

As We Live

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Compromising Shows Strength, Not Weakness
When a person is willing to compromise, it is often interpreted as a sign of weakness on his part. Many people think he lacks the strength of his convictions and, as a result, is willing to back down from the position he originally took.

As a matter of fact, it takes more strength of character to compromise than to stick to the position one originally took. The bull-headed, stubborn person who appears to be so strong is, in reality, not as strong as the person who is willing to compromise.

To compromise, a person must be willing to give in to others and this he does, not because he thinks perhaps he is wrong but rather because he believes that others have rights just as he does and that meeting them halfway will lead to better feelings all around.

This takes courage and strength of character which few people who will make compromises are given credit for. It is never easy to give up some cherished dream or some ambition to satisfy another person and this often happens when a person compromises.

Must Accept Wishes

Take, for example, the businessman who is driven by ambition to reach the top of the business ladder. This he could do if he were to devote most of his time and energy to his work. But he realizes this is not fair to his family, so he spends time with them that he might be spending on his work or on activities that would help him reach the top of the ladder in his work.

In the same way, the person who is recognized as a leader must be willing to accept the wishes of the majority of the group and carry them out even though he would prefer to do things some other way. He may even have to compromise to the extent of doing things in a way which he knows will be less successful than the way he suggested because the majority of the group prefers it that way. This shows strength, not weakness, on his part and that is why he retains his position of leadership.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Dissatisfied: "My wife has everything and yet she always seems dissatisfied. How much more must she have to be satisfied?" R.B.

(A) Your wife probably needs less rather than more. Dissatisfaction comes mainly from a poor sense of values. A person who has "everything" loses her sense of values and does not appreciate what she has. The result is dissatisfaction and unhappiness. Try doing less for your wife and making everything she gets seem more valuable to her by having her do things to win her rewards. She may not like this at first but you will find that she will gradually get a better sense of values and then things will mean more to her. This will gradually bring greater satisfaction on her part.

Grumpy teen-ager: "Our 15-year-old son is constantly grumpy and disagreeable at home. However, when he is with friends, I find he is very pleasant agreeable. I can't understand why he shows us his worst side." A.S.T.

(A) There are many people who are like your son, and they are not all teen-agers, either. Your son, like others who feel it is more important to be nice to outsiders than to members of the family. So, when he feels grumpy, he expresses his feelings at home but makes an effort to be agreeable to outsiders because he wants to win their favor. It is also possible that he, like many teen-agers, feels no one "understands" him at home and this adds to his grumpiness.

Living in the past: "My husband, who is still a relatively young man in his middle forties, is always talking about the things he did when he was a boy. Isn't he too young to be living in the past?" U.T.

