ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: I am a very confused woman of 51, who for three years has been a discontented widow, feeling that life was all behind me. Then I met a man my own age, and it is really like a dream come true. We have been seeing each other constantly for over a year, and our love and compatibility increase all the time. He never goes anywhere without me, and we are so contented just to be together that that is all we ask.

"So, you answer, why don't you get married?

"No money.

"He is a bachelor, with a small income that isn't enough to support the two of us. For three years he hasn't been able to continue his profession (a chemist) because he cannot be on his feet constantly; otherwise his health is perfect, as is mine. He owns his mother's home, and is reluctant to sell. (I have my own home.) I can get along on the pension my husband left, but if any emergency came along we would be in a bad spot.

"We are both church members (that is where we met) and have a lot of good friends, but we should not like to confide our circumstances to anybody.

"Shall we chance getting married? Or try to forget?

MISERABLE"

ALWAYS A WAY

* I usually always to advise
* readers to do what they want
* to do — but one must be practical. Have you ever worked?
* Had any business training?
* Many a woman your age is
* holding down a job today who
* never believed she could find one. Why don't you try? Visit
* a few employment agencies
* and ask their advice; they may
* have ideas that have not occurred to you. Also, follow the
* newspaper want ads daily.
* Are you a good cook? Is
* there a neighborhood demand
* for homemade cakes, desserts,
* and other ready-to-serve dishes
* you can prepare? Your Woman's Exchange, or a similar
* group, can tell you.
* Perhaps this good man can
* find a part-time job that will
* not overtax his strength. (A
* talk with his physician will be
* helpful.) More and more employers nowadays are conscious
* of the needs of the partially
* disabled, and more willing to
* try them out. If you decide
* to marry, the sale of his home
* or yours would provide a nest-
* egg against the future.
* Don't be self-conscious about
* money. Let all your friends
* know you want to augment
* your income. (The lack of
* money is one of the most popular conversation topics every-
* where today.) Many couples
* are living on an income they
* would have laughed at a decade ago. They have lowered
* their standards, true; but they
* believe in themselves and
* each other and have enough
* love and understanding to be,
* as you two are, happy in just
* being together.
* Attack the problem with all
* your energies, and leave no
* field unexplored. With courage
* and your native intelligence,
* you may be amazed how soon
* you both succeed. I hope so. It
* is a shame that two nice people
* so well suited should not be
* together. Good luck!

* * *

GOSSIP HURTS

"Dear Anne Hirst: For four years I've had two girl friends who I thought were as loyal as I've been. Now they are telling a cockeyed story of my dating a married man, and they have some other pupils believing it. As though I would stoop to such a thing!

"I am 16, and boys have always liked me, too. This is hurting me badly. Nothing I can say has any effect.

"I want and I need the friendship of my classmates. How can I regain it? Forget these false friends, and try to find others I can trust?

NETTIE"

* It is usually wise to ignore
* jealous gossip and show by
* your discreet manner that you
* are above such conduct. But
* this tale could affect your reputation among too many other
* girls. I think you should tell
* your parents.

* If the girls have no basis for
* the story, they should be made
* to admit it, and apologize to
* all those who have heard it.
* I suggest that your mother
* call on their parents and see
* that justice is done.

* * *

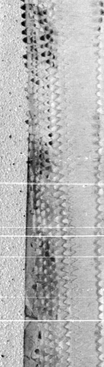
When two compatible people have faith in each other, there is almost no limit to what they can accomplish together. If you are concerned about your future, ask Ann Hirst's opinion. Address her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St. New Toronto, Ont.

CELL OUT

Three white men serving long-term sentences in the Bwana Mkubwa prison in Northern Rhodesia used the prison as a base for operations while they went out at night, breaking into jewellery stores and other business premises.

They were each sentenced to two years' additional imprisonment after the judge was told that one forgot the key to the prison front door one night and so they were locked out and couldn't get back to their cells if it were not for this momentary lapse they might still have been at it, the court was told.

Lovely Centrepiece



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FOUR OF A KIND—Celebrating their 15th birthday, the Kiffers quadruplets are all smiles at their home in Zwolle, Holland. The quads, from left, are: Rini, Dorothee, Elly and Hans. Pooch's name is Jacky.

