

One more Rubick's Cube widow bites the dust

by Charolette Klinger

A frequent subject of cartoonists is a wife's never ending struggle to gain the attention of her husband. Among the rivals most often depicted are the morning newspaper, sports telecasts, fishing and golf. There are football widows, grass widows, grease widows, and, now, there are "Rubick's widows". The latter being, of course, those wives whose husbands have discovered the latest craze in mental torture, the Rubick's Cube.

The Rubick's Cube. For those of you fortunate enough to not know, is a small-plastic-multi-colored block with moveable sections. The object is to manipulate the sections in such a way that you end up with only one color per side. This is a feat which may take minutes, hours, or even years, depending on how quickly you discover that the only way to do it is to break the darned thing, segregate the colors, and glue the pieces back together. I discovered this secret almost instantly. My husband, however, hasn't caught on yet.

Directly following supper, Fred picks up the cube, makes himself comfortable in his chair, and isn't heard from again until I turn out the lights and go to bed. Oh, there is a periodic exclamation of, "I've almost got it!" or "I know there's a system here somewhere!" One night, I even got an intelligible, "Did you know that people have gone crazy trying to do this?" For the most part, however,

my evening's entertainment is limited to whatever conversation I can wheedle out of our Labrador retriever.

Until Fred's discovery of The Cube, my major rival had been his interest in Mr. Ford's legacy, the automobile.

Wake Me When It's Over

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When Old Farmer Jones parked his Model T out in the corn field, he planted a perennial thorn in the side of Womankind. My husband's preoccupation with rusty old cars is boundless. His bookshelves groan under the weight of twenty years of "Hot Rod Magazine". "Our" garage runneth over with primer gray fenders and Bondo-ed bumpers, and yet, whenever there is a car swap meet, he usually manages to find something that he's "...been looking for years."

I discovered soon after we were married that our vacations were not necessarily for the purpose of rest and relaxation, but were instead a means of scouting for abandoned vehicles and stray parts. More than once, our destination and route were determined by the location of an auction or a car meet. I'm not complaining. It's just that my idea of a souvenir from the Yosemite Valley is not a headlight from a '48 Ford.

My husband can see an old car hidden in the bushes under three feet of snow while traveling a speed of fifty-five miles an hour on a highway half a mile away and be able to describe it in detail, right down to the St. Christopher in the window. Yet, if

I ask him why he didn't tell me I had spinach between my teeth, he says, "You know my eyesight isn't so good."

Several months ago, I looked into the possibility of having a license

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plate transplant, resigned to the fact that it was the only way I would ever get my husband to notice me. I finally decided on the less painful procedure of making a dress embroidered with license plates and head and tail lights.

Now it looks like I may have to come up with another design. Something squarish, with little multi-colored checks.

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