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Your Family Counselor

"How many other daughters must give up their lives to take care of their mothers, Anne Hirst, while the boys in the family sail off into matrimony and leave the girls holding the bag? They only think it is her duty." So exclaims one young woman who is growing weary carrying the load alone.

"My mother is perfectly healthy and could live alone safely and pleasantly, if she would. My brothers insist I assume responsibility for her just because I have not married—and how could I when my mother has discouraged every man I've met and proclaimed far and wide that we could never separate because 'Mary needs me so!' " Mary needs her like she needs a hole in the head.

"My mother, instead of being grateful for all the sacrifices I have made, still tells me what to wear, where I can go, what I should say to my boss—and then smugly folds her hands and says, 'I don't know what Mary would do without me!'

"These brothers of mine would visit Mother now and then, or even write or telephone, I could forgive a lot. But they are too wrapped up in their jobs and their families; they are lavish with their advice, but they never think of the lonely existence I must lead.

"I know you can't change these inequalities, but perhaps you can make one mother (mine) realize what I am relinquishing for her. If I and other burdened women could feel that what we do for parents is not in vain, it would help. But when we get is a pouting old woman who wears her feelings on her sleeve and takes umbrage every time the girl goes out for a walk. We old-maid daughters don't want to grow cynical, or sound that way, but aren't we entitled to a single crumb of appreciation?"

TO MARY: Your plaint deserves the space I am giving it. It expresses the dilemma of hundreds of thousands of "old-maid daughters" who are being cheated of love and marriage because their selfish mothers absorb all their energies, and apparently regard it as a criminal offense if the girl makes one move toward a life of her own. And because her sons go their way, heedless of the circumscribed routine their sister must follow, the burden is heavier. Even in her own home she has no freedom; her mother directs her comings and goings as though she were twelve, exercising her austere authority, antagonizing the girl's friends and always any possible suitors.

If you expect ever to escape from this treadmill, you will have to assert yourself. Call a council of your brothers and tell them you intend to leave soon on the vacation you describe, and that in your absence you expect them either to invite their mother to their homes or keep in daily touch with her. Also that on your return, other arrangements must be made to share her responsibility. If you are firm, they will have to change their selfish ways—for what would they do if you left home for good and moved in with a girl friend?

I do salute you and all other young women in such an exasperating situation, not with a "crumb" of appreciation but with the whole loaf.

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DON'T MARRY HIM

"Dear Anne Hirst: I am really in a spot. I don't go regularly with any boy, and now a man in his late 30's is in love with me. I don't respond at all, but my mother and father keep telling me I'll be foolish to turn him down.

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AFRAID.

Your parents, like all others, want a secure future for their children. They are hoping you will fall in love with the man, but if you don't I am sure they will not want you to marry him. Don't say Yes to any man you don't love, no matter what material advantages he can offer.

The fact that you are not at home with this one is proof enough to me that you could never find any satisfaction in marriage. Man and wife should first be real companions; the fact that he is so much older and interested in things that do not appeal to you makes you feel like a stranger to him. That, you won't get over.

Go about with boys and girls your own age, and through them you will meet other young people. This association, more than any argument, will soon prove how foolish you would be even to consider marrying this older man.

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If you have carried parental responsibilities beyond reasonable limits, make a break for a better arrangement before you are too old to care. Anne Hirst is sympathetic, so write her frankly. Address her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth Street, New Toronto, Ont.

MODERN ETIQUETTE

Q. What is considered the most proper way to eat a banana at the table?

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FAITH OR FIGHT? — This cake-cutting scene is misleading. Just before Kathryn Ann Kelly and George P. McCarthy cut the cake at their wedding reception, they pledged their faith in each other by placing their ring hands over the wedding flowers. But what's that at left? A closer look reveals a fighting fist on Kathryn's other hand. Perhaps it was just a reflex action. Only George will know.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

Summer storms have made the news in so many localities during the last week. In this part of Ontario we had high winds, heavy rain, heat and humidity — nothing too serious, except for the farmers. Lucky are the farmers who were able to get any dry hay stacked away in the barn. There are plenty who didn't. Drive along the country roads and you see field after field with bales piled in threes and fours, or in singles just where the machine had dropped them. Wheat is beginning to turn so now farmers will be praying that damaging storms will not flatten the crops and make future operations still more difficult. How can anyone expect farmers to be other than weather-conscious?