IT'S THE SAME SUN—Establishing their own beachheads, Kay Kayse, left, and Pat Johnson indicate a difference of opinion with regard to headgear at Cyprus Gardens. Kay, a Florida girl, prefers a sweeping sombrero to keep the sun away. While Pat, from California, wears practically no hat at all.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

Whatever the weather in our particular locality — yours and mine — there is no reason to assume it will be the same twenty miles away. Or even less. One day Partner and I went to see Johnny, whose farm is only ten miles from here. It might have been fifty. Far more snow and icy roads. We found Johnny very busy — and very glad to be alive. He almost wasn't. It's the same old story. He had a registered Holstein bull. "No need to be afraid of him," Johnny used to say. "He'll never hurt anyone. He's so quiet I can clean out his stall and work around him like he was an old cow." Then came a day when it was necessary to let the bull out into the barnyard. Suddenly, without warning, the bull turned on him. It was only because Johnny was able to get behind a huge post in the barnyard that the bull missed him on the first lunge. Fortunately an iron crowbar was within reach and Johnny used it to beat the bull over the head, and then, somehow or other, he managed to get back to the safety of the cow stable.

Johnny is young and strong and by good luck was able to deal with the situation. But what chance would an older, less agile man have had under similar circumstances? Farmers have been warned time and time again never to trust a bull. But in many cases the bull has been raised from a calf and the farmer and his son, for lack of help, think they know all the animal's moods and fancies. The outcome isn't always as fortunate as it was in Johnny's case. Johnny, thanks be, is still alive —it's the bull that's dead. Although he was a registered, well-bred animal he was sent to the stockyards.

Well, I visited in quite a different locality than this last week. I spent two days with friends in Newmarket. I went by bus. It was fine when I left here, and in Toronto. But by the time the bus reached Richmond Hill it was storming like a young blizzard. The same at Newmarket. Next morning there was a four-foot snowdrift covering people's lawns and everyone was busy shovelling a path for the postman. My friends used to be farmers but now they have a small store and a nice little five-roomed house, cosy, compact and convenient. They used to hanker for a stone house in the country, with a small acreage but now, being past middle life, they are content with a house and business that gives them maximum returns with a minimum of effort. That is their choice. Here is a horse of another colour. When I got home I found a letter for us from Dufferin county—Ontario's snowbelt. It told of huge drifts; of shovelling a path to the barn every morning—and then having the path fill in within an hour or two; of how glad they'll be when winter is over; how hard it was to keep the house warm without a furnace, and concluded by saying they were expecting baby chicks early in March! The biggest month of the winter in our estimation. In summer we know the air and scenery is lovely in Dufferin county and it is probably a good place to be in winter too—on farms where the owners are in their prime and possibly have every convenience; but we cannot see that it is a favourable location for a couple getting on in years. We certainly couldn't take it.

Yesterday was quite a happy occasion for us. Our children and grandchildren had a dinner for us in honour of our 40th Wedding Anniversary. Just a family affair but quite a celebration. Forty years ago we couldn't foresee that a day would come when we would have the joy of celebrating our marriage with a married daughter and her husband and a married son and his wife, plus four small grandsons . . . three walking and one only four months old. Dee had gone to a lot of trouble—there was a nice dinner, anniversary cake and a bouquet of lovely red carnations —carnations like Partner gave me forty years ago. The little boys couldn't quite understand what the party was all about but they were all well and enjoying it anyway. Eddie is the star performer when it comes to mischief but he has such a roguish way with him that everyone loves him. Ross is running a close second for getting into things. Dave, of course, is quite a little man—after all he is four years old and goes to nursery school! Jerry is the "good" baby—laughs and coos at everyone who comes around. It was a very cold day—zero around here—but the roads were good and the car warm so it didn't seem to matter. We certainly don't envy our friends in Florida. Some people have already come home but we have neighbours who rented their house furnished for four months. They are really stuck, whether they like it or not. And Partner's brother flew to England last Sunday for a couple of weeks. He landed into rough weather too, with a mild earthquake thrown in for good measure. On the whole, home seems a pretty good place to us. What do you think?

They Go For Pills In A Big Way

The Japanese are a highly emotional people, they love to take pills, and they like to imitate Western customs. These factors create a rich market for tranquilizers. Last week Tokyo's Welfare Ministry reported that in 1957 the Japanese went wild for "tranki" poured out yen to the tune of $3.5 million for meprobamate alone. They were buying tranki without prescription at any handy drugstore, and swallowing them under the nerve-racking prodding of a hyperionic advertising campaign.

The tranki rage struck Japan with typhoon force in the fall of 1956, when the U.S.'s Lederle Laboratories joined Takeda Pharmaceutical in a fifty-fifty deal to set up Lederle Ltd. as an outlet for meprobamate (best known in the U.S. by its original brand name, Miltown). But no patent claim had been filed, and the vacuum was quickly filled by Japan's highly competitive drugmakers — concentrated on a narrow street called Doshomachi in Osaka, around a shrine of Yakuoshin (an ancient god of drugs). By December, Daiichi Seiyaku was on the market with its own brand of meprobamate, called Atraxin. Lederle Ltd. put out Miltown. Takeda competed with its own corporate offshoot by pushing Harmonin.

