ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: After waiting three long years my fiance and I planned to marry at Christmas, but two months ago his father died, leaving a meager provision for his family, which surprised them all—they had thought him comfortably well off. His younger brothers and his sisters are still in school. What a blow to our plans!

"My fiance feels his first obligation is to take care of his mother and the family, and I have to agree. He makes a very good salary which would have been adequate for us, but of course they will need most of it now.

"We have talked everything over—and he thinks we should break our engagement, but still see each other.

"If we break up I do not think I could bear seeing him, knowing it may be several years before we can marry. I have held a good position for seven years, and I wouldn't mind keeping it; but I am not getting any younger, and we both want children.

"I applaud his loyalty, but when I think of my own future I wonder whether I should wait indefinitely?

DISTRESSED"

• Unless you are prepared to live with your fiance's family (and no matter how much you like them, it would present problems) I agree with you.

• What other solution is there? If you saw him regularly you would wear your heart out with longing, and the strain could result in emotional collapse. You have to earn your own living, and must not take chances with your health. No matter how cruel the wrench, I think your decision is the only practical one you can make.

• You emphasize that his brothers and sisters are devoted to him. When they learn he has had to break the engagement, the older boy may want to start helping out earlier than he expected. This, however, you cannot count on.

• Don't sit back and resign youself to maidenhood, though. Look up your former friends, cultivate them. Dating the men you used to know will divert you and keep your social life refreshing. This you need to carry you on, so don't let any false sense of loyalty deter you.

• One cannot, thank goodness, anticipate the future. Marrying your fiancee may be possible earlier than you think today. Meantime, refuse to bury yourself and mourn your fate.

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SOLDIER'S LETTERS STOP

"Dear Anne Hirst: My boy friend and I had an understanding that when he comes back from his service we would be married. But he has been gone four months, and seems to have stopped writing me altogether.

"I am sick from worrying.

"Shall I keep on writing? Do you suppose he has found someone else he's fallen in love with?

LOVING AND WORRIED"

• Many a soldier cannot find time to write his girl as often as he'd like to. Besides, soldiers are frequently moved from place to place without notice, and letters are sometimes lost in the mail or late reaching their destination.

• You do not say how often your young man wrote before he ceased to; wait a bit longer, but send your own letters through. Mention that his are not coming as they did, but you are trying not to worry.

• Even when he is in love, many a young man dislikes writing to his girl and is apt to postpone it unduly.

• Some men in service do meet other girls at service dances and other affairs, but don't consider this idea unless you find later that it is true.

• Cheer up! Lots of other girls are wondering these days, too, but this is all a part of loving a soldier.

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If your plans for the future must be postponed, be a good sport about it and adjust yourself as best you can. Telling Anne Hirst about it can relieve the burden, and often she can suggest practical ideas to light the way. . . Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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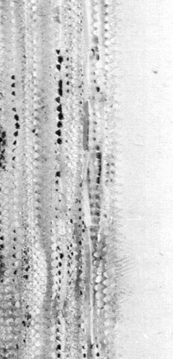

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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

Wonders will never cease. We actually found a repair man who was willing to work on a Saturday . . . and a plumber at that. We were having trouble with our kitchen sink. The water became slower and slower in draining away and finally quit running entirely. Partner unscrewed goose necks and T-pipes, worried away with wire cleaners and solvents but without any appreciable improvement. Finally he said, "You'd better look through the phone book and see if you can locate a plumber. If we contact someone today maybe we can get him to come first thing Monday morning." Not having been in this district very long we naturally don't know whom to contact when it comes to repair men. The best thing I could do was thumb through the "yellow pages" and pick out names at random. The first one didn't answer; the second had had his phone disconnected; the third was answered by a woman who said she would have her brother call when he came in. But we were not too hopeful. The best we could do was wait. The man didn't phone at all — he came instead, ready and willing to get on with the job. The trouble was soon located and thirty feet of straight pipe cleaned out. He told us we had probably been too sparing with the water, not letting enough go down the sink to keep it flushed. We knew he was right because every day we put the dish water in a pail and used it to water the garden — to save drawing fresh water from the well. So naturally the sink wasn't getting properly flushed. To prevent further trouble the plumber told us to close the sink trap once a week, fill the sink full of water, clean and hot. Then open the trap and let the water go suddenly. He said force, combined with the hot water, should carry away any deposits left in the pipe. It sounds like good advice so I am passing the information along for what it may be worth.

