

ANNE HIRST

Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: - I have a distracting mother-in-law problem, but it is not like any other I've read about. My parents are dead and I have no relatives to help with my four-year-old girl, except my husband's mother, who lives around the corner; I expect another baby in four weeks and have been quite sick. We are buying our home and cannot afford a sitter. We ask his mother to help out only about once every three months, and she always complains that it puts her back in her housework and her sewing."

"But she minds my sister-in-law's children one day every week though there's a part-time maid there. Believe me, I don't resent this, but she has not once offered to help us since the baby was expected, and she is even planning to be away the week I'm expecting. This means my husband will have to take time out from work to look after our little girl while I'm in the hospital. My friends and neighbors criticize her bitterly, and I cover up the best I can. She tells them how much she likes me, but why doesn't she love it? If my mother were living, how different things would be!"

NOT UNUSUAL Mrs. R. E. X.
Such favoritism exists in many families because the older woman favors one son's wife and not another. You probably do not know the cause of this, and it may have started before marriage; this and other factors are beyond your control, and you will have to live with it. One might think that even coming emergency would inspire her to ease your burden, but it seems that is not to be. You and your husband are concerned with the practical details, and these ideas may be useful:
Tell your doctor about the situation and ask him about the social service agency of the hospital and what he is doing. Sometimes the Red Cross or similar groups take care of your husband's arrangement to take that week as part of his summer vacation so he will be home by night.
Isn't there a couple with children among your friends who would take your little girl for the week? They would not charge you, I'm sure, and a small household gift is always a proper expression of your gratitude.
Hereafter you will be wise

to count your husband's mother-in-law for another at all; hope deferred is depressing to live with, so why hope any longer? She is as she is, and you might do best to let her be. I am relieved you do not resent your sister-in-law's luck (which would be natural) and I hope you continue on friendly terms.
Your situation, deplorable as it seems, is not unique, I repeat. Accept it as permanent, and use all your wit and practical common sense to manage as best you can.

HOMIE BEST
"Dear Anne Hirst: For five years we have had a wonderful marriage, and now there are three splendid children. Everything has gone so well for us all until now, when I am so contented I am almost crazy."
Recently I met again a man I was in love with until my family made us part. I find I have never really gotten over him. What an earth-shaking **MIXED UP!**
Do what you know is right. If you deliberately let your husband or separated children from him, lives of you all would be blighted and, as the cause of it, you would take on a terrific responsibility.
When we marry we stop living for ourselves and begin living for others. We have not the right to a new personal happiness when we know that others must pay for it. Tomorrow, as you are, you will pray for strength, courage, and take on your rightful job as you must see it if you are being honest with yourself.
Being good may be dull for a while, but I know of no surer road to peace.

When a busy mother realizes she has no one to depend on in her domestic schedule, somehow she arranges a routine that sees her through. Anne Hirst has ideas that may be helpful. Write her at Box 123, Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

Happy Forecast For Colicky Babies
Colic today, colossus tomorrow. This happy forecast for the average colicky baby was made last month by Dr. Herman F. Meyer, Northwestern University Medical School pediatrician.
When a baby is fussy or screams, draws up his legs, and waves his hands in a noisy spell of colic, Dr. Meyer noted in the journal Postgraduate Medicine, he is probably just a normal youngster who is using this method to register highly vocal "resentment against the restrictions imposed on his immaturity." Moreover, he added, "the whole family started in peeling off clothes and by the time they reached their destination in reverse order they were adding garments as they got nearer home."
As for our weather we have had a little bit of everything lately, but rain and snow. So what happens? Tuesday I wanted to wash but the weatherman predicted rain so I left it. And then it didn't rain at all. Wednesday dawned bright and clear. So we washed. At least I washed and Partner hung out the clothes. After dinner it still being nice and rain not predicted until midnight, we left the clothes on the line and took to the road, en route to Milton. You can guess what happened. By four o'clock it was raining and we headed for home in a hurry. I didn't want to be driving in a freezing drizzle. Fortunately we got home in time. So how can you win—by paying heed to weather reports or ignoring them?
Sometimes we hear it said the seasons are changing—that the winters are not as extreme as they used to be. I wonder don't you think it is we who have changed more than the weather? It has to be a really bad storm now before we really have to dress up. The roads are kept clear in winter and naturally the Department of Highways caters to the taxpayer. Why, I can remember when most cars used to jake up their cars on blocks from November to April—sometimes later be-

cause it is hard to get out. Tears rolled down her chin, lined cheeks, and she spoke, and she dabbed her eyes with tissue. "A fantastic story," said Detective Lt. Arthur Schuller. Magistrate Milton didn't believe a word of story, either, and set bail at \$30,000 pending indictment. — From NEWSWEEK.

