

Ask Mrs. Manners

Husband Steps Out, Wife's Trust Fades

DEAR MRS. MANNERS: I URGED my husband to play poker on Friday nights with "the boys"—but he wasn't WITH "the boys." He said he stepped out because I was cold to him.

I got busy and changed—but quick. He said the affair was nothing, and all that stuff that men usually hand out to their wives. He said I'd always been the only one and still was, and that as long as I stayed like I am now no one Boy Friend is Bossy

I'm resentful and have lost 20, I think a lot of it. But I don't trust for him. Why should he get know it? I love him. He tries to be easy and let me how to dress. I'm sick of it. He tells me where to go, picks my friends and tells an easy mark? Maybe he is just too common. I want to quit him, but can't

He tells me I'm too common. I want to quit him, but can't. It would tickle me to see him get caught in an embarrassing situation and have to squirm on time, yet he has stood me up three times. Should I take all that no one knows it. If I had the nerve, I'd arrange a sit-down. Nothing I do pleases him. He needs a good lesson so the next time he won't be so anxious.

It's this a phase that women go through, or am I completely out of love with him? Am I just a mean, bitter woman? I know that I should forget and try to build something worthwhile—but I wonder if he's worth it. Maybe I do love him but just want to get the best of him. I've been so utterly decent during my married life, and before, too, that I don't feel he realizes what he has. It should mean a lot to a man to have a woman he can trust. All this sordid life is more than I can take.

WEST SIDE READER. Whether it's our mother instinct that makes us feel free to dole out punishment for misdemeanors, or our inability to stuff our frets physically, we women are vengeful. I don't blame you a bit for being steamed up but the best way to defeat that husband you'll love again is to stay ahead of him.

Staying ahead means you have to act sure of yourself, and to be sure of yourself you'll have to try to right the wrongs he tells you did him. Taking your spite out on your husband would only make you unhappy because, added to a broken marriage, you'd have a bad conscience for making mistakes which you must feel you made or you wouldn't have changed.

Ending ahead, not getting even for your husband's one mistake, and staying ahead is what you want.

Your Job— Seeks Return To Factory Work

Now Has Cleaning
Job at Night

By JAMES GRAYSON
During the war, I had a good job in one of the local defense plants. I am now a cleaning woman working at night in an office building. I would like to get back into the work. Have you any suggestions?

As you know, factory work is not like it was during the war. From your letter I assume that you worked for one employer only during that period. It is likely that this plant is no longer making the same product it did before, the wife may receive between \$25 and \$35 a week, hardly enough to alimony.

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Your Marriage: By Samuel and Esther Kling— Many Ways for Divorcee To Lose Out on Alimony

Q.—Are wives entitled to alimony under all circumstances? A.—No. To be entitled to alimony, a wife must prove that she is the innocent party in a divorce action. If her husband obtains a decree, she will not receive any alimony at all.

While it is true that four out of every five divorces are procured by women, this does not mean that the husband is necessarily the wrong-doer. Many men permit their wives to obtain the decree only that the wife will waive all her rights to alimony and support.

But even where the wife is entitled to alimony, the amount awarded is often a disappointment. As a rule, courts allow only one-fourth or one-third of the husband's income. If the man makes \$100 a week, for example, the wife may receive between \$25 and \$35 a week, hardly enough to alimony.