Always they have to hope for the best — but prepare for the worst. One good thing happened last week — eggs advanced in price by six cents a dozen. The poultryman will make his fortune yet! But not if he depends on us. We use less than a dozen eggs a week — that is, when we are alone. I suppose we have been surfeited with eggs in the past and would rather have other food for awhile. For years our standby has been eggs — deviled, poached, boiled, scrambled and sometimes fried. But no matter how they were cooked they were still eggs — and of course excellent food at that. "What is there that the vintners buy one half so precious as the wares they sell?" That is a good question and apples to all kinds of farm produce. Perhaps in the past we did not make enough use of the stuff we grew or raised. And now we can't . . . this year we haven't even got a vegetable garden. We were so busy getting settled there wasn't time to get the ground into condition to make garden. Next year we hope to do better.

Last Monday we went to Milton to take part in the final Centennial Parade. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. The weather was perfect and most people seemed to be in a gala mood. Our Institute float was in the form of old-time activities on the farm. A quilting party was in progress with four members dressed in bodice-tight full length dresses, very busily quilting. At the four corners of the float one housewife was making bread, another churning, a gay young thing was occupied with an old-fashioned gramaphone and I, as a black-bonneted grandmother, sat in a rocking chair with my knitting and rocking a baby in an old wooden cradle. As we passed along the streets I could see Dee pointing me out to David. Of course he didn't recognize "Gran" in her get-up. When I waved and I saw bewilderment followed by recognition, and finally his face broke into a smile.

Yesterday Joy and I toured the historic houses open to the public during Oakville's Centennial. Partner came along too but he took on a baby-sitting job with Ross while Joy and I went gadding. Ross very obligingly slept most of the afternoon. The houses were most interesting but what struck me was the fact that there are many similar old houses throughout Ontario and nobody notices them. It takes owners with imagination to furnish and preserve them in such a way to make them comfortable to live in and attractive to the public. The first post office at Oakville is now a small but most fascinating museum, not crammed with antiques, the three rooms being furnished only with the essentials for pioneer living such as the early settlers would have deemed necessary. A huge stone fireplace complete with a crane and cauldron. (We had the same thing at Ginger Farm but our fireplace was boarded up.) A hand-hewn table, four-poster bed, washstand and iron-stone toilet set and of course a number of small furnishings of various kinds.

In one privately owned house that we visited, the owner pointed out the peculiar glass in the windows. At Ginger Farm we had that same type of glass and how I used to bless it! It was full of streaks, bubbles and other imperfections. You couldn't see through it properly and after it was cleaned it never looked clean. I didn't realize it should have been treasured, and displayed as an antique!

Well, I guess centennial celebrations are over once and for all for districts a hundred years old. What will happen before each of the celebrating districts reaches its two-hundredth birthday? Wonder is all we can do — certainly we won't be around to see it. We can only be glad we were able to celebrate the first century birthday.

Now I must see if our visitors have been able to entertain themselves while I have been writing. Sister Kathleen and nephew Klemi are visiting us for a week or two before moving on to make a new home for themselves in Peterborough where Klemi has been appointed music instructor at the Collegiate. Another reason for stopping — a man is pounding at the back of the house installing screen doors. Fresh air without flies . . . that will be wonderful!

Bird Watch On The Shores Of The Dee

In one of his most famous similes Homer compares the movements of the armies before Troy to the flight of wildfowl, "geese and cranes and long-necked swans' in the storied marsh which has given its name to a continent. 'Hither and thither they fly, rejoicing in their wings,' so he describes them; and so the watcher will echo his words when the Knots come streaming to the sandbanks or the Starlings weave patterns over their roosting-places in the dusk.

Beautiful beyond description are the swiftly changing spirals when the light now catches a gleam of wings and now sets the whole array in silhouette. Marvellous beyond its beauty is the dense formation of the squadrons, their perfect precision and spacing, and the spontaneous rhythm of their unity; no bird leads; no signal bids them turn; and yet, as if a single will animated them all, a thousand wings beat together.

Such displays are most familiar of an evening, and at a sleeping-place. One of my earliest memories is of a big starling-roost in a tiny copse behind the cottage upon the Dee in which we spent our Augusts. Night by night when the sun was setting in splendour behind Hilfrey, my father and I would stroll along the old sea-wall, and turning away from the glory of the heavens, gaze at the birds as they rose from the branches in honour of the passing day.

The ritual never varied. Long before sundown the flocks would begin to assemble; small bunches of birds from near at hand; then battalions from further afield; then parties of stragglers; at last the boughs were crowded with a clamorous company.

Then came the flight a complicated manoeuvring over and around the copse, winding in and out in a maze of fluid circles, culminating in a 'grand chain' when the air was dark with a storm of living flakes.

Then as darkness closed in, a sudden settlement, a final evensong, sounding more like mob oratory than psalm, and at last silence and sleep.—From "Musings and Memories," by Charles E. Raven.

