



elors who joined the French Foreign Legion as a way of life after the war. Later I corresponded with a fine man there, who hadn't dated a girl (before me) in seven years. He is a sergeant, and the sergeants of the FFL are legendary for being the cream of manhood; and his yearning for woman's society is pitiful.

In Southwest Africa recently I visited Walvis Bay, a town of lonely bachelors. Lonely women you've never visited such places

can't imagine what the welcome is like. We in America are so accustomed to spoiled men—especially in Washington, D.C.—that we tend to treat them in a worshipful way. And our men, constantly chased by single women, never dream what a world without women is like.

In these bachelor outposts, it is almost cruel to speak to a man, because it encourages him to hope too much. Women without men can get along pretty well; but men without women become

almost insane with unhappiness. The only liquid refreshment is alcoholic in many such places. There, the world's desperate need of feminine qualities is recognized. But lonely women living in the cities of the United States and Europe would never guess it.

WOMEN LOSE OUT

As a population expert I have noted that usually the women who don't marry are definitely above average in looks, character and intelligence. This is a

worldwide phenomenon, which no one can explain.

I am no beauty; but on a street in Tripoli, Libya, I was cheered wildly by a busful of Englishmen—who hadn't seen a white woman for two years. A little later in England I saw lonely English girls. Did they realize that for \$100, the price of an air ticket to Tripoli, they could have solved, permanently, that problem of loneliness? And this isn't limited to young women.

In Rhodesia, particularly, women in their 30s, 40s and 50s are considered very desirable. The spoiled men of our American cities look for glamour, but men in the outposts of the world realize that the qualities they most crave are feminine intelligence, understanding and spirituality.

I've travelled the world for the past 10 years, and never was lonely until I sojourned in the United States. But I have a sure cure for this malady—a one way

air ticket to friendliness and happiness in a part of the world where I am needed and wanted. If other lonely women only knew this, wouldn't it make all the difference to them? E. A.

Dear E. A.—What I like most about your letter is the way it reduces the problem of loneliness to size, as it were. It shows us both sides of the coin of loneliness, and wisely implies it, by implication, not so much to the individual as to the mal-distribution of society. This is a great

gain on the problem, to grasp that simple fact about it.

Further, you give a tonic shot-in-the-arm to lonely women by lifting the curtain on the potentials of travel—in the right directions, before getting any older.

You say it's a world wide phenomenon—that above-average women lose to inferiors, in the scramble for mates. Which reminds me of the late H. L. Mencken's observation that most men feel so outclassed by first-

rate women that they gravitate to the lesser grades, in order to keep a sense of community with their own kind. M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write to her in care of this newspaper.

By VERA WINSTON

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PUFFED LINE

Navy silk taffeta is used for a distinctive afternoon dress with becoming pie-cut neckline and short sleeves. The frock is draped below the waist into a puffed section that dips a bit in back. It closes with covered buttons from neck to hem. It's nice to know that women who aren't keen on the chemise lines can find dresses such as these.

MARY HAWORTH

Fine Women Lose Out

Dear Mary Haworth—A friend shows me a clipping of your column of December 18, about the loneliness of single women here. I happen to be a population expert, and I have lived in 23 countries of the world—on the continents of Asia, Africa, Oceania, Europe and North America.

It seems such a pity that there are lonely women in the United States. About a year ago, on vacation near Lake Victoria in East Africa, I lost my way and was rescued by seven Greek bachelors who operate a sisal plantation near Kisumu. I was the second white woman who had visited their place, they said; and they begged me to accept their hospitality.

The plantation owner, a handsome well educated man, 35, told me that he is so lonely that he is selling his three plantations—valued at several hundred thousand pounds—and going to Europe to live.

MAN'S NEEDIER

In Indo-China I found thousands of eligible German bachel-

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Unrolling That Rug

I guess everybody's heard about the unfortunate man who used to train boa constrictors until the day he got a little too wrapped up in his work.

And if you think "It can't happen to me"—just because you hardly ever see a boa constrictor around the house—you've obviously never tried to lay a living room rug—which is another job you're likely to get too wrapped up in.

But it can be simple—if there are two of you, and you have a system. The first thing is to decide at which end of the room you want to start, then move out all the small furniture and push the heavy stuff back to the walls. Next, put the rolled up pad into position, allowing proper margins at each side, and unroll it a few feet.

Then center the rug roll on top of the pad so that the rug's end extends about an inch beyond the end of the pad.

Then continue unrolling the pad, and unroll the rug right along behind it. Keep both of them smooth and keep checking their alignment with the walls, making sure the pad is covered at both edges.

When you come to a big piece of furniture, one person should lift the other end and roll on through. Or you may find it easier to move a big piece of furniture away from the wall, then tip it back slightly until the rug is unrolled beneath it.

If the pad has become stretched a little, just snip off the end with some scissors. This won't hurt the pad in any way. Now wasn't that all pretty easy?

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