

ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: I am in a dilemma worse than I've ever before faced. I have fallen in love with a woman 16 years older, and though she agrees the idea is crazy, she declares she loves me too! She is an aunt of a college chum, and we have almost everything in common: Love of art and sports, religion, the same sense of humor, and we even like the same people. We both regard marriage as something sacred and eternal; I am certain, I can be true to her for the rest of my life!

"I know people will laugh at me, but I hesitate only because I honor her too much to expose her to criticism. She says she doesn't care. What do you say?"

My readers know that I am on the side of lovers when ever I can honestly be. I am not on your side today. It seems to be nature's law that men marry women of approximately their own age, younger, and to flout this fact is to invite trouble. I do not doubt this fine woman believes all she says, but she cannot assume for long a youthfulness she will not feel. As for you, in a few years you will find yourself more at ease with girls of your generation and though you may hate yourself for it, you will be nothing you can do about it.

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TRAILER'S ANCESTOR — Richard Delray, 2 1/2 years old, tries out a harvest-time cradle, circa 1870, recently shown at an antiques fair. Wheels enabled mother to trundle baby out to the field where she rocked while she helped roll in the harvest.

Meantime, the woman will have faced the censure of her contemporaries, as you will become the laughing stock of yours, and you can no more control that than you can stop the sun from rising tomorrow morning.

Many a young man becomes enamored of an older woman; psychologists sometimes blame the mother complex. Properly approached, it can mature and benefit the lad in some ways, but to contemplate marriage with a woman 16 years older is to go off the deep end.

No matter how eager this woman is to be your wife, will be doing her no kindness to encourage romance. I hope you will stop seeing her and at once, before you find yourself committed.

Seek friends among girls of your own age. You will be amazed to find how soon you will find another love and another inspiration.

PHILANDERING HUSBAND
"Dear Anne Hirst: During the three years we've been married, I have put up with my husband's affairs, though it was disgusting and painful. I am through.

"My baby is expected in two months, and now my husband says he's in love with a girl he used to date. She has married but intends to divorce her husband. To marry mine! He demands that I start proceedings, also says her husband doesn't know about him.

"What can I do? I can't think straight, and have no one else to advise me.

WORRIED SICK
You have countenanced your husband's infidelities too long. Now, when you need his love and tenderness as never before, he has let you down again. I advise you to tell him that you are through with protecting him from his follies. You will take no action until the baby comes, then if he still wants a divorce he can have it, and good riddance.

If he persists in this nonsense, let him go — to face the retribution that will come out the truth. He will deserve all he gets, and you will be better off without him. You know you can go home to your parents, and since your husband is well-to-do, your future and the baby's is secure.

How foolish men can be! It is foolhardy to defy the laws of nature, not only you, but also the other person involved will pay the penalty. Consult Anne Hirst, and know you can trust her judgment. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

China Celebrates Start of Summer

Summer in China begins in the fourth moon. In Peking, street hawkers sell little red cherries like children's rosy cheeks, and mature roses, dewy wet, from which Chinese housekeepers make a delicious jam.

Then every garden is at its loveliest, wide awake at last. Nature rewards the Chinese love of flowers with a gift for growing them. Bushes, shrubs, even trees, forget to follow their original intent and bend to the will of the Oriental gardener, yielding him an almost wistful submission. The geranium in an old tomato tin blooms generously for the poor host-

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WAITIN' FOR THE RAIN TO COME IN—In downtown Pittsburgh, shoppers don't have to let a smile be their umbrella on those rainy rainy days. A popular drugstore keeps about 40 umbrellas on hand, free for anyone to borrow. In the first year of its goodwill service, the store has not lost one umbrella as a result of dishonesty. Taking advantage of the free-lending offer is Virginia Barnett, a local shopper.

woman who lovingly tends it. The New Year narcissus unfolds its star-petals from the cracked cup of the humbled cowl. A clump of asters grows in the stony ground beside his sentry-box for the policeman who waters them in full uniform with his tea-pot.

