

Her Spouse Won't Work, Wife Writes

Outsider Would Have More Influence With Him, Jane Says.

Put your problems in a letter to Jane Jordan, who will answer your questions in this column daily.

DEAR JANE JORDAN—

What is the reason some men won't work? What would you do if you were married to one of these won't-work men, he the father of two darling little children, and you had to hear various excuses every day in the year for eight years? Our two children are going to come to real want because my health is going fast from trying to carry the load of both father and mother. I urge him to find work if it is only cutting lawns for people, for it would add a few pennies for food. But he positively will not do one bit of labor.

After eight years of begging, praying and hoping, I at last have decided that it is in vain. I rush out and call those who advertise for men in our papers. I spend hard-earned nickels to get in touch with a job for him. Time and again, kind voices have said, "Tell him to come in. We will be glad to hire anyone if it means helping children." But all my pleading and urging has been futile. He just will not work.

Friends say to step out and get a divorce and try to find happiness again, but I have always tried to stand firm in right, and I'm afraid that would not be the thing to do.

I would be afraid to trust another man and I don't know any men anyway. I believe it will be best for me to find a housekeeping position for some old lady somewhere and try in that way to make a decent home for our children. What would you do?

WORRIED MOTHER.

ANSWER—I wonder what would happen if the man had to work in order to eat? Would he starve rather than work? You've tried pleading and pushing, cajoling and coaxing without results. Now you might try the more practical method of simply pushing him out to sink or swim on his own responsibility.

While I cannot blame you for your anxieties about a jobless husband, I suspect that you've taken the wrong method of getting anything out of him. You've treated him exactly as a mother treats an erring child. You've answered ads, you've called employers, you've been at him morning, noon and night in your efforts to energize him, but have deprived him of nothing in your power to give. The more you try, the balkier he gets.

It wouldn't surprise me if his mother had the same trouble with him and that she used the same methods you use with the same lack of success. Perhaps he married to get away from her constant prodding. When you took up where she left off, he reverted back to his boyhood and refused to budge.

This is only a guess. I may be wrong. I know I'm not wrong in assuming that his irresponsible attitude toward work started in youth. He learned early how to get even with people by refusing to do things their way. I feel certain that he holds some grudge against you that he pays off by flatly refusing to take any work you find for him.

Somebody else would have more influence in persuading him to find an occupation than you have. Consult someone skilled in getting at the bottom of such situations. Many times the opinion of almost any outsider will carry more weight than the family's. If the man knew how much happier he would be succeeding at something than chafing a mule he might make the effort. If you will send your name and address I will suggest someone who may be able to help you.

JANE JORDAN.

Phi Beta Alumnae To Hold Luncheon

The annual alumnae founders' day luncheon of Phi Beta, national sorority of music and drama, is to be held tonight at Mrs. Feiser's home, 4302 N. Illinois St. Mrs. Grace Ann Mattern, Chicago, national honorary president, is to be guest speaker.

Miss Helen Coffey is to entertain with whistling solos and Mrs. Betty Madison is to sing.

Procter Club Meets

Guests attended the Procter Club final meeting of the year today in the new Marian College on Spring Mill Road.

Point Bag Sets Off Simple Costume



The trim simplicity of this spring costume is adequately complemented with the petit point bag from a local shop. It adds finesse for street and afternoon wear and is the aristocrat of needlework art. An intricately woven floral design of many colors is outlined on a gray beige background. The white toy-of-the-face hat boasts a bouquet of flowers and the inevitable streamers of the season.

PLAYS SAFE BY DISCARD

Today's Contract Problem

South has the contract for four hearts. After East wins the opening lead with the ace and returns a spade, can South avoid losing another spade, a trump, and a diamond?

♠ 7 6 5
♦ Q 4
♣ A J 9 2
♠ Q 9 4 3
♦ K 6
♣ 10 5 2
♣ 10 8 7 6
None vul. Opener—▲ 3. Solution in next issue.

Solution to Previous Problem

By W. E. MCKENNEY

American Bridge Secretary

ONE reason why most good bridge players insist upon four of partner's bid suit to justify a raise, unless he has rebid, is that, if partner has bid on a four-card suit, a raise with three gives declarer a

Mind Your Manners

Test your knowledge of correct social usages by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. Should a woman who is seated at a restaurant table rise when another woman who is passing stops to speak to her?

