

Ask Mrs. Manners— 'I've Lost Respect For My Husband'

ANOTHER WOMAN gets my husband cracked up on his motorcycle and I have to play nursemaid to him. I've lost faith and respect for him.

While I visited my folks he ended in the hospital with a fractured leg and an infection that will lay him up for a year. He said a girl asked him for a ride and she ended in the hospital too. He claims it was no date and that he didn't do anything wrong but I think it was a date and that no respectable man, loving his wife, would go riding with another woman. I went to see her and she said he was lonesome and asked her to take a ride.

He gets cross when I try to talk it over. He tells people about the accident but not about the girl. Is that a sign of guilt?

I've been married two years and have no home and no children—we only have a 1947 motorcycle. **NURSEMAID WIFE.**

Your husband didn't ask you to marry him because you argued all the time and he won't stay attentive that way. Stop talking about the girl if you want him to love you and if you want to stop thinking about her. Stay away from her—that makes you appear to be slipping.

Your husband will have time to think for a year. He already feels guilty, and that's good. If you're real smart, and not nagging, he'll feel so ashamed that he won't slip again and he might try to make up to you by saving for home.

I'd hardly call a motorcycle ride a date. I don't blame you for not serving a rose on his tray every day. I think I'd take care of him but go on about my own activities as well, letting him wonder a little—and be lonesome.

You wouldn't be any happier if you learned who did the asking about the ride, and you honestly wouldn't want your husband to tell callers that there was a girl on that motorcycle.

Says Her Husband Won't Take 'Cure'

MY HUSBAND just doesn't seem to care about advancement. My parents gave us material to build a house but he refused to take it. They loaned us money for down payment on furnishings but he keeps buying whisky. He as much as told me he doesn't want to own a home.

I asked him to take the "cure" but he tells me he loves whisky and refuses. He is horrible when drunk. I've pleaded, begged, and prayed but I haven't gotten any place.

M. H.
Your husband may have more ambition than you think—and he does have pride. He may want to earn his own home and is embarrassed because his finances don't permit him to build. Your nagging at him and your possible insinuations that you're dissatisfied may encourage him to drink.

These are awful grudges between a man and woman who love each other enough to marry and to promise to live together for the rest of their lives. One little grudge, a lot of stubbornness and bang, away goes love and eventually marriage—all because a wife, or husband, can't make each other over.

'How Can I Get Him to Notice Me?'

I LIKED A BOY the first time I saw him at the skating rink but there's one thing wrong—he doesn't know me. How can I get him to notice me? I feel more for him than I have for all the other boys put together.

M. S.
Forget yourself—and the chase—for awhile. You've probably skated around him enough that he's seen you and would do something about meeting you if he were interested.

Suppose you're eying on this boy, exercising charms that really weren't the "real you" and won him. Right away you'd have a sigh of relief and think the "battle" had been won. Actually, it would be just beginning but you wouldn't end winning it because you would revert to your true self. Marriage is difficult enough when men and women know and accept each other's personalities.

To a "Faithful Reader"—Ask at libraries about the clubs you're hunting.

Should She Be Friends With His Mother?

I HAVE AN exsweetheart who lives in another city and I've always been friendly with his mother. Though he and I no longer correspond, she and I do. I've always sent her cards, etc., on Mother's Day. Should I send her flowers this year? RUTH.

Send her the flowers. You're friends—real friends—you don't need a romance as a reason for your companionship.

'Why Does My Boy-Friend Mope So?'

WHY DOES my boy-friend mope so? I'm finding the problems of the world very perplexing. This boy is in high school age and very dear to me. I'm sure he likes me for he told me so often but lately he hasn't been happy with me. I realize we're too young to be serious and think this might be it. What would you suggest?

PERPLEXED.

Any number of things may be making your boy-friend unhappy. Be cheerful and ignore his moping. Best friends listen if they're confided in, but they don't ask questions.

Asks About Acknowledgement of Gifts

WHAT IS the proper way for a bride to acknowledge her gifts? Should this be done in her maiden name prior to the wedding or after the wedding, in the name of the bride and groom?

SATISFIED READER.

Wedding gifts belong to the bride but she thanks donors as if they belong to the groom too, particularly when his friends sent them. The bride writes "thank you" letters on note paper, if necessary on the day that the gifts arrive, signing her maiden name.

Reader Asks About Part-Time Job

I WANT TO GO to a Christian training camp this summer and have to save my tuition and buy my clothes. I'm 15 and want a job after school and on Saturdays, or just on Saturdays. I'm in my third semester of typing and shorthand, made "A" in bookkeeping, and have a high "B" average. I'd be interested in children or almost anything.

Tell your instructors that you're job-hunting and apply at other services and at offices. Advertise and watch advertisements.

Wonders About Giving Wedding Gift

MY FRIEND has sent me an invitation to her wedding and reception. I am attending a shower for her and intend to give her a nice gift then. Shall I be expected to take another gift to the reception?

Give your friend a suitable shower gift and send her a wedding present, before the wedding.

Let Mrs. Manners and readers of the column share your problems and answer your questions. Write in care of The Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

Triple Shooting Trial Date Set

Selection of a jury in the trial of an Indianapolis man, charged with first degree murder in a triple shooting here in May, 1947, will begin Monday in Criminal Court 2.

Facing trial before Special Judge Francis Hughes is Cartwright Road, 36, of 956 Lexington Ave. He is alleged to have shot his wife, Mrs. Mary Miller, 30, and her brother, Charles Wall, 33. He then shot himself.

Both Hood and his former spouse recovered but the brother died two weeks later in General Hospital.

The shooting followed an argument at the double house in which the Miller family and the Wall family lived on State Road 37 just south of the city.

High School ROTC Cadets to Get Medals

Six cadet privates in Indianapolis high school ROTC units will be presented Reserve Officers Association's medals as outstanding private cadets in their respective school units.

According to Capt. Claude M. Spilman, the president of Chapter 7, ROA, the cadet privates who will be honored are Paul M. Downs, Broad Ripple; Robert F. Lyons, Technical; Sammy G. Morgan, Crispus Attucks; Henry L. Bannon, Manual; Robert D. Hammon, Washington, and Paul D. Quinn, Shortridge.

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Local Man Injured
Cyril J. Arnold, 25, of 126 E. 9th St., was treated at Methodist Hospital last night for burns received when flames from an incinerator seared his arms.

Police were told the burner back-fired when Mr. Arnold opened the incinerator door.

An Orchid for Mother

Mrs. Mary Smith, 1209 N. Arsenal Ave., received her Mother's Day remembrance from her son two days early yesterday. Her son, HA 1/C Francis Robert Ray, who is stationed at the US Naval Submarine Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, sent her a purple orchid via special delivery air mail.

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