But plumbing trouble wasn't our worst experience last week. No, indeed. I was on my way down to Port Credit, tried to stop at the first stop sign and my brake went right to the floor. I had often heard of brakes failing but this was my first experience. It gives one a horrible, helpless and terrifying feeling. I hope to heaven it never happens again. Fortunately I was on a quiet road. Even so I had to drive with one hand on the emergency brake and the other on the wheel. I wouldn't have had too much trouble except that the children were just coming out of school and the road seemed to be teeming with bikers and first graders, wandering from one side of the road to the other. By the time I got to the garage near home I was in a bath of perspiration. Incidentally I met a police cruiser on the way but apparently my predicament was not obvious to him. It was ironic I should run into serious trouble on the very eve of the new traffic law enforcements for the prevention of highway accidents.

Now what else happened last week? Oh yes, Partner went twice to the Exhibition. I didn't go any more — I was getting all the excitement I wanted at home. One day Partner went down on the bus; the next time with Bob and Joy to see the air show. They specially wanted to see the Arrow but as you probably know the Arrow did not appear. They were so disappointed. While they were away I took care of Ross who wasn't too happy when he saw Mummy and Daddy drive away without him. Happily baby fears and tears are soon forgotten and in a little while he was playing around with Ditto and the puppy.

That same puppy gives me plenty of exercise — around the block twice a day and then walking over our acre lot in search of mushrooms.

We generally get enough for supper every day — and we're still alive to tell the tale.

In between sessions with the car, plumbing, heat and humidity — and the puppy — I have been trying to housecleam, ready for a W.I. meeting that is to be held here next week. We have also been refinishing some of our old furniture but if we hadn't had a deadline for the meeting it probably wouldn't have been done yet. Partner made two night tables from odds and ends of furniture and for one dresser he took the mirror out of the frame and hung it on the wall. Then I enamelled the dresser to blend in with the Vilas beds. The dresser in our room is solid oak so on it I did a refinishing job with flat varnish stain and have been quite pleased with the result. Honest to goodness it is much more fun making over what you've got around than it is going out and buying new stuff —just for the sake of being modern. Why not dare to be different? I find it very, very boring to go into one house after another and find so many of them with the same type of furniture; window drapes from corner to corner and broadloom from wall to wall. Like that old English music hall song about the whole family sleeping in one bed "and when Father said 'Turn' we all turned."

Groom Forgot Wedding Ring

Happiness shone in the eyes of the lovely Italian girl as, helped by her two bridesmaids, she put on her smart wedding costume, then added the finishing touches to her make-up.

She looked exquisite, and her bridesmaids told her so.

"Don't forget your key. You'll be coming back to the house to change before going away," one of them reminded her. She picked up the key and slipped it into her pocket.

As they drove to the church, the bride's heart beat faster. In a very short time now, she and the young professor she loved would be uttering their vows, and he would slip on to her finger the ring they had chosen with so much care in a Milan jeweller's shop some weeks earlier.

"Hope Luigi hasn't forgotten the date," she said to her companions when they neared the church. It was a joking reference to her young man's occasional absent-mindedness. She did not really believe he would forget.

She was right. He was there, looking spruce, but a little harassed, because he had got up rather later than he intended and had had to dash to the church.

A "stag party" the previous night had made him sleep late.

All went well until the priest asked the bridegroom to place the ring on the girl's finger. He fumbled in his waistcoat pocket for it, for he had no best man to carry it for him.

It was not there! He felt in the other pocket—all his pockets. Still no ring. Like a flash, she thought of the key in her pocket and took it out unobtrusively and gave it to him.

"Use this," she whispered.

"It's all right, dear. Don't worry."

Using the loop of the key as a ring, he slid it on to her finger under the astonished eyes of the priest. Nobody else in the church was near enough to see what was happening.

But the bride well knew that anything in the form of a circle is legal substitute for a wedding ring in most countries — and her presence of mind prevented an embarrassing situation from developing.

As they were signing the register—the bride having slipped the key back into her pocket—the bridegroom had an inspiration. He felt in the turn-ups of his trousers and found the missing ring. It must have fallen there before he got his taxi to the church.

