ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"If my husband and I could be alone, live in peace, and keep our door open to our friends, what a wonderful life it would be! It is, alas, impossible, because my mother has lived with us for two years." Those years have resulted in near-bedlam, for the writer's mother opposed her marrying anybody and has done her best to create misunderstanding and suspicion between husband and wife.

"Since she came," continues the writer," he is so mean and ugly to my husband that I cannot take it any longer — but what can I do? He is a gentle soul and so sweet to her that it make me furious; that only eggs her on. Our marriage has been a lovely one together for six years, but now I am thoroughly miserable.

"I grew up feeling my mother was my enemy. She was so dictatorial it was impossible now to submit (I'm easy-going as my father was) and I realize now I grew up hating her. But when Dad died, my only sister refused to take Mother in and I was weak eonugh to do just that. She would not consent to go anywhere else though she has an adequate income.

"She was never a popular woman; she doesn't get along with any of her relatives, and she hasn't a personal friend left. She distrusts people and deliberately tries to cause trouble. (Please do not print details) . . . Now I am at the end, seeing my husband is so miserable, though he never complains. Where have I failed? What am I to do?"

MAKE THE BREAK

If I could print this wife's entire letter, my readers would understand why I urge her to see that her mother leaves. For years the wife has given herself to her family's problems, and borne with her mother's idiosyncracies with out a whimper. The older woman has visited them freely for two weeks at a time, trying to disrupt their harmony, being rude to their friends, and shrewdly creating almost unbearable tensions. Her influence is little short of sinister. She has not succeeded in her intent, but the home atmosphere is too strained to continue.

The wife will have a battle on her hands, for her mother is having herself a fine time weaving her wicked web. Her husband has been so generous and sweet during these two years that he deserves a better life alone with his wife, and I am glad that she finally realizes it.

TO "DAUGHTER RACHEL":

For years you have tried to take over the continuing problems your mother's unfortunate nature has brought upon you all, and taking her into your home was the final fine gesture. Now you realize what a mistake it was . . . You more have you failed, my friend, rather have you done more for your people than anyone else has done . . .

Your mother will object loudly and cry for sympathy, but you will be firm. Your husband has had enough; his welfare now becomes your first duty and your pleasures. Make the break, and find the life you both deserve.

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GAMBLER CURED?

"Dear Anne Hirst: Soon after we married I found by husband was a confirmed gambler, risking money we couldn't afford and generally losing. For the past few months, though, he has refrained almost entirely, and I was so happy!

"I have noticed, though, that he still likes to lay small wagers with friends on trivial issues, and I am so afraid it will postpone his ultimate reform.

"I don't want to mention it unless I must. What do you say?

TROUBLED"

The true gambler believes that success is accidental, that it can bring riches and even power. He knows it provides an escape from dull routine and that in itself he feels is worth the losses he incurs. It is seldom, I am told, that he reforms for good.

Your husband is to be applauded for overcoming the weakness he indulged for so long. I am not a psychiatrist, but I see no harm in his wagering a bit with friends; he gets a kick out of it and he is not betting more than he can afford to lose. Perhaps I am wrong, but in your place I should not worry.

* * *

If your problem is wearing you down, ask Anne Hirst to clear the scene and guide you through. . . . Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

HIGH LIVING — LAID LOW

Delighted at having gone through the year without any accidents being recorded the safety committee of a cement works in Olavarria, Argentina, treated the 2,000 workers to a step-up lunch.

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THEY CAN GROW UP TOGETHER — Married at 12 and a mother at 13, Mrs. Lewis Curtis holds her week-old daughter as her 19-year-old husband looks on in their Nashville, Tenn., home. After the picture session, Mrs. Curtis told the photographer, "I don't believe in large families. Lewis and I would like one more child—a boy. That's enough."

