

Living With Relatives Always a Dubious Undertaking for Married Folk

Not Fair to Ask Wife to Make Permanent Home With In-Laws

Woman Writes of Hardship of Trying to Get Along Harmoniously With Mother-in-Law—Husband Should Rescue Her From This Situation.

By ANNE HIRST

"DEAR ANNE HIRST: We are living with my husband's family, and I am so unhappy that at times I feel I will collapse."

"He is a man of different faith, and I am rearing our child in his faith to please him and to cause less disturbance in the family."

"His mother openly insults me before visitors and before the family. In every argument I am blamed, although sometimes I know nothing about it. She tells me to get out, for it is her home and she can do as she likes."

"My husband tells me to pay no attention to her, that he wants me to feel it is my home—which of course I cannot accept."

What to Do?

"Mentally and physically this situation is telling on me. I have already got high blood-pressure from it."

"We have enough money so we could afford our own home, but my husband is the only child and will not leave his parents. He wants to be DISTRACTED."

I can understand an only son wanting to live in his boyhood home, particularly when he knows his presence completes his parents' happiness in life.

But I can't understand his staying there when he is made to realize that his wife's health is being affected and her personal happiness is at stake.

I can't believe your husband is convinced that your surroundings are causing your sad condition. So I suggest you consult your own physician, get his opinion, and have him talk with your husband. His word will outweigh yours, I fancy, and once your husband knows that your home life is responsible I think he'll consider changing it.

A man who is out of the house all day long doesn't realize what his wife may have to put up with from his mother, and is apt to minimize the tales he hears. He doesn't know, either, the strain of rearing little children in such an atmosphere, apologizing for their grandmother's harsh words and trying to overcome the nervous tension of the family.

After he has heard your physician's report, suggest to him that you two take a house not too far away, where he can see his parents every day if he wants to, but where you and the children will be freed of the anxiety that so oppresses you now.

It's worth trying, isn't it?"

TO AN OUT-OF-TOWNER: It isn't possible for me to know why this boy's parents object to you. You know whether your reputation is unblemished; if it is, then they're probably chosen the girl for him and would object to any one else.

You cannot fight a family's opposition. You just have to take it, and meanwhile guard your behavior so carefully that you give no one cause to speak unfalteringly of you.

Even if this boy sought you out again against his parents' wishes, they could come little good of it, I'm afraid.

Better grow accustomed to life without him, and turn your attention to others.

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RIGHTS OF TWENTY-TWO: Dear Anne Hirst:

"I am twenty-two years old and not allowed to go out at night. My parents think it's a crime if a young girl comes home late."

"I'm old enough to take care of myself, and I know what to do. I am always home by ten on the few nights I can go out."

"I sit at home and cry, thinking of other girls who have good times. Please tell me what to do." M. F. T."

I can't tell you to disobey your parents—you wouldn't get very far that way.

But you might have some friend of your mother talk to her and try to make her see that a girl of twenty-two should be going to parties and dances, entertaining her friends in her own home and visiting them in theirs. She should know, too, that parties begin later and end later nowadays than they used to, and if a girl has to be home by ten she's missing half the fun.

I take it for granted you have never given your parents any reason to doubt you—have you?"

TO J. A. E.: Yours is certainly a sad life.

If you could find something to do, I should think you'd rather leave this house of storm and support yourself in one room, alone.

Can you arrange something of the sort? If you'll tell your story to a magistrate, he can give you further advice.

Or, why not see a lawyer about separation?"

BE GENEROUS:

Dear Anne Hirst:

"I've been married a year and a half and am dissatisfied with the place we live in. I've been used to living in the city, but consented to come out here to the suburbs because we can live only two blocks away from my husband's business."

"We have a car and it would only take him half an hour to get to work from the city, if he would only live there."

"I have a small apartment and a baby and I cannot get out much. It takes me an hour by trolley to get in to see my mother. My husband says if I'm not satisfied he'll get a room out here and I can get one in the city. Do you think he cares for me? Is he want to do such a thing?"

"I can't live apart from him. I love him too much."

WIFE: There is much to be said for the point you make. But have you considered your husband's side of it?"

A Princess Gives Her Views on Fashions



"DON'T choose a fashion arbitrarily—simply because it is the season's style," says the lovely Princess Norina Matchabelli. "Be sure, first of all, that the costume is in harmony with your personality—it can't be smart unless it is."

Cartoonists and Cameras Called On to Create New Print Patterns

Artist Sends Out for Coffee Bean to "Pose" for Him—Old Jewels Combined Make Handsome Piece

By CECILE GILMORE

MAYBE you don't know it, but come spring you're going to wear prints, and prints, and more prints. The manufacturers are bringing up the heavy artillery, and the victory will be a major one. (That's a pun; see next sentence.)

Henry Major, well known cartoonist, has created some wear-

able prints for Amerika Sudanne which Lisbeth, the designer, liked well enough to make up at once for the winter resort trade.

Mr. Major, whose sense of humor is practically irrepressible,

insisted on using "life" models, and solemnly sent Mrs. Major out to

buy ground coffee for his life-size coffee bean print. The brown beans against a pink background are rather nice, at that. Lisbeth liked it well enough to have some coffee-bean buttons made to trim the frock she designed for this material.

Clean Story

Most of us take our dry cleaning on faith. We have to. Phil Cooper, long established and reputable member of the cleaning and dyeing profession, is trying to educate the public in the difference between expert and careful work, and the slipshod tactics of inferior cleaners.

His exhibit in the Phil Cooper shop at 887 Seventh Avenue shows why your clothes sometimes come back from the cleaner looking dull and dingy, and how this can and should be avoided. It's chiefly a matter of color. Blacks, whites, blues, reds, greens and so on should be cleaned separately.

This means extra handling and extra expense, but it's a vital point in proper clothes cleaning.

But look in the window and let the display tell you the whole story better than I can.

Jewels Remounted

Bits of old jewelry often contain fine stones that are worthy of a

smart setting. Theodore A. Kohn & Son, 608 Fifth Avenue, are both sympathetic and expert in the manipulation of such remountings.

They understand that the

smoked pearl in Uncle Alfred's scarf pin and Grandmother's first

little hoop of diamonds may still be objects of sentiment, and bear that fact in mind when they sketch a new setting that combines all the jewels.

Hinged Gratitude

A handsome bronze panel set in the front of the new Kress store, Fifth Avenue at Thirty-ninth Street, informs the passerby that the site was a gift from the Wendell family to the Drew Theological Seminary, said panel bearing there to mark the Seminary's gratitude.

The heavy metal slab is set on

hinges, and while there is no

knob, it's obviously a door. Where

it leads, this department known

not. Private entrance for the

ghost of Miss Ella Wendell's white poodle, perhaps?

Week's Review

Lord & Taylor's "Clown" soap is shaped exactly like an egg, with funny faces painted on.

Comes three in a box and children go into ecstasies over it.

Hanan has amazed every one,

including themselves, with their

successful "Touchstone" shoe for men priced at less than seven dollars.

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with a glass inner tube rather

than a metal one. If your hair

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triumph, it's time to buy it.

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