ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: Our family is facing the real crisis we have had in 25 years of marriage. Our daughter, 18, has fallen in love for the first time, and with a young man whose character and reputation seem to be without a flaw. But when her father learned about it he refused to allow the boy in the house! Our girl is very pretty, quite smart in her job and was always socially popular, but she never cared for any lad but this one.

"My husband will not reveal his objections, and I don't see how he could reasonably have any. She's a loving and indulgent parent and has become increasingly suspicious, always asking her where she has been; if she isn't home he walks the floor. She is more patient than I am, she never talks back.

"She has told me, though, that she will not give up, and if she can't see the boy at home she will go out to meet him. I, for one, cannot blame her . . .

"I married her father when I was 17, and never have disagreed with him on any important issue until now. I know he loves the girl next to me, but what sort of love is it that refuses to see the man she wants to marry? Can you help us?

Worried Mother"

ONE DAD'S WAY

Some fathers are so devoted to their daughters that they cannot accept the idea of her taking any other male serious-ly. They demand all her affection, and often go to stupid extremes to keep her to themselves rather than share her with anyone . . . I wonder whether your husband feels this way?

He married the girl he loved. How can he explain snatching the same right from his daughter? He must have expected that one day she would marry, or would he rather she grow into a thwarted woman denied of every woman's destiny? What will she think of him? If she is forced to meet the lad outside (or if the two should elope) the blame is on her father's shoulders.

Can you suggest that he talk with his minister or with some of his married friends? Perhaps such a discussion would awaken him to the danger of his attitude. If the young man is all you think, he should be eternally grateful his girl has found one so worthy. She can afford to wait a while. Keep up her spirits with hope. Ask her to be as patient as she can until this father of hers, now so distraught by the idea of her belonging to anyone else, comes to his senses.

If he does not, and soon, he is destroying himself. He will lose all her love and her respect which he cherished all her life, and the rifts could last for years.

But if he is rational, she will feel a gratitude that will repay him a hundredfold . . . It might help if you leave this page where he will see it today.

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WRITE FRANKLY

"Dear Anne Hirst: In a few months my divorce will be final. My husband and I have been separated over a year, and I have the baby with me.

"Meantime, I have fallen in love with a young man who vows he feels the same way, but he declares he is not the marrying kind.

"Shall I return to my husband for the baby's sake? Or go through with the action, and hope my young man will change his mind?

Unhappy Now"

Often I can read between the lines of letters I receive, but you write such a sketchy description of your situation that I would not dare reply.

Why did you leave your husband?

Why do you think growing up with parents who do not get along would benefit a child?

Why were you dating another man while you are still legally married? Why risk seeing him at all, when he says he has no intention of marrying anybody?

If you wish to fill in these questions, I will try to help. But I assure you now that you are endangering your divorce when you are entertaining another man.

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Children are expected to love and respect their parents. But if those parents refuse a girl the happiness she wants and deserves, how can she feel anything but pity and scorn for their ignorance or selfishness? If such a problem worries your household, write Anne Hirst about it at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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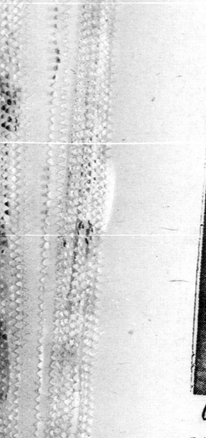
Q. Is it all right to mail wedding invitations to recently bereaved friends?

A. Even though these friends might not feel up to attending the wedding, most certainly they should be sent invitations. Otherwise, they could very well feel shut out.

Party Pretty



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SPEAKING OF MODELS—Pretty Beverly Smith, who looks like she would do well in the fashion world, does another kind of modelling. An Airlines stewardess, Beverly displays some of the airplanes she's built from kits. She has about 200 models and also collects photos and sketches of planes.

MOUNTAIN PEEK—Brigitte Bardot, France's "sex kitten" of the films, takes the wheel of a jeep at Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy. She was in the Dolomite Alps on a short vacation.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

The ground is covered with a light fall of snow—and the Department of Highways has rolled up its snowfences! I remember a few years ago we had the worst snowfall of the season after the fences were taken down. Yesterday, Easter Sunday, it was raining most of the day. We couldn't have had the family gathering we had been looking forward to anyway as David has the measles, Daughter the flu, Jerry croup, and Eddie and Ross and measle suspects. Quite a family, aren't we?