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

This column is being written neither at Ginger Farm nor Halfway House but from the city of Guelph. Partner and I left home Thursday morning; he to spend a couple of days with friends on a farm near Puslinch and I to attend the annual convention of the Ontario Historical Society in Guelph. Strangely enough we met history on the road — colourful history at that — in the form of a Stage-Coach engaged to advertise the Milton Centennial. The genial Mayor of Milton was sitting up front with the driver, his round face and 19th Century liggery making him look very much like the illustrious "Mr. Pickwick". Of course we had to stop in Milton to do a bit of shopping — and a bit of visiting — and then we had a very lovely drive across country to No. 6 Highway. At the farm where Partner is staying we found evidence of a slight twister which struck during that terrific hot spell. Half the roof was gone from the driving-shed, tree branches scattered here and there and standing hay just beginning to straighten itself up again after having taken a tremendous pounding from wind and rain. Repairs were underway so I imagine Partner won't have any trouble in keeping himself occupied. Dinner was just about ready when we arrived — and Oh, my, it is a long time since I saw a roast of beef so big, or taste so good as appeared on that table. Genuine home-grown, home-killed beef, tender and juicy, as different from butcher's meat as hamburg from T-bone steak.

It was a case of eat and run for me as friend Lillian and I were due at the Convention at two o'clock. Apparently programmes are always slanted towards history of the district in which the convention is held so from excellent speakers we heard brief accounts of the history of Guelph, Elora and Fergus. Dr. Hugh Templin showed over a hundred beautiful pictures of the Fergus and Elora district — Elora Park, the Fergus Dam and many of the historic homes and buildings.

Now it is well after midnight but sleep seems to have vanished so I though I might as well get this column started anyway. Writing is better than lying awake wondering if Partner is making out all right. That may sound crazy but when a man hasn't spent a night way from home — except for a spell in hospital — for over thirty years the change might well be a somewhat mixed up pleasure. Well, I guess this will do for tonight as we have to be up and away by nine in the morning.

Friday. A most enjoyable day. Lunch at Elora, excellent speakers and then a tour of the parks and buildings Dr. Templin had shown us in pictures the night before. Our group included that well-known writer and historian, Dr. Louis Blake-Duff, older in years from the last time I saw him, but still young in spirit and with the same unfailing sense of humour and kindly manner that has endeared him to so many people for a great number of years. We also found Mrs. Ewen in a new role, helping the local executive of the Historical Society. W.I. members will remember Mrs. Ewen as the former Anna P. Lewis, one-time Director of Extension services. And there was Miss Mabel Burkholder, weekly historical contributor to the Hamilton Spectator. Among the visitors was a gentleman and his wife from New Zealand and the reason for their coming was a little unusual. The gentleman owns a sheep ranch with approximately 3,000 sheep. A son, keenly interested in agriculture and wishing to expand in knowledge and interest went first to Essex, England and later came to Canada to attend the O.A.C. in Guelph. Somewhere along the way he met a young lady from Caledon. They became engaged to be married and his parents have arrived in time for the wedding. Later the young folk are establishing a home — but not in New Zealand, England or Ontario, but in Nova Scotia, no less.

Now it is Saturday. Last night I went to bed and slept like a log, following dinner at The Royal Hotel and a most enjoyable evening that followed. Today we attended sessions in regard to encouraging juveniles in Ontario history. During the afternoon we went on a bus tour of the city stopping at many of the historic points of the place. It has been a most wonderful three-day convention, not only because of the places we've been but the people we've met. But alas, all good things must come to an end, so I have just packed my duds and am almost ready to start out for home, picking up Partner on the way. And when we get home there will be three days' mail and probably some of the family sitting on the doorstep. But no, they won't have to do that because we have provided both of them with keys.

Maybe by next week I shall have collected my wits and be able to write a little more intelligently.

Modern Etiquette . . .

by Roberta Lee

Q. What are the courses that make up a formal dinner?

A. There are five or more courses. First, oysters or clams on the half shell, or canapes, or other light relish; or grapefruit, fruit cup, or melon. Second, soup. Third, fish. Fourth, game or roast with two vegetables. Fifth, salad. Sixth, dessert, followed by fruit, nuts, candy, and coffee.

Q. What is the correct size of the place card at a dinner?

A. Usually about two inches long and an inch and a half high. It is usually plain white, but it may be embossed in white or gold with a monogram or crest. Place cards are inscribed in longhand.

Q. If a girl is to be married to a man who has been married previously, is it proper for her to have a big wedding, wear a white gown and veil?

A. Certainly. The fact that her bridegroom has been married before does not alter the fact that this is her first wedding. If she has been married previously, she should not have a big wedding nor wear white.

Q. I was recently introduced to a young man and since then he has tried several times to telephone me at my home, but every time I have been out. Would it be proper for me to telephone him?