AIR-BORNE SPORT

One of the most fascinating sports for those who have the courage to tackle it, says the Book of Knowledge, is riding on a glider, or sail-plane, the high altitude pressure waves that sometimes form over mountains. Sail-plane flights have been made up to 30,000 feet. At these altitudes the pilot must have oxygen equipment and particularly warm clothes, and the cockpit of his plane must be insulated. Devotees of this sport claim that it is a uniquely weird and thrilling experience to fly silently five miles up on the crest of a huge, invisible wave of air.

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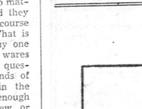

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¼ cup vinegar
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COMBINE BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch, sugar and seasonings in saucepan with a small amount of milk to make a smooth paste.

ADD remaining milk, mixing well.

COOK over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils.

COOK 2 minutes, stirring constantly.

REMOVE from heat; gradually add to beaten egg.

RETURN to heat; cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly.

REMOVE from heat; gradually beat in vinegar using rotary beater.

ADD MAZOLA Salad Oil, beating until smooth; cool.

YIELD: 2 cups.

NOTE: Beat slowly with rotary beater until smooth and creamy before serving.

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Egyptian Puzzle

It would be interesting and helpful to know what was President Nasser's thought behind one phrase he used in the address opening Egypt's new National Assembly. The meeting of this assembly, he said, was not a return to parliamentary life in Egypt but "the beginning of parliamentary life" there.

One would like to believe this was a recognition of the fact that parliamentary government in Egypt will need eventually a broader base than the election of a hand-picked slate of assembly candidates. Some contests were permitted, but after approximately half the prospective candidates had been ruled out by Colonel Nasser's National Union.

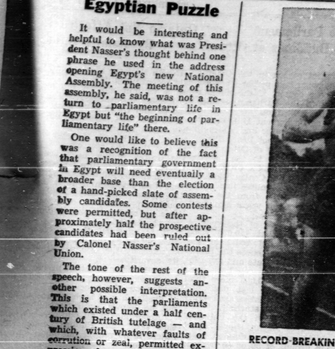
The tone of the rest of the speech, however, suggests another possible interpretation. This is that the parliaments which existed under a half century of British tutelage — and which, with whatever faults of corruption or zeal, permitted expression of more than one Egyptian point of view — do not count. Such a reading would imply that one-party government controlled by an originally military junta is regarded as a permanent pattern.

It appears true that the Nasser regime has substantial accomplishments to its credit in at least two fields — land reform and school construction. One could wish that these efforts and initiation of the Aswan Dam had gone forward without the accompaniment of Soviet-bloc arms purchases and Suez Canal nationalization. Only Egyptians can judge whether their interests might be better served by still more attention to internal improvement and less to the stirring of external antagonisms.

But the question is whether even now, with the possession of a National Assembly — which President Nasser could dissolve at any moment — Egyptians will get an opportunity to express such judgments. — From The Christian Science Monitor.

THE LAST DROP

Among bathroom gadgets is a push-button toothpaste dispenser said to deliver an exact brush-length of paste with the click of a lever. The Financial Post reports. Fitting to the wall, it is designed to empty completely any tube whatever brand or size. Selling in the U.S. at about $2.



RECORD-BREAKING FINNS—Smashing the world mark for the "metric mile", three Finnish runners cross the finish line at the end of the 1,500-meter race at Turku, Finland. In a photo in 3:40.2; and Olavi Vuorasilo, third in 3:40.3. All three eclipsed the world 1,500-meter record of 3:40.6 set on October 2, 1955, by Istvan Roszvolgyi of Hungary. Oddly, all three stars bore the same first name.

WEEKLY EDITOR HONORED—Horace V. Wells Jr., right, editor of the Clinton, Tenn., Courier-News, receives the 1957 Elijah P. Lovejoy Award for Courage in Journalism. Wells, a defender of the Supreme Court's school integration ruling in Clinton, despite threats from extremists, was cited for "realistic devotion to the principles of law and order" at the annual National Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors.

Finding Lost Dogs In Holland

Lost dogs in Holland are fortunate creatures. They are seldom lost for very long and when they are found they are swiftly returned to their owners.

For their good fortune the dogs and their masters have to thank a national voluntary organization that is 25 years old this year. Holland possesses many welfare services but the organization known as Stichting Amivedi (Animal Lovers' Foundation) is perhaps unique. It provides the human link between the owner of a pet, the police, the animal protection societies, and the finder of a stray.

I found out how it works when I met the Baron van Pallandt in Hilversum, the nation's radio city. He has been working for the Stichting in Hilversum for a year and he has found 50 dogs during that time and returned them to their owners.