And how did all you people fare? I hope you had a happy Taster even if it was somewhat wet and dismal. There is one consolation — we did need the rain. The land was getting frightfully dry—you must have realised it even if all you have is a small garden patch. I never saw the grass around here so brown and lifeless and the spring flowering bulbs haven't been making any headway at all. Just peeking through the ground and that is all. However our place isn't typical of this section of Ontario. We seem to have hit on a backward spot. Being on high ground we get cold winds straight off the lake. At Bob's place at Oakville daffodils are almost in bloom. However, we would rather be where we are even if we do have to wait a little longer for our spring flowers. In summertime it is ten degrees cooler here most of the time.

Bob and Joy won't be at Oakville much longer. They have bought a house in Milton and expect to move towards the end of the month. Joy and I were over to inspect the house again last week. It is not quite finished and the grounds are in an awful mess but I suppose in a week or two it will look quite different. The house is right at the edge of a subdivision so they are almost in the country. Between the opposite houses they will have a good view of "the Mountain". There is one thing to be said for subdivisions —they are much safer for small children. Truck and car-drivers are obviously child-conscious and drive with greater care than they do on main roads and older streets.

Coming home from Milton I stopped at a poultry farm and got some good, fresh eggs—I knew where to go because I had met the lady of the house at our W.I. meeting. See what contacts one makes at the W.I.? I had occasionally been getting eggs at another poultry farm but it was quite a piece to go and the eggs were higher than store prices. I didn't go for that too well—not when we always used to sell our eggs a few cents below store price to people who were willing to pick them up at the farm. And our eggs were graded and candled too.

My goodness, what an exciting time we had last week—over the Federal election returns, I mean. Whoever could have anticipated such a landslide! And what a terrific responsibility the newly re-elected party has on its hands. Who would want to be in the Prime Minister's shoes? Even he seemed almost stunned when he first appeared on TV afterwards. As for Lester Pearson no one could say but what he was a good loser. Of one thing I am quite sure, everyone, irrespective of party politics, regretted the defeat of Mr. Coldwell. No one could see or listen to him without realising his fine qualities and his sincerity of purpose. But perhaps it is just as well—he will now be able to take life more easily and we hope enjoy his well-earned leisure.

I wonder if some folk go around with eyes half shut and cotton batting in their ears. In spite of warning by radio, TV and the printed word, that the polls would close at six o'clock, we know of four people at least who turned up to vote at 6.30, and were quite annoyed at losing their votes.

Well, the next excitement was the dynamite blast at Ripple Rock. That was really dramatic, even over TV. What must it have been like for the actual spectators? How wonderful to think that for once explosives were used to protect and save lives instead of destroy them. Especially after Bertrand Russell's dire predictions for the future of mankind. Mr. Russell always ignores the possibility of Divine intervention. The Easter message is just as true and forceful now as it ever was. Perhaps more so as in troubled times we are apt to pay more attention to, and get greater comfort from, the story of the Resurrection.

Yes, great events take place day by day — which we needs must leave to those in authority. Concern with our own little family affairs may sometimes seem small-minded. Actually it isn't. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. To operate a farm, a business or an office successfully; or to have a happy home or to raise good, healthy intelligent children requires plenty of thought and attention to detail. Cows have to be milked, meals cooked and dishes washed. Yes, and even spring-cleaning must be done! Men are hard to convince but too many cobwebs in evidence can clutter the mind as well as the walls and ceilings of our homes.

HOW TO GET A DATE IN MOROCCO—Basket-laden donkeys are all but hidden by their burden of woven baskets near Djork, Morocco. Their driver, left, heads them toward a stand of date palms, ready for harvesting, where baskets will be packed with the fruit.

Mile-Long Letters Told Of His Love

High in the sky above the Swedish holiday resort a strange shape began to form. Countless thousands of pairs of eyes gazed wonderingly upwards as it was realized that an aircraft flying at about 20,000 feet was responsible.

The pilot was drawing a huge vapor-trail heart over the resort.

When he had finished, with a large arrow which ran through its centre, he wrote in mile-long letters the words: "Darling Jeanette. I love you. Proposing tonight by telephone, eight o'clock."

The aircraft vanished but the message remained visible for at least a quarter of an hour afterwards and everybody wondered about the identity of the pilot and Jeanette.

She was a blond 23-year-old shop assistant on holiday with her parents at the resort. They had forbidden her to meet the young airman, despite the fact that they were very much in love, so he had chosen this novel way of telling her of his devotion.