A. It would be all right for you to phone him and say, "I hear you have been calling me. I'm sorry I was not at home."

Q. If one has just moved into a new neighborhood, and some of the neighbors have paid calls, how soon should one return these calls?

A. Within about two weeks. Failure to return these calls is a strong indication that the friendships are not desired.

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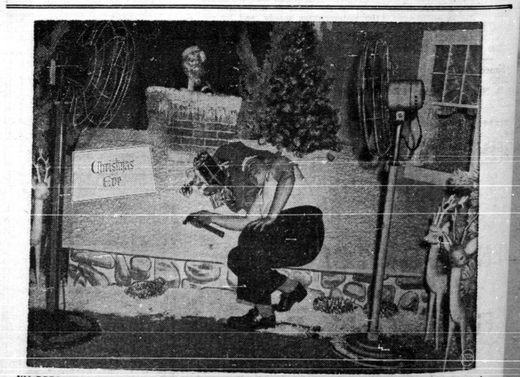


I'M DREAMING OF . . . — Display designer Al Hanik has the surrounding—and the heat—to make him dream of a white Christmas. Bushed from 90-degree heat, he's cooling off in the breeze from fans at either side. Hanik is assembling the Christmas scene for the National Assn. of Display Industries convention. Displays like Al's will be used in stores later—about six months later.

Big Field For Soap-Box Derby

The All-American Soap Box Derby at Akron on Sunday, August 18, will have the largest field of contestants and the richest array of prizes in the 20-year history of the famous boys' racing event. The 161 champions from the United States, Alaska, Canada, West Germany and the Philippine Islands will vie for $15,000 in college scholarships, 10 beautiful trophies and valuable merchandise awards.

A special added prize this year in observance of the 20th anniversary of the All-American is a two-week all-expense paid trip to Europe for the national champion, W. G. Power, executive director of the All-American, said.

Power, advertising manager of Chevrolet which sponsors the Derby, stressed that the trip to England, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy is in addition to the $5,000 first place scholarship and other honors to be bestowed on the winner.

The national champion also will receive the Chevrolet trophy and a gold Ringmaster ring similar to that given to the winner of the Indianapolis "500."

The list of 161 champions tops the previous high of 155 who raced in 1956, Power said. The boys, 11 to 15 inclusive, will drive homemade gravity - propelled cars on the 975-foot downhill course at Derby Downs in quest of prizes and glory.

Champions showing outstanding skill in car construction and design will receive special awards at the Banquet of Champions following the race.

Five trophies will be presented to the boys whose cars have the best brakes, best construction, best design and best upholstery and to the driver with the fastest heat of the day.

Besides all this, each local champion is awarded the specially designed 2. N. Cole Plaque. Along with it goes a Soap Box Derby racing diploma, a wrist watch, and, of course, the coveted Derby weekend in Akron with a full calendar of excitement and entertainment.

Just two days following the race at Akron, the new champion will leave on his European tour, departing for Ireland by Pan-American Air Clipper. His journey will take him to such famed world capitals as Dublin, London, Brussels, Paris and Rome, and to Frankfurt in West Germany. Before leaving for Europe, the champ will be flown to New York and entertained there.

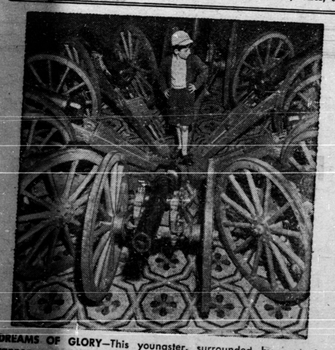
Power said a feature of the 1957 race will be a special race for the contestants from outside the United States for an international trophy.

The All-American is co-sponsored by Chevrolet, leading newspapers, radio and television stations and fraternal and civic service organizations.

UNCONQUERABLE

Although most of the more serious diseases have been conquered, the great killer on the highway has yet to be controlled. Every year, traffic accidents take a greater toll of life; every year, more and more people are injured and often crippled for life. The motorist who drives when he is sick, overtired, emotionally upset or otherwise impaired in mind or body, is a menace to himself and to other drivers. Anyone who has heart trouble, diabetes or any ailment which could suddenly incapacitate him, should never drive long distances alone.

Schedule all your worrying for a specific half hour about the middle of the day. Then take a nap during this period.



