ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"If you feel, Anne Hirst, that my story will help some love-sick soul to avoid the mistake I made, you may print this . . . For 17 years I have lived with a jealous husband, and each year has taken its toll. I wonder how I have survived. If any girl who reads this today is so in love with a jealous man that she thinks she can't live without him, I swear that the day will come when she will wish she had. Young people too often think jealousy measures the man's devotion; I thought that. But jealousy is born of the devil, my dears, and it can lead to such evil as no decent women can foresee.

"My husband was even jealous of our children and my women friends! It made me a nervous wreck at times, but I had to learn to ignore it; for any protests only made him worse. I never consciously did wrong, but that did not stop his wicked thoughts.

"My mother lived with my father's jealousy for nearly 40 years. He showed it forbs, but I married I understand and my grandfather tried to warn her. After marriage my father was so tortured that today his mind is a crooked thing. Two years ago my mother died, literally heartbroken.

"If only those who contemplate marrying a jealous person could have a quick view of what my family has suffered! A jealous man is a hideous egoist who slanders the one he loves . . . As for me, for years I felt like a prisoner caged in his small cell, pacing back and forth with no prospect of escape.

"One thing helped: Twice since I married I have written out my troubles in detail as though I were talking to a friend, and it has eased the strain. My husband grew worse, but the only important difference was in myself; I could not bear the horrible realities, so I developed a fortitude, a hidden strength that armored me against them. I do not believe in divorce, and God reached down and helped.

"To me your column has been a real study in psychology. Mature women and men acting like children, hoping you will approve of their revolting ways. If only they would study the Bible to find out right from wrong. Yes, I would have written you myself, but I knew what your opinion would be and I saw no need to clutter up your column.

"But-I do wish that girls attracted to jealous men could foresee the hell they will live in!"

TO "A FRIEND": I hope that your experience of two generations will leave its mark on those who see jealousy as a proof of love. It is inhuman and unchristian, and marriage (as your mother found) only gives it greater power to indulge the terrible form.

Many readers say, "Even if you can't help me, I feel better for writing." Confession relieves the soul, and often it clears one's view so they, like yourself, see their situation more objectively . . . I appreciate your confidence, and thank you for it.

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"Dear Anne Hirst: Just a year ago I married a widower with three children. I have done all anybody could do for them, but it has been a hard job because they were so spoiled. Now I am expecting my own baby, and my husband is so furious that he tells me to leave—because I won't have time for his kids.

"He says I have complained about them, and I admit it: but he has not helped me with them at all. He promises me a sum of money if I will go. Honestly, I do believe he has found some other woman who will take over.

"I would rather not leave my home, but what do you think is the right thing to do?

MARCIA"

I hope your husband will come to his senses and withdraw his demands; they are cruel. If he insists, I hope you will not go until you have legal assurance of proper support for you and your baby. No matter how much money he offers, it does not last forever. You will be wise to consult the proper authorities and let them handle him; without some protection, you might find yourself in need.

Of course, you do not want to leave home; but your husband may make it so unpleasant that you may decide it is better to go.

If you are burdened, just writing Anne Hirst about it will be a comfort. Her sympathy and her wisdom await you, and you can trust her judgment and her kindness. Address her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto.

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by Laura Wheeler

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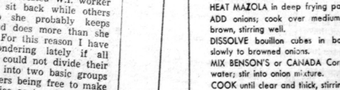
GETTING AN EARLY START—Krister Gidlund, 14, seems to be quite pleased with the unusual position he enjoys at the Blackberg Secondary School in Stockholm, Sweden. He's the only boy in his class. Krister, who plans to become a diplomat when he grows up, will probably have an opportunity to utilize his "diplomatic" talents when dealing with 30 girl classmates.



CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

We had one awful storm last night. For several hours there was continuous thunder, lightning and rain, but fortunately very little wind. At one time there was a terrific crack as if something had been hit — transformer, maybe — but the lights did not even flicker so I imagine the damage was farther away than we thought. This morning, to look at the roads and gardens, you would hardly know it had rained. Perhaps it will be the last storm of the year — hope so, anyway.