The Baron explained that a group of people in Utrecht 25 years ago decided that a great deal of unhappiness was caused by the fact that though lost animals were often found, there was no organization to return them to their owners. The animals were brought to a protection society's kennels and remained there unless the owner made constant visits to see if he could spot his pet.

So the Stichting Amivedi came into being. Over the years it has created new branches in nearly all the large cities in Holland and it has earned praise from the public and from the police.

Its work is especially important in a country with large city populations but it is made essential by the fact that Dutch law provides several statutes that protect the domestic pet. In the first place an animal that has strayed cannot be killed unless it is severely injured.

In the second, the finder of a dog must immediately report his find to the police. If he fails to do so with 24 hours he may be heavily fined. A third statute safeguards the property rights of the owner of a stray. If a stray is given to a new owner it must be given up if the original owner comes forward to claim it, writes Ian Rodger in The Christian Science Monitor.

Such regulations mean that there is a great deal of work to be done that cannot be done by the normal organizations that exist in other countries. They create the need for the dog-hunters of the Stitching Amivedi.

The Baron told me that he often spends a whole day looking for a dog. On less difficult days he usually starts by telephoning the police for the latest reports. When he has checked his list of found dogs with the list of dogs reported missing he begins his regular rounds.

These rounds include visits to people who have been given strays that cannot be traced to their owners. Once a month he calls on them to make sure that the animal is in good health. On some of his calls he gives advice about the care and feeding of pets and he provides pamphlets and some medicines without charge.

He has a car of his own but the Stitching gives him a travel allowance and pays for his clerical and postal work. But his time and his labor are given free.

For his reward he has the satisfaction of playing a very necessary and human role in Dutch society and there is no doubt that he, like the other members of the Stichting Amivedi, thoroughly enjoys his work. As a true animal lover, he derives as much pleasure from returning a mongrel to a small boy as he does from rescuing a pedigree prizewinner.

"I always go to these fancy dress balls as Napoleon," said a young man to his friend at a dance. "I like to keep my hand on my wallet."

SUMMER, 1957—Lightning rips the skies in this time exposure of a brilliant display of celestial fireworks. The picture typifies the conditions that spar the stormy summer of 1957 into the memories of millions.

Great Flocks Of Flying Jewels

Deep in the great caves of Trinidad, high up among the moaning pines of Haiti, and now again here between the cold mangroves and the sea of mud, we have found ourselves in places that were strangely unreal, unearthly, and apart, as if they were on another planet. Such other-worldly places need not be grim and forbidding; they may be places of absolutely pure, soft beauty. This shell bank by the sea was one of these.

Lying there under the evening sun with the fresh mellow winds puffing at our faces, we could not believe it possible that there could be any other people in the world, or that a town of even the size of Paramaribo was less than seventy miles away. From being an austere and lifeless bit of mangrove-haunted mud facing an endless stretch of muddy sea, the place had become a distant paradise. How can I say this of an area that is entirely covered with mud and mangroves? I will tell you, but first let me make sure of one thing: do you know a bird called the red ibis?

It is essential to describe this lovely creature before I try to give you any impression of the coast of Surinam that evening, because the mud flats as far as the eye could reach in any direction were covered with countless multitudes of these birds. They are long-legged wading birds with the characteristic down-curved bill of the ibises. . . . The entire plumage is, right enough, red rather than green, blue or yellow, but in it are mingled all the salmon-pinks, rosiate reds and brilliant flames that any artist could imagine.

Under the warm light of the evening sun these natural jewels came sailing across the rich blue sky in unending flocks, landing among their brethren on the mud. With them came great flights of snow-white egrets, beating the air with laboured difficulty, their thin black legs trailing behind them. Every now and then bevies of brown bitterns or bright blue herons would come out of the two little creeks like flights of arrows. . . .

As the sun sank lower, there came a raucous screeching, mingled with insolent cries, shrieks, whistles, cat calls and all the other uproar that only parrots can produce. By tens, by hundreds, they came along the coast, blotting out the sky, filling the air with their yelling, and driving the wheeling vultures and hovering fishing-eagles far up into the higher air. What makes parrots such friendly creatures? I believe there are two answers to this question: first, because they are never ashamed of proclaiming themselves, and secondly, because they always fly in pairs, the little husband and wife beating along wing-tip to wing-tip.

After tea we strolled round to the little creek that backed our shell spit. Here the setting sun made an orange mirror of the still water as it twisted among billowing waves of vivid green mangroves. Above, flight after flight of flaming ibises and snowy egrets and blue herons kept passing. — From "Carribbean Treasure," by Len T. Sanderson.

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