

# Smiley's advice to June grooms

This is June, the month when newspapers and women's magazines run articles giving advice to the June bride. Ironically, there isn't a woman alive who either needs or will take advice when it comes to keeping her man in line.

But I know somebody who does, so let's have a little advice for that neglected, rather pathetic figure, the June groom.

First of all, young fellow, what ever made you do it? There you were, living at home, eating Mom's great cooking, spending your money foolishly but for fun things, kicking up your heels a bit, and without a single worry in the world. You were in clover, boy.

However, it's too late now, and I certainly wouldn't try to turn you away from the cliff. In fact, I'd hate to see any young fellow avoid such an enlightening education as marriage.

But just as I wouldn't send a ten-year-old boy into the ring with the heavyweight champ of the world, I don't like to see you going into a battle that will last your whole life with no weapons but your own dim wits.

First thing you'd better do, after the ceremony is over, all the jokes smiled at, and all those dumb relatives of hers kissed and shaken by hand, is to let her know who's boss.

When you start on your wedding trip, just have a quiet little talk with her. Don't get nasty; just be firm. When she stops crying and you stop apologizing, it will be all settled who is the boss. But don't allow a little setback like that to get you down. You didn't really want to be boss and have all that responsibility anyway.

Next, try this. Tell her you think that people should get out by themselves once in a while, after they're married. If you've only been wearing a ball and chain for a month or so, she might even agree. Then you get crafty. "In that case," you say, "you wouldn't mind if I go over to Joe's on

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Friday night. His wife's away and he's having a few of the boys in for a round-table discussion on the merits of a full house as opposed to a straight."

If she says, with a painful grimace, no, she doesn't mind at all, she's lying in her teeth. But never mind that. Go ahead and make your plans. Don't say another word about it until Friday night, however cool the domestic atmosphere becomes.

Get dressed for a poker party. Then, just before she bursts into tears, say, "I was only kidding, lambie. I'd rather go out with you." You may be lying in your teeth, but she'll be so flabbergasted and relieved that you'll have her eating out of your hand. For a week.

When the first baby arrives, don't let her pull that "little mother needs her sleep" routine. Stand on your rights. Insist that she get up every other night to walk with the little squaller, whether she likes it or not. She won't, but you'll feel better about your token resistance.

Another important requisite for a young husband is the ability to lie when looking her straight in the eye. Practise in the bathroom. Better still, ask any old husband for lessons. If she says, "When are you going to cut that lawn?", give her a very sincere look and reply "Tomorrow night, lamb. It's too wet (or dry) right now." With any luck it'll be pouring rain tomorrow night or somebody will ask you out to dinner.

Something else that will come to you almost automatically after a year or so of

your sentence is served, is the ability to change the subject without seeming to. There's no particular set of rules about this. Just observe closely how your wife does it, and you'll soon become equally adroit when you don't like the direction the conversation is taking.

Make it a point to hang up your clothes every night, not just along them over a chair. In fact, it's not a bad idea to lock them right up. Never, ever get the idea that your wife is above such things as going through your pockets. And before changing your clothes, make absolutely sure there is no discriminating evidence in them, such as a book of matches with "Murphy's Bar and Massage Parlor" inscribed on it. I know that you wouldn't be caught dead in such a place, and that a friend gave you the matches, but she'll never believe it on a stack of Bibles.

I remember one time my wife was away for a couple of days. When she came back,

she found a match book with Park Plaza Lounge on it. To this day, I don't know where I got it, unless some friend planted it on me, and to this day she swears I was having a rendezvous with an old flame.

Speaking of old flames, avoid them as you would the bubonic plague. An old air force friend of mine took his wife to England for their twenty-fifth anniversary treat. Met an old girl friend in a pub, introduced his wife, had some drinks, got a little too cooly reminiscent with the old flame. He has now been married 35 years, and his wife hasn't spoken to him in the last ten. Not a bad fate, really, but it does create problems.

With these few pointers dispensed, I can look with some equanimity on the procession to the slaughterhouse. Above all, don't worry, young groom. The first forty years are the worst. After that, it's a breeze.

## Hospice group being trained

Laurie Bennett, the coordinator of the Palliative Care Service at Mississauga Hospital gave the training program to new members of the North Halton Hospice at St. John's United Church. She has worked in palliative care for six years, being a founding member of the Palliative Care Association of Ontario as well as the Palliative Care Work Group of Toronto. She developed a volunteer training program for palliative care work groups.

The North Halton Hospice acknowledged several organizations which have assisted them in making the training program possible, including the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown, Elks Lodge, St. John's Church, the Cancer Society and Willing Helpers St. John's United Church, Glen Williams.

They are also indebted to St. John's Church, Georgetown, for the use of their facilities and to Fobert Real Estate for assistance.



Laurie Bennett explains medical terms to trainees of the North Halton Hospice.

## Add land

A piece of land 15 hectares in size owned by Eric and Jacqueline Williams will be added to the International Bible Students Association's (Jehovah's Witnesses) land on Highway 7.

Halton Land Division approved the separation and conveyance of the land to the abutting landowner. The land has no frontage, is 33 metres deep and 39 metres wide.

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