Well, last week was quite a Women's Institute week for me. On Wednesday I was invited to attend a branch meeting in the village in which we are now living and of course I was quite anxious to go. While all branches have the same motto, same handbook, same set of rules and regulations, same standing committees, yet there is enough elasticity in the basic set-up so that no two branches run their meetings exactly alike, or have precisely the same activities. Some branches aim at making a lot of money so they may have more to spend on worthwhile projects. Others think that financial returns are less important than the social and educational projects. Personally I am in favour of the latter type. Money-making projects cannot be undertaken without a lot of hard work and in many branches the older members have reached the stage when catering to banquets and such like is beyond their strength. And yet they are still quite able to be a great help in sewing, knitting, caring for welfare and social work. I think when a branch plans its future activities consideration should be given to the number and age of its members. Enthusiastic younger members may suggest catering to banquets, or having a booth at the local fair. Their willingness and energy are to be commended — what would any branch do without its younger members? But are there enough of them to carry the ball? Will the money-making projects they are willing to sponsor be a hardship to the older members? Members, who in the years gone by, have probably had their share of hard work and active leadership. For them the time has now come to take things a little easier. And yet, can they? A really interested W.I. worker hates to sit back while others work so she probably keeps going and does more than she should. For this reason I have been wondering lately if all branches could not divide their activities into two basic groups — members being free to make their choice as to which group they wish to belong.

Group 1. This group should be responsible for the actual work and planning of all money-making activities. They would, of course, call on all members for contributions in the way of baking and so forth, but not for help that would keep senior members on their feet for hours at a time.

Group 2. This group might be classified as a social and welfare group. They would look after bales for Children's Aid Society, making quilts for sale or to be raffled, baby-sitting for younger members attending at banquets, small card parties and social evenings; and contributions to an annual bazaar — if it is customary for the branch to have an annual bazaar or sale of work. In short, older members should be given work to do that, for the main part, could be done at home or in small gatherings at a neighbour's home — thus giving them a social outlet.

Well, that is just an idea — take it or leave it as you wish. It came to me because I know of a number of older members who have dropped out of W.I. work because they couldn't keep up the pace set by the younger ones. That seems too bad because their experience and guidance can be of great assistance to the W.I. as a whole.

Now I must tell you of another meeting I went to last week and of an interesting visitor who came along with me. Mrs. B. . . . on holiday in Canada, wrote to Head Office in Toronto and asked if it would be possible for her to visit an Ontario branch. Miss Ethel Chapman happened to give her my name as she thought I would look after her — which I did. I took her to the Scotch Block W.I. — of which I am proud to be a charter member. It was at Oakville — one of those meetings where there was a lot of business with plenty of co-operation from the members. My guest was made very welcome and willingly got to her feet and told us how W.I. meetings were conducted in England, and of their work and activities. She seemed so pleased to have visited one of our branches and we gave her various printed programmes to take back with her. I hope the occasion will serve as a pleasant contact between mother and daughter branches of the W.I. in both countries.

I have some other ideas along these lines but they must wait for another week.

Modern Etiquette . . .

by Roberta Lee

Q. Is it true that women are shaking hands more than they formerly did?

A. Although society still does not require it, women are shaking hands more than they used to. And I'm all in favor of it. Nothing can take the place of a sincere handclasp when meeting a friend or acknowledging an introduction.

Q. Should birth announcements be mailed to everyone, including those whom you have already told over the telephone?

A. No; only to friends and relatives whom you have not told.

Q. Should toothpicks be placed on the dinner table?

A. Certainly not! Since it is not good form to be seen using a toothpick in public, they do not have any place on the table.

Q. What are some suggestions for appetizers at a cocktail party?

A. Simplest, of course, are peanuts, olives, pickles, and cheese crackers. If you want to be more elaborate, you can serve small sandwiches of various kinds — and the modern cookbooks are full of suggestions on this.

Q. Would it be all right for my husband to wear a brown business suit to a late afternoon wedding, since he is not a member of the wedding party?

A. This would be quite proper.

Q. What is the difference between a formal and informal tea?

A. The decorations of the informal tea are not so elaborate and the refreshments are more simple. The hostess at an informal tea mingles with her guests and does not remain at the door to greet each newcomer.

NO CONTEST

The devil was always challenging St. Peter to a game of baseball, but St. Peter never took him up. Finally the Giants, the Giants and the Angels all went to heaven. So naturally St. Peter called up the devil.

"Now I'll play you that game of baseball," he said.

"You'll lose," said the devil.

"You'll lose."

"Oh, yeah," replied St. Peter.

"Right now I regret the great collection of baseball gloves you ever saw."

"You'll lose," said the devil.

"You'll lose!"

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Sculptures Were Dead Men's Heads

Some ten miles north of Kielsow, in Poland, on the banks of the river Vistula, was a cemetery of infinite beauty known as the Garden of Leszno.

