

## 40-Year-Old Woman Whose Husband Philanders Seeks Solution for Lonely Hours

Jane Advises Her to Read 'Life Begins at 40' and Start Five-Year Plan of Self-Development.

If you, reader, are a woman of 40 or more, how have you found your satisfactions? Write a letter to this column sharing your experiences with those who have found no use for their time!

DEAR JANE JORDAN—Is everything over for us 40-year-old women? I have raised two children to adulthood and have one at home ready for high school. My recent years have been busy ones, doing a good job of being wife and mother. Now I have just learned that my husband is having an affair with another woman. I have talked to him and he tells me if I don't like it to divorce him, but I hesitate to ruin our youngest child of his home and parents.

I can not feel that this situation is the result of any laxity on my part, for I have tried to do my share. My husband refuses me money so of course I am handicapped for funds to pursue any course whatsoever.

I enjoy almost any kind of recreation, and humor overrides sadness and heartaches in my disposition. I have few friends because I can't have the clothes and other things it takes to keep up with them. Tell me how can I pass the lonesome hours I find on my hands? Are we 40-year-olds supposed to sit on the shelf? How can we come back to life after the dormant years devoted to a family? BEE.

ANSWER: You should read Walter Pitkin's "Life Begins at Forty." At 40 a woman is still young enough to enjoy life and old enough to have some sense about it. You seem to regard 40 as the Ultima Thule instead of a new point of departure. Your girlhood is gone, but what makes you feel that there is no pleasure to be gained from maturity?

Your husband, no doubt, suffers from the same viewpoint. Unable to part with youth gracefully, he seeks to rekindle its fires with a fresh romance. You have a right to object, but you are wise in refusing to tear up your home before you are sure the spell will not pass.

The man is reluctant to say "yes" to middle age, and he has taken flight from the monotony of familiar loves and faces. If you stand by with sympathy and understanding, careful not to widen the breach between you by recriminations and remarks which belittle, you may save the deeper values upon which your home is established.

Middle age is not a curse, not a tragedy. Like every other period of life it has its problems, its pleasures, its compensations and above all its opportunities. No woman who has kept her home and brought up children can be said to have lived a dormant life. The chances are that you have accumulated more wisdom and built up more strength than you think. There are a thousand ways in which to put this knowledge and strength to work.

Do not stay too close to your own heart, but learn to be useful to people outside your own family. It is an excellent idea to adopt a hobby such as knitting, gardening, paintings, writing, or any form of craftsmanship. Adopt a profession if you need money. To say you have no preparation for earning is only an evasion. I know one woman of 40, without training for business, who put her house-keeping knowledge to use in writing advertising copy for home furnishings, another who ran a column of menus for a magazine, another who worked out a budget for relief workers, still another who succeeded at interior decorating, and another who built a reputation for fine candles.

Start now on a five-year plan of self-development. Seek out those qualities which will give a meaning to life. With your increased leisure and widened sympathies you can discover latent powers within yourself which you never suspected, provided you do not lapse in the uselessness or pessimism.

JANE JORDAN.

## 'ASKING BID' SEEKS SLAM

### Today's Contract Problem

South has bid one spade and North, three spades. Then South bid four clubs. What information does North convey when he responds with four no trump, using the Culbertson asking bid formula?

◆ A 9 6 2  
◆ A 2  
◆ Q J 9 7 3  
◆ 4  
  
N (Blind) W E (Blind)  
S Dealer  
◆ K Q 10 8 4  
◆ 8  
◆ 5  
None vulnerable.  
Solution in next issue. 30

◆ K Q 9 6  
◆ J 8 5  
◆ A J 7 3  
◆ 6  
  
8.5  
◆ K Q 7 4  
◆ 10 6 2  
◆ K 9 7 4  
◆ A J 10 7 4  
◆ 3  
◆ K Q 9 5  
◆ A Q 8 3  
  
Rubber—None vul.  
South West North East  
1 A Pass 3 A Pass  
4 A Pass 4 D Pass  
6 A Pass Pass Pass

### Today's Pattern



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## Top Hat, Tails and White Tie Fashionable for Formal Wear



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BY MARJORIE BINFORD WOODS  
Times Fashion Editor

TRUMPETS! Fanfare! Enter . . . the official fall season of top hat, tails and white tie! Ushered in by Louis Lowe, popular orchestra leader (above) who is setting the pace for formal dress for the opening dance of the season at the Indianapolis Athletic Club Saturday night.