2. What is the usual amount of a tip in a restaurant?

3. Should the tip be larger at a table with a cloth on it than at a bare-topped table?

4. Is it permissible to use a toothpick in public?

5. Is curling one's feet around the legs of the chair a correct way to sit?

What would you do—

You were having a "Dutch treat" lunch with two or three friends in a tea room and it came time to pay the bill—

A. Ask for separate checks?

B. Have one person pay the whole bill and settle with him later.

C. Have each person contribute his share before paying the waiter.

ANSWERS

1. Not, unless she is very young and the one who is passing is much older.

2. Ten per cent of the bill. Larger if the bill is very small.

3. Yes.

4. No!

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Best "What Would You Do?" solution—(B) or (A). Avoid discussion of the bill at table.

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♦ Q J 7
♦ 6 5 3
♦ 3 2
♦ AK Q J 4
♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ A K Q 10
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 3 2
♦ AK 10 5
♥ 4 2
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ 10 9 5
Rubber—None vul.

South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♠ 3 ♥
Pass Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥ K.

bare majority of the trump and loses no safety margin to guard against a bad split in trumps.

However, there are many situations in which declarer himself can guard against four trumps in one hand, by the simple expedient of discarding a loser, instead of trumping.

In today's hand, as the heart suit is divided four and four in the hands of the opponents, it happens that three no trump would have been a safer contract for the North and South pair.

When the opening lead was made, South could count 10 tricks, provided he did not have to lose a trump. He could not guard against five trump in one hand, but if the trumps were four and two he could make his contract.

West continued with the queen of hearts and then played the ace, South, instead of ruffing this trick, discarded a small diamond.

Now West could not continue hearts. He shifted to diamonds, but South won with the ace and then led out all of the trumps. While this play left him without a trump in either hand, his foresight was rewarded, as West had held four trumps originally. His South ruffed the third heart lead, his contract would have been defeated two tricks.

There was nothing to gain and everything to lose by ruffing. South could have discarded only two losers on dummy's clubs, in any event, and would still be left with a diamond loser.

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Indiana Officials'

Wives to Entertain

Wives of the elected State officials are to give a luncheon and bridge party June 1 at Hollyhock Hill for Mrs. M. Clifford Townsend. Each of the wives is to bring one guest.

Mrs. William F. Dudine, chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Posey T. Kline.

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Quarrels Often Are Habitual

Most Childish 'Spats' Without Real Grievance.

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

Quarrels among children in the family are largely a matter of habit. A child becomes so accustomed to taking exception to every move made by the others that about half the time he fusses without one thing to fume about.

Children do get jealous of each other, of course, and they are also greatly afraid of being imposed upon. What is more common than to hear John growl, "Send Bob this, I want last. He never takes his turn!"

But by and large, most of them have no real grievance. Their little spats are mostly on top. The child who has a real hurt, and who is actually unhappy, is usually silent about it, or else he tries to cover up by behavior entirely unrelated to his trouble.

Whatever the cause may be for the every-few-minutes wrangling, a mother gets nervous just the same.

Warring Unnoticed

She may become so accustomed to the continual wrangling that she doesn't actually notice it, but merely wonders why she herself is so irritable and tired.

Without any word to her family, she might begin in her own quiet way, to observe the chief causes of battle.

In most cases she is likely to discover that habit and chip-carrying are all there is to the matter. If this is true and she suspects no imposition, or teasing or overbearing behavior on the part of any of the children, then she need call for no uncertain measure.

Frankly and flatly she must put the problem up to the youngsters themselves. "I won't have this screaming and quarreling one minute longer," she should say.

Problem Child Is Exception

If they see that she means what she says, they are going to bury their small axes with amazing speed. It is strange how enforced good behavior reacts on the thoughts and actions of the disciplined. These children will feel more kindly toward another in a little while, their small grudges forgotten.

If the mother finds that one child is the source of most of the trouble, the storm center so to speak, then her safest move is to bury him as a problem.

He may need some very special handling to overcome his bullying, which is stepchild to some unhappy complexity in himself, and needs wisdom and patience to overcome.

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