

Ask Mrs. Manners—

'My Boy Friend Hangs On Door—Talks, Talks'

I'M 21 AND MY BOY FRIEND, who I'm very fond of has only one bad habit. When he brings me home from a date he hangs on to the doorknob, talking, talking, talking.

I work hard and must get lots of sleep. He doesn't work.

How can I let him know, without hurting his feelings, to scram?

A. L. R.
A fine way to bore a man is to drag along another girl and devote your conversation to her—about things he isn't interested in. Bring home girl friends to spend the night and he'll probably take off after hitting the doorstep. Could you get together with other couples and be the first to be taken home?

You could just tell him his talk is terrific, but you'll have to tear yourself to bed. Maybe you could act concerned that your conversation keeps your parents awake or ruins your reputation in the neighborhood. Ask your mother if you may have dates at home, and have her set a leaving hour.

'My Boy Friend Flirts'

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING I want but one boy. What is wrong with me? I have lots of friends, boys and girls. I've been told I'm cute and some people call me a "baby face."

This boy used to like me but doesn't now, as much. On our last date five weeks ago he flirted with the car-hop and talked about other girls. Recently he told me he was going steady but his best friend said he wasn't—that he wanted to see my reaction.

He's the nicest boy I know and never once got fresh. Why does he flirt with other girls? Is there something wrong with me? I'm 17 and have long red hair, if that helps. I've got to do something for I'm losing friends and ruining other boys' evenings.

RED, BABY FACE.
I imagine the long red hair is a big help, but I doubt if being aware of your "baby face" helps. Less interest in yourself might bring you more male interest. The boy probably flirts because he's a boy and young—and because he thinks you're looking around. You might as well have some fun—he thinks you do.

Still Loves His First Wife

I'M 27 AND love my first wife. I can't find any way to tell my second wife about how I feel. Could you please advise me what to do?

LONESOME AND BLUE J. P., CITY.
You want me to make it easy for you to crack up your wife's life, stab her pride, and maybe break her heart. A dirty trick is bad enough, but wanting an excuse for it is really low. You evidently felt enough affection for her to marry her, and you probably mentioned love. If you can't give her love you can give her kindness, affection, friendship and security. You can give her all the things you probably neglected to give in two marriages with the result that one failed and one is quaking.

'My Boy Friend Is Spoiled'

I'VE BEEN GOING with a boy almost four months but he thinks he should have everything his way. I love him very much, but he has been spoiled all his life.

We broke up the other night over a silly thing. He wanted me to come out on the porch and sit with him but I told him to come into the house. He got mad. What can I do? I know he loves me but he won't come back because of his pride. Please help me.

CITY READER.
Unless there's something back of this too private for these old ears, I'd say you're both spoiled. You're never going to find a boy who'll always come into the house when you want him to. You'd better shop around a little and learn what I mean, or you'll be sitting in the house without anyone on the porch. Men's minds don't run your way on fair play—they think doing what they want to do without a fuss from their girl is fair play.

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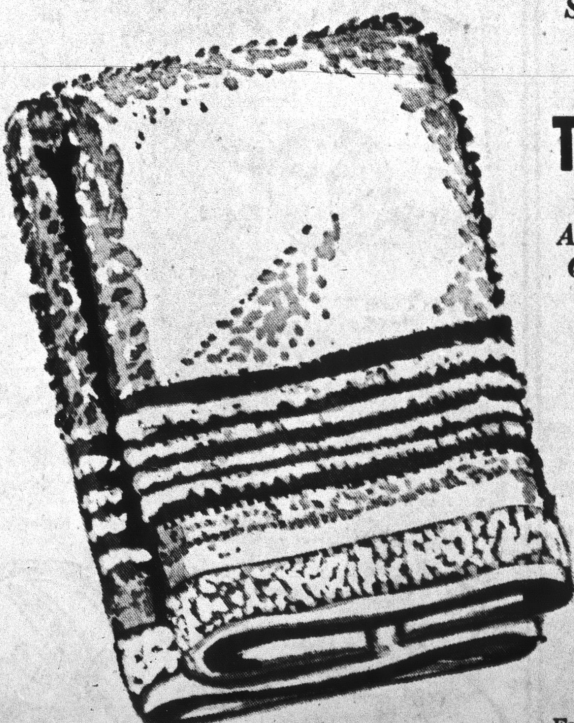
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