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ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: I read so many sad letters in your column that I hope you will print this different one from me. If men read it, maybe they will 'wise up.'

"When I married, I did not love my husband. I married him because my parents liked him, and urged me to. He was fat, and not a bit handsome—not my type at all. I was all set to find plenty of fault in him, and then tell Father.

"When I was married three months, I became pregnant. Then I was sure that I was doomed to s nd a life of unhappiness with a ma. I did not even want! I did not tell my husband about the baby until I became very ill. He walked the floor until the doctor came; and when I saw how upset he was, I got the idea that he wasn't so bad after all.

"The illness was caused by a disease I had when I was a child . . I was deathly ill at times, and for a while I hated my husband terribly. I screamed bloody murder at him, wished I'd never seen him.

He never lost his patience.

"He kept house himself, hired a girl to do the laundry. Every day he told me how much he loved me, and what a sweet little woman he married . . . I did not understand at first, but I could see that he was sincere. Many times he dried my tears, and whispered sweet things in my ears. The doctor ordered care, fo me, and my husband saw that I got it.

"For nearly two months after the baby came, I had to have a nurse. When I mentioned the heavy expense, my husband issed me and told me not to worry my pretty head.

"Afte she left, he helped do the laundry and take care of our little boy, and always hung around trying to do things for me. When I wanted to go shopping or visiting, he sat with the baby.

"Then I found myself primping when it was time for him to come home, and wishing him a good time when he went out to play poker with the boys. I was afraid I was fallin in love!

"One day I took a second look at this fat man who had stood by me so faithfully when I was hard to get along with. Right then I knew I was madly in love with him, and there was nothing I wouldn't do to make him happy. Now we are the two happiest people in the world.

"I found out that no woman can hate a kind and faithful man. If more men would be like he is, there would be many more happy women in this world. It hurts me to think that except for my illness I would never have known what sort of a man he is. God works in wondrous ways!"

* TO "MRS. P. T." How very right you are! There is no more essential quality in marriage (or any other relationship) than kindness, as I said just the other day. It can win a woman when all other efforts fail, and bring her to her knees in gratitude.

How unfortunate, indeed, that more husbands do not practice this art. I hope those men who read your letter to-day will examine themselves honestly, and follow your husband's example. They, like him, will have their reward, and it will be a rich one.

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Anne Hirst likes to print letters from happy readers, too, when she can give the space. If you have overcome difficulties and found peace, tell her about it. Address Anne Hirst at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

Laura Wheeler

What a lot of cheer a little color can bring to your kitchen! These motifs take so little time; add so much gaiety to the towels.

Use two shades of one color or varied colors. Pattern 623; transfer 6 motifs averaging 4⅝x8 inches.

Laura Wheeler's improved pattern makes needlework so simple with its charts, photos and concise directions.

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Making Oil Can Spout Longer

When oiling a washing machine or their household machinery, you sometimes find places hard to reach with the short spout of your oil can. Some folks found that one can use an ordinary soda fountain straw to help out in such an emergency. Just slip the end of the straw over the spout and you can reach all places on the machine. And you will be surprised to find how long a straw will last.

"Mike" Talk

Director Michael Curtiz responsible for many big winners in the movies now vies with Sam Goldwyn as a producer of malapropisms as well as pictures. His latest, treasured by his intimates, are: "I don't care what the public like as long as the audience likes it" and "Please don't talk while I'm interrupting." And wasn't it Curtiz who visualizing a riderless horse trailing across a street during a Wild West shooting affray as a striking dramatic touch roared to an astonished assistant: "Quick, bring me an empty horse."

The Ice Woman Cometh—Chris Landon, a Miami Beach, model, is wearing over $2,000,000 worth of diamonds from the collection of Romanian Princess Eristavi-Tchicherine. The tiara alone has 550 matched diamonds. On her left hand is a 23½-carat emerald-cut diamond. Her right hand sparkles with a 32-carat pear-shaped diamond. Looks like the heavy guard is a necessity.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline P. Clarke

Farmers have had to take some pretty hard knocks during the last couple of weeks—and mostly from the United States. Declaration of pork products as surplus, and the decision to dump millions of dollars worth of other agricultural products on the export market at prices below cost. And then along comes Louis Bromfield, well-known author, and owner of Malabar Farm in Ohio, and tells a Canadian audience that bad farmers are largely responsible for low farm prices and that "during the next 25 or 30 years bad farmers will be eliminated, leaving only the farmer who is a scientist, a specialist and a business-man."

From other reports we notice a trend towards encouraging farming on a large scale. Does that mean the gradual ousting of the 100-acre farmer? Surely there is room for both types. In business we have our Eaton's and Simpson's; Woolworth's and Kresge's—all of whom help promote competition. But where would we be without our small town merchants . . . or without our small acreage farmers?

