

# ANNE HIRST

Your Family Counselor

Dear Anne Hirst: Have you any comfort for a disappointed reader? I am 23 years old, and I don't seem to be attractive to men. I want what every other woman wants: a husband and children and a home of my own, but it seems I am doomed to die without them. Do you think that I've set my goal too high? Some years ago I had two proposals, but I rejected both, hoping to meet others I could admire more. How sorry I am now!

"I look older than my years; my hair is turning gray, and there are too many lines in my face. I go everywhere I can, to try to attract others, but I come home so lonely that I cannot sleep for thinking of my unprosperous future."

"No man could fall in love with somebody that looks like I look now. Is it wise to do something about it? And what?"

### DISGUSTED AGATHA

WAKE UP! Haven't you often seen a young woman flourish with health and high spirits, and thought "Wouldn't she be fun to know?" To attract others, you must cultivate an outgoing spirit, appear to be enthusiastic and sympathetic and be quick to appreciate the good in others, which really implies you think first of them. These traits will shine in your eyes, color your voice and enrich your personality.

Instead, I wonder whether you have not unconsciously given the impression you are sorry for yourself? I suggest first that you have a physical checkup, for with- out abundant health you cannot be at your best. Regular outdoor exercise, perhaps a gymnasium course, is indicated. If your appearance depresses you, do something about it. A reliable beauty salon will help you improve this face that you deplore. Gray hair, remember, deserves special commending, wear it proudly instead of with regret. Brighten the eyes and add a grace of its own. Don't rub out the lines in your face, for to intelligent people they mean character; it is the lines of discontent or temper which shine in one's appearance.

If good plays and music do not lift you out of yourself, and soothe or excite you, perhaps you listen defiantly, closing your heart and mind to their magic. To enjoy any thing or anybody, one must put one's heart in it. Open your inner self to such influences; laugh with them, or sigh with them, but relax with them. Let your face reflect your emotions.

**Try Making Faces**  
Do you want to look younger? A Cape Town beauty who declares that men generally look younger than women because they pull faces while shaving. This, she says, exercises the muscles and keeps the skin toned up.

Pulling faces is the best thing in the world for keeping that youthful look whether you are man or woman.

If you want to preserve your skin, say "Ah!" opening your eyes as if in surprise, "Oo-oo!" as if kissing and "Ee-ee!" as if "crooked grin," blow out and imaginary candle or blow a feather around your head.

If you do these things, the beautician maintains, you'll have that fresh look of youth.

You might select one of the arts or sciences you've always intended to cultivate that can be a grand release. If you let yourself go, feel your excitement mounting, you will attract others who will be stimulated, too. In a short time, you can be a different woman. Stop reviewing the unhappy mistakes you have made. You are just entering your prime and, if you use that good head thinking of the next few years that it has ever been.

And do stop regretting that you haven't married yet. If you have chosen the wrong man, you would look older than you.

### A LAD'S REMORSE

Dear Anne Hirst: I am 25 and have been in love with a girl for two years. After I came back from my service two years ago I went generally haywire. I was unfaithful to her, I drank too much and was just no-good. She broke the engagement.

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**Are you discouraged with what life has done to you?** Anne Hirst has practical down-to-earth suggestions that can lift you out of yourself and into happier moods. Write Anne Hirst at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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**PERUVIAN PEARL**—Miss Universe of 1957, Gladys Zendero, of Peru, is kissed by her happy parents, Rosa and Eduardo, after contest officials decided to allow her to keep the crown though contest officials ruled she was 18 to 20.

# CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline P. Clarke

Wherever you are there are odd jobs to do. On the farm there is fencing or repairs to fences—after cattle have knocked down rails or stretched the wires it happens among the best regulated harvest families but more especially if the cattle have horns. Distant fields are always green" is no idle expression. Give your cows half the farm to graze in and they always want to nibble on whatever happens to be growing on the other side of the fence. If they are confined by a wooden fence they usually worry away until they manage to loosen one or two rails. If the fence is of woven wire a cow or heifer will

first get her nose through and then gradually push and shove until the meshed wire is stretched enough to let her whole head through. Then she really has a feast, especially if what grows on the other side is standing oats or luscious second-crop alfalfa. When everything within reach is chewed to the ground Bossie decides it is time to withdraw. Ah, but that is easier said than done. She must be able to get through so easily should be so hard to get back. Horns, of course, complicate the situation still further. After awhile she tires and stands quivering and then she comes along and chews that rest period the farmer, his hired help or perhaps his wife or children come along and notice Bossie hung up in the fence. Whoever sees her naturally goes to her assistance, perhaps for some unknown reason Bossie generally gets excited when someone comes along; perhaps the outcome of a guilty conscience. After all, had she stayed on her side of the fence she would not be in her present predicament. So the would-be rescuer has to work very quietly. Whenever Bossie notices anyone always pulls in the opposite direction. You get one horn pushed back and the other on the other side. You grab hold of a horn with one hand and try stretching the wire with the other at the strategic moment, when head and horns are almost free, Bossie gives a sudden lurch and you are back where you started—head and both horns on the wrong side of the fence.