The calendar is marked with flower-anniversaries, and every moon is hostessed by a flower-fairy presiding over a long chain of flower-fetes. The Rose Fairy presides over the first moon; Apricot Blossom over the second; Peach Blossom over the third; Mistress Climbing Rose over the fourth; the Pomegranate Maiden over the fifth; and the Scarlet Lotus Lady over the sixth. In the seventh comes the perfumed Balsam Fairy; and in the eighth the Fairy of the Candy Flower, so small but so sweet. The ninth sees the reign of the Chrysanthemum Queen, the tenth the Golden Lady of the Marigold, the eleventh the cold and virginal Camellia Fairy, and the twelfth is in charge of the pale Winter Blossom.

"The birthday of flowers" is general in on the twelfth (in some places on the fifteenth) of the second moon. . . .

Throughout China the fourth moon begins the fashionable season for garden parties, and the great event everywhere is the opening of the peonies, for the peony in China is the King of Flowers, and is called "the ornament of Empire." When these favourites reach perfection, the President of the Republic himself sends to privileged guests invitations for a "peony-viewing." . . . They are conveyed to the audience hall, across a lake of lapis-lazuli, in one of those barges, with rowers standing to their oars, that formerly transported Sovereigns. . . .

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we most sincerely hope that good, health-giving days are not too far away. And when they come, make the most of them, friends. You who are house-weary, take time to be out-of-doors. "Just wait but wait but wait!" Get out and enjoy the sunshine — it is good for whatever ails you.

We are certainly hoping for a little warm weather because, as soon as he can play outdoors, our grandson is coming to visit us — all by himself. And it will certainly take the great outdoors to use up some of his surplus energy. So here's hoping — for his sake, and ours too.

In the meantime, whatever the weather, we have plenty to interests outside — and the interest is likely to be maintained for some time. Surveyors from the Department of Highways, are all over the farm, mapping out a cloverleaf for No. 401, half of which will be on our farm. I suppose they know what they are doing but it is all a mystery to us. One time we look out and see from one to three cars and six or seven men. Half-an-hour later the cars may be gone and no sign of activity anywhere. Or maybe one car will be at the road. No men in sight but by Rusty's insistent barking we know men are somewhere around — here, there, anywhere — we don't know. Sometimes they arrive before eight a.m., sometimes they don't show up at all. To keep track of them is a bit of a puzzle. First of all they bring in a card which says that surveyors will find it necessary to enter your property and that a valuator will arrange to make a settlement in regard to any damages. That is fine — as far as it goes. But can a valuator assess the worth to you, real or sentimental, of a tree or a group of trees? We have evergreens on our property that were set out the first year we came. From little two-inch seedlings we have watched them grow to sturdy trees, twenty to thirty feet high. When Partner saw the surveyors working among the evergreens he begged them to save the trees. He was assured the trees would not be

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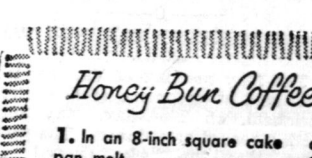
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1. In an 8-inch square cake pan, melt 3 tablespoons butter or margarine. Drizzle with 1/2 cup honey and sprinkle with 1/2 cup broken walnuts.
2. Scald 1/2 cup milk. Remove from heat and stir in 1/4 cup honey, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 cup shortening. Cool to lukewarm.
3. In the meantime, measure into a large bowl 1/2 cup lukewarm water, 1 teaspoon granulated sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved. Sprinkle with contents of 1 envelope Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast. Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well. Stir the lukewarm milk mixture and 1 well-beaten egg. 1/2 teaspoon vanilla into the yeast mixture. Stir together 2 cups once-sifted all-purpose flour, 1/4 cup shortening, 1/4 cup cinnamon.
4. Spoon mixture into prepared cake pan. Cover. Let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk—about 1 1/2 hours. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375°, about 35 minutes. Turn out of pan immediately. Serve warm.



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How did her parents face their problems of treating Mary so she would feel at ease with others? How did they avoid too much sympathy so that Mary would not feel that she was different from her brothers and sister? How did they manage to bring in a card which says that surveyors will find it necessary to enter your property