

## Mother of 14-Year-Old Daughter Asserts Child Will Never Obey Parents

She Probably Has Had Her Own Way Too Much in Everything, Jane Says, and Advises Boarding School or Girl Scouts.

Jane Jordan will study your problem for you and help you with the solution by her answers in this column. Avail yourself of this service today!

**DEAR JANE JORDAN**—I have a daughter 14 years old who has a good home, clothes, good parents, every advantage that we can give her, which is practically everything she has ever wanted; but we seldom are spoken to with respect and she will disregard an order within an hour after we are out of the house. She says she talks to me that way because I talk cross to her, but she is a child to whom kind or firm talk makes no difference.

She makes friends with boys not of a class she should associate with, not because they are poor, but because they are not of our class. There are classes and classes and that is something we cannot change. I denied her being with these children until she met them secretly; so then I allowed them in our home thinking that perhaps it would open her eyes.

I have tried denying her privileges, such as movies, going to girls' homes, etc., but am not able to conquer regardless of what I do. Perhaps you will say that it is our fault because we have allowed her to get the upper hand, but she has always been a hard child to manage and we have worked at this thing for years but she never improves. It seems that a parent should be able to go out for an evening leaving the child with competent help and come back once in a while and find that orders have been obeyed.

CRAZY.

**ANSWER**—It would take months of study to find out why and where your daughter got off on the wrong track. Anything I say here will barely scratch the surface. The key to her behavior lies in the way you handled her as an infant, a period of her life about which I know nothing.

Your letter contains only two clues. She has had practically everything she ever wanted, and she chooses boys who are her inferiors. It is a bad preparation for life to give a child everything it wants. There is no condition of life outside of childhood where an individual can get everything he wants. If he has had his major desires gratified since infancy it comes as a severe blow when he encounters the necessity of giving up something.

A baby is the strongest person in his environment because he is the most helpless. He has only to cry to get his wants gratified. Who else can get warmth, food, comfort and shelter simply by crying for it? You can see why the baby soon regards himself as omnipotent, an Aladdin who has simply to rub the lamp to make the magician appear to do his bidding. The parent who fails to let the baby learn that every cry does not gratify every desire is in for the sort of slavery you describe in later life.

Why does your daughter prefer her inferiors? Because she wants to occupy the superior position without earning it. She wants to dominate every person and situation as easily as she did in infancy. She is not reconciled to the fact that she is not the monarch she supposed. Every just criticism on the part of her parents is interpreted as a lack of love. She believes that she is right and you are wrong.

If you could afford to do so, perhaps the easiest solution would be to put her in a boarding school far enough away that she would not see her parents often. There she would be obliged to develop a new technique of dealing with people. Old methods would not work. No one else would alternate indulgence with discipline with such confusing rapidity. No one else would love so hard or criticize so severely. An organization like the Girl Scouts would help at less expense.

At home, perhaps you should abandon both criticism and indulgence for the time being and treat the girl more like another adult. Include her in family decisions. Ask her advice about clothes, meals, or anything involving family interests. Show deference to her opinion about movies, books, people. Strengthen her ego, not by gratifying her desires, but by recognizing her as a person. Put responsibility on her. Give her something important to do, involving a trust. I do not believe punishment will help except when you refuse to stand between her and the consequences of her own acts. The library is full of books which will enlarge on what I have said. They ought to prove helpful.

JANE JORDAN.

## Congresswoman Irked Over Taxes She Calls Ridiculous

**By United Press**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Women of America are paying tribute of \$1,300,000 a month to their Uncle Sam for the privilege of looking beautiful and at least one of them, Mrs. Mary T. Norton, the Congresswoman from New Jersey, is getting tired of it.

She feels that taxes on lipstick, excise on rouge and levies on mascara are working a hardship on half, the better half, of the population. She intends, therefore, to fight to the last eyebrow pencil and the ultimate cold cream jar for midday's right to power her nose tax-free.

That isn't all. Mrs. Norton believes it ridiculous for Americans, men and women alike, to pay other taxes every time they polish their teeth, lather their hands and wash their faces.