We think the farmer should make every effort to be a good business-man—on a small scale. But deliver us from commercial farming as a pattern for agriculture. We might as well have collective farming and done with it. There are many large farms in Ontario, with beautiful barns, wonderful livestock and the very latest in machinery. They are the show windows of agriculture, and we are proud that Canada can boast of so many. Yet it is the small farmers who are responsible for the bulk of agricultural products. It was the small farmer to whom the government appealed for increased production during the war years; and also in the post-war period to feed the hungry peoples of the world. Now there is a surplus of farm produce in this country, and we are told, in effect, that the farmer must learn to shift for himself and not depend upon government support or government subsidies. Well, not all farmers want subsidies anyway—we realize only too well that we help pay for them. But neither do we like this idea of kicking a man when he is down. Falling markets are bad enough but to insinuate that farmers have been short-sighted and are themselves to blame, is adding insult to injury. It makes me think of the plight of an old soldier in Kipling's Barrack Room Ballads—

"I done my six years' service.
'Er Majesty sez: 'Good day—
You'll please to come when you're rung for,
And 'ere's your 'ole back pay;
And fourpence a day for baccy—
an' bloomin' generous, too;
An' now you can make yer fortune—
The same as your officers do."

Farmers, too, have done their years of service—so now they can be discharged and left to their own devices But if there should be another war then the farmer would get a lot of back-patting once again, and the old soldier be encouraged to rejoin the army.

There is another aspect I don't like in the present mix-up—and that is the depressing effect it must have on the younger generation. For years, now everything has been done to encourage young folk to stay on the farm In fact, we had come to the place when the rising generation was beginning to realise that farming might not be such a bad idea after all But what encouragement is there now, when almost every day something comes to light which seems to spell blue ruin for the farmer? Personally, I don't think things are that bad, because there is more to farming than dollars and cents, but that knowledge is something which comes only with the passing of time.

Some years ago Partner and I attended a meeting near here. I think it was in the 30's We listened to several speakers telling farmers how to get the best returns for their work—just as we are being told today. Then Professor Graham, formerly of the O.A.C., spoke briefly. Dr Graham did not dwell on the problems confronting farmers but stressed the fact that "farming was a way of living." There was more inspiration in his few remarks than in all that had been said before. It may be necessary for a farmer to be a scientist, a specialist, and a business-man, but he is also an idealist and a philosopher—or he wouldn't be a farmer. And his idealism, and his philosophy of life will carry him over the bumps when science, specialization and business ability have let him down.

I was amused when I read in the paper that Louis Bromfield was presented by the Canadian Author's Association with a copy of Peter McArthur's "In Pastures Green." I wondered what these two would have in common—Louis Bromfield, farm efficiency expert, and Peter McArthur, well-loved friend and champion of the ordinary, everyday farmer. He, too, believed in farming "as a way of living."

MULISH

The doctor had for a patient a stubborn, self-opiniated man who disregarded most of his advice and diet rules. After the third visit, with no improvement in the man's condition, the doctor blew up. "I have done all that I could for you, but you refuse to follow my directions," he said. "I suggest that in the future you consult Dr. X down the street."

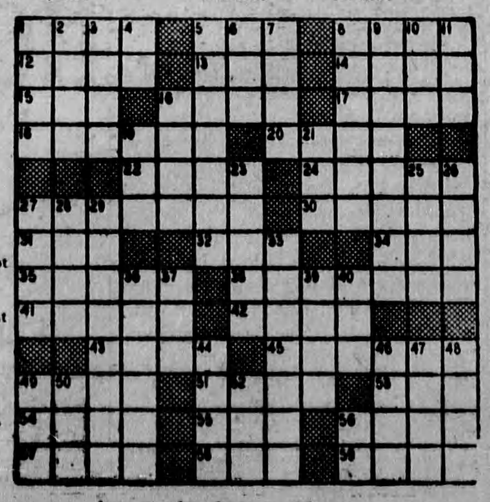
"Why, that man is a veterinary!" the stubborn one exclaimed.