With feminine finery for evening taking on such an air of luxury this fall it behooves the men of the social world to dress "within an inch of their lives" to keep apace. When an occasion is indicated as "formal" nothing less than full dress is in order. Dinner jackets are not considered correct attire for formal occasions even though common usage has made them permissible in many circles.

Midnight blue is the tyrant of the new evening clothes. Corded silk of the same color is being used for lapels and trouser stripes in place of satin, in many instances.

WING collars are higher this season but offer a wider wing spread for the comfort of men who object to evening clothes on the basis of stiff collars. Pearl studs and cuff links are favored by Mr. Lowe for dress wear and are always good, although jeweled studs are finding favor among men who wish to vary their evening jewelry.

The return of gold watch chains for formal wear is seen this season. Mr. Lowe's log chain is a family heirloom of which he is especially proud.

The collapsible opera hat is a perfect complement to the well-turned out ensemble. The corded silk topper follows the dictates of the season and is made with a low crown and narrow brim.

Capes are the last word for cutting a real swath. This one is of midnight blue broadcloth with lining of luxurious wine-colored satin.

White kid gloves and plain-toed black Russian calf shoes complete the picture of what the well-dressed man should wear to be above reproach at the snootiest affair.

### Club to Observe 19th Anniversary

The Amica Club's nineteenth anniversary is to be celebrated at a meeting tonight at Mrs. B. C. Everhart's home. Mrs. Frank Richards, a charter member, is to give a resume of the club's history.

Also on the program are to be Mrs. Paul Amster, soloist; Elaine Everhart and Robin Sims, violinists, accompanied by Miss Geraldine Wright.

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## Family Data Is Important, Writer Says

Special Box Suggested as Best Place for Records.

BY OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

There should be a special book or box for saving family documents in every house. The old Bible with its carefully written records was, for centuries, a regular bureau of vital statistics. To this day, half of us know nothing about our forebears had not Great-Grandfather John laboriously penned the date of every birth, wedding and death. I say "centuries" advisedly, because I have an old Bible, several hundred years of age, that tells about the Jameses and Elizabeths of an English family, and all their kin.

Today, most parents depend on the recorder's office or the Bureau of Vital Statistics to keep account of births, deaths and marriages. They say complacently that any time they want information about a certain event, all they have to do, or their children after them, is to write to the capital or county seat and get the desired facts.

How Facts Go Astray

But while this is true enough in a way, there are some things to keep in mind. One is that parents may move to another state soon after a child's birth, not mention the town the child was born in and then die before the boy (or girl) becomes curious enough to inquire about his own history. Then in later years he won't know where to apply for the information. He may be able to follow it up easily from hearsay and the information of friends. But suppose his birth has not been registered at all, as happens still in many places. He may never know his history then. And friends, in time, care forget.

It is surprising how many times in later life, and especially now, with international lines tightening, a birth certificate is required, or at least some authentic record of time and place. Particularly place. So I advise every mother and father to see that the baby is registered at birth and a duplicate certificate given to them. Then this copy should be either secured in an album or put away with other family papers in a metal box, labeled and kept in a safe place.

Other Facts Interesting

It is a splendid idea to write down the names of as many relatives, near and distant, as you can remember. Some day your children will be interested, if not now. Put in marriages and relatives by marriage, and of course all deaths by place and date. Such matters are the child's right. More material for your private safety box.

