

## ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: Our little family could have a perfect life if my husband's people would only let us alone! They hated me from the start and were determined to cause trouble, which they certainly have."

"When we married, he was the only support of his mother and sister, and we took care of them for a long while until a small inheritance came their way. Even now we contribute generously and send frequent gifts. Of course, I take our little boys to see them regularly, but our visits are so marred by their insolence and apparent jealousy that I come home ill every time. It is getting me down."

"My husband hopes they will behave themselves but that is as far as he goes. I have even talked of leaving him, but he just laughs, or takes a few drinks and says to forget it. Anne Hirst, it isn't that easy. I've got to have peace among us or I can't promise what will happen. I never reply to my in-laws' insults. I love my husband too much to cause trouble. Is there any way I can control their nasty tongues?"

**MARILYN—**  
**CONTROL YOURSELF**  
At this stage there is no way I can suggest to stop these two females in their malicious course. To this day, they resent your marrying their "meal ticket" and take a spiteful pleasure in upsetting you. They are not generous enough to rejoice in your

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**NOT EVEN MULES**—When St. Louis policemen put up "No Parking" signs, they really mean it. "Al," pet burro of the American Legion in town receives a traffic ticket, above from Patrolman Harry Freeman for violating the police order. Bonnie Brennan consoles the sad animal.

### When News Didn't Travel So Fast

Cheering Australians, watching the graceful Comet III thud down at Sydney some twenty-four hours after leaving London recently, shared the pride of the British people in the jet-liner's record-breaking come-back. Its world flight brought the Commonwealth closer together than ever before in its history; the other side of the earth is now only hours away.

Not much more than a century ago it took twenty months to get a reply to a letter sent to London. However, urgent and official. That was by sailing ship. The clipper of the 1890s did better, completing the London to Sydney run in from sixty to eighty days, and there was great excitement when the steamers reduced the journey to two months in 1860.

"There was keen competition between rival newspapers, both in Melbourne and Sydney, to be the first to publish news from overseas, especially from Britain, which could arrive in Australia only by shipper mail," writes Frank Clune in his absorbing book, "Overland Telegraph: a mammoth achievement has taken the author eighteen years to complete."

At Adelaide on ship arrival days, we are told, there was a wild scramble for news. The telegraph line, which carried news to Melbourne and Sydney over the telegraph line, was not yet in operation. The line for half an hour while he hastily compiled a news bulletin to tag on the end of his message.

Telegraph lines had a tremendous impact upon the towns they linked, bringing civilization and prosperity. "Overland Telegraph" is the story of a great two years of a gleaming strand of wire, on 40,000 poles stretching across deserts, mountain ranges and tropical jungles from Adelaide on the south coast of Australia, to Port Darwin in the largely unexplored north.

Men sweated and died to find routes for telegraph lines in wild country populated only by "stone age" aborigines, some of whom dealt mercilessly with "invading" white men.

An explorer who more than once braved the unknown was Ludwig Leichhardt. But, attempting to blaze a trail westwards across Australia, he mysteriously vanished along with his entire party, which included six white men and two aborigines. What happened, no one knows to this day. Nor has there been any trace of the fifty bullocks, 270 goats, thirteen mules, twelve horses, drays, tents and equipment which vanished.

hobby's happiness; instead they keep the upper hand by tormenting you.

Since you are at their mercy, try to exercise control over yourself and see them as they are, two small-minded women who chastise you, from force of habit. Can't you consider the source?

Instead of allowing them to hurt you, build an armor about yourself which their stupid taunts cannot penetrate. Think of them as unhappy people who don't know any better—and turn to your lovely life, be grateful for it.

Devoted husband and two sweet young sons. This is the Christian way to handle the situation. It is also the most practical.

If you can adopt it, you will dismiss all their ugly ways from your mind until you see them next time. Then you will brace yourself for what you know is coming—and forget it afterward.

Of course, your husband should have put a stop to this long ago, but few men will take a stand against their own people.

Give him should be the last thing in your mind. If you did, you would miss him, so that you would reproach yourself all your life for not being willing to bear anything rather than live without him.

For his sake, too, I am sure you will readjust yourself to a sorry situation and relegate its discomforts to their proper place.

DIARY COULD BE MISINTERPRETED

"Dear Anne Hirst: My mother has found my diary! She read many things that I did not want her to know. I could tell her, knowing she would not understand."

"Since the day she found it, I am not allowed to write dates, or even get into my boy friend's car."

"We have gone steady for nearly four months. I am 14 and a high-school freshman. He is a trustworthy boy and, Anne Hirst, he has not done anything indecent."

"But my mother thinks differently! How can I get her and my mother to understand?"

**Disgusted and Distressed**

You must have been badly shocked when you found your parents did not believe you when you told them your friendship with the boy has been entirely innocent. I understand how you feel and with all my heart I wish your mother would accept your word of honor. If you are being punished for things you did not do, it is not fair.

The only way you can convince your parents is to accept their restrictions without protest. The evidence your diary revealed seemed to be equivocal; you probably wrote of your emotions in your own childish way, but their interpretation frightens your family.

Many parents would react as yours have, feeling they had not been strict enough to protect their girl from the dangers they feel she was exposed to. You will have to accept it, and by your discreet behaviour try to dispel their fears. As you do, they will realize, I hope, that you are not the girl who would lie to her own family.

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