DREAMS OF GLORY—This youngster, surrounded by ancient cannon, assumes a hands-on-hips pose in the African Museum in Rome, Italy, perhaps dreaming of stirring military exploits. The weapons are relics of Italy's 1910 campaign in Libya.

ALL IN FUN—"Sleeka", one-year-old star attraction at the St. Louis Zoo, seems to be having a very good time with her playstoical than amused mood. McGraw's trouser leg was ripped open but he wasn't injured.

Rocky Wilderness Hides Vast Wealth
Canada's Pioneers Never Suspected

At the turn of the century an American school geography described Canada as "a country, cold, barren, and uninhabited, lying to the north of the United States; a vast expanse of rock and muskeg (bog), with great forests of worthless black spruce."

The authors of this piece of bleak prose were preceded and followed by many writers, economists, and geographers who took an equally dim view of Canada's future; for approximately half of this country lies within the rocky, infertile embrace of one of this planet's ancient pre-Cambrian shields.

Until recent times not even the Canadians themselves — who from earliest beginnings have loved their stern homeland with an ardor not readily understood by their American and British cousins — could find much to say in defense of 1,800,000 square miles of rock, mostly granite of a quality too inferior for commercial purposes.

Today this rocky wilderness is the established economic cornerstone of Canada, for most of the fabulous mineral wealth of recent years has been found within the shield's stern crust.

Some 95 per cent of Canada's copper, 85 per cent of its iron, all of its nickel, platinum, titanium and uranium, as well as less-well-known minerals like lithium, columbium, and the rare earths, come from the shield. Also within the shield lies most of Canada's fabulous hydro-electric power potential.

But of all the Cinderella surprises of recent years the stunted forests of the shield head the list. For pulp and paper made from the scrubby stands of spruce, poplar and jack pine have become a mainstay of the Canadian economy. Pulp and paper now take precedence over wheat as the major source of export revenue.

Crude Horseshoe

The Canadian pre-Cambrian shield is a vast plateau, unevenly dotted with hills, lakes, and muskeg. In some areas it is cut with fiords. In Labrador the Torngat Mountains rear bleak heads 6,000 feet above sea level.

In outline, the shield is a crude horseshoe, with its ends on the Arctic Ocean. Embracing the whole of Hudson Bay, it stretches east and northeast to include Labrador and northern Quebec. To the south it narrows to a point on the American side south of Lake Superior. The famous iron deposits of the Mesabi Range in Minnesota are in this extension of the Canadian shield.

The shield has a saucerlike shape, the high edges of the rim sloping toward the central depression of Hudson Bay. In prehistoric times ice planed off the deep soil formed by centuries of weathering, thereby destroying the possibility of widespread agricultural settlement.

In earlier days in Ontario and Quebec barren rocks wrecked the hopes of many courageous farmer-pioneers.

Even today there is little attempt at farming within the shield except for the scattered areas of rich clay or fortuitously placed pockets of clay near some of the mining settlements. So closely does the weight of the shield press down on the settled areas of eastern Canada that only 50 miles separate Ottawa, the capital city, from a wilderness that extends, uninterruptedly, to the lowlands of Hudson Bay.

Planet's Oldest Mountains

The shield is very old. So old that visitors to Ottawa, standing on Parliament Hill, looking across the valley of the Ottawa River to the purple-blue haze hanging over the Laurentians, are looking at the oldest mountains on this planet.

At best, it is a strange land, mysteriously attractive to the Canadians who have loved it enough to want to understand it, repellent and grim to men bred in softer lands.

The earliest French settlers knew there were minerals in the rocks of the shield. Indians led them to the crude, primitive workings of copper deposits on the shores of Lake Superior. But in those days no one cared.

In more recent times men were baffled by the complex nature of the ores when discovered. Metallurgy had to catch up with the prospector before the shield could come into its own.

On oft-quoted example was the discovery of copper at Sudbury during the building of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in 1883. When a construction gang cut into a rich mineral deposit there was much excitement until it was learned that the copper was of little value because of the abundant presence of a worthless metallurgically exasperating white mineral called nickel. Today nickel is one of modern industry's most essential minerals, of which Canada is the world's greatest producer.

