



Dear Abby!

Stay Home, Deer!

— By ABIGAIL VANBUREN —

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are having an argument and have agreed to let you settle it. I made plans to go deer hunting from December 13th through December 22nd. My wife is expecting her second baby on December 14th, and she wants me to be home to take her to the hospital. Our first baby came two weeks late, and I have a hunch this one will, too. My wife says she has a hunch this one will be on time. If I am needed, I can get back home in 12 hours. I can't change the date of the trip because I am going with two other men and all the plans are set. Don't you think I should plan to go?

DEER HUNTER: Tell your friends to go without you. A deer in the cradle is worth two on the fender.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine has two different colored eyes. One is brown and the other blue. I once knew a bull dog with the same thing. Does it mean anything? Is this common in either animals or humans? How does something like this happen?

CURIOUS: Having two different colored eyes occurs only occasionally in man and beast — and in birds, too. (Not fish — their eyes are colorless). It's a freak of nature, indicating that the color chromosomes went a little wild.

DEAR ABBY: I am 24 and my husband is 26. We have three lovely children who mean the world to us. Yesterday while my husband was sleeping, I went into his wallet to get some snapshots of our children to show a neighbor. I came across a picture of a young, pretty girl, and written on the front was, "To Wally with love from Birdie." On the back in my husband's handwriting, was a phone number, so I called her up. She said she didn't know any "Wally" and she hung up on me. When I asked my husband about it, he admitted he had been seeing her at a bar every Friday night for a few months, but that was all there was to it. He swore he loved me and said if I forgave him, he'd never see her

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Hubby's Big Complaint: 'She's Nagging Me To Death'

By HARRY FERGUSON

United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Ninety per cent of the American men who go to psychiatrists or matrimonial counselors in an attempt to save their marriages open up their bag of troubles with this statement: "She's nagging me to death."

Experts do not challenge the accusation that the American wife is a nagger, but they do divide nagging into two categories — benevolent and malignant.

Benevolent nagging is insisting that he wear his overshoes through a snow storm and have a physical check-up once a year. It springs from love and a desire to keep him healthy. A man who complains to the psychiatrist about benevolent nagging is almost certain to be the offending party in the forthcoming smash-up of the marriage.

Malignant nagging is demanding repeatedly that he do something about a situation that at the moment cannot be changed. Like insisting he change jobs when no other job

is in sight, or demanding he buy a dish washing machine when there is no cash available and his credit is strained to the breaking point.

Highest In World

The American divorce rate is the highest in the world. Not all divorces result from quarrels over money, but enough of them do to make an examination of the family financial set-up imperative to anybody who is trying to save the marriage. As soon as he is married, the average American husband starts spending \$400 a year more than he earns. The amount can get bigger and the situation can last for as long as 20 years, depending on how addicted the family is to installment buying.

The arrival of children increases the rate of spending and heightens the debt until, as Martha Lear says in her book "The Child Worshipers," American families have a tendency "to spend themselves into a financial sewer."

That's when the malignant nagging is likely to reach its peak and the husband starts casting about for aid and comfort.

Good Men Ruined

"A man is so constituted," writes Dr. Joseph H. Peck on the subject of nagging, "that he must have someone to believe in him to succeed at anything. I have seen good men ruined due to their wives nagging them because the status symbols were not accumulating fast enough. When a woman makes up her mind that her husband is a failure and informs him of the fact, he becomes a failure indeed. There is nothing more depressing for a doctor than to try to treat such a man. He develops symptoms of every disease in the book and is more difficult to help because subconsciously he doesn't want to get well."

There are, of course, millions of husbands and wives who budget their income wisely, restrain urges to buy things they cannot afford, let other people do the keeping up with the Joneses and live happily ever after. But for the man who spends himself into trouble or allows his wife to do so, the daily routine can become hell.

Worst Times

The American Institute of Family Relations has charted the three times during the day when nagging is most likely to explode into a quarrel: (1) just before dinner when the husband is tired and wants to relax (2) at bedtime when the wife wants to get a problem settled before going to sleep

(3) at breakfast. It cites a survey of bus and truck drivers which found that most traffic accidents occur in the first hour of the day, frequently because angry husbands burst out of driveways recklessly or exceed the speed limit on the way to work.

In considering other reasons besides money for nagging and quarreling, the institute lists complaints about husbands from thousands of wives in this order: He is selfish. He is untruthful. He drinks too much. He complains too much. He is not at all interested in the children. He does not show his affection. He does not talk things over. He is harsh with the children or sure-fire formula for producing else he takes no interest in a quarrel.

Experts are interested in how many American women marry for money rather than love, but nobody has come up with a device for producing reliable statistics. Women seldom are as frank as the one from Iowa who was interviewed by Dr. Peck. She had a choice of marrying a tall, handsome farmer or a short dumpy doctor who obviously had a bright financial future. She chose the doctor.

"After all," she explained, "when I am living in Chicago and riding down Michigan Boulevard in my Cadillac, hardly anybody will know that my husband's hair tickles my chin when we dance."

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Melrose Folks Have Car Trip

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McComas of Melrose have returned from a three-week, 9000-mile automobile trip. They visited their daughter in Grand Forks, N.D., and a son in Philadelphia, Pa. Stops were made in Wyoming and Colorado to see friends and relatives. They visited Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon and McComas' sisters and brothers in Lovelock, Nev., and in California.