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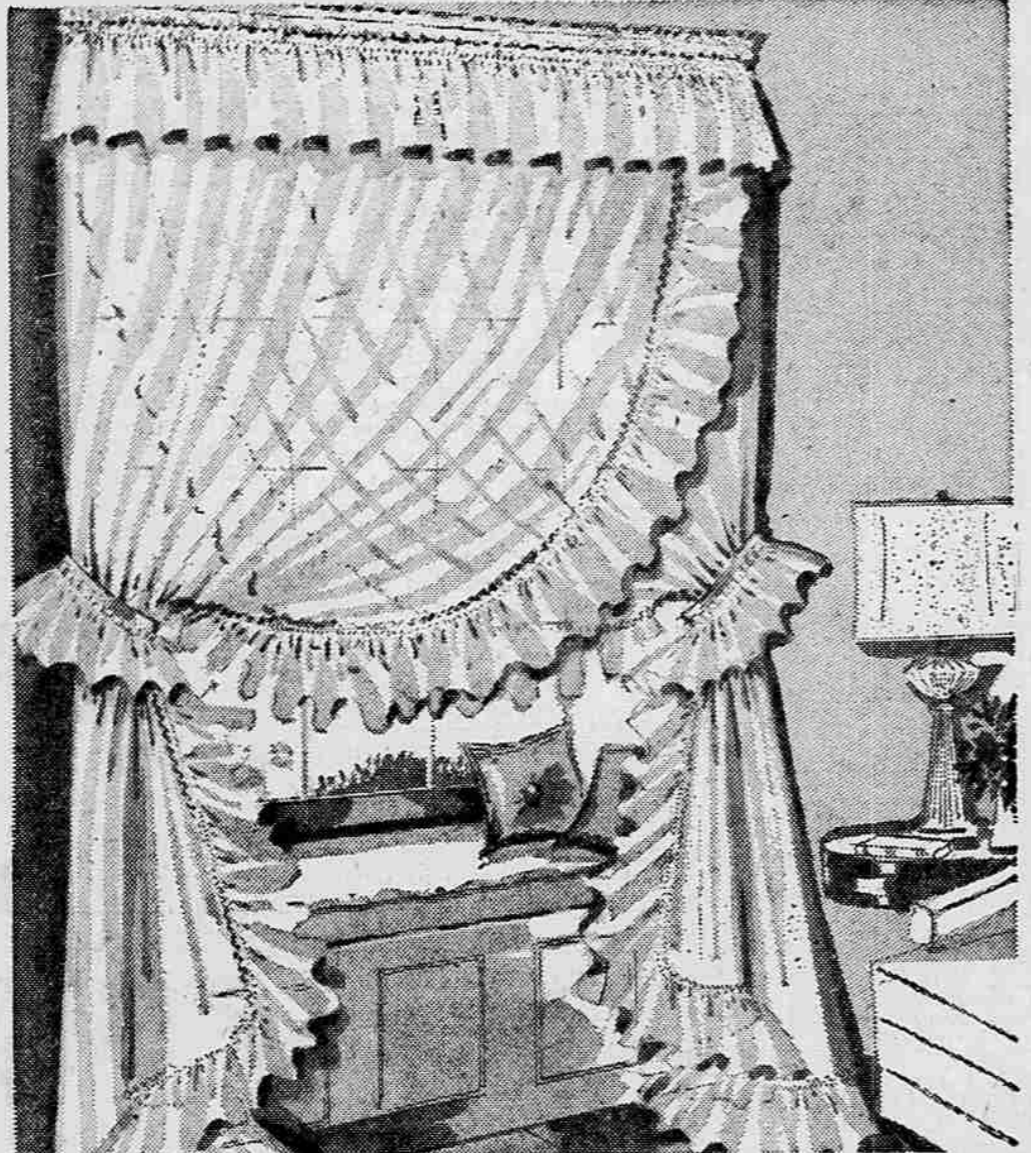
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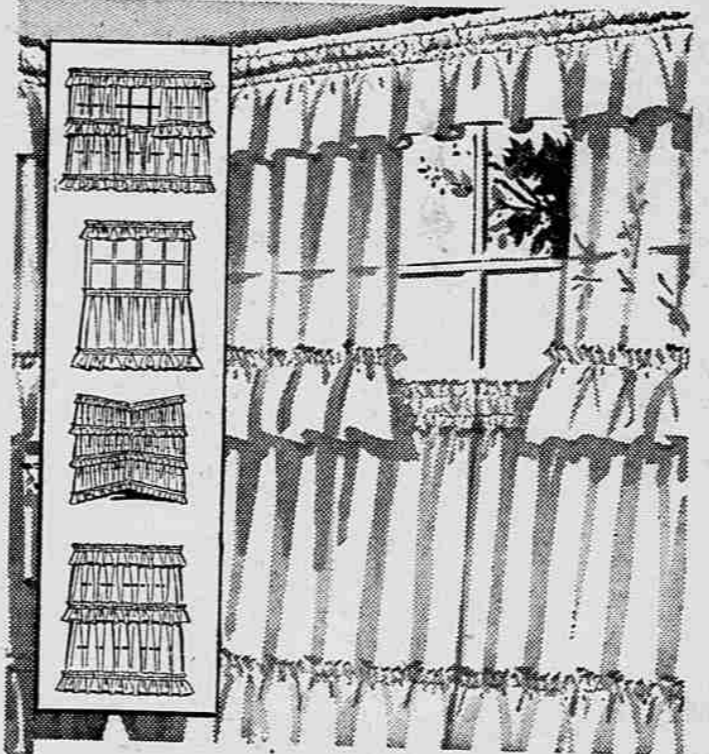
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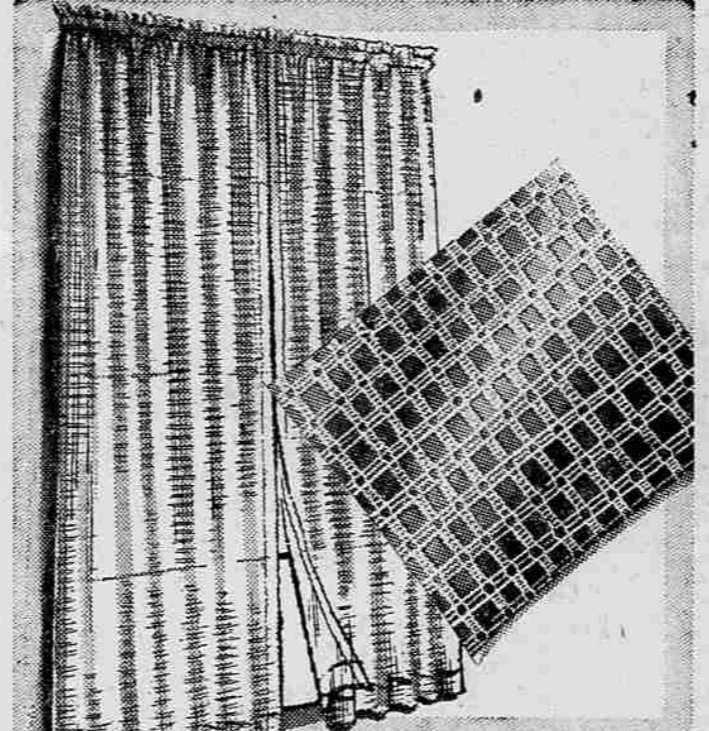
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