

Ask Mrs. Manners— Girl Wants to Marry Him, Goes With Others

A GIRL who says she loves me and asks me to marry her still goes out with other fellows who have money and cars, which I don't have. Do you think I should forget her or keep on hoping?

I told her we should be sure before we married, though I love her. Some of the things she does puzzle me. The day she asked me to marry her she made a date with me and stood me up, which she has done more than once. We split up; I've had other dates, but I always think of her and her cute daughter I love.

I'm 22 and she is 21. She has been married. I met her two months after I was discharged from the service and we went steady six months, splitting up because of her other fellows. We stayed friends, and she asked me to come to see her often.

PUZZLED F. J. L., City.

The trouble is you've been hoping too long now. She is hoping, too, if she loves you. She hopes you'll take her in hand and crowd out those other men. She wants you to convince her that you love her and that marriage would work. She knows she can have you and the other fellows—and she'll keep having them as long as she gets away with it.

I think you'd prefer a girl making you feel brave enough to propose to, so I'd keep on looking.

What About Women's Rights Here?

IS THERE a Women's Rights organization in Indianapolis? NORTHEAST SIDE READER.

You probably refer to the Indiana Society for the Equal Rights Amendment which is affiliated with the National Woman's party. Indianapolis women belong to that group.

Mary C. Kennedy, 535 Kosuth St., Lafayette, is president of the equal rights group.

To Mrs. S. Sullivan—I'm sorry, but I can't reveal names. You shouldn't be lonely with all those assets. Get interested in some activities and hobbies.

Daughter Worried About Dad's Eyes

HOW CAN I persuade my father to have his eyes examined for glasses? Ever since I can remember I've heard him say that he couldn't imagine anything worse than being blind, and now he is abusing his own eyes so terribly it is worrying me sick. They are getting worse and he reads less and less. He considers the need for glasses a curse of fate instead of feeling grateful that he lives in an age when help is available.

A LOVING DAUGHTER, City. Try subtly bringing him into contact with situations that show him his failing sight is depriving him of reading that he enjoys—that it is endangering his very life. You'll have to be cagey—he will need to realize he might be run down by an auto, that he's missing a lot. Forcing him to take action won't accomplish what you want—he'll think he's failing mentally and, he'll just become stubborn.

Another Man Is on Mind of Wife

I CAN GET along with my husband but I love another man who is on my mind constantly. We've been married two years and have a baby now, but we've been separated twice. My husband doesn't like to work and we've had nothing. He left me both times because he didn't want responsibilities. Now he refuses to give me a divorce and insists we make a "go" of our marriage.

During the second separation I met another man whom I love very much. We were going to be married when my divorce went through, but the only way I can keep my son is to stay married. I haven't seen him for a month but I talked to him. What should I do? What is best for the baby?

DISGUSTED, City.

Marrying this other man wouldn't stop your restlessness and your worries. Some problems would come along with him, some you aren't anticipating—and with them would be your old feeling of guilt for depriving your son of his real father, if your husband consented to divorce. Your husband sounds like a pretty good man—he apparently loves you and the baby and he hates to have your marriage fail. Evidently he's easy to get along with, but you're wanting excitement. I'd think it would be exciting to make something of your marriage. How about another attempt, an open-minded, determined attempt?

A Matter Up to the Court

WHEN A COUPLE divorces may the parent not given custody of the child see it? That's up to the court.

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