

ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: Five years ago I married a lovely girl, and we have had a wonderful marriage together; our little boy is the apple of my eye. I had thought my wife was as happy, too, but a month ago she took the child and went back to her mother. I am desolate without her."

"During last summer, we spent our week ends in a nearby town where her parents lived. All were congenial, and I thought it was fine for our son to get out of the city and live a rural life. My wife never seemed to want to go, but when she arrived I thought she enjoyed it as much. I solved all my problems we had, and I knew her parents wanted us along."

"On a recent visit, though, I had an angry disagreement with her father. I lost my temper and made a few foolish remarks. My wife is devoted to him, and it made her furious. When we got home she told me she hadn't loved me for a long while and she wanted a divorce. My only excuse is that I was nervous and physically exhausted and had several things on my mind - which is no excuse at all."

"I love my wife devotedly, and had no idea I had ever seriously offended her. I have utterly lost. I visit her and my son at her mother's home, but I feel she is spiritually slipping away from me. If I give her the divorce (and I'm almost persuaded to) I know I'd lose her forever, and I cannot face it. Do you think I have a chance?"

HAL:
If your wife stopped loving you some time ago and had not let you know, she was ready for any excuse to leave you. Your disagreement with her father gave her that, and she took it.

You must find out why her affection for you has decreased. The past few years you may have been completely happy in your marriage, but your wife was not. You may have been so engrossed in your career or with the problems you mention that you had not been as attentive as usual; you may have gone your own way as many husbands do, oblivious to her growing restlessness.

She may have needed more entertainment, the active growing boy may have drained her energies and she grew more and more dissatisfied. These summer week ends were not of her choosing, and she may have subconsciously resented their regularity and boredom. I cannot know - but she does, and it is your chance to find out the root of the trouble.

Go to her humbly and ask how you have offended her. She owes you an explanation, and as she gives it you will see what chance you have to regain her good will, at least; then you can prove your remorse and start all over again. If only for the sake of the boy, ask her to be generous. If there were any deeper cause for her dissatisfaction, I think you would have sensed it.

I take it for granted you have made your peace with her father; if you haven't, don't lose another day. You behaved like a naughty boy, you know. Older men are more lenient than one's wife, and now you need his approval to support your cause.

When one has known love, life is doubly empty without it. Perhaps your wife is missing it, too, and needs only your plea to enjoy it again.

WHAT PRICE HONOR?
Dear Anne Hirst: Recently I met a married man, and I think I am in love; he treats me respectfully, and we have lots of fun together. He has been separated from his wife for four months and told me he intended to get a divorce.

But now she is coming back to him for the sake of their little girl. We still yearn to be together. Shall we?

JANIE:
Would you deliberately embrace, sneak around back streets so you won't be seen with a married man? True, his separation gives you some hope of marrying him later on, but the imminent return of his wife changes the whole picture.

Do you want your name to be bandied about town and have nice girls shut you out? Do you think any decent boy would want to take you out again? If this is your idea of love, nothing I can say will change it. But I warn you, you invite humiliating and perhaps tragic consequences when you

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date a man who has a wife. Suppose you were that wife? What would you say of a girl who saw your husband on the street? Wouldn't you think she was hard up for a date, and cheap besides? Would you stay with a husband who was deceiving you?

This couple are trying, for the second time, to make a go of their marriage. It is wicked anyone else to disturb them. Instead of "admirer" him for being truthful, you should despise him for trying to involve you in an illicit affair. He is thinking of his own desires.

Don't see him again. If he cannot be true to his wife, he won't be true to you.

When a couple separate, no time should be lost in making amends. If a child is concerned, the emergency is immediate. Anne Hirst has explained each to the other in thousands of instances, and perhaps she can help you. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighth Street, New Toronto, Ont.

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DRIVE WITH CARE

undisputed possession of the pasture until such time as a storm makes them seek shelter. We have our own heifers in another field but they are like lambs by comparison. Strangely enough we have heard of other farmers who, this year, have had more trouble than usual rounding up young cattle.

Our own barnyard problem was not helped but our cow with the three-months-old twin calves. The cow suddenly decided to get sick. So there was a session with the vet, liniment to use, medicine to give, and the calves to wean. Now, after a week of extra attention Bessy is well on the road to recovery.

The next excitement was last Thursday night. Partner and I were out in the kitchen getting a "night-cap" - hot milk and a biscuit, if you're curious. I sniffed suspiciously - "I smell skunk."

"Could be gas from the stove," said Partner.

"No, it isn't gas, it's skunk," I repeated. Both dogs I am glad to see, asleep by the kitchen stove. But I remembered the woodshed door was open - could a skunk have come so close to the house? I opened the kitchen door leading to the woodshed and in rushed - no, not a skunk, but poor little white cat, a sight I one eye completely closed, the other half shut and streaked with red. Mitchee, the poor thing, was in the milk dish. "Put him out!" said Partner - but I noticed HE did not make a move. "Wait!" I said, "let the poor thing have a drink first. The damage is done now anyway." Presently, using an old net as protective covering, I picked up the poor fellow. White and put him outside again, honing the cold air would set us a free house.

Time Partner was exploring the woodshed with a flashlight - fortunately without any disastrous results. First thing next morning Mitchee was back in the house. His eyes were back to normal with only a red streak in the corner of his face to mark the spot. And glory be, the odour was hardly noticeable - just so long as we kept him a distance. Nearly all that day Mitchee hardly left the house. He had evidently learnt his lesson - and learnt it the hard way.

The next incident shows how women love to get something for nothing. I happened to be out early Saturday morning and suddenly remembered a new store was being opened that day. So, with the rest of the curious people, I went in to have a look around. As an excuse I made a small purchase, and then at the cash desk, to my surprise I was presented with a shopping bag containing a variety of items. I had completely forgotten to pay for my purchases. The clerk said, "We are giving you a gift of miscellaneous merchandise. It was quite a collection of samples. But we assumed you were the dealer, and the lucky first-comer. It is a matter which was in the bag long as it was a gift from the store. In a grocery store, a woman said to another - 'I've got - (showing her bag) - have you been in the store yet?' No? Well, you better hurry - the bags are being out fast!" Before I had bought all my groceries, a second woman was back, and a grab bag! How foolish we are!

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Walnut Buttermilk Loaf

Mix and sift twice, then sift into a bowl. 2 1/2 c. once-sifted all-purpose flour, 2 tps. Magic Baking Powder, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1 1/2 tps. salt, 1/2 tsp. ground maca. Mix in 1/2 c. lightly-packed brown sugar, 1/2 c. rolled oats and 1 c. broken walnuts. Combine 1 well-beaten egg, 1 c. buttermilk, 2 tps. a. grated orange rind, 1 tsp. vanilla and 5 tbs. the shortening, melted. Make a well in dry ingredients and add liquids; mix lightly. Turn into a loaf pan (6 1/2 x 8 1/2) which has been greased and lined with greased paper. Bake in a rather slow oven, 325°, about 1 hour. Serve cold, thinly sliced and lightly buttered.

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How Can I?

Q. How can I reach a garment with sulphur?
A. The garment should be clean and wet. Place a sulphur candle in a pan of water, then place this pan in a barrel across which cords have been stretched. Light the candle, then cover the barrel tightly. This should be done out of doors.

Q. How can I make good tea?
A. Use one teaspoonful of tea and one cup of boiling water to each person, allowing one extra. Pour the boiling water on and do not let it stand more than three to five minutes.

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