Visit From California

Imrie Conn and son, Michael, of Los Gatos, Calif., were recent visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conn, who met them in Portland and brought them to Melrose. Michael had spent the summer in Europe, where he toured the countries on a motorcycle. He will be doing graduate study at Stanford University in California this fall.

Mrs. Harry Stringer has returned from a week's visit in San Francisco, with her daughter and family. Mrs. George Showers has returned to Melrose from a stay in Baker with her mother and is currently assisting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Busenbark. The latter is recovering from recent eye surgery. Mrs. W. F. Berry is spending several weeks in Santa Monica, Calif., with her sister, Mrs. James Mitchell. She was called

there by the recent death of James Mitchell. The family formerly resided in Elgarose with the Berrys.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Felt and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Siples have returned from a trip into Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCord, who have been residing in the Kinyon rental since their home on Reston Road burned down, have purchased the Keith Conn place on Cleveland Hill Road and will be moving there soon.

Mrs. Gaye Statts and children have returned to their home in Sacramento, Calif., following a visit here with her parents, the Wilbur Thompsons.

Enjoy Deer Hunt

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Dage enjoyed a recent deer hunting trip with relatives to Silver Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young of Southern California were visiting their son, Bert Young, and family for a few days last week. They and friends accompanying them here spent some time at the Young's cabin at Diamond Lake.

Mrs. Amy Seeley has sold her home at Melrose to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wilson and will move soon to the Forest Glen Senior Citizens home at Canyonville. The Wilsons lived at one time on Critter Road and most recently in Roseburg.

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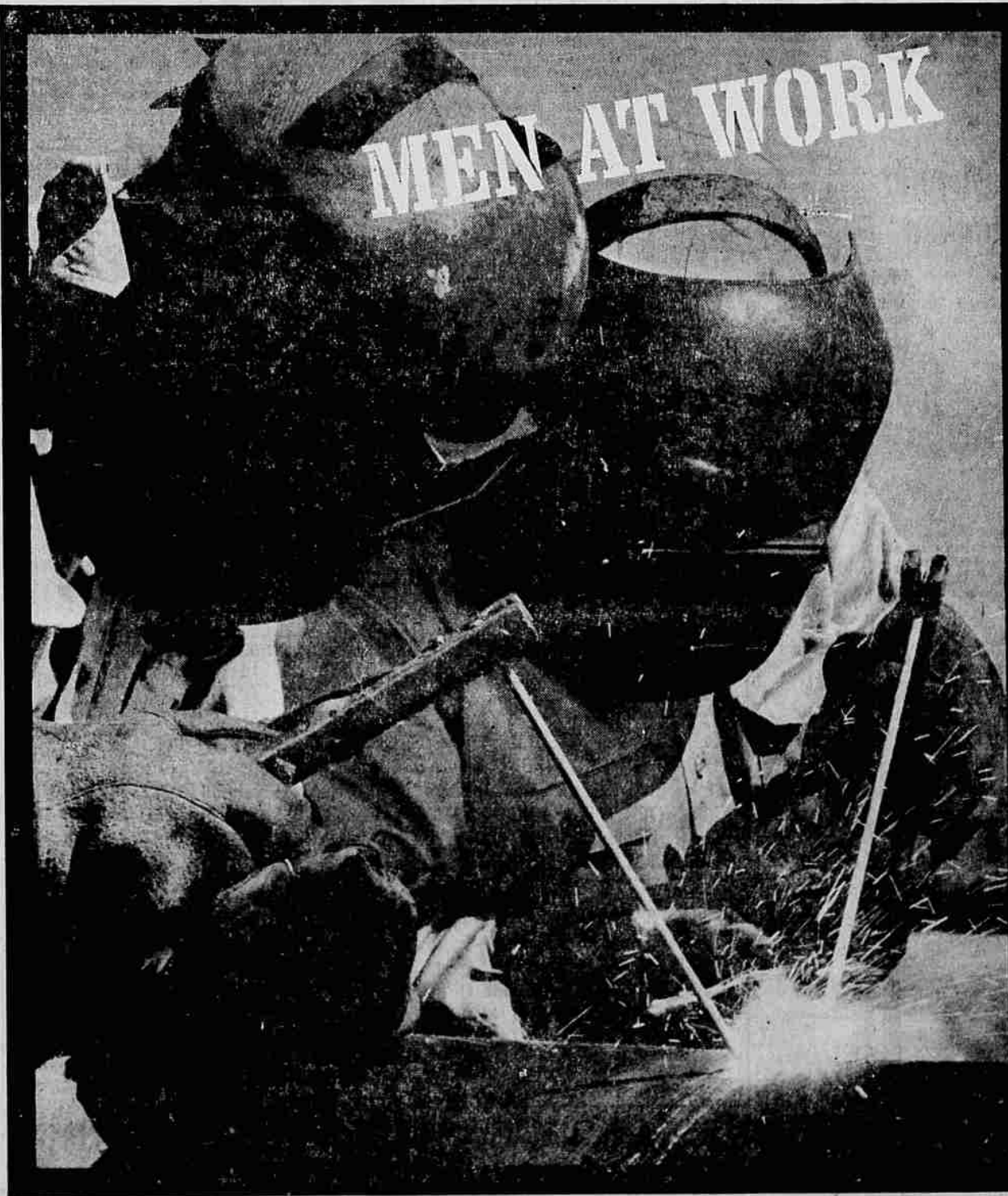
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