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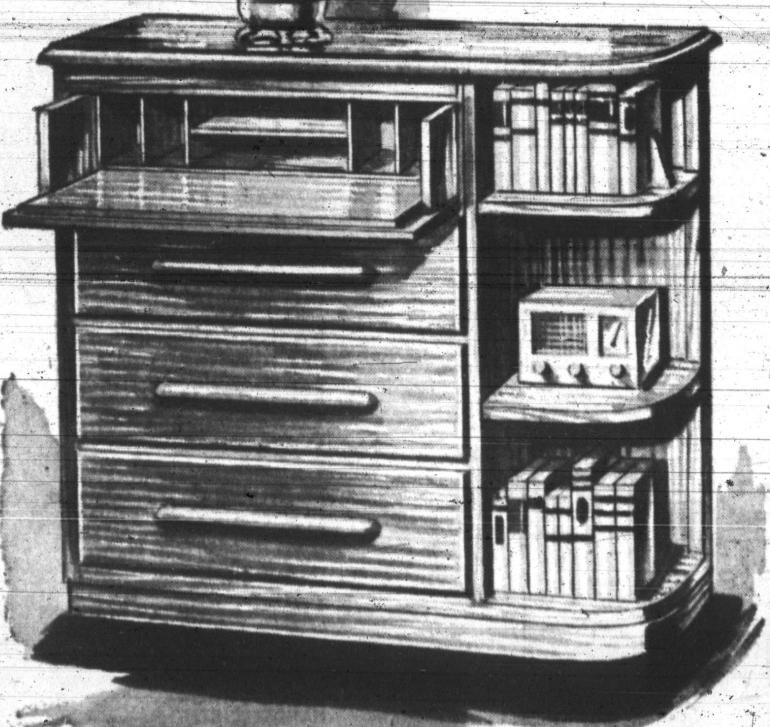
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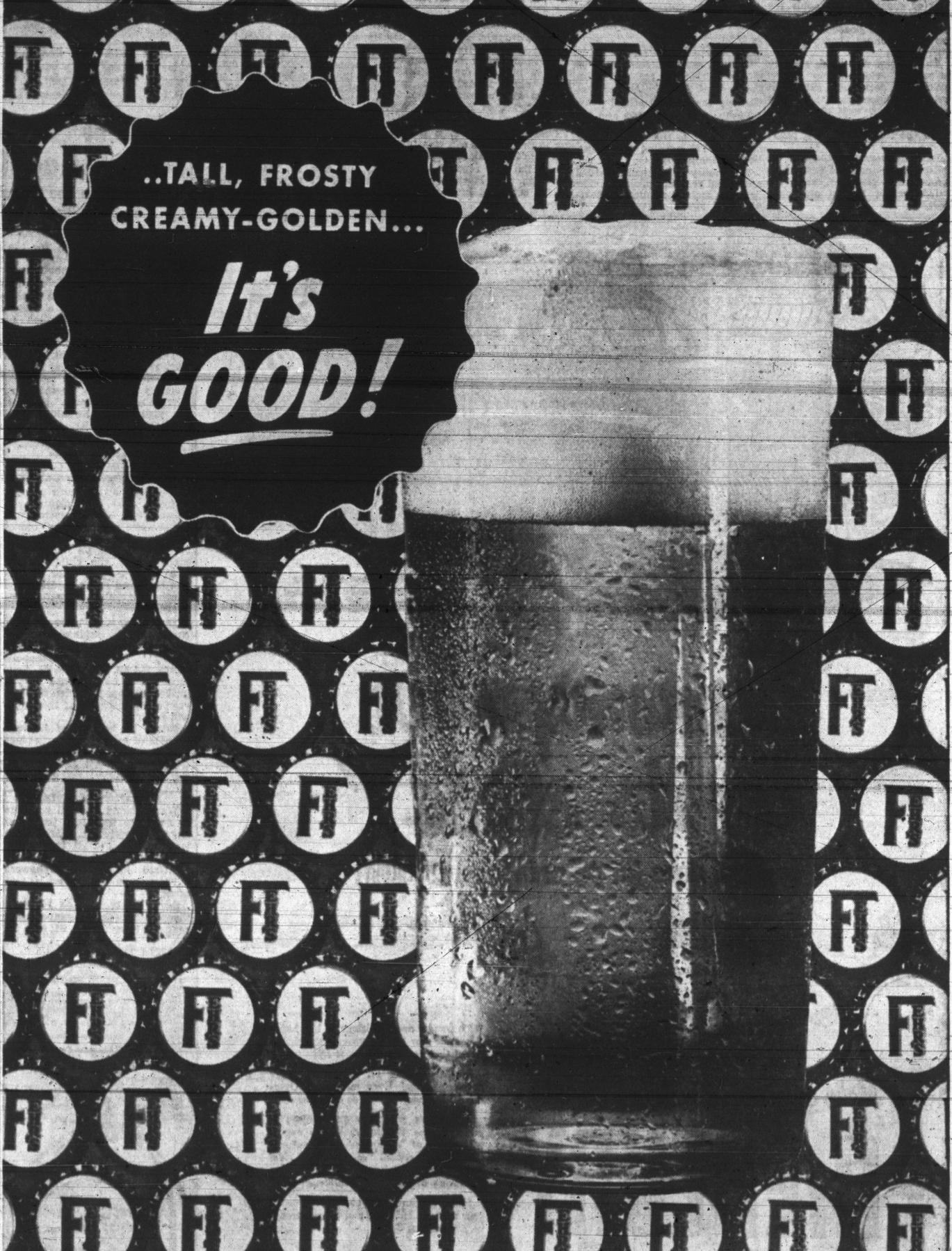
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