" I am well aware of the fact." the doctor replied. Good-day, sir!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Ancient Syrian kingdom
5. Small cushion
8. Self-satisfied
12. English queen
13. Self
14. Pallid
15. Obtain
16. Gather
17. Article
18. Gives out
20. Egyptian river
22. Move
24. Stanza
27. Death
30. Oriental
31. Anthropoid animal
32. Tilt
34. Gone by
35. Musical composition
38. Snuggles
41. Ancient chariot
42. Portico
43. Glacial ridges
45. Greatest
49. Hindu garment
51. Hotels
53. Light-House Harry
54. State
55. Garland
56. Scandinavian measure
57. Walk in water
58. Grassland
59. Grit

DOWN
1. Wise men
2. Individuals
3. Insects
4. Exist
5. Continue
6. Epoch
7. Soft feathers
8. Sap-drawing spouts
9. Substance
10. Rubber tree
11. Jewe
16. Greek letter
19. Employ
21. Ground pine
23. Driving lines
25. Seasoning
26. Grandson of Adam
27. Venture
28. Epic poem
29. Examined officially
33. Flower
36. Wish
37. Harem room
39. Drunkards
40. Cap
44. Small stream
46. Wide-mouthed jar
47. Witnessed
48. Look after
49. Cutting tool
50. Hummingbird
52. Born
56. Like



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New and Useful Too

Runless Hosiery

Maker claims "Nylife" liquid plastic invisibly protect nylon, silk or rayon hosiery against runs or snags; won't mix with water; equally effective on new or worn stockings.

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Sport-oculars

Three-power binoculars which may be worn like ordinary glasses. Plastic nose piece and temples are fastened to lightweight aluminum body. Temples adjusted to individual fit by submerging in hot water until plastic has softened, then formed to desired shape.

Lustre Paint Finish

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Superpure Water

Tap water is changed to product equivalent to triple-distilled water suitable for laboratory work by table-top device which handles five gallons an hour, declares manufacturer. Treated water said to have electrical resistance of 10,000,000 ohms per cm (purest water ever produced reported to have had resistance of 23,000,000 ohms per cm). Filtration distillation uses ion-exchange technique; water flows through mixed bed of synthetic resins, and is both softened and demineralized in process.

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Giant TV Close-up

Video pictures are magnified to giant close-up by remote control with new unit which makers say is easily installed on TV receivers. Operates with push button any distance up to 25 feet; picture returned to normal size by pressing button again; makers claim enlarged image distortion-free, no loss of brillance or focus.

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Damp-Sweeping

Sweeping with dampened cloth fitted over special broom head is claimed by makers to reduce wear and tear on floors, cut labor costs and pick up fine grit and soot. The brush element holds cloth against floor. Universal joint-type attachment on five-foot handle permits handle to be rotated to any angle while brush remains stationary on floor, making sweeping of confined areas and corners easier, say makers.

Humidifier

Evaporation of water from invisible pores of lightweight ceramic material maintains proper humidity in dry air or dry rooms, claims the manufacturer. Material holds four times its weight in water; one filling lasts five to seven days; material won't drip. Metal housing has baffled front, fits on top almost any radiator.

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Farm Water Pump

Small enough to fit under regular sink, water-pumping unit for resort cottages and farm pumps directly from well or spring, said to require no storage tank. Electric motor (¼ hp) drives rotary pump to secure 20 to 40-lb. pressure.

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Cigarette Turtles

Small china turtles placed in ash tray automatically snuff out cigarettes placed in cigarette-size holes in each shell; cut down fire hazard and stale tobacco odors.

Twice As Shy As The Chickadee

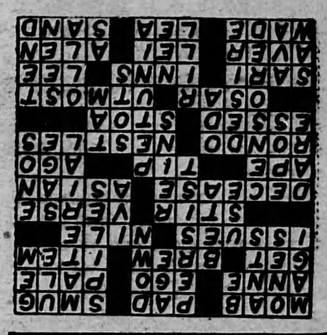
Among the winter birds which patronize a feeding station, few have a more ingratiating manner than the little downy woodpeckers. They are like bright-eyed, shy, slightly awkward youngsters trained to mind their manners and watch their words. They are dressed in black and white bib-and-tucker, and the boys among them have red caps.

They come to the grain board in swooping, little bursts of flight perch there, look around, and choose perhaps one seed. Then they spot the suet. That is their meat, literally. They work around it like acrobats, in every conceivable position, preferably upside down. And then they are off again, usually to the nearest apple tree, where their chisel-beaks probe unerringly to the dormant larvae of borers waiting for spring.

The downy is only a little larger than a chickadee, but he is twice as shy. He comes seldom to the feeder when other birds are there, and he is one of the few birds which selraise a ruckus over food. Perhaps he knows that there is enough, if not plenty, to be had by working for it in any orchard, even in winter. Certainly he is not one to take all his meals at the free counter; he comes and goes as he pleases, even at the suet box. And he is provident enough to find himself a home in a hollow tree and spend the winter nights in that snug shelter.

If there is valid criticism of the downy it is that he is too quiet. His song is simple, with no more than a dozen notes all told. But it is a sweet song, double sweet in winter, and its quality is good cheer. Perhaps it seems so sweet simply because w have to wait and listen

Upside down to prevent peeking.



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