

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Peggy J.** — He should tell his wife and he should stand up for me.  
**Daniel J.** — She should be more tolerant.

**Peggy J.** — My husband and I have been married six years and have three children. I could be very happy except for one thing—my mother-in-law.  
Dan's mother is really the most impossible sort. She is very critical of me—always telling me what to do in the house and for the children. She constantly reminds me that she has had so much experience and I am too young to know anything.

I have told Dan again and again I can't stand the way she treats me and he must tell her off. But he always takes her part. After all, I am

his wife and he should stand up for me.

**Daniel J.** — It's true my mother is a little bossy and looks at Peggy and me as though we're babes in the wood. But it's also true that she has had a lot of experience. Although I'm an only child, Mother knows plenty about raising kids because she has worked as a practical nurse most of her life.

Peggy ought to be glad to get her advice. Plenty of other young mothers have paid for it.

Anyway, I just can't tell my mother off. Peggy says I haven't the guts. It may be true, but I wouldn't want to hurt mother like that. I think Peggy should be more tolerant. She should grin and bear it.

## Activities Told By Ashland Group

Ashland — An outline of proposed activities was presented to the Ashland Centennial committee by Chairman Frank Pinnock at a meeting here last week.

Pinnock also reported on the Jackson county committee organization, chairman of which is Ernie Hood, Medford.

Among special features already agreed upon is a stockade at the Oregon entrance on Siskiyou summit where motorists will be given information about Oregon. In Ashland, a booth will be set up on the Plaza where local attractions and historic sites will be given publicity through a brochure.

Suggestions for school programs, tableaux, contests and general participation were discussed.

Members of the committee expressed the hope that individuals as well as organizations will take an active part in the activities, and will volunteer both assistance and suggestions.

**MONTH FOR EACH STITCH**  
Gastonia, N.C. — W.P. — Wayman Donald Hanna, 16, convicted Thursday of cutting another boy in a fight, was sentenced to 15 months in jail—one month for each stitch required to close his victim's wounds.

The Sahara Desert covers about 3,500,000 square miles in North Africa.

The Council: Peggy is definitely wrong on one count. She should not speak against her mother-in-law to her husband, nor should she expect him to take up weapons on her behalf—unless she has been seriously insulted or injured.

The disagreements Peggy describes are not really of a serious nature. The fact that Peggy is so upset about getting suggestions or criticisms from her mother-in-law indicates that she is, indeed, rather childish.

It is natural for a woman who has had professional experience to assume a tone of authority on matters directly connected with her skill. Women who hire her services undoubtedly get a sense of confidence from the very tone that irritates Peggy so much.

We don't doubt that Peggy's mother-in-law overdoes things a bit—especially if she claims that Peggy is "too young to know anything."

But we think Peggy should learn to face up to this woman with tact and good humor. It is she who lacks the guts to stand up for herself.

Peggy evidently has a lot of hostility toward her mother-in-law. That's why she is afraid to speak up. She is afraid that if a little anger is allowed to escape, a deluge will emerge.

She should try to realize some of this anger is rather unreasonable. If she takes a more reasonable point of view, she can allow expression for some of her justifiable annoyances.

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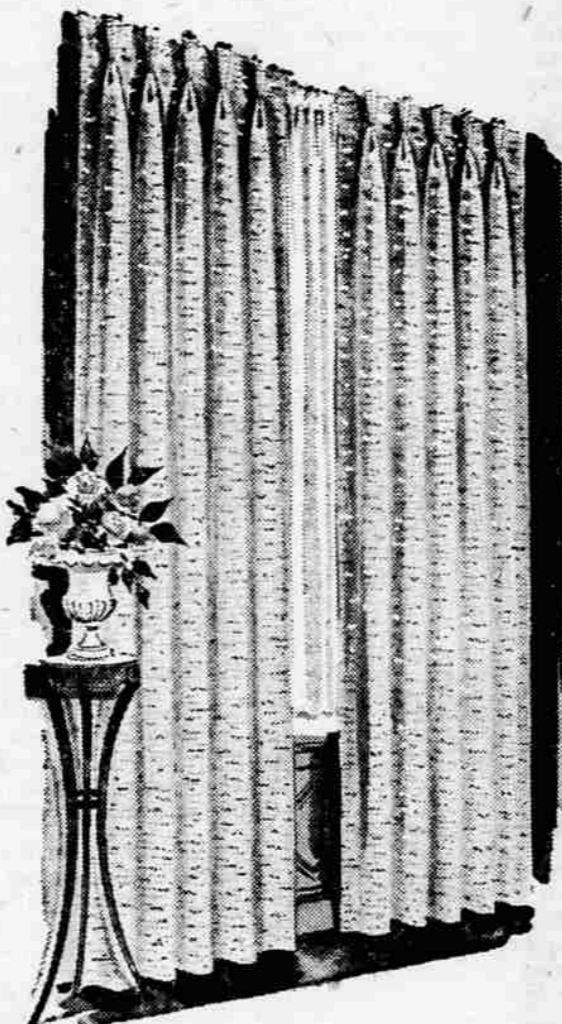
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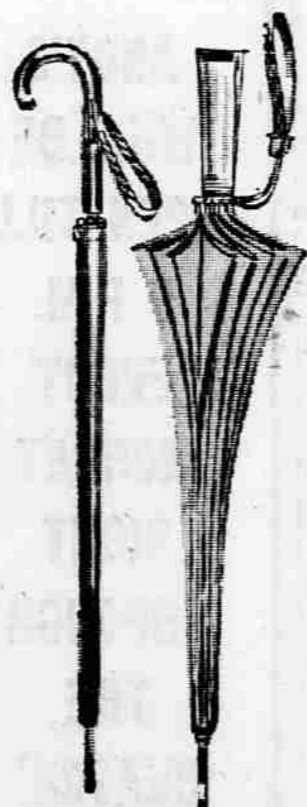
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