

Remarried Woman Finds Husband Cold

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: For nearly 12 years after my divorce, my son and I lived alone; then when he was 13 (two years ago) I married again. I am 49 and my husband is 10 years my senior.

The problem at hand is that all the glamour seems to have vanished from our marriage, and apparently I am being taken for granted. John seems in a morose state and has forgotten all his affectionate ways. As I was showered with his affection at first, naturally I miss it.

I am old enough to realize that marriage has responsibilities and I may say that I have met my obligations to the best of my ability; but John seems to be settling into premature plodding old age; even his family remarks this. He appears at least 20 years older than I.

Would Vacation Help Matters?

I want to make a go of my marriage, but how can I recapture what we had at first? Perhaps I am an incurable romanticist — for I want love that is freely given, not forced affection. I've thought of going away for a few days, hoping to make John miss me — and thus remind him that I do exist. But do you advise such a step?

Recently I had a frank talk with John about his behavior and he took the offensive, saying he had discovered my small bank account. When I previously he hadn't known about it, I feel sure this incident doesn't explain our difficulty, and I told him the truth in effect — that the money was earned by me in recent temporary jobs.

As I see it, I was better off when I had my independence, and a job and an apartment in the city. But independence is small comfort when one wants love, a home and companionship — which at first I believed I had found with John. My son, now 15, lives with us; and he too lacks attentions this past year. I am quite discouraged as matters stand and would be most grateful for your comment.

—K. F.

Does She Bore Her Husband?

DEAR K. F.: The striking fact of your narrative is that you don't know what it is all about, as the saying goes. And this condition of ignorance doubtless accounts for your erstwhile inability to make a good (or tolerable) marriage.

It is possible that you bore your husband exceedingly, so that he draws into a shell (or uses iron control) to hide his impatience and disappointment — which may explain the eclipse of his affectionate feeling. Such frustration on his part might also have the effect of causing him to act years older, suddenly.

On the other hand, it is equally possible that John is a neurotic. Continued On Page 11

"Bonnie" Wedding Cake Made By A Young Cook

By Ida Bailey Allen

"Give children a chance to do useful things," said Bill Boyd. "Show them how to do it, then leave them alone; they'll make good, and have fun at the same time."

Bill is the executive chef of the delightful Cooper Inn in Cooperstown, New York, where I was spending a few days.

"For instance, there's my girl, Bonnie Lou. She's eleven, a natural born home decorator and a good cook, too. She belongs to the 4-H Club. Recently, she made and decorated a bride's cake for our



ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Bonnie Lou, with Mrs. Edward Struckle, for whom she made this cake.

Bill showed me the picture of his little daughter with the lovely cake she had made.

"Bonnie made and decorated the cake all by herself," he told me. "She didn't use a cake mix, but started from scratch with a good white cake recipe."

"The icing is what we chefs call Royal Icing. Bonnie learned how to apply it with a paste bag by experimenting with warm smooth mashed potato. You can scrape up the potato to use over and over again."

"Bonnie let the cake cool thoroughly before icing, then was careful to brush off the crumbs. Next she spread it lightly with plain confectioner's sugar and water icing to make a firm sur-

Cook's Corner



CLAM FRITTERS

1 1/2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. paprika
1/2 cup milk or clam juice
2 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. grated onion
1 tsp. melted shortening
10 clams

Sift together dry ingredients; add liquid, beaten eggs, onion, and shortening; rinse clams, put through meat chopper and add to batter. Take one spoonful batter for each fritter and fry on hot greased griddle or in deep fat.

tomatoes, potato chips, heated rolls; strawberry biscuit short-cakes with cream, hot or iced coffee or tea, milk.

THE CHEF'S SALMON SALAD PLATTER

Combine 2 1/2 c. flaked canned salmon, 1/2 c. each diced celery, firm portion cucumber, green peas, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. each pepper and monosodium glutamate.

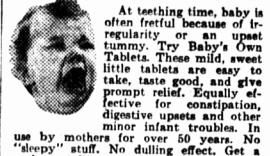
Stir in 1/4 c. French dressing and the pulp and juice 1/2 lemon. Add mayonnaise to blend. Chill. Arrange on a platter covered with shredded lettuce. Garnish with sliced tomatoes, radishes and sliced cucumber.

MORNING SMILE

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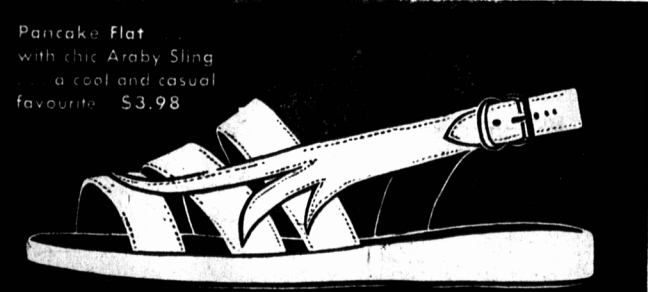


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