Daiichi Seiyaku (meaning No. 1 drug company) ran half-page ads showing men and women with agonized faces, clutching swollen heads and moaning for Atraxin. Daiichi and competitors put up billboards at Tokyo's busiest intersections, where stalled motorists and scared-running pedestrians were urged to help themselves to "cope" by taking a pill. There was even a suggestion (eventually dropped) that similar ads be placed at railroad crossings, bridges and volcano craters, the meccas of the suicide-minded. (Several attempts to commit suicide with overdoses of tranquilizers have failed.) Tranki pills have proved especially popular with students cramming to pass the tough exams for government jobs.

There are already 15 brand names under which meprobamate is being sold, with applications pending for 65 more. Atraxin leads the field with 1957 sales of $1,230,000; next comes Harmonin, then Equanil; the old original Miltown is fourth. It is priced at ten tablets for 56c; most home-grown Japanese brands are twelve tablets for 56c, but they are only half as potent. Osaka manufacturers have tried to convince consumers that "because Japanese are smaller and weigh less than Westerners, they need only a half-size tranki." Then, working both sides of the street, they blandly urge buyers to take two tablets, three or four times a day. Some go so far as to say, "Take as many as you want, any time you have worries."

—From Time.

Modern Etiquette..

by Roberta Lee

Q. What amount of is customary to give to a **who brings a telegram to** hotel room?

A. Not less than twen cents.

Q. Is there any special customary on a cake to be at an engagement party?

A. A traditionally decoration is the first the bride-elect and her enclosed in a heart.

Q. When a girl is escort at a table in a **and she wishes to** to the powder room, **proper thing for her to**

A. "Will you excuse sufficient.

Q. I know it is not a but if a girl wishes to fiance an engagement gift, should it be?

A. Usually some jewellery — cuff links, chain, tie clasp, cigarette or lighter.

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FACES AND FEET—Appropriate facial expressions are apparently just as much a part of the tango as footwork, judging by the way Abbe Lane and Paul Valentine go at it. They were rehearsing for parts in a new musical, "Oh, Captain".

The GREEN THUMB
by Gordon Smith

There may be some argument as to whether or not there is one distinct race of Canadians. But no one will deny that we have several climates all Canadian. For that reason the flower and vegetable seeds we sow and the nursery stock we plant must be specially selected for Canada. Something that may give wonderful results in England or Virginia or the south seas could be a terrible flop here. When one selects seed from a Canadian seed catalogue, one can be sure that that seed is suited to Canada, that, in most cases, it has been field tested under actual Canadian conditions and is especially bred for our short but quick growing climate.

LAWN WORK EARLY

The new gardener is too much inclined to rush the season and get out digging hardly before the last snow drifts have melted. Much more harm than good results from this haste with most garden jobs. But there is one we can hardly start too soon. That is repairing, rebuilding the lawn or starting a brand new one.

Grass grows best when the weather is cool and moist and the sooner the seed is planted in the spring the better. Of course, we can't or shouldn't start to make or dig while the soil is the least bit muddy. But even before the last snow goes we can put up a wire around the lawn to protect it from wandering children and adults who should know better. Then a little later we can smooth out any bumps and fill any holes and re-seed. With the new lawn-to-be, too, we should start raking and levelling just as soon as the soil is dry enough. Grass, it should be remembered, is a plant just like a flower or vegetable, and if we want it to do well, we plant the best seed available and in good fine soil.

FOR AN EARLY START

About this time in the cooler parts of Canada or where the real spring seems to have been unduly delayed, one can get a head start by sowing some seeds of the tenderer sorts of flowers and vegetable in shallow trays or flower pots and putting in a sunny window. With a bit of luck and if we follow directions, we can get a substantial supply of started plants, such as zinnias, marigolds and such things as the flowers and tomatoes, peppers and even a few extra early melons in the vegetable line. These boxes should be watered frequently and turned around frequently so that the plants do not get spindly.

NOT TOO DEEP

One of the commonest mistakes of the new gardener is to plant far too deep. Little seeds like that of aster, zinnias, portulca, alyssum, lettuce, carrots, and so on, is merely pressed in the ground with perhaps a tiny bit of the finest soil or sand sifted lightly over. Bigger seeds like those of peas, beans and nasturtiums should be planted about half an inch deep, corn and beans an inch deep, and potatoes, gladiolus, dahlias six to eight inches deep.

MAKE THEM WORK

"It's useless sowing seeds two feet deep," Fothers advised his neighbour over the garden fence.

"I know,' was the reply, "but it annoys the birds."

