

ANNE HIRST

Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: Like 'Unhappy', I married a Mamma's boy and he, too, was an only child. For 21 years we lived with my husband's mother, and in her home I bore our five children. I want to tell 'Unhappy' that I, too, felt like she does many a time.

"But then again, my mother-in-law took care of the children whenever I wanted to go out. She darned their socks, nursed them when they were sick, and in a thousand ways she made things lighter for me. Yet often I felt I just MUST have my own home.

"She was ill for a year with cancer, and I took entire charge of her. Since she has gone, there is a wonderful feeling of peace. Believe me, Anne Hirst, though I did all the hard work, I remember her in a hundred ways for the little things she did for me.

"So, 'Unhappy', when you are older you will not regret staying with your mother-in-law. The feeling that you made an older woman's life easier will be a comfort.

"AT PEACE NOW"

DUTY REWARDED

- It is tragic that most of us do not appreciate our blessings while we have them. Often they seem a burden in-

*stead, you, who so longed for a home of your own, did not realize how much your mother-in-law meant to you until she passed away. Then all the "little things" she had done for you and the children, and swung into place, and you have missed her as you would miss your right hand.

- She smoothed your path in dozens of kindly ways, left you free to come and go as you pleased; she stepped in wherever she saw she was needed, and unobtrusively assumed responsibilities that might have proved too much for you alone. All this seemed natural to you, as you took her more and more for granted.
- Now that she is gone, you are at peace with yourself. This peace is born of knowledge that when she needed you, you stood by and made her last days more comfortable with your unceasing care and your increasing affection.
- That thought soothes you now, as it should.
- It is kind of you to tell "Unhappy" of your experience. Let us both hope she reads your letter today, and has enough imagination and honesty to appreciate her own mother-in-law while there is still time.



QUEEN MEETS CHIEF - Queen Elizabeth chats with an Indian chief at Calgary.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline P. Clarke

"REFRESHING!"

"Dear Anne Hirst: Your piece about the eligible but bashful bachelor is the first newspaper article that has impressed me sufficiently to come to the man's attitude is refreshing! It is comforting to know there are still shy men among us who hope for that fast-fading goal, a wife and family to love and cherish.

"I certainly hope this reader follows your counsel and finds the companionship he deserves."

ANOTHER READER

For one such problem I receive, I am sure there are many, many other men who through reticence or habit are inarticulate in the presence of girls, and suffer agonizing embarrassment before they can be at home with one who has the gift of putting them at ease.

Self-consciousness is universal, and it takes a great deal of will power to subdue our selves and realize that the other person is probably just as confused. Drawing others out to talk about themselves is a talent that comes natural to some, but any intelligent person can cultivate it.

"If I'd only known" is the cry of many of us when we lose a real friend. To appreciate them while they live is a rewarding grace... Write Anne Hirst your problems at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

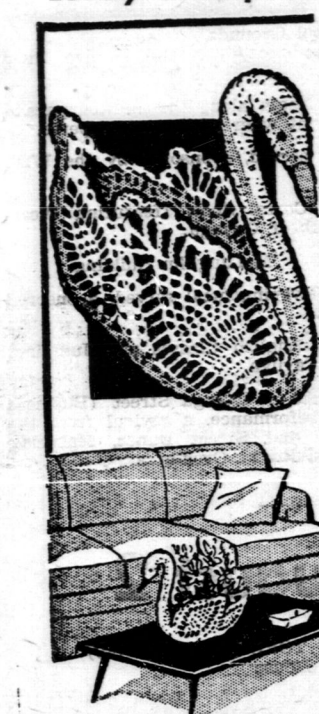
Always keep the tags and labels from new garments. Many of the new fabrics now on the market give best performance when they are cleaned according to the manufacturer's suggestions. The first time a garment needs cleaning the tag should be consulted. If special care is called for, pin a note to the garment each time it is sent for cleaning advising the dry cleaner how to handle it.

"What has lots of legs, green eyes, and a yellow back with black stripes?"

"Goodness I don't know. What?"

"I don't know either, but it's on the back of your neck."

Lovely Centerpiece



581

by Laura Wheeler

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Sent To Jail For Using Rouge!

Some women are a bit skeptical when they read the label on a jar of face cream or a tube of tooth paste. In this age of science people aren't to be taken in by old wives' remedies or cure-all concoctions based on nothing more solid than superstition.

But the fact is beauty care today is on a scientific basis. Once a laboratory develops and tests a promising formula, living models try it to prove its worth - under medical supervision. Then it goes to the government whose job it is to make sure the product is safe. Ingredients are checked to be sure they are harmless and will achieve the results claimed. It may take years for that little jar of cream to reach the market, but when it does you may be sure it can do what it says it can - if used properly.