There are many people like that resourceful bride who know how to keep cool in a sudden emergency. Presence of mind is a most valuable asset when things go wrong.

Ostrich Waltz Amazes Observer

"I liked the clean sparkle of the morning air just outside Johannesburg and often got up early to take walks. On one of these walks when I was a mile distance from my hotel, I saw a movement far away on the veld," writes Cecil H. Banke, in her autobiography, "Bright Weft." "From a distance it appeared to be blown grass. But as I got nearer, I saw that there were two long lines, running parallel to each other, of what I thought were tall animals jumping up and down."

As Miss de Banke got closer she saw that the "animals" were ostriches. The birds were drawn up in two long lines facing each other, those on one side being light in colour and those facing them dark, with red markings down the front of their legs.

Both lines danced up and down, the dark birds occasionally jostling one another and changing places, as though they wished to get opposite one particular bird. When this was accomplished, the pair would move round each other with a waiting movement and then go off together across the veld.

"Later I was told that I had seen the mating dance of the ostriches, and that no one else who had gone near enough to see the sight had ever lived to describe it. He explained that with one powerful kick the red-marked male ostriches had been known to disembowel horses and to kill men with one blow," says the author.

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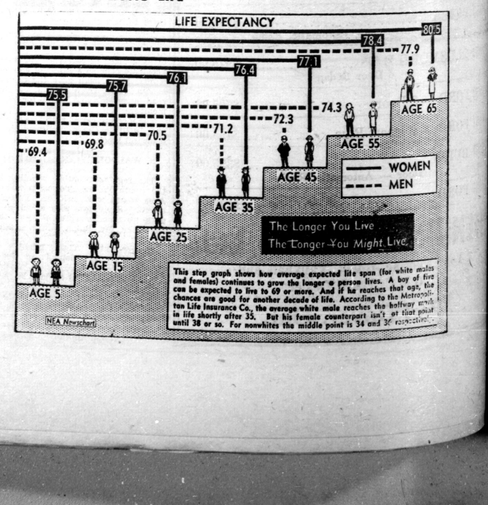

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Beauty, Squalor Go Hand In Hand

Looking through the plane window as we arrived over Hong Kong, I wondered where on earth the landing ground could be, for I could see nothing but fold upon fold of crags and rocks. It must have been difficult for the pilot to know just when to swoop down.

The airfield is, in fact, not on the island of Hong Kong but on the mainland of China, or rather that portion of the mainland called Kow-loon, which forms part of the Crown Colony.

Our colony really consists of three sections. First there is the island itself. This was ceded to us in 1841 after what has come to be known as the First Opium War. It was a brief war, lasting less than six months. The two sides got together at the end of it and the Chinese offered to give us Hong Kong. Eliot, our chief representative, accepted.

When this news reached London, Lord Palmerston, Foreign Secretary at the time, was furious. He dismissed Hong Kong as being "no more than a barren island with hardly a house upon it."

The Chinese Emperor was equally furious with his representative. He refused to surrender Hong Kong. "It is an important place," he said. Both the Chinese representative and our man Eliot were instantly dismissed — and the war was resumed.

A few months later this second flare-up ended. We had decided by now to keep Hong Kong and we insisted that China should open five ports to us for trading. Two of these ports, known as Treaty ports, were Canton and Shanghai.

It is a pity that those who had doubts about it at that time can't see Hong Kong now. It is without question the loveliest place I have ever visited. The houses and trading offices, some of them in the style of somewhat modified skyscrapers, rise in tiers to the top of the peak, and the view from all parts is truly magnificent.

It was soon obvious that the island wasn't large enough for the rapidly developing trade, and by 1860 a part of the mainland was ceded to us by China. This is part and parcel of the colony and is completely British.

But before long we outgrew this, too, and we began to negotiate for still more land. The Chinese agreed to lease this, not sell it.

This third section of the colony is the largest part of it — 356 square miles in all. In depth, it stretches as far as from London to Tunbridge Wells.

They say in Hong Kong that it is "bursting at the seams." The population, only 750,000 a few years ago, is now close on three millions. Slowly, this tremendous growth is being absorbed by the new industries that are rising almost daily in these new territories.

There are factories for making cigarettes, others for sugar, paint and textiles. I saw large numbers of film studios making Chinese pictures for sale in Red China, writes R. J. Minney in "Tit-Bits."

