

ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: I should be the happiest girl in the world, because the finest man I know wants to marry me. But I am miserable . . . I have kept him waiting over a year now, and it is because my mother would have to live with us. She is not only physically handicapped she is a spoiled and jealous woman who dreads the thought of my loving anyone else. She never liked any beau but me, and when this one proposed she raved for days. Called me selfish and ungrateful, and one night she threatened suicide!"

"My fiancé is 30 (I am 25) and he is a quiet, polished gentleman whom everybody admires. He has been patient himself with my mother's unpredictable moods, but nothing over a year ago she told me that she would not marry me. I wonder why he still wants to marry me, and the prospect really frightens me. I cannot trust her to be even decent to him."

"Last week I decided to break my engagement and get him free to find some girl who wasn't so encumbered. He would not hear of it. He insists we will manage somehow, and he asks

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"I suggest you tell your mother you have set your wedding date. Such stubborn characters often reconvert themselves unexpectedly to the inevitable. Self-centered though she is, I expect you will find her submitting with more grace than you know she had."

"Include in your living arrangements a pleasant room for her, with her own furniture, books and radio. When you get settled, invite her friends to drop in often, and try to find other interests for her to cultivate. After awhile, perhaps you can find a private family nearby who will give her the little care she needs; many people are glad to add to their income in this fashion."

"Neither of these suggestions is ideal, of course, yet how else can you marry at all? Your fiancé has waited long enough for a home of his own, and he does not want that to be your mother's home. So go along with the idea, and take it for granted that things will work out as he believes. His stabilizing influence will soon be felt in your new home, and you will probably find that the troubles you anticipate will not materialize."

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"Dear Anne Hirst: My husband and I often go out with other couples, and the other men joke with their wives, help them with their coats, and sometimes hold hands. My husband doesn't do these things and I am so afraid others will think he doesn't love me. I know he does because he is wonderful in every other way."

"Am I wrong in asking him to? He thinks so, but asks me to get your opinion. We've been married four years, and have two children. There isn't any other worry on my mind."

"Of course, your husband is not compelled to use these little courtesies he does not practice. You might tell him, though, that if he would you would be so proud of him, and you would be happier than you are. You want your friends to see how attentive he is, because you like to show him off."

"Such little attentions are easily acquired, and soon become a part of one's habits. Your husband pleases you in all other ways, and I expect he will shake his head, complain how foolish women are, and do just what you want."

"Inviting an older relative to share your home is never a welcome idea, yet the emotional adjustments which intelligent people can make can prevent discord. Anne Hirst's practical ideas will be useful. Write her at Box 1192, Eighteenth Street, New Toronto, Ontario."

"Early next morning came a call from Klemi . . . my sister had passed away just before midnight on Christmas Day. Many years ago our mother had also died on Christmas Day. It brought it all back very vividly. Friday morning I went by train to Peterborough and helped Klemi through the trying ordeal."

"I knew I'd find it for you even if I had to search all year!"

Modern Etiquette . . .

Q. After "going steady" with a boy for a year, we parted. Is it necessary that I return a watch that he gave to me for Christmas?

A. Since this was not an engagement gift, it is not necessary to return it.

Q. What is the correct way to address a letter to a friend whose husband has recently passed away?

A. The same as always—"Mrs. Frank W. Harrison."

Q. I have been asked to pour the tea at an afternoon affair. Am I also supposed to put in the sugar, cream or lemon?

A. This is not generally done anymore. The person pours the tea then hands the cup to the guest who helps himself to sugar, cream or lemon.

Q. My husband passed away more than two years ago. Now my friends tell me I should not write with a stringing ring anymore. Are they correct?

A. A decidedly not. A widow may wear her wedding ring for life, or until she remarries again.

Q. Just what is proper when eating a chicken leg? Is it all right, after cutting off most of the meat, to pick up the bones in the fingers in order to chew off the rest of the meat?

A. At most dinner tables, the only proper way to manage a leg is to pick up the bones with your fingers and fork. Picking up the bones is condoned at picnics, and in

certain restaurants where a practice is encouraged as a feature of the house.

Q. When writing a letter to an acquaintance who calls you "Mary Bridges," how do you sign the letter?

A. As "Mary Bridges."

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children but back of it the anxiety and uncertainty of my sister's illness. Now I am the only one left of our immediate family. Father, mother, two sisters and three brothers, all are gone. It leaves one with a strange sense of loneliness. Now our main interest in family life is by following the growth and development of the younger ones — David, Edward, Ross and Gerald. Because of them we do not anticipate any dull moments. We look forward to a New Year but doubt if it can be as eventful as the old in which we sold the farm, established a new home, welcomed a new grandson last February, another in December, and had such a mixed-up Christmas. Tomorrow is Bob's birthday and will conclude an eventful family year.

"Time for lunch" announced Rangl. We dodged among the crows, lunatics, mudholes, and drifting clouds of steam where Rangl fished the corn cobs from the hot rock pool, done to perfection.

The boiled corn-on-the-cob was succulent. Maize was not a traditional Polynesian food. It was introduced by the pakehas, as "Indian corn" from America, but is nowadays a hot favorite among the Maoris.

When Rangl's ancestors arrived in the Land of the Long White Cloud, they brought cuttings of Kumara (sweet potato) with them, which they planted in gardens tilled with wooden spades. They ate fish and shellfish, berries, fern roots, and the pith of tree ferns.

