visit to the dentist. The introduction is a very simple one. The child bites the dentist, then turns to his mother and says, "I thought you said he was painless. Hear how he's yellin'!"

Then little Delphina enters dental office. Here's a child who bites her nails so often her stomach needs a manicure every hour. Delphina is only eight years old, but she already has so many cavities in her teeth she must have had her mouth open while she was passing a shooting gallery.

While the dentist is attending to Delphina's dental needs, he is interrupted by a detail man from a pharmaceutical house showing him the latest in anti-biotic drugs and three phone calls from promoters of oil stocks.

Outside in the reception room, all is bedlam. It is the Children's Hour. Magazines are being torn into shreds, and the upholstered chairs are being cut to pieces with bowie knives (four box tops and fifteen cents in the Hopalong belief that a

CASHING IN—This bride in Messina, Sicily, gets a quick snuggly through the custom of pinning money on her bride gown as a "fee" for dancing with her.

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One of the key unanswered questions Judge Ferguson poses is why Gen. Marshall's final warning to Gen. Stark at Pearl Harbor on Dec. was sent by Western Union instead of through military channels.

"For example," he recalls, "on Nov. 18, 1941, Washington decoded a message from Tokyo ordering a Japanese agent to report details of vessels anchored at Pearl Harbor. Why wasn't I told of this?"

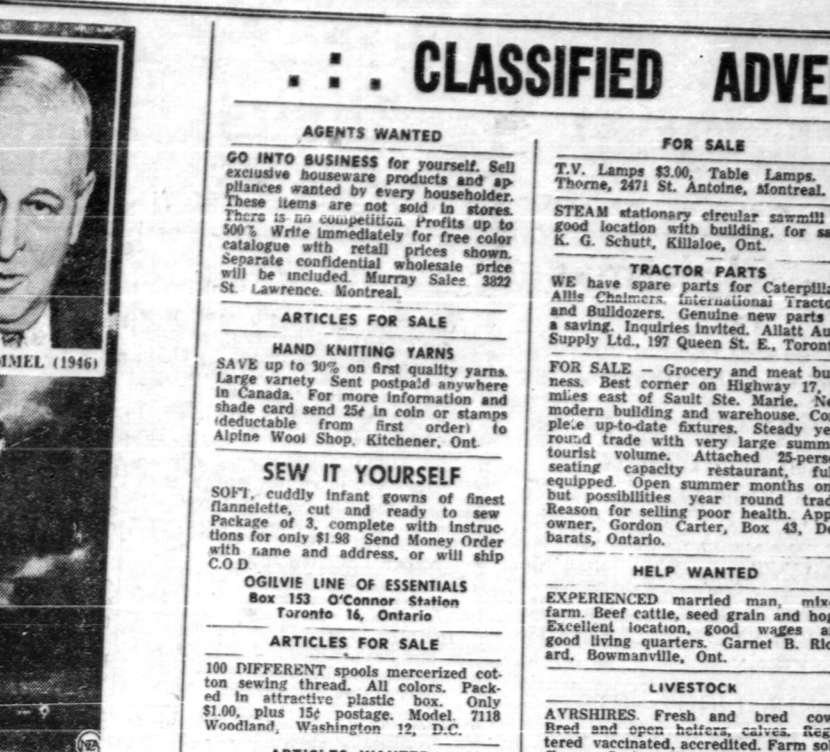
"As late as Dec. 5, if I had all of the information that the Navy in Washington had, I could have sent the fleet to sea. Even on the morning of Dec. 7 the Navy had time to warn me so that I could have moved the light forces out of the harbor and prepared for the attack."

The man responsible for not supplying information is ADM. Stark, retired on a farm in Pennsylvania, and also in good health and spirits.

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