Helping Mother Nature is a big business today. Chemistry, medicine and industry have joined hands in their aim to produce effective preparations which are easy to use and not too costly to buy.

Women who complain about the time and trouble it takes to apply modern beauty-aids should try this special concoction which was popular in the days of Marie Antoinette: Pulverize the wings and claws of a pigeon and mix well with lily petals and fresh eggs; add ground Mother-of-pearl and camellia distilled with musk. Apply liberally.

Today, public opinion is behind the female quest for glamor. In the 18th century England, when the two babies - to get away from the heat - so we thought. But we didn't - we found it waiting for us even by the lake. I don't know what the temperature has been but it has certainly been too hot and humid for comfort. Now Joy and I are debating whether to stay here until Wednesday with the boys. If we do Partner and Bob will go home tonight and come back for us Tuesday, staying until the following day.

Last night none of us got much sleep because of the heat - and it was hot here we are wondering what it would be like at home. There was rain and a thunderstorm five minutes after we got here. We watched the storm hoping it was also raining over the farms, lawns and gardens at home - and in other parts of Ontario.

We visited in widely separated points last week end and in each district drought conditions prevailed. One visit was to a lovely home a few miles from Caledon East, complete with swimming pool and set among the greenest cedar trees I ever saw. It was not just a summer cottage - it had been built as a permanent home. But how the people have the courage to live there all the year around I can't imagine. No close neighbours and the approach to the property is a narrow, winding lane from a rough road where construction work is in progress. Mr. and Mrs. are a retired couple and they say they just love it there in the winter. Personally, I would rather live in a built-up community than in the winter - in summer too, for that matter, with occasional visits to a lake cottage, just as we are. It is fascinating watching the various activities on the lake; speed boats creating a swell on the water, some of them with skiers in tow. There are also row-boats and fishing trawlers, and swimmers here and there bobbing around in the water. We have just come in from a row on the lake - we couldn't stay out too long because the merciless sun was beating down on our defenceless heads and backs. Last evening Partner and Bob went fishing just after sundown. They didn't catch any fish - what they did get was plenty of mosquito bites.

Punny, what different night-noises there are in different districts. Last night I lay awake listening to noises I rarely hear. A bull-frog kept up a persistent croaking; two hound dogs were answering each other from adjacent properties. Somewhere else an owl was hooting, and finally came the buzz of mosquitoes that had found their way into the cottage. I covered my head with the top sheet to escape them but unfortunately I covered up a mosquito too. It was having a lovely feast until I stopped its fun by using fly spray. After that I was able to rest in peace. Another thing I noticed last night was the darkness of the night after the house lights went out. At home street lights make the house light enough that one can go from room to room without fear of stubbing one's toe. But not here, so a flashlight is necessary to solve the problem. The light in a summer cottage and it

there second-growth cedar and spruce. Sometimes birds take a bath at the water's edge while dragon-flies flit back and forth. It is all very lovely - and one gets the feeling of wanting to sit and do nothing. Which is just too bad as I am equipped with typewriter, reading material and knitting.

Joy has just come to tell me we are staying Partner, Bob and Taffy will be returning home tonight and will come back for us as previously arranged. So now I must get this rough copy typed so Bob can mail it on his way home. If there is a dead-line to meet somehow one always makes it.

Here's hoping the weather turns cooler so Joy and I can make the most of our time. Next week Dee and family are coming up for the summer. In August a married cousin and her family will be here so I guess the cottage will be filled to capacity until September when it'll be back to school for David - and promotion from kindergarten.

PROFILE OF A PRINCE - Looking ready to be stamped on the profile of the realm is Prince Philip. Striking profile was taken against the Montreal sky.

Quirks That Kill On The Highways

(Continued from Last Issue)

Personal worries—usually concerning the driver's family or job—are the commonest cause of traffic accidents. Such emotional problems may be temporary or long-term, but they are dangerous. The standing, trivial or serious, a quarrel with his wife, the woman whose mother just died - such people as these are likely prospects for the emergency ward - or the morgue - if they attempt to drive. One night a motorist drove in the rear of Dr. Lovett-Doust's car. Traffic was never let her eat. She was always running.

How do the husbands of the female pilots feel about the Powder Puff Derby? Wasn't it a wife to fly four years ago, insists, "I don't have a wife, I have a bird."

Modern Etiquette

by Roberta Lee

Q. What apology should one make after a sudden sneeze in public?

A. "Pardon me" is sufficient.

Q. When lettuce, parsley or watercress is placed around an item of food as a garnish, is it proper to eat it?

A. Certainly, it is, if the garnish is a part of your individual service. But you should not eat the appearance of a serving dish by plucking out some of its garnish.

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by Anne Adams

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