The Napkin Ring
Napkin rings were often more elegant than the linen they held. They were silver, generally, and maybe engraved with initials. A polishing or two a year would keep them presentable. The napkin, meanwhile, was likely to become smeared with the stains and colors of many greases and sauces between one Sunday and the next.
In ships' wardrooms and saloons, napkin rings remain a fixture. Some are scrimshawed intricate carvings from bone—ivory or shell. Others are turkeys headed from flax cord. And there are steel and brass ones, as if I wasn't too far out, at that.

Bank Robber In Old Lace
The New York Times says, she was a dear little old lady, very much like the dear little old ladies in "Arsene and Old Lace." The only difference was she didn't have any bodies hidden in her cellar; her peccadillo was robbing banks, instead.
On Dec. 3, she had robbed a branch of the First National City Bank of \$3,420 by threatening to throw acid in a teller's face, she had instantly become a legend. New York, a town overflowing with misplaced sentimentality, had taken her to its breast.
Three weeks later it turned out that she wasn't so little, nor so old—she was 3 feet 9, and a chic 73. These facts were ascertained by police after she tried to pull another caper, at the Industrial Bank of Commerce, clad in the same black beret, black coat, and modestly framed dark glasses that she wore in the first robbery. She had been placed in a neatly printed note, which said: "Put \$5,000 in \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills in bag. There is acid in the bag. You wouldn't want it in your face. Don't try to warn anybody until I am out of here. Oh, yes, I am being guarded by two guns. Let's not let your customers or co-workers get hurt."
The teller didn't argue. For the bank had issued standing orders to its employees not to resist a holdup—not even a holdup staged by a dear little old lady. So, the teller crammed \$1,100 into the brown paper bag she handed him. But he took his own sweet time and made a real production of the chore. Two bank officials spotted the little drama and tipped the bank guard, who seized her as she tried to leave. The colorless liquid in the glass she was carrying turned out to be water.

At police headquarters, the frail woman took a pathetic—if somewhat, incredible—story. Her name was Vera Wilson, she said in cultured tones, and she was a widow, alone and penniless in the big city. She had been living for the past year by begging, and she had been sleeping in subways and railroad stations. "Maybe I'll get three meals a day," she said.
What happened to the \$3,420 she heisted from the First National? A few seconds after leaving the bank, she said, "the paper bag with the money was jostled from my hands and fell into the street. A man picked it up and tried to hand it to me, but I was so nervous I said, 'It doesn't belong to me' and walked on."
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Britain Plugs Royal Keyholes
"I stood by the side of the Queen as she slowly flicked through a bundle of low-priced gay chintz curtain patterns," said the royal diarist, Lady Patricia. "I had chosen these cotton designs for her myself, and I knew they were just what she wanted."
Such backstairs glimpses of palace life are just what readers of Fleet Street's mass-circulation magazines and newspapers want. English readers have apparently insatiable appetites for crumbs of gossip from the royal table.
Traditionally, such stories have been gleaned from palace employees or ex-employees. The Sunday Pictorial's article—written by the former superintendent of Windsor Castle, Queen Elizabeth's weekend home—was typical in its concern with such minutiae as the chintz curtains, bathrooms, and sheets.
Ellis's story was not typical, however, in its leering look at wedded life in Windsor Castle. After he had asked Prince Philip where he wanted his bed, Ellis wrote: "(He) chuckled (and he said): 'You don't think I'm sleeping in this do you?' He pointed to the Queen's room and said: 'That's where I sleep.'
That was enough for the shocked royal family. Last month, the Queen's solicitors got a temporary High Court order forbidding publication of a second article. The Crown said Ellis had signed an agreement not to print information about the royal family. Later, Britain's Attorney General prepared to seek a permanent injunction against the Ellis series which could end all future keyhole peeks at the royal family.

99.44 PROOF
In Fairforest, S.C., Hoyle Ridings was caught sitting naked in a tub of whisky that was going down the drain, told the cops he knew nothing about any liquor, was only taking a bath.

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To Size 48 PRINTED PATTERN
This dress is made of a soft, flowing fabric with a subtle pattern. It features a high neckline, long sleeves, and a full skirt. The pattern is designed to fit sizes 46 to 48.

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