She will introduce a bill at the first opportunity, she said, calling for repeal of these hidden levies on toilet preparations, which the feminine populace has been paying for five years, mostly without realizing it.

"Cosmetics are used for personal adornment," Mrs. Norton admitted, "but they have become by custom and practice articles of essential usage."

### Art Improves Nature

Other members of Congress, the whiskey ones, may think that cosmetics are luxuries for the rich alone, but Mrs. Norton went on record as saying that all women, however poor, know that art can improve "natur". Their war paint has become a necessity and the government is a meanie levying high taxes against it.

These excises forced Americans, mostly women, to pay into the Federal treasury \$6,989,765.70 for the first five months of the current fiscal year. The payments have been rising rapidly recently with the return of better business.

The tax on perfumes, rouges and beauty unguents is 10 per cent of their wholesale cost, so that every time a woman purchases a box of face powder, or a flask of scent, she pays several extra pennies to the government.

### Swish Means Profits

If she buys half an ounce of perfume for \$10, the tax will amount to about one cent every time she puts a few drops on the lobes of her ears. Every swish of her lipstick means profits to the government; every dab of her powder puff, and every dip into her jar of vanishing cream brings cash to Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr.

The tax on tooth paste and toilet soap isn't quite so stiff, but it works the same way. Congress set it at 5 per cent wholesale, apparently on the theory that keeping clean isn't quite such a luxury as being beautiful.

Mrs. Norton puts the problem thus:

"The existence of a tax on such

## LOCAL FASHIONS



By MARJORIE BINFORD WOODS  
Times Fashion Editor

YOU may think it premature to talk about spring clothes in January, but the dressmakers don't. Your spring image is already sauntering up and down their ateliers; and since our duty in the fashion world is to report the goings on in the style centers, we have peeked through some keyholes and caught a few hunches. Here they are:

Flimsy nets, chiffons and sheers for evening—vaporous, clinging, floating. Pale green, fuchsia, royal blue and black lead the grand march. Under chiffon and net sleeves your jewels will gleam like lights in a fog—or like gold fish under water.

Empire styles and wide skirts, Caspian, elbow-length, waist-length, hip-length, full-length. Women have nursed a tender attachment for capes this winter which can not soon be sundered.

**A**NTEOLOPE gloves edged with silver fox bracelet borders are worn with nets. Two pompons of the same fur form a hair ornament from which a short black veil falls to the back.

Flaring brims jut outward and upward in bright new hats.

"Crockersack" mushroom bonnets, as young as the year, focus their attention on trimmings of velvet, wool yarn cords, and colored appliques for resort wear.

Open strapped shoes. Gold kid, important, alone, or in combination with black satin or black sequins.

Conversation prints that say things in writing and pictures.

"Wally" is written in white all over a rosy wine crinkled pure dye silk.

"Cowboy," "Dancing Chinaman" and "Tepee" are characteristic of the newest.

Large floral prints in pastel linens. They are going south now and will return north with the springtime birds.

Taffeta for suits, scarfs, blouses.

Spring will be crisp, and you can count on looking better than ever!

## Chapter House To Be Scene of February Rites

Mrs. H. L. Yelch, daughter of Edmund Horst, on Feb. 14 at the Butler University Alpha Chi Omega Sorority house. Announcement of the approaching marriage was made at a bridge party given last night by Mrs. Yelch at the Riley Hotel.

Announcements were concealed in pink rosebuds attached to place-cards. Decorations were pink and blue, the future bride's colors. Pink roses and blue delphinium centered the table.

Guests with Mrs. George Horst, Mrs. Horst's mother, included Mrs. E. D. Price, Miss Yelch's aunt; Madame Louis Dawson, Duane Shute, Max Lewis, Gerald Murnan, Francis Baur, Thomas Arnold, Wendell Brown, Henry Unger, John Hitz, George Yount, and Misses Ruth Voorhis, Little Irwin, Ruby Gene Beaver, Mary Helen Karpes, Louise Haworth, Marjorie Lytle, Dorothy Stewart, Betty Akin, Grace Weirick, Esther Woodlock, Ruth Fouts, Josephine Bennett, Vera Sudrock, Margaret Stayton and Mrs. Edwin Moyer, Evansville.

