Why Wives Leave Home
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Many a loving wife has soured on her job because of her in-laws. They are very frank and outspoken about the children and know where to trace any shortcomings. Says great Aunt Rhonda to second cousin Rhoda, "Always never get that silly vacant look, as you ask her a question, from her father's side."

And," adds cousin Rhoda, "that weak mouth, either. Her father's people were very decisive. You can't mistake that mouth!"

Many's the girl who leaves the little love nest to go back to mother, because the other half of the marriage vow wanted to be blind when she was reading the editorial. "Come, Honey," he will say, snuggling up to her, "put the paper away and give Pettie a nice little kiss." Ask Pettie whose baby he is! Please, Honey Girl!

Harry, the mama's boy, married at last, is telling his mother all about how he can hardly hear it when Francis slams the door after her, and how he wouldn't have minded so much if she had only told him before hand she was going to the movies, etc., etc. Many a young wife has up and bought passage to Paris, where complete separations are to be had, just because boy friend husband, was always coming home to mama with his troubles.

No woman should be blamed for using a little poison on a husband who says, "Not now, we'll stop and get it when we're coming home." She knows darn well, whether it's a wild flower or something from an antique shop, that he'll drive back on a different road.

A collegiate husband is a very bad bargain around the house, as many wives will testify. When not away leading the top cheer for at a reunion or a class smoker, or helping out the rushing committee, he loves to talk about the time good old Budge Stokes nailed the band box to the nose blank or the time the Westwood steam ship burned 11 to Lover over the Cufcliff college team. Or over the pasteurizing with, old group photographs.

A sweetly sarcastic husband is a terrible drawback to an otherwise happy home and causes great dissention. "That's a cute hat!" he will say brightly, when his better half has him her latest, "but Cal Coolidge wore an even funnier one last summer!"

Archie is a very comic boy, and when his cigar lighter works, and it always does, he will shout gleefully, "My god, it lit!" One of those days he will say it once too often and the girl of his choice will leave his bed and board for evermore.

It's a try ing moment in the love life of a young man and his spouse when she discovers that her darling's devastating charm, which won and won her completely, is just a good line that can be turned on at will.