It was owned and administered by the elderly Leszno brothers, whose fame as sculptors was widely known.

This cemetery had flower-bedecked terraces and wide, sweeping lawns stretched down to the river's banks. Visitors came from miles away just to see the lovely place of rest.

Only the wealthy could afford such spiritual grandeur—and the ornate cedar and bronze coffins in which they were lowered to eternal rest.

The last word in funerals was further enhanced by a polished stone effigy of the head of the dead person which was placed on a marble plinth on the centre of the grave.

The magnificence of these life-like carvings earned for the brothers a fame and prosperity which they enjoyed for many years—until one fateful morning in 1937.

In that year the Polish Government instituted a decree allowing the exhumation of bodies for official examination — and brought to light one of the most sensational and gruesome discoveries of the day.

Sent by the Home Office, two officials called upon the brothers Leszno with an order of exhumation for the body of Ludwie Rapin.

To the dismay of his relatives the wealthy old Rapin had celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday by marrying the lovely young widow of his former bailiff.

Less than three months later, the old man died painfully and mysteriously. The twice-bereaved widow was the sole beneficiary of his considerable fortune. The incensed relatives feared the worst and applied for exhumation.

The brothers Leszno protested against such desecration of their garden of rest. "God," they declared, "would be outraged by this violation of a reposing soul."

It was all to no avail. The law demanded an exhumation. Digging started.

Two hours later, the officials were frowning perplexedly into the deep, empty cavity of earth. No coffin. No body.

An exhausted digger hurried off to find the brothers Leszno. They were missing.

Their suspicions aroused, the officials dug tentatively into a neighbouring grave. No coffin or body. . . .

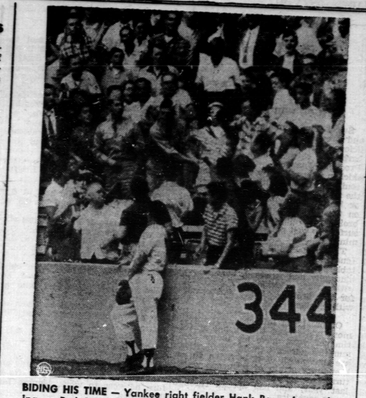
The peace of the cemetery was soon shattered by an army of diggers. But not a single body or bone was found.

They did, however, find one coffin in an outhouse. It was the splendid cedar and bronze coffin in which a succession of grieving families had seen the body their loved one lowered to rest; a coffin which hundreds had purchased but never owned.

Eventually the bodies, or what remained of them, were found. They were dredged by the dozen from the sluggishly flowing river Vistula. Each had been heavily weighted by the feet; each had been decapitated.

The heads? How else could the brothers Leszno have created such amazing likenesses? They had covered the heads with a layer of plaster and glaze and set them on the plinths.

The brothers were arrested in a nearby Lodz. At their trial neither could give a logical explanation as to why they removed the bodies to a watery grave. Both were found guilty and, ironically, they too were beheaded.



BIDING HIS TIME — Yankee right fielder Hank Bauer is watching as Red Sox slugger Ted Williams fourth inning home run sails into the stands at Yankee Stadium.

Caught In The Jaws Of Death

Mr. Paul Potous is a professional crocodile hunter who has penetrated the remote swamps of Africa in search of his prey. He kills the reptiles for their belly-skins, which make valuable leather that will last for a hundred years. But it is a dangerous vocation. The crocodile kills more human beings than any other wild animal in Africa. The "croc" prefers its meat putrid and usually drowns and then stores its victims until the flesh is rotten.

Mr. Potous has had many hair-raising experiences of his own, but in this article he tells the incredible story of a native boy who was captured by a crocodile.—The Editor.

Trekking from place to place in search of new hunting grounds for crocodiles, I sometimes come across natives who have been rescued or have escaped from the jaws of a crocodile.

I have met many Africans with amputated arms or legs who have escaped a foul death from crocodiles. But there is no more horrible and terrifying experience than the following true event.

One late afternoon, a native set out with two companions in a canoe to visit a village farther up the river. As usual, the canoe was old, leaky, and extremely unstable. Rarely do the natives overturn the dreadful dugouts for they have a wonderful sense of balance, learned in the earliest childhood. But in this case, while kneeling down to bail out the water with his hands, one of the three capsized the canoe.

Many of the native dugouts sink immediately on being overturned, for they are usually fashioned from trees heavier than water. This one happened to be made of a lighter timber and floated to the surface.

