

Ask Mrs. Manners—

III-Tempered, Nagging Wife Recognizes Her Faults After Divorce

DEAR MRS. MANNERS:

I THOUGHT divorces would prove to the world how right I was—how wrong my husband was. It didn't work that way. It showed me, in my loneliness since divorce, how wrong I was many times—how I enjoyed suffering. Divorce took away the self-confidence I felt as a happy bride—happy because I tried to please my husband.

I honestly believe my husband stayed with me as long as he did because he felt sorry for me and thought I needed him. When my nagging and temper convinced him that nothing would help—that I didn't want to be helped—he left.

Ladies, when you don't do anything to make your husband happy and act happy married to him, you're apt to end without a husband as I did. Then you'll learn just what kind of woman you are. The realization isn't pleasant. I know.

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The woman who thinks her husband will ignore or endure her nagging and bossing without outbreak and stick around faithfully because of their sacred vows is taking a chance, isn't she? His conscience doesn't bother him much if he steps out when he feels he is mistreated. He can't quite understand the woman who overlooked his faults or made him think he didn't have many before they married. He tried to live up to her opinion then. When she changes that opinion, he usually lives up to the new one, too.

A man is usually looking for a home. He still hunts when he's unhappily married. It takes several mistakes to make him give up the idea completely.

Grooming Is Important
MANY a gal weeps on my shoulder over a year's time for I'm a counselor in a big office—a kind of social worker coming up through the ranks. The letter by the girl worrying about her unkind friend reminded me of one of our girls.

Linda (that's not her real name, of course) won everybody. Though her appearance wasn't top-notch the day she got her job, she charmed the personnel department. She grew more and more unkempt.

Despite her untidiness one of our attractive men got interested in her. In a few months he walked out on her. About the same time the office manager told me to "get that girl cleaned up" or he'd fire her.

Linda told me, in a deluge of tears, that the man she loved accused her of being dirty. Then I had to tell her the same thing, urged by the office manager. She became defiant and said she was as clean as anybody, but that week she quit.

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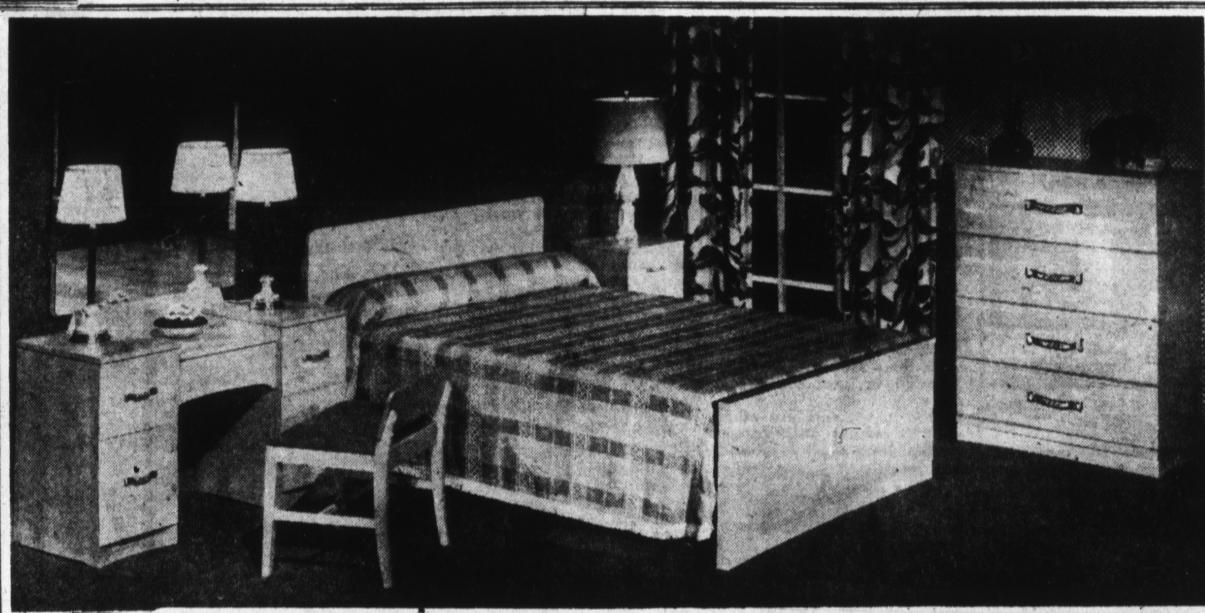
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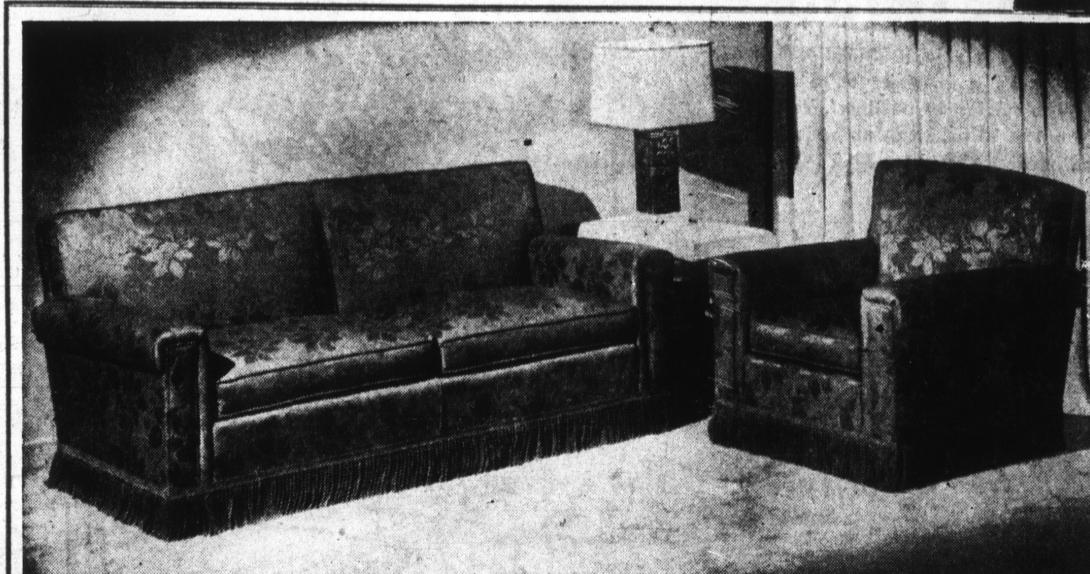
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