

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.

Mrs. T. F.—We don't want to spoil things for Muriel. **Terry F.** But she'll lead a miserable life with Carl.

Mrs. T. F.—My husband and I are terribly upset over a problem involving our two daughters.

Muriel is 22 and was recently engaged to a fine young man. They are planning to be married in a few months. A few weeks ago our younger daughter, Terry, came to us and said that the young man has been making overtures to her. At first we said it was ridiculous and forbade her to talk like that again, but since then we have noticed little things that seem to indicate that Terry is right.

Terry says that we should talk to Muriel about it to prevent her from making a big mistake. But we know that Muriel is very much in love and seems to be completely unaware of all this. We feel that it is a good marriage for her and we hate to do anything to spoil things.

Terry F.—My parents are so silly. They are afraid of spoiling things by preventing

this marriage, but