The natives were all strong swimmers and, laughing and joking at their mishap, they began to propel the canoe toward the bank, where it would be easier to bail out before continuing their journey. As it happened, there was a party of natives from the same village on the river bank and these joined in the hilarity, laughing uproariously at the accident.

The three had almost reached the bank when one of them screamed that he had been taken by a crocodile, and, in spite of clinging desperately to the water-logged canoe, his grip was broken and he was dragged below the surface.

The other two natives lost no time in abandoning the canoe and swimming for the bank, where they were hurriedly dragged ashore by their fellows. There was no sign to their friend, and they returned to the village with the sad news.

The native taken by the crocodile quickly lost consciousness in the water but he regained his senses to find himself lying in an evil and foul-smelling cavern in the river bank. It was above the waterline and had been formed by the partial collapse of the bank during flood time. From the river there was a narrow tunnel leading out of the water, up which the crocodile had dragged the unconscious native. Sheer terror kept him from moving a muscle, for less than a foot from his face was the crocodile's tail.

The reptile lay lengthwise along the tunnel entrance, its head toward the river, guarding its victim from any marauder. The boy was able to see all this, for although the entrance sloped down and into the water, there was a small hole in the roof of the cavern through which the last ray of daylight was filtering. The place was foul and stinking, and rotting and putrid remains of some animals lay beneath him. He could feel the surge and movements of the maggots against his side.

Suddenly the crocodile moved and the native thought for a second time that his last moment had come. But the reptile crawled away from him and down the tunnel to disappear into the water. The native was not slow in taking advantage of the amazing chance offered him by fate.

The crocodile's teeth had badly lacerated his right thigh and the wounds were bleeding, but no bones were broken. Frantically and hysterically he clawed with his hands and nails at the small opening in the earth above him, each moment fearing the return of the crocodile which would again attack him before he could make his escape. Eventually, panting and exhausted, he was able to enlarge the hole sufficiently to crawl through and into the open air, among the sweet-smelling reeds and grasses which grew above the fetid larder of the reptile.

The sun had set by the time he made his escape. He ran away into the bush with no sense of direction, only the desire to get as far away from the river as possible. At last, through exhaustion, he collapsed unconscious.

When once more he regained his senses the moon was up, and he soon found his way back to the village. From a distance he called for help from his family and friends, who by now were sleeping in their huts. But his troubles were by no means over. Hearing his call, the simple, superstitious villagers thought it was the voice of his ghost returning to haunt them, for he was dead, as so many could bear witness, dragged down into the water and drowned.

The natives believed his spirit had come back to entice them from the safety of their huts, whereupon it would carry them off to the river as further victims. As no one would help him, the native tottered and crawled into the village. In his weakness he staggered and fell, tripping over objects on the ground.

The mud, which had covered him from head to foot while he lay in the crocodile's lair, had now dried a dirty grey over his black skin. In the moonlight he looked white and ghostly.

All this made them believe that he was the evil spirit of their friend and they barricaded their huts against him. Even his own family would not let him in although he pounded at the door and tried to tell of his escape and convince them that he was no ghost. But he was in no condition to speak coherently and eventually collapsed again and was found lying outside when sun rose a few hours later.—From "My Enemy, the Crocodile." copyright, 1958, by Paul L. Potous.

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How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make it easier to varnish floors?

A. Place the can of varnish in a shallow pan of hot water and the varnish will not only flow more readily, making the task easier, but it will dry almost twice as quickly.

Q. How can I restore thin silks?

A. Dip it into a weak solution of gum arabic, two level teaspoons dissolved in a quart of water, and then strain through cheesecloth.

Q. How can I get rid of fleas?

A. These pests can often be terminated by spraying the place which is infested with them with oil of pennyroyal.

Q. How can I shrink dress goods?

A. By placing it folded in a tub of cold water, to which a few handfuls of salt have been added. After a few hours, hang on the line without unfolding. The weight of the salt prevents wrinkles from drying in and also sets the color.

Q. How can I remedy a too-salty taste in food?

A. When soup, gravy, or vegetables are too salty, stir a little course brown sugar into it, and the salty taste will disappear. Or, add one tablespoon of sugar and one of vinegar.

Q. How can I keep the powder puff fluffy?

A. The puff will remain soft and fluffy if washed in warm, soapy water, and then rinsed in soapy water.

Q. How can I remove chewing gum from garments?

A. Take a piece of ice and hold it tightly over the gum for a few moments. The gum will harden and crumble. It can then be brushed off without injuring the material.

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