All valuable papers, such as your wedding certificate, should be cherished. Also insurance papers, army discharge papers, titles to property and leases. Indeed, any and all papers that you need to put your hand on at a moment's notice. I could go on indefinitely, but every parent knows what he considers valuable. It never hurts to have duplicates of everything, no matter where else they are recorded. Wills, above everything, should have a place and stay there.

You do live to be a hundred, you may move a dozen times and it is better to take history right with you. Your children will thank you some day for leaving your house in order and giving them perhaps embarrassment and a great deal of trouble in years to come.

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### Peace Is Subject of Contest for Literary Society

The Indiana branch, National League of American Pen Women, is to feature a literary contest among its members throughout the state this year. Mrs. Blanche Graham Williams, contest chairman, has announced.

Any member may compete with any literary form of prose or verse on the subject "Peace." Only one entry may be made. Manuscripts are limited to 1,500 words.

The contest opened Oct. 5 and is to close Jan. 9. Awards are to be made at the regular meeting to be held Feb. 20. One cent a word is to be allowed for the first prize and one-half cent a word for the second prize. Three honorable mentions are to be made.

Rules and regulations are to be printed on the back of the yearbook which is now being published. Mrs. Emma Sangerbo is local branch president.

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## Dress for Queen of the Ball



The woman who can wear this most modern Empire gown of green silk taffeta is sure to be the queen of the ball, for it will be royally admired by all.

The wide skirt and the plenum, both corded with self material, and the halter neckline are details that mark the creation as one of the season's style aces.

### Irvington Church Women Schedule Tea for Monday

Dr. Rebecca Parrish talked on "Adventuring in Womanhood" at the New Century Club's president's luncheon today at Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Mrs. Earl M. Spradley is president; Mrs. A. H. Off, first vice president; Mrs. George H. Lehman, second vice president; Mrs. Presley J. L. Martin, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Graul, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. M. T. Scudder, treasurer.

Other honor guests were Mrs. B. B. McDonald, Indianapolis Council of Women president, and Mrs. David Ross, Indiana Indorsers of Photoplays' president. Mrs. Ernest Owen sang.

Committee members assisting Mrs. Robinson are Mesdames Edward Madinger, D. W. King, L. B. Jones, Carl Witcher, Mrs. S. B. Walker, arrangements chairman, is to be aided by Mesdames Firman Sims, Ralph McKay, Alan Vestal and H. E. Morrow.

Other Committees Named

The ticket committee is composed of Mesdames George Buck, Irvin Ward, Grover Shimer, E. W. Clausen, John Muesing and S. C. Ging. Mrs. Robert Drun is candy chairman, assisted by Mesdames Waller Ellison, W. F. King, C. B. Detar, A. C. Broecker, H. Hartsock, E. E. Antibus and Horace Boggy.

Mrs. F. N. Daniels, service committee chairman, is to have as her assistants, Misses Mary Beard, Eva Mae Chaille, Sara Ward, Ruth Campbell, Carol Sherman, Georgina Daniels, Kathryn Weaver, Mary Jane Smith, Jean Linstead and Betty Ward.

Algonquin Riding Club members are to hold their annual fall cross-country outing Oct. 24 and 25 in Brown County. On the first night the members are to entertain with a costume party at Abe Martin Lodge.

The club recently re-elected Russell S. Williams, president, and Dudley Williston, vice president. New officers are J. R. McNutt, secretary-treasurer; Miss Emma Moore, assistant secretary; August C. Bohlen and Frank Haight, board members.

Miss Jeanne Maris was to leave for Oakland, Cal., where she is to be married to Dr. Lowell Frederick Beggs, Oct. 18.

The ceremony is to be read at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of the Flowers. Homer Maris Sr., Oakland, is to give his niece in marriage and Mrs. Fred Beggs, Scottsburg, are to be attendants.

Miss Maris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Maris, attended Indiana University, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority.

Dr. Beggs, a son of Mr.