From "Roaming Round New Zealand," by Frank Clune.

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Wonderland Of Hot Springs

New Zealand's greatest feature in attraction, the Thermal Region of Lake Rotoua and its surrounding district, is famous for four reasons: its mountain scenery, its hot springs, its Maori villages, and Rangl.

We were eager to visit Rotoua for all these reasons, but especially to renew acquaintance with Rangl, the famous Maori guide, who is as well known in New Zealand as Ned Kelly is in Australia, but for a better reason. She's a sparkling personality.

Rangl showed us her treasures, including her autograph book signed by many celebrities, and the splendid wood carvings done for her by her grand dad in his old days.

Then she said, "I'll cook lunch." Taking a dozen cobs of sweet corn she put them into a tin, and lowered the bag with a string into a hot water rock pool in her garden. She tied the string to a peg, and left the corn to simmer in the pool.

"There he blows!" said Rangl, pointing to a plume of steam in the distance, where Puhitu Geyser was putting on its act with a muffled rumble.

"Now come and see Whaka Whaka," suggested Rangl. She led the way by a wooden foot-bridge over a running stream, where Maori boys were entertaining a group of tourists by diving for pennies, thrown into the water by tourists.

"The boys were go-getters. 'Throw silver coins,' they urged. 'We can't see the copper under water!'"

"Now we'll see the Frog Pond!" announced Rangl. We followed her into the steamy thermal area, and heard giant frogs croaking in the mist.

"Had Rangl the croaking sound was only the bubbling of steam escaping, with a 'phut phut' noise, from a devil's cauldron of boiling mud."

"The mud boils up into domes, then the frog croaks, the steam escapes, and the mud subsides, to form ephemeral patterns, lazily wavering to form more bubbles and croak upturns of the viscous crust of the mud."

"These ponds are so fascinating," remarked Rangl, "that some people stand looking at them for hours, and forget all about their corn being cooked at home."

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Bookworm Became Master Forger

Thomas J. Wise was a master forger. But he never stood in the dock of a criminal court. Throughout a long life he achieved international fame and made a fortune as the greatest authority on rare books and pamphlets of his time.

He belonged to learned societies, hobnobbed with great scholars and American millionaires. He had the rare distinction of an honorary degree of Master of Arts, and the equally rare distinction of an honorary fellowship of Worcester College.

Only when he had reached the peak of his fame were the eyes of the law turned upon him. He was charged with the forgery of a rare pamphlet, and sentenced to a year in prison.

How did his amazing career of crime begin?

In 1885 a society was formed in memory of the poet Shelley. Its members included some of the most celebrated literary men of the day, and there was only one who had no claim to distinction.

This exception was a chubby, ruddy-faced man of twenty-five. Tom Wise, a city oil merchant's clerk, had made a catalogue of the society's books, and in the trade, young Wise showed a tremendous interest in the Shelley Society and very soon took a leading part in the preparation of a series of fraudulent pamphlets of famous titles of Shelley pamphlets for members.

Such "copies" have a sentimental interest to the admirers of a famous poet, but no commercial value. And the fact that they are only copies is stated on them.

Tom Wise hit upon a brilliant scheme which side-stepped the problem of imitating a rare and expensive pamphlet, by manufacturing a new one with a faded date.

This forged pamphlet could not be compared by the expert with any original, since no original existed. And there was a very real financial advantage if the swindle was worked cleverly.

Here is an example of how when he had become rich and famous as the greatest authority on rare books and the builder of one of the finest private libraries in the world, Thomas Wise, M.A., was carrying on secret deals in faked nineteenth-century pamphlets.

When the faked Elizabeth Barrett was being courted by Robert Browning before their run-away marriage, she wrote a series of beautiful love sonnets to him. They were published in 1850 and became a valuable first edition.

But Wise had the love sonnets printed in a pamphlet dated

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How Can I?

Q. How can I mend worn or torn galoshes?

A. Use black or tan adhesive tape as a mending tissue. It is easy to apply and will hold securely if the work is carefully done.

Q. How can I remove ink spots from paper?

A. By applying a solution of muzzine of tin with a soft brush. When the stain disappears, rinse, and then dry the paper carefully.

Q. How can I smooth a scuffed place in the leather of a shoe?

A. When you discover a piece of loose leather on a scuffed shoe, do not tear it off. Apply a little liquid nail polish, paste it down securely, shine the shoe, and the place will never be noticeable.

Q. When separating yolks from whites of eggs, and a part of the yolk is dropped into the white, how can I remove it?

A. Moisten a cloth with cold water, touch to the yolk, and let it adhere to it.

Q. How can I remove blackheads from the face?

A. Try washing the face several times a day with warm water and castile soap. Rinse in cold water.

Q. How can I remove ink spots from wall paper?

A. Most ink spots can be removed from wall paper by applying a weak solution of water and oxalic acid. It should be applied with a paint brush and pressed with blotting paper as the acid might affect the colour of the paper. It may be necessary to repeat this process a second or third time.

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BACK HOME IN ILLINOIS-Bill Girard, centre, the 22-year-old G.I. made famous by his Japanese mauling, is back in Ottawa, Ill., with wife, Candy, and his phone calls to Bill, advising him during the pre-trial uproar whether the case would be tried in a U.S. court-martial or the Japanese judicial system. Neither Girard, who received a suspended sentence, nor the Army would reveal what sort of service discharge he was given.

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