There is, in fact, quite a big trade between this British island of ours and China proper. Excellent new roads have been built, and a railway now runs from Kow-loon, on our part of the mainland, right up to the Chinese frontier, from where one can go on by train to Canton and Peking. This is all to the good and has made the island extremely prosperous.

The houses are of the villa type, such as you see in the South of France, and are surrounded by lovely gardens with the most beautiful exotic flowers.

There are farms on the island itself, with cows. As a result I drank real milk, the only place where I drank it during the whole of this trip; elsewhere, it was just tinned or, more generally, powdered stuff — even in Tokyo.

There is a racecourse — the English population could not live without that — and there are three golf courses, two of them on the island, the third on the mainland.

But side by side with this wealth there is great poverty—inevitable in view of the tremendous increase in births each year among the Chinese and also through the flow of refugees from the mainland.

Vast numbers of new flats have been built on the mainland section of Hong Kong. They're fine, handsome blocks, but they soon become slums, because the Chinese live many to a room and put out their washing to dry on poles stuck out through the windows.

I have seen nothing like it, not even in China, where everything appears to be orderly and clean. But here the streets are littered. People crouch on the pavement to eat. Girls grab men by the arm as they walk by. Touts offer to take you to sordid dance halls.

What a blot all this has brought to one of the most lovely settings in the world! But every effort is being made to clean it all up, and I have no doubt that in time it will be very different.

The squalor, however, is confined to the mainland. The island itself is spick and span with tidiness. It rises in glorious tiers to the top of Victoria Peak, from where the views are truly breathtaking, particularly at night, when the lights give it the splendour of fairyland.

Scores of ferries travel to and fro all the time and you can go from the mainland to the island in less than five minutes, taking your car with you. The English club occupies a site that must be worth a fortune, right on the seafront in the centre of the town.

There are many streets of most fascinating shops, offering you, duty-free, the choicest goods from the ends of the earth. You can buy a Japanese camera there for less than you would have to pay for it in Tokyo; and superb opera or field glasses which would cost you thirty pounds in England can be bought for two or three pounds.

Within twenty-four hours a firm of Chinese tailors made me a suit of tussore silk for the equivalent of £3 10s. It was an excellent fit. At another place I got a silk dressing-gown for 30s. No duty and a low cost of living make all this possible.

Food is cheap, too—or rather such food as is grown there. But rents are high because of the restricted space.

There is wonderful bathing from wide, sandy beaches. The life appears to be ideal; but I was told by those who live there that the summer is almost unbearable.

Winters are warm, like our spring. By the end of April it begins to get hot. Those who can get away do so. The rest have to sweiter in the steamy atmosphere.

I found at the back of the island a quarter that is known as Aberdeen, so called, I was told, after a regiment that was quartered there a hundred years ago. To-day 46,000 people live there—entirely in boats. They are not refugees—they have always lived like this. The boats are huddled cheek by jowl; you could walk across them for half a mile. Somehow the owners manage to get out and set off with their nets for fishing. It's a picturesque colony, swarming with youngsters who rush ashore and hold out their hands for coins.

On the edge of this colony there are two floating restaurants, where visitors sail out for a meal. The food is good, and you can get English as well as Chinese dishes.

Rockets Probe Sun's Eclipse

Astronomers all over America are excited at the prospect of giving men on October 12th his first "look" at a total eclipse of the sun from outside the atmosphere.

A ship bristling with rockets is being sent to the South Pacific as part of this unique experiment. Scientists explain that a ship is being used because the zone in which the sun will be totally obscured crosses no large land areas.

On the ship's helicopter flight deck will be carried eight rockets, each equipped with a variety of instruments to record the different aspects of solar radiation, and radio telemetering equipment to transmit the data back to earth.

The rocket firings will be carried out as the ship steams back and forth near the Danger Islands, a group of atolls east of Samoa. The experiment will call for extreme accuracy in launching the rockets.

Before their nature was fully understood, solar eclipses were regarded with superstitious dread. In the wilds of North-West Australia it was said that the sun was "being stolen by a dreadful monster."

The total eclipse of 1870, visible in Spain and Italy, took place while France and Germany were at war.

Many French astronomers were shut up in Paris. At great danger to himself one managed to escape in a balloon from the besieged city with the essential parts of his telescope.

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