How often at Ginger Farm I tried wrestling with just such a situation—generally with little success. Usually I gave up and either called Partner to the rescue or kept a watchful eye on the creature until he happened along. Even then it was sometimes necessary to cut the wires before Bossie could be released. The fence would afterwards be repaired and then, so help me, the next day the same thing might happen all over again—but just a few yards farther along the fence. Cows can be the "provokiest" things!

Well, we haven't got any cows to wrestle with now. I just mention the situation because as I said before, wherever you go there are odd jobs to do of some kind or another. In an old house starting a few yards farther along the fence, there are always repairs, or painting and decorating. In a new house minor alterations are usually necessary to suit personal requirements. A towel rail here, a shelf there, a place to put this and a cupboard to put that. And of course, how to arrange things in the house to best the best. To open doors and windows or keep them closed—that is the question.

Heretofore I have subscribed to the open-door theory. But that was at Ginger Farm where the trees provided shade on all sides of the house. I tried the same thing here during the last

### Dreamy Diplomat

Abrupt-minded people may get their legs pulled, and often dismissed as dull-witted, but it is surprising how many of them are rich high places.

Sir Edward Harding, Britain's highly gifted Ambassador in Madrid during the first world war, for example, had a glorious capacity for forgetting himself. Picking up a typist's colored parasol in mistake for his umbrella when visiting a Spanish potentate was nothing to him.

The embarrassment of the mind that led towards the window.

In 1932, Charles Lindbergh was at the crest of the five years of popularity "that had swirled around him as the first man to fly the Atlantic solo in a single-engine plane. His marriage to Anne Morrow had been celebrated with the fervour of a royal wedding. The birth of his son had been like the advent of a baby prince to get "all hot up" getting cows out of fences. However, we still have some livestock around and discovered there was a beautiful odour circulating all through the house. Obviously a pretty little striped kitty was somewhere around.

### Luxurious Fillet

The world could only watch in stunned sympathy. The police were powerless to trace the kidnapper of the twenty-month-old toddler despite the clues he left. First there was the ransom note left on the nursery window—indicating that the kidnapper would soon demand \$50,000. Next was a home-made note—by expertly blind-leader on the ground outside. Smearing with no fewer than 500 fingerprints, it seemed sure to lead to an arrest. But none of the prints could be matched in police files.

### Modern Etiquette . . .

by Roberta Lee

Q. Who goes first down the aisle of a motion picture theatre, the man or the woman?

A. The woman precedes. And under age 17. Contest authorities apparently they go as 18 years of age.

### Business Booming in Bible Sales

"We take the water of life to people's doors and practically force them to drink it!" This is the resounding voice of president J. B. Henderson of the Southwestern Co. Nashville, Tenn., and he is referring to the greatest phenomenon in the American book business. The largest-selling item in the trade, any one has ever witnessed anything like its current performance. In a competitive market which treats its statistics as sacredly as the Atomic Energy Commission, an educated guess might be that in 1940 there were 3 million Bibles sold in the U.S., whereas last year that number had leapt to a phenomenal 15 million.

More than 20 million Bibles were sold last year, the fact that the trade is growing so rapidly is not surprising. The aggressive door-to-door branch of the trade piled up a high take in the neighborhood of \$100 million. For the most part, it was by the installment plan to the poor.

Traditionally the South was known as the Bible Belt of the U.S. and the sales of Holy Scripture bore out that description. It applies no longer. Bible sales, generally agree that their coast-to-coast affair. How accounts for the boom? President William R. McCullay of Thomas Nelson & Sons of New York, general publisher in religion, President J. C. Cleveland of World Publishing Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, says the increase in leisure time, rising economic standards, and an increase in literacy.

F. Ronald Mansbridge of the Cambridge University Press is of the opinion that New York City is one of the worst territories. Miss Louise H. Wynhausen, general manager of Sheet & Ward of New York, one of the leading Catholic houses, also has her disappointments: "The Midwest is the gray train. Boston is rather disappointing. New York is so-so."

But such melancholia is rare among today's Bible sellers. The staple product of many years—the sober black Bible—is still a staple, but other Bibles have come. Prices range from more than a dollar to around \$300.

Wales village and type faces are legion, from good simple reading Bibles to such exquisite readings of the designers art as the \$300 limited edition of the late typographer Bruce Rogers (sold by the Oxford Press and now on a reserved list). Most of the larger, bookstore selling houses offer at least 75 types of Bibles.

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