

## ANNE HIRST

### Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst:

All my life I have tried to live as a good woman should, but now, at 20, I am frustrated. Why can't I hold the friends I make, especially the men? I'm not a beauty, but I've been called very attractive and several men have paid me solicitous attention for quite a period. But I feel I have been simply being vague, they cool off, and I have to admit they have simply been bored. Then naturally I grow more self-conscious, and cannot be at my own best.

"There are so many women whose horizons end with their own four walls and idle gossip, yet they land husbands (in my profession) with varied interests, a true sympathy for others' problems, and a better-than-average humor, I go on and on from friend to friend making no progress toward my goal.

"Am I to sit back and give up? Never know marriage, never have a home and children? Or what can I do to the rest of my life?

"Can you blame me for concluding that men are out of what they get, some decent girl to practice their lovemaking talents on until they find the right girl for themselves?"

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Sit down then in your quiet room, and examine yourself as though you were somebody else; you may ferret out the

fault in your approach to these men you know and lost.

Nearly a year ago another reader wrote me with the same problem; she was several years older than you, and as hopeless. I remember that I denied being a fatalist, and I persuaded her to relinquish the idea that one's destiny is fixed. The great element of chance, added to a woman's imagination and common sense, has been known to bring the fulfillment you seek.

A successful professional career can develop in a woman an arrogance that stifles any romantic impulse; positive personalities emerge that unintentionally reflect superiority. They defy one truth: That a male is still conquered by sheer womanliness, a little flattery and honest compliment. A girl can make him believe that SHE is the girl he'd like to come home to, an individual who fits his varying moods like a pair of gloves, asks no embarrassing questions, and is inspiring, sympathetic or tender as the moment demands.

A girl with marriage on her mind who has suffered more than one disappointment sometimes errs by yielding too soon to a man's lovemaking; he concludes she has been as good as married. Again, a young woman sues a man with such hostility that he believes her incapable of any emotional response. It is well to realize that most men can be repulsed graciously so that he believes he appeals to her, but she has too much self-respect to yield to his blandishments.

Miracles do happen, you know. At just the time a woman like you gives up all hope, the right man suddenly turns her corner. Then how glad she is that all those other males passed her by! Tomorrow may bring your fate to you. Never give up hope.

"Dear Anne Hirst: I should be happy, because I've found a boy I really love. But one day he says he loves me, and the next day he acts so funny that I am afraid I am losing him. I know that I feel too hard for him when we first met.

"When we are alone we are always fighting, but when we're with another couple, or with my parents, he is a lot of fun. What shall I do?

Do you know any way I can fall out of love?"

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Stop giving this boy every date he asks. That will mean that you will include your parents, or another couple, nearly every time you see him. This is the simplest way to fall out of love.

When you go out with other friends you will soon find out how much fun they can be, how much more considerate of you they are and you will have to admit that they are superior in character and thoughtfulness.

If you will be honest with yourself, this boy will soon find himself at the bottom of your list instead of tops.

When clouds of frustration darken your view, remember that happiness may be just around the corner. There are ways tomorrow, and it may be bringing your greatest joy. Write your problem to Anne Hirst, Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ontario.

The salesgirl was describing the new four-piece outfit a model was wearing: "If you remove the bodice you will have a play-suit. If you remove the skirt you will have a swimsuit. If you remove anything else you will have a lawsuit."

## FASHION HINT



## Modern Etiquette...

### by Roberta Lee

Q. Does the receipt of a birth announcement obligate one to send a gift to the new baby?

A. There is no obligation, but it is a nice gesture. If, however, one feels one cannot afford a gift, or is not on intimate terms with the new parents, then a congratulatory card or handwritten note would be in order.

Q. Is it considered proper for a girl who is not engaged to wear a diamond ring on the third finger of her left hand?

A. There is nothing improper about this—write personal notes and do not care about the impression she is giving other persons.

Q. When a family is in the habit of saying grace before a meal, is it proper to adhere to this custom when there are guests for dinner?

A. This most certainly is the proper thing to do.

Q. If a great many wedding gifts have been received, wouldn't it be all right for the bride to mail out engraved cards of thanks?

A. Never! If a bride does not consider the gifts worth her time and effort, she should not consider the donors devoted any time and money to her.

Q. We have just moved into a new community. Would it be all right if we were to give a buffet dinner for our new neighbors?

A. This might be all right in a very informal community. Usually, however, it is more advisable to wait until your neighbors make such overtures of friendship.

Q. I have been invited to spend two weeks with a good friend and her husband who live in another town. Would it be proper for me to offer them some money to cover any extra expenses my visit might entail?

A. It would be much better if you did not offer them any money. A nice useful gift of some kind would be much more in order.

factor—the skill of doctors and the cooperation of patients—and their families. All play a part; all help or retard a patient's recovery. It only more people realize it—especially those who, in the kindness of their hearts, visit friends who are ill.

A few days ago I called to inquire for an acquaintance confined to bed in her own home while a heart condition was improving nicely; then on Thursday came three visitors in succession. One of them, a good-hearted soul but unfortunately very talkative and having a loud voice. Towards evening the patient friends were confined to bed. A sick person loves to minute that friends are thinking of her but the effort of taking part in a conversation, or even listening for too long a time is often more than she can stand. Weakness and the extra exertion involved perspiration. In hospitals the hours for visiting are fortunately limited. It is in a patient's own home where the greatest harm is done; the patient and her family are afraid of appearing ungratefully pushed a small stone in the path of the visitor. It is a bit to attract unwelcome visitors. It is partial to oysters, mussels and other bivalves, but is not strong enough to open the shells if these are closed.

One specimen was observed watching a large mussel for hours, apparently aware that sooner or later it would open up. When at last it did, the octopus quickly pushed a small stone in between the valves so that they could not be closed again, and proceeded at leisure to claim his award.

Another incident demonstrates clearly the memory of the octopus. Some captive specimens have been given

There are only a few private hospitals at the present high rate people can afford the luxury of a private room. Nor is it always advisable. Semi-private rooms are favoured by most of the general public. Or even ward-rooms—ward-rooms being a lot different from what they used to be. At South-Peel a ward consists of two beds in a room separated by a curtain or panel the length of the bed. At one side of the room there is an open connecting doorway leading to the other half of the ward again with only two beds and the usual furnishings—a chest of drawers, bedside table, an easy chair and a straight chair and an adjustable bed-table for meals or reading, all in attractive steel walnut finish. The walls are in pastel colours with pretty drapes and spreads completing the colour scheme. The beds are adjusted by hydraulic control of low for convenience of patients able to get in and out of bed; high for nurses making beds or caring for the patients.

But all the emphasis has not been given to attractive surroundings—to what some call the "frills." Vital and essential equipment was given top priority. There are fully equipped X-ray rooms, laboratories, dispensaries, surgeries and labour rooms—plus a comfortable waiting-room for expectant fathers! And of course there is a marvellous kitchen with stainless steel sinks, tables and working areas. The laundry and sterilizing rooms are equally modern. All in all it looks like a hospital where one might expect the ultimate in care to promote speedy recovery to normal health—providing the Board is able to maintain a competent staff of physicians, surgeons and nurses, always we return to the human

Daughter looks so pretty in this whirl-skirted pinafore. Colour embroidery trims neck. Button front—she can dress all by herself! Pattern 866, 4-piece dress, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 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