

**ANNE HIRST**  
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: When we were married, I thought I was marrying my bride and not her whole family. I make a fairly good income, in drawing account and commissions, but every time we go to visit my in-laws, they have to tell me how to do my job.

"I should be doing better financially, but why do I have to listen to these relatives to tell me how to make more money? None of them make as much as I do.

"Dear Anne Hirst: I was an only child at home, so I was overjoyed that my husband was one of a large family. I made a few mistakes, and one was getting too intimate with a certain sister-in-law.

"I had several of the others have little to say to me, and I do feel there must be a reason. This one girl is very confident with the others, but lately has almost ignored me. I would like to avoid this strain if I could, but it would take more tact than I have.

"What shall I do? Refuse to go with my wife on these visits?"



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Choose the in-law you feel closest to, and admit that at first you were too critical. Say that you now realize you made mistakes, and you regret them. If she will accept your apology for any such attitude, you will always be grateful. Ask your husband what he thinks of the idea.

If you have accepted your share of the blame, it is easy to show it by complimenting them frankly. Chances are they will welcome your explanation warmly, and you will feel at home again.

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**Modern Men**  
To attract mobile customers to a men's fashion show, a West Berlin store hit on the idea of having pretty girls model men's spring and summer clothing. The idea worked — as far as the new fashions is a moot question.



**Modern Etiquette**  
How long after the refreshments are served should a guest remain at a bridge party?

This depends upon how much of the evening the refreshments are served, but probably about 30 minutes after finishing is the usual time to leave. A guest at an affair should never "eat and run."

If a man and woman are walking together during a rain, and both have lost touch with each other, use their own umbrellas.

It is proper to eat the fruit, sometimes served in a dish, or as this supposed to serve merely for flavor and decoration?

When drinking any kind of refreshment, isn't it proper to leave a little of the liquid in the glass?

When a bride is writing notes of thanks to friends who do not know her husband, should the notes be signed with both names?

Modern Signs  
Traffic sign posted at the edge of a small town in the South: "20 Miles an Hour or \$18.10."

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In Iowa a hotel adjacent to a cemetery advertised: "For the Rest of Your Life."

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In Florida, a road sign suggests: "Keep Florida Green — Bring Money."

An English View Of Elvis Presley  
A nightmare of bad taste come call him in his native United States. Many swear he must be mad, others acclaim him a genius.

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