NAME YOUR BRAND — Well branded is this telephone booth in Tucumcari, N.M. What appears to be "Greek" lettering on the glass of the booth is in reality the cattle brands in use throughout the area. Every pay phone booth in Tucumcari is decorated with the brands to let visitors know that they really are in cattle country.

ZETA Bedazzles Watchers

Outside there was snow. The roads were covered with a sheet of ice. Traffic, cut adrift from time, gingerly felt its delayed and darkening way across Berkshire.

Inside Harwell, in a concrete shelter in a onetime aircraft hangar, Britain's H-power machine ZETA lit in perfect safety a whirling nuclear fire that flared for a fraction of a second at temperatures a thousand times as hot as the surface of the sun.

Reporters — more reporters than the Harwell Atomic Energy Research Establishment had ever seen before at one time—saw the flash in a mirror, darkly. They groped for understanding and the words to compass it.

The clock said it was 4:15 p.m. The calendar said it was Jan. 23, 1958. These were but partial facts.

To the reporters it was just another day, yet also obviously a new land on a new age. Which was confusing. Swimming in an abstruse sea, they clung to the few hard facts they had grasped.

Within a year ZETA will far surpass the temperature not on the surface but at the way center of the sun. The sun burns there at 15,000,000 degrees centigrade. ZETA may go to 25,000,000 degrees.

A new British H-power machine is about to be built which is to touch between 100,000,000 and 300,000,000 degrees.

The next step after that will be to design a practical thermonuclear power station. This may be built in 20 years' time.

This station may directly produce electricity, cutting out altogether the costly and cumbersome heat exchanger and steam turbine gear of today's A-power stations.

The fuel will be sea water.

Supplies of coal may last 100 years, supplies of uranium 300, but supplies of deuterium (from sea water) will be available for at least 1,000,000,000 years.

But the newspapermen wanted more. They wanted to freeze a moment of history, too.

Just what kind of a mark was set on the night of Aug. 30, 1957, between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. when neutrons were thrown out of deuterium gas heated by Zeta to temperatures between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000 degrees Centigrade?

Had H-power been produced by Zeta? No, said the researchers, no power at all, H or non-H.

What had been done? Let's have the facts, said the newsmen. Let's pin it down. The natural scientists on the platform of Cockeroft Hall—including Sir John Cockcroft himself, who 25 years ago discovered atomic fusion — smiled and sighed and tried again.

Well, asked the reporters one after other, phrasing it first this way and then that, was it the first time a controlled thermonuclear reaction had been obtained in a laboratory?

Well, no, not exactly, said the natural scientists. They would not claim even that. They were not sure yet.

Sir John said he was 90 per cent certain. But no man working on Zeta would, on the record, go as far as that.

Problem Remains

"Well, if none of your researchers will say they have done it, Sir John," one correspondent asked plaintively. "will your press officer perhaps say it?"

Tension dissolved in a great pulse of H-laughter.

But the problem remained. What then was the "remarkable British scientific achievement?" to use Sir John Cockcroft's own description.

After all, there are other machines, as we now have learned, in Britain and in the United States which have produced temperatures of 4,000,000, 5,000,000, and 6,000,000,0 degrees and may also have produced a fusion reaction, writes John Allen May in The Christian Science Monitor.

"Look," at last said the head of the Zeta program, Dr. Peter Clive Thonemann. He has a deep, confident, patient, and amused Australian voice. "Look," he said, "this question, have we produced a controled H-power reaction? It's really irrelevant.

"We have held a ring of gas inside a metal tube—held it there at these vast temperatures without it melting its container—held it for relatively long periods. That is our success.

"We know how to do it. That is our breakthrough. When we get up to higher temperatures, as we will, we are bound to get a thermonuclear reaction."

ZETA's particular value seems to be in its scale. It is easier in a big machine to keep a ring of star-fire flaring for useful periods. And ZETA is by far the biggest piece of experimental H-power hardware in the world.

It weighs about 150 tons. It stands in its shelter looking like the engines of a ship, a great thick circular metal tube threaded horizontally through two upright circular electrical transformers. The diameter of the tube is one meter. The diameter of the circle it makes is three meters. (The bore of the tube of the Los Alamos "perhapsatron" is two inches.)

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"It requires the design of electrical engineering equipment which no one has yet even envisaged," Dr. Thonemann declared, without batting an eyelid.

He seemed confident. So did the reporters. They still were not sure who had done what first, but this they understood: H-power is coming; nothing can stop it now.

STICKING TOGETHER — Having a high ball in West Berlin, the Bragazzi brothers bounce around on their pogo sticks, decorated with cartoon characters. The Italian clowns were an act in the once-traditional "Men, Beasts and Sensations" circus show resumed for the first time in 15 years at the rebuilt Deutschlandhalle.

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