

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 Robina to second cousin Rhoda, "Gladys never got that silly vacant look, when 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."



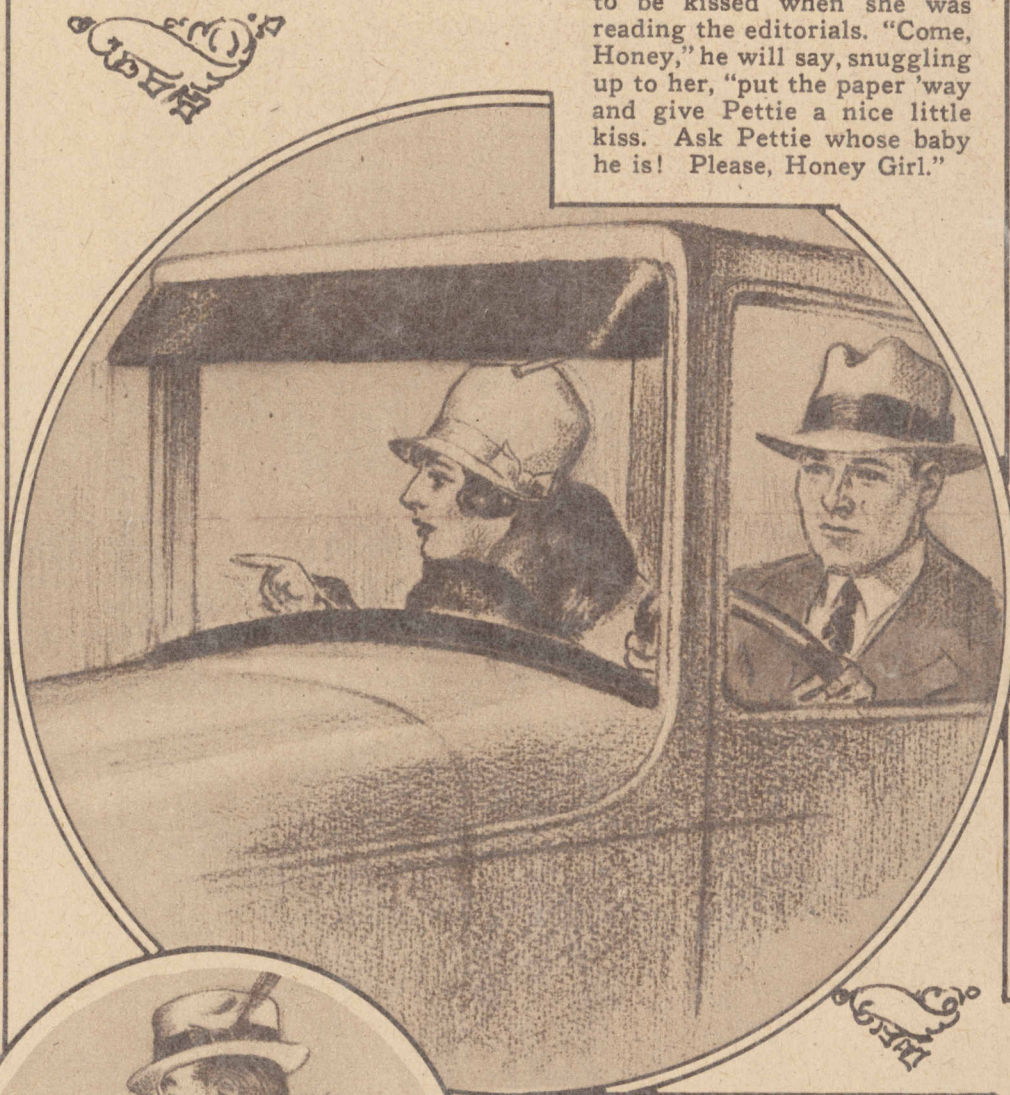
Many's the girl who leaves the little love nest to go back to mother, because the other half of the marriage vow wanted to be kissed when she was reading the editorials. "Come, Honey," he will say, snuggling up to her, "put the paper 'way and give Pettie a nice little kiss. Ask Pettie whose baby he is!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



A sweetly sarcastic husband is a terrible drawback to an otherwise happy home and causes great dissension. "That's a cute hat," he will say brightly, when his better half shows 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 gawd, it lit!" One of these days he will say it once too often and the girl of his choice will leave his bed and board for evermore.



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.



Harry, the mama's boy, married at last, is telling his mother all about how he can hardly bear it when Francie 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 running home to mama with his troubles.



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



A collegiate husband is a very bad bargain around the house, as many wives will testify. When not away leading the '99 cheering at a reunion or a class smoker, or helping out the rushing committee, he loves to tell about the time good old Budge Bisbee nailed the dean to the horse block or the time the Weehawkus eleven scored 11 to 0 over the Crabfoot college team. Loves to plaster the walls, even of her sewing room, with old group photographs.



We all have our crosses to bear in this sad world, but the wife with the husband lacking any sex appeal who thinks he has "IT" written all over him in capitals, has a pretty heavy burden to carry. Loves to feel he is making the little wife jealous. "By Golly," he will exclaim, "did you see the look that blonde gave me, Mary? I don't know what I do to 'em!"