Canada also is gaining ground rapidly as a producer of iron ores. The pioneering geologists of the Geological Survey have known of the Labrador and Ungava deposits since the early 1890's. Recognition of their tremendous importance came with the phenomenal growth of the American steel industry.

Steel output is undergoing rapid expansion in many other countries, including Canada, the United Kingdom and Germany. But it is the expansion of the United States steel industry that has stepped up production of the iron ore business.

At the beginning of World War II the United States steel industry had an annual capacity of 86 million tons. Today this has grown to 126 million tons.

Because iron is still "the mother of industry," one of the reasons for the speeding up of the building of the giant St. Lawrence Seaway by the two countries was the necessity to guarantee continuing supplies of the essential mineral to the great American steel industry, as well as to its rapidly expanding Canadian counterpart.

But of all the shield treasures, none has captured the public imagination as has uranium. It started in 1930 when Gilbert LaBine, who had first gone to the Northwest Territories in search of copper and silver, found pitchblende, the ore of radium and uranium.

The discovery of radium was big news. No one was interested in the uranium. Nevertheless although not realized at the time, this presaged the day when, following World War II, Canadian uranium began to make front-page news.

Pioneer Courage

Today Canada is the world's second largest producer of uranium and one of this century's recognized "atomic powers."

Flying over the wilderness, looking down on the endless forests and muskegs, the lakes, and myriad tiny potholes, it is difficult to grasp the courage of pioneer fur traders, explorers, prospectors and geologists who by their tireless travels and enduring interest made these things possible.

With respect to national unity, the shield has been a problem child, complicating attempts to reconcile the divergent problems of East and West, for 3,000 wilderness miles lie between the heavily populated province of Ontario and the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

In earlier times more than one Canadian argued the folly of trying to build a coast-to-coast nation because of the shield, with its geographic ingual, and religious sectionalism.

In the past decade the shield has played a reverse role in bringing about a closer relationship between Canada and the United States.

This relationship, always greatly handicapped by American ignorance of Canada and indefference to the true nature of a complex country and its viewpoints, has been jolted out of traditional attitudes in both countries.

For interest in the treasures of the shield has done more than just attract the American capital which has helped speed up their development. The new interest has already made some progress in breaking through the old stubborn "sound barrier" (American resistance to acquiring any serious knowledge of the northern neighbor's viewpoints.)

For there have been many hopeful indications that Americans are beginning to understand the Canadian's pride in his own sparsely settled homeland. — by Helen Gordon McPherson in The Christian Science Monitor.

HEY, MARTY! — Ernest Borgnine, star of award-winning "Marty," looks pretty happy about his page-boy bob. Actually, the false locks are for his latest movie role, that of a brutal sea war lord in "The Vikings," which will be filmed in Norway. He'll also wear a bristling beard.

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prevent linen from getting into the dresser washings?

A After the linen has been laundered, place it at the bottom of the drawer, using the other first. This gives all the towels, sheets, shirts, etc., equal wear, and prevents any piece from becoming yellow.

Q. How can I prevent moths from getting into the dresser drawers and closets?

A. An excellent preventive is to moisten a cloth in turpentine and wipe out the dresser drawers occasionally.

Q. How can I remove scorched marks from clothing?

A. Onion juice will often remove scorched marks from garments, if applied immediately.

Q. How can I remove mildew from linen?

A. Wet the article with soft water and rub it well with white soap. Then scrape some fine chalk into powder and rub thoroughly into the linen. Lay it out in the sunshine, keeping moist with soft water.

Q. How can I prevent sheer hosiery from wearing out so quickly at the toes?

A. Some people are naturally much harder on hosiery than others, but one thing is absolutely necessary. Keep the toe nails cut short. It is not only more comfortable but also more economical.

Q. How can I keep lemons fresh?

A. They will keep fresh if they are placed in an air-tight jar filled with water.

Q. How can I make durable pot holders?

A. Cut into eight-inch squares left-over pieces of cretonne, or any kind of remnants. Place between two squares a piece of asbestos, or several thicknesses of flannel. Then stitch around the edges.

Q. How can I clean a carpet or rug successfully?

A. Scrub with a stiff brush moistened in diluted ammonia, and then rinse with the garden hose while hanging on the line.

Q. What is a good utensil to use for creaming sugar and butter?

A. Try using a wooden potato masher.

Q. How can I make a substitute for baking powder?

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