

## In Confidence By Flo

TO THE DOUBTFUL GIRL WHO IS ENGAGED

Dear Miss Flo:

I am engaged to be married to a very fine young man. He is very clever, and has all the fine qualities that are considered most essential in matrimony. But here is my trouble. When I am with him any length of time he begins to bore me. I don't know whether it is my fault or is, but the fact remains that there are times when I am frightened to death when I think of marrying him and spending the rest of my life with him. Then if he is away from me any length of time I get so lonely for him I can't wait until he returns. Do you think I love him? Can you tell me of some method by which I might determine my real sentiments for him? I don't know whether to give him up or not. What do you think?

Isabel.

I doubt very much that you love the man—although the statement that he possesses all the fine qualities so essential in matrimony would lead me to think that you do. Only people in love believe that of their chosen mate. I can't see how you can love a man who bores you. Possibly you admire all the splendid qualities he possesses, but there is a world of difference between admiration and love—although admiration and liking are fine substitutes for love.

If he bores you my advice to you is not to marry him, regardless of his fine qualities. Boredom is the curse of matrimony. It is why husbands and wives stray from their fireside—to somebody else's. It is impossible to picture a happy fireside with a man and woman who are so tired of each other that they yawn in each other's faces.

The ideal home is the one in which a husband and wife never talk out—or if they do, they find a congeniality of spirit which enables them to sit quietly without saying a word—content to be in each other's company.

The first thing a girl should ascertain about a prospective husband is just how she reacts to an unlimited amount of his society, and just what sort of a line of conversation THEY are able to carry. He may be able to hold a wonderful line of conversation—with somebody else—and so might she, but if they have nothing of interest to say to each other, the

natural outcome is boredom. If you find yourself bored with his company before marriage you should be warned in time.

There are many tests you might apply to ascertain whether or not you really love him. To begin with, if you think more tenderly of him when he is away than when he is with you, you do not find him really sympathetic and congenial when he is with you.

I, on the other hand, you believe yourself in love with him when he is with you, and doubt your love when you are away from him, he has a physical fascination only. You do not love him with a love that will last.

What are your reactions to his conversation? Can you listen forever while he tells you how much he loves you, and how wonderful you are? You aren't bored then, are you? But when he switches the conversation to himself, and tells you how wonderful HE is, are you bored then? If you are, you merely like him. It takes love—and lots of it, for a woman to want to hear everything a man thinks about himself.

Do you worry about him when it rains—and wonder if he will keep his feet dry? Do you wonder if he is working too hard? Then, you love him. In your own heart you regard him as your own property—and there need be no doubt in your mind about your sentiment for him.

But the acid test—the test that proves beyond doubt that you have picked him for your fireside companion for life—is when you prefer spending an evening at home with the man to having him take you out somewhere.

Perhaps these pointers may be of value to you in reading your own heart. I'd like to have a piece of the wedding cake.

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Mountain States Power company is one of the many utilities supervised by the Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation and it is to the latter organization that a great deal of credit has been given for the customer ownership movement throughout the United States. The Byllesby people started to make shareholders out of their electric and gas customers ten years ago. Now they have more than 70,000 home shareholders receiving in dividends not less than \$4,200,000 annually. These dividends instead of going to investors in far off places, remain in the 850 communities served by the Byllesby companies and contribute to local prosperity and upbuilding. Even the capital which the 70,000 home share-

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Mr. Brewer says that the Mountain States Power company waited for seven years, before offering its preferred stock to the customers in order that the safety of the investment be thoroughly established by the regular uninterrupted payment of dividends over that period. A new company to be known as the Mountain States Power Securities Company has been organized to facilitate the handling of stock sales. The securities company will really act as a department of the Power Company, Mr. Brewer being President and S. C. Palmer Jr., Manager.

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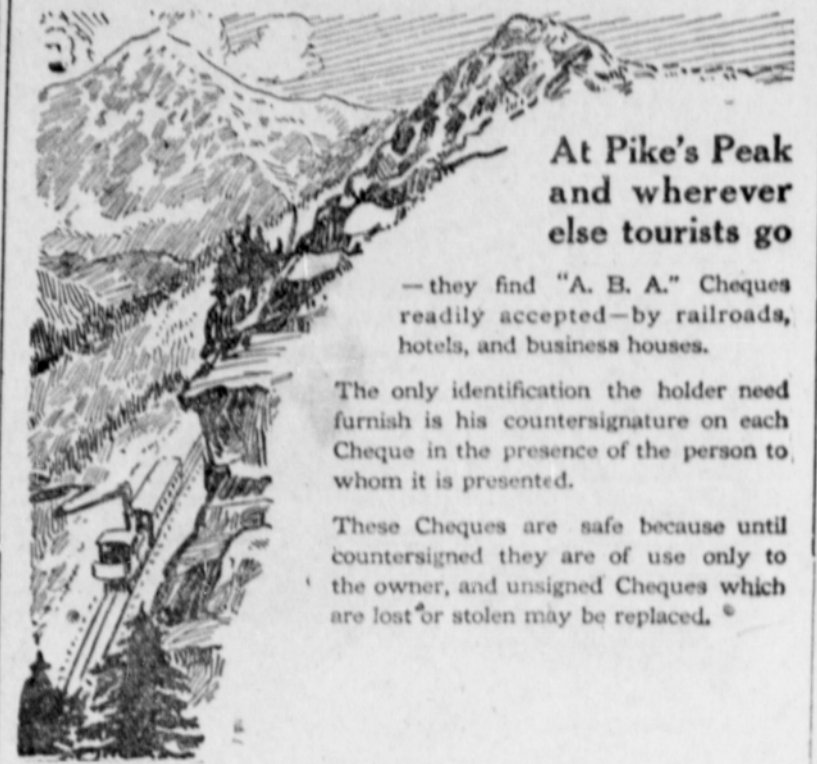


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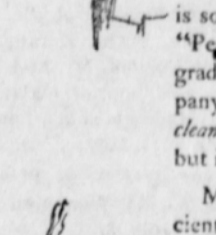
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