Miss Yelch is a Butler University graduate and Alpha Chi Omega Sorority member. Mr. Horst attended the Butler University Institute. The Haute and is a graduate of the Indianapolis College of Pharmacy. He is a Sigma Nu Fraternity member.

**Overs seas Unit to Meet**

Miss Florence Martin, 2443 N. Talbot Ave., is to be hostess for a meeting of the Indianapolis Unit Women's Overseas Service League, tonight. Miss Martin is to be assisted by Mrs. Addie Lounsberry, Miss Gladys Cline and Miss Grace Hawk.

That's fighting language, congressional style. It means that Mrs. Norton is going to lead the battle for fair play for ladies fair, and let the powder fall where it may.

## Calendar of Club Events

### MONDAY

Indianapolis Literary Club. D. R. Chapter House. Frederick E. Matson, "The Freedom of the Press."

Indianapolis Florists' Women's Society. Postponed until Jan. 18.

Municipal Gardens Woman's Department Club. Clubhouse, 11 a. m. business meeting. 11:55 a. m. breakfast. Mrs. O. R. Stevens, hostess. Group singing. 1:30 p. m. M. T. Collins, "Pleasing the Public in Moving Pictures." Photo Instructors' day.

Ladies' Club. Miss Myrtle Mize, 1040 N. Delaware St., hostess. Irvington Circle, Child Conservation League of America. Mesdames Thomas R. Lyda, Ernest C. Gioson, hostesses. 1 o'clock luncheon. Mrs. E. B. Hetherington, speaker.

Present Day Club. Mrs. W. R. Foltz, Mrs. F. R. Gorman, hostesses. Mrs. C. L. Harkness, "New Orleans and the Everglade Country."

Ladies' Group, Epsilon Sigma Omicron. Mrs. A. H. Off, review, "Vein of Iron," by Ellen Glasgow.

Mrs. Paul Wycoff, discussion leader.

Bremen Current Events Club. Mrs. E. W. Polson, hostess. Mrs. Ernest Gass, "Vincennes and the George Rogers Clark Memorial."

Misses Ruth and Fern Gass, piano duet. Response, "Early Indiana History Incidents."

Cervus Club. Claypool Hotel. Mrs. Joe Menter, hostess. Business meeting, cards.

Welfare Club. Snively tearoom, 1930 N. Alabama St. Mrs. George Coffin, luncheon chairman. Business meeting.

Chapter P. P. E. O. Sisterhood. Mrs. M. Case McKinsey, hostess. 1

o'clock luncheon. Mrs. Bjorn Winger, assistant.

Il Jamale Club. 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Edward D. Cromley, hostess.

Federation of Mothers' Choruses of Indianapolis Public Schools. Banner-Whitehill auditorium. Mrs. Irvin Yeagy, president. Representatives meeting.

Chapter Q. P. E. O. Sisterhood. W. C. A. 5:30 p. o'clock dinner. Mrs. E. C. Michaels, state president; Mrs. W. R. Craigie, state junior past president; Mrs. Glen Smith, Kokomo, state organizer, honor guests.

Mrs. W. P. Houston, Kokomo, guest speaker. Business meeting. Invitation.

Inter Arts Club. Mrs. O. N. Newell, 6275 Central Ave., hostess. Miss Miriam King, assistant. Mrs. R. K. Brown, Miss Dean Russ, speakers.

Veronica Club. 12:30 p. m. luncheon. Mrs. E. J. Giddings, 330 E. 46th St., hostess.

Telwars Service Club. 12:30 p. m. luncheon. Mrs. C. L. Bellry, 5613 E. Washington St., hostess. Mrs. B. Beard, preside. Members to fold dressings for Public Health Nursing Association. Mrs. E. H. Hughes, guest.

TUESDAY

Frances Willard W. C. T. U. Mrs. Janet Anderson, hostess. All day meeting. A. M. Gertrude Sherman, devotions. Dr. Rebecca Parrish, speaker. Guest day. Mrs. Mary Buck, presiding.

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