He could hardly believe that but it was soon clear that was in earnest.

One of the men, the pilot backed out, appalled at the prospect of killing himself to please the whim of a [illegible] woman.

But the other man stood "I'll jump," he said, "but if I die, you may find yourself tried to a cripple for life. I to show you that I truly you."

He jumped from the wing early next morning—and was uninjured. He fell into the man's safety net which the had thoughtfully provided.

"I only wanted to test love," she explained. "You certainly marry you. You're bravest men I've ever known."

When two people are determined to marry, anything can happen.

In New Zealand a Maori girl was not allowed to see the he loved when she visited hoping to fix a date for wedding. So he had a blade smuggled into his cell a friend who had recently discharged from the jail. He cut through the window and walked ten miles to the home. They made their wedding plans and he spent a while with her before the police arrived and took him back to prison.

Q. What is the most suitable marking to have printed on dinery, both for personal business correspondence?

A. Your house address

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Week's Sew-Thrifty

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The GREEN THUMB
by Gordon Smith

There have been some mighty changes in garden varieties in the last 25 or 50 years or so.

At one time, for instance there was no hope of growing garden corn or tomatoes, or melons or petunias or even asters in many parts of Canada. The season was too short. Before these things were ready to eat or bloom along would come the first frost and that was that. But now, thanks to the continuous work of the plant breeders, we can grow them and enjoy them.

Ten to twenty days have been lopped off the time necessary from planting to harvest of garden corn in the last few decades and there has been the same hastening of maturity for melons, tomatoes and many of the flowers. In the seed catalogue will usually be found the number of days it takes from planting to maturity or flowering for every variety listed. By studying these periods we can fit all sorts of new things into our garden. We can plant feasts and droughts to come along continuously from early summer to frost. And experienced gardeners go a step further. Not only do they hasten the season by planting the very earliest varieties but they extend it also by using medium and late sorts and by making at least two plantings two or three weeks apart of all varieties.

Big Showy Annuals

Of particular advantage to the person with a brand new garden or the one with a large area to landscape, are the big showy, quick growing annuals. These can be used in the place of permanent shrubbery which will not be full grown for several years. They also have a real place of their own in large gardens for backgrounds, for the rear of large flower beds and for big showy beds of their own at the side and rear of large lawns.

There is much material from which to choose and a wide range of colours. Heights run from four feet to over twelve and widths in circumference in proportion, where soil conditions are good and the climate moderate. Growth is amazingly fast.

Canadian seed catalogues always list the height of flowers and this with the time and colour of bloom are the essential facts necessary in selecting the big showy annuals. Some of the best are as follows: Fig leaf hollyhock or Althea ficilolia, height 6-8 feet with yellow and orange flowers starting in late June; Spider plant, cleome, 3-4 feet, flowering from late July or early August, pink, white and greenish yellow; cosmos, pink, orange, white and crimson, 3-5 feet, from late July to frost; garden sunflower, 9-12 feet, yellow, bronze. August to November; mallow, 6 feet, big rose red flowers, large leaves, July to September; castor bean, 10-15 feet, huge leaves, purple maroon flowers, June to September; giant salvia, 3-6 feet, July to frost, brilliant red.

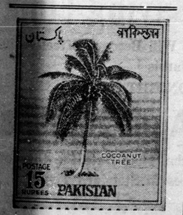
Hedge Care

Pruning is a most important factor in the maintenance of an evergreen hedge, says John Walker of the Dominion Forestry Station at Indian Head.

Pruning is seldom required more than once a year and only light pruning rather than shearing is needed to keep the hedge compact. This will encourage new growth from lateral buds.

Evergreen hedges are best pruned in late July or early August. If pruning is carried out then there is still time for fresh buds to mature and be conditioned for the protection of new shoots the following spring.

In pruning, the hedge should be kept narrow at the top so that sunlight may reach needles at the bottom and keep them green and healthy. By careful and timely pruning as described, a very compact and attractive evergreen hedge can be developed and maintained at low cost. Such a hedge can be a valuable asset where winters are relatively long.



BIRTHDAY ISSUE—Pakistan has issued the expensive stamp, above, to mark the second anniversary of her status as a republic of the British Commonwealth. The 15-rupee valuation is equivalent of about $3.15 in our currency.

LIGHT WORK—Two policemen are erecting a plug-in traffic light at an intersection in Oldenburg, West Germany. Currently being tested in the city, the signal is held upright and supplied with power through the small opening in the street. Plugs at important intersections permit rapid installation of the portable lights when needed, as during rush hours.

Explorer's 'Donkey' Jungle Sensation

As a youngster Harry Johnston had none of the usual schoolboy ambitions. His friends had set their minds on becoming engine drivers, Test cricketers, generals, firemen and explorers. But Harry's aim in life was unique: he was determined to seek and find a unicorn!

A few years later Philip Henry Gosse, a leading British naturalist, published his book, "The Romance of Natural History", in 1860, Harry Johnston came across it. He read it avidly. In one of the chapters Gosse discussed the possibility of discovering strange new animals in the unexplored forests of Central Africa. He suggested that the mysterious unicorn might be found there.

This fired young Harry's imagination and he resolved to explore this unknown part of Africa when he grew up and try to find the unicorn.

Schoolboy ambitions are often forgotten, but Johnston stuck to his and in due course became a distinguished explorer and administrator in Africa. After twenty years of serving in various colonies, Harry Johnston was knighted and, in 1899, appointed Consul General for the Uganda Protectorate.

Up to that time his explorations had been confined mainly to coastal regions, but this appointment would take him right into the little-known heart of the continent. Before setting out he made a point of calling on the great explorer Stanley, who advised him to make a trip to the Ituri Forest in the neighbouring Belgian Congo. Stanley was sure that in this vast forest were to be found animals as yet unknown to science. He mentioned specifically a kind of donkey which the Ituri pygmies trapped in pits. It was said to look like a cross between a zebra and a mule.

Could this, Johnston wondered, be the unicorn that had occupied his imagination for so many years?

For some time his official duties prevented him from making an expedition to the Congo, but early in 1900 an opportunity presented itself. His troops rescued a band of Congo pygmies who had been captured to be put on show at the forthcoming Paris Exhibition. They remained as Sir Harry's guests until he could complete the necessary arrangements for their journey back to the Ituri Forest. He planned to accompany them on their return.

Here was an excellent opportunity to find out something of the animal life there and, despite language difficulties, he was able to get confirmation of the existence of Stanley's "donkey." Yes, they did catch it in pits. It was partly striped, and had big ears like a mule. Their name for it sounded like "o'api".

It was an exciting moment for Sir Harry when he set off on the first stage of the journey which he hoped would lead to the discovery of the unicorn. Having handed over the pygmies, he found the Belgian officials very ready to help by providing him with guides for his journey into the forest.

They confirmed the existence there of a strange animal. They had even eaten of its flesh, but none of them had ever seen it. From what the pygmies had told them, they imagined it to be more like an antelope than a horse.

Sir Harry, however, was convinced that the animal he was looking for had uncloven hoofs like a horse. This conviction probably cost him a chance of seeing a specimen in the forest, because on the second day out his guides pointed excitedly to a series of very fresh footprints in some loose sand. They were the prints of a cloven-hoofed animal, and in spite of the natives' repeated assurances that they had been made by an o'api, Johnston ignored them and pushed on.

A day or two later the party halted to rest in a forest village, and it was there that Johnston held in his hands the first tangible evidence of his elusive quarry's existence. Many of the men were using pieces of a very unusual type of hide as bandoliers for their shotguns. It was striped black, orange and white. Johnston's immediate reaction was that this was the hide of a hitherto unknown kind of zebra, but the natives told him that it came from the o'api, the animal they trapped in pits.

On the return journey no further signs were encountered, so Johnston arrived back at the Belgian headquarters still mystified. He did, at least, have a couple of pieces of skin and the Belgians promised to send him a complete skin and skull as soon as they could be obtained from the natives.

Sir Henry returned to Uganda, a little disappointed that the "unicorn" he had dreamed of finding since his schooldays should have proved nothing more exciting than a new kind of zebra.

His disappointment did not last long, for soon after his return he had the thrill of making a most astonishing discovery. The Belgians kept their promise and sent him a complete skin and skull. The first glance was sufficient for him to realize that this was no ordinary animal. On its head was a pair of short horns, quite unlike those of any other creature except the giraffe. Further examination confirmed that the new animal was indeed related to the giraffe, though lacking its long neck.

Up to this time it had been thought that the giraffe was the sole survivor of its tribe, and that all its relatives and forerunners had become extinct some millions of years before. Now the okapi, as it was to be called, had been discovered.

The news created a great sensation throughout the world. What seemed so incredible was that an animal the size of a mule should have remained unknown to all except the Ituri Forest pygmies until the beginning of the twentieth century.

But the okapi is a very rare creature and a timid one, so much so that, to this day, not more than a handful of Europeans have ever caught a glimpse of one in its native forests.

Soon after Johnston's discovery, the Belgian Government decided that the okapi must be protected, otherwise it would probably share the fate of many other rare and interesting animals which have become extinct as the result of indiscriminate hunting. Accordingly, very few okapis are ever caught, and the few that are taken alive are distributed in rotation to the major zoos of the world.

In this way as many people as possible are able to see the animal which remained unknown for so long, and whose eventual discovery finally destroyed belief in the possible existence of the unicorn.

Q. How can I dye white washable kid gloves?

A. Dye them a tan color by dipping them in saffron water until the desired shade is obtained.

Trawler Took On Three Battleships

One of the biggest war-time decisions a man can be called upon to make is that of the captain whose ship is hopelessly outgunned. Should he try to run for it? Cut his losses by surrendering? Or do the glorious thing and go down fighting to the death?

That was the decision that faced Lieut-Commander G. S. Grenfell, skipper of H. M. Trawler Juniper, of 600 tons displacement, with a speed of twelve knots and armed with one four-inch gun and a number of smaller weapons.

Juniper was serving with the Royal Naval Patrol Service, the small force, some few hundred strong, of trawlers and drifters which were our fishing fleet in 1939 and hastily converted into warships to defend our harbours and coastal convoys against the Luftwaffe, E-boats and mines.

It is of their daring exploits in the darkest days of war, not only in defence but participating in the forefront of every landing, from Madagascar to Normandy, that A. Cecil Hampshire —who as a Naval officer was closely concerned with their formation as a fighting unit — writes so vividly in "Lilliput Fleet."

On June 7th, 1940, Juniper escorted the 5,660-ton tanker Oil Pioneer from Tromso as part of the withdrawal of our ill-fated Expeditionary Force from Norway. Her captain did not know it, but German surface forces were out in formidable strength.

Three days previously the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, accompanied by the heavy cruiser Admiral Hipper and four destroyers, had left Keil with orders to attack British and Allied shipping and shore installations in the Narvik area.

At half-past five on June 8th, Lieut-Comdr. Grenfell sighted the great grey shapes of the warships looming out of the mist.

What could he do with one four-inch gun against the massive armament of the enemy?

No doubt he remembered the fate, a few weeks earlier, of the gallant armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi. With guns blazing defiantly, she had been sent to the bottom by the same German ships in less than fifteen minutes.

More recently still, only a few days before, they had sunk the aircraft carrier Glorious and her destroyer escort while on their way home to England — a tragedy made even more tragic by the fact that forty-one gallant pilots had died after daringly flying their fighters on to the heaving deck of Glorious rather than leave them behind in Norway, though none of them had ever landed a plane on a carrier before.

Grenfell knew, of course, that neither he nor the ponderous tanker had a hope of making a run for it. But could he delay the inevitable long enough to enable worthier opposition to meet up with the Germans before they could get back to harbour?

He wirelessed an "enemy sighted" report, ordered the tanker to act independently, hoisted his battle flags and sailed defiantly into action.

"Just ninety minutes later the gallant little trawler and her consort slid beneath the waves, battered to wreckage by a couple of contemptuous salvoes from the Hipper," writes the author. "Twenty-five survivors of the tanker and four only from her tiny escort were fished out of the sea by the enemy, to spend the rest of the war behind barbed wire."

His book, fully illustrated, makes exciting reading and pays a well-deserving tribute to what he calls, most appropriately, the "Lilliput Fleet."

Drain Diggers Unearth Treasure

British Museum experts are excited by a chance discovery made by two Norfolk workmen recently. Digging a two-foot-deep trench for drainage pipes at Wymondham College, Morley, Alfred Harvey and Frederick Bird caught a sudden glimpse of silver.

Probing with their shovels, they quickly unearthed a pile of 880 silver coins.

Examined at the Castle Museum, Norwich, the coins proved to be Anglo-Saxon pennies of Edward the Elder, A.D. 915, and Alfred the Great, A.D. 895. Some looked almost freshly minted, so perfectly had the soil preserved them.

The British Museum say that only six such hoards of coins buried between A.D. 900 and 955 have been discovered in England. One pile, of 7,000 coins, was found in the City of London in 1872, but the last hoard, of 500 coins, was unearthed at Chester eight years ago.

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