

Woman Asks Advice Having Just Filed Suit for Divorce

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I suppose this is a little late, asking advice as I don't want to divorce today. I don't believe in it. But our situation at home has gone from bad to worse. Instead of praising each other, or adding to each other's happiness or security, we are tearing each other to shreds.

John has a good job and we have two lovely children. We are buying our home and have a good car. He buys things we could certainly do without, and never gives a thought to the children's clothes or little items necessary to everyday living. I have worked off and on ever since we married, to help pay bills when we get behind.

Whatever I do or say is wrong, and I haven't had a kind or appreciative word in the last two years. I have honestly tried, in every way I know, to keep the peace. I show my love, I've worked to pay off bills (while the children and I did without); I've kept the house clean and neat, etc. But I've felt utterly hopeless of recent weeks and the constant nagging and faultfinding finally drove me to a lawyer as a last resort.

I can always get a fairly well paid job and I have confidence in my ability to provide for myself and the children—but I don't want to. My greatest desire would be to stay home and take care of my family, as a wife and mother should. And now it would seem I am throwing away my only good chance. John refuses to see a marriage counsellor, but I would if I knew where to go.

E. F.

Man Resents Sharing Himself
DEAR E. F.: As I get the pitch,

MORNING SMILE

Student: "How long should our outside reports be?"
Professor: "Oh, I'd say that they should be pretty much like a girl's skirt. Long enough to cover the subject, but short enough to be interesting."

your husband resents your assumption that he should provide the wherewithal to take care of wife and children. It seems he has been willfully pushing you into divorce action, using indirect tactics to drive you to it—just because he is too selfish and irresponsibly inclined, in a childish way, to get any enjoyment from giving satisfactions and security to dependents.

He wants "freedom"—in terms of going back to an unmarried status, where he won't have to share himself or his earnings as a duty. And he is making you the goat in trying to fulfill his regressive wish.

Evidently each of you had counted on marriage to assuage a previous anxiety state, fueled by chronic frustration of need and desire. Neither of you had been well matured in a secure happy family life, in childhood. I think, so you weren't psychologically conditioned (by example or usage) to be generously loving-and-giving as a matter of course, from a wellspring of inner strength, when you get married. Instead, each was looking forward to a kind of Eden, in which he (or she) would be the cherished beneficiary of the other's supposedly all-sufficing devotion.

He Longs To Be Protected, Too
Unwittingly you bear down on the fact that you've worked off-and-on to help perform, without very good grace, and have kept John well reminded of it. And I am sure it is no secret from him that your greatest desire would be simply to stay home, in the wife and mother role; indeed, it is this aspect of your partnership philosophy that galls him most, probably.

It is my impression that John longs to be somebody's economic dependent too. Thus unconsciously he is jealous of a wife's conventional perquisites in marriage—his wife's, at least. So he very ingeniously makes a miserable, without realizing the childish envious spiteful significance of the behavior. It is possible that divorce from John is constructive and inevitable; it may be a case of the sooner the better, for your welfare.

However, you ought to consult a marriage counsellor, as you say. In the city through which you write, there is a social agency titled "Family and Children's Service of Ontario," listed in the city telephone directory. This agency should be able to direct you to the appropriate counsellors (if any) in your home district.

M. H.
Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of the Charlottetown Guardian.



Glorifying Tall Girls

By TRACY ADRIAN

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How To Date A Princess

LONDON (CP) — Like to date Princess Margaret?
There's a set protocol on trying to arrange a date and how to behave if you succeed, according to a new book published here recently.

It sounds simple enough as outlined by Journalist A. Noyes Thomas in his "The Queen's Sister."
Just telephone Margaret's lady-in-waiting at Clarence House, where the princess lives, and say "I am wondering if her Royal Highness would care to join a small party I am giving on— you name the date at the theatre— you name the show and after-

wards at supper at the you name the night club."
The lady-in-waiting jots down the details. In a couple of days you'll be told whether the princess can make it or not — usually not.

FRIENDS PUT THROUGH

If you happen to be one of the young men who has accompanied Margaret previously the procedure is a little different.
First call the lady-in-waiting. Then . . . click on the Clarence House switchboard . . . and: "Good morning," comes a lilting musical voice. "How are you today?"
"Thank you, ma'am, very well. And you."
The royal voice will then inquire bluntly: "Have you an invitation for me?"
"Ma'am," says the young man,

I AM THINKING OF ARRANGING A SMALL party for the theatre and for supper afterwards . . .
NO BORES WANTED
You name date, place and guests.
"Oh, not so-and-so, surely," the princess may say. "He's such a bore."
Once an acceptable substitute is named . . . "Well, I'll try to fit it in. I'll let you know. I'd love to come."
There's plenty of bustle making arrangements with plenty of flowers.

PERMISSION IS ALWAYS GRANTED and Margaret usually takes one of her own cigarettes and uses a long cigarette holder.
At the nightclub, the party is discreetly led to a side table.
"What would you care for Ma'am?" asks the host.
SALMON A FAVORITE
Her favorite menu—iced melon, consommé, smoked salmon and veal cutlet—"Just one please."
The first dance goes to the host, but the princess is careful to re-

turn out the others to each young man in the party.
In the early hours usually around 2:30 a.m. the princess is likely to say "I think I had better be going."
She never carries any money and her lady-in-waiting tips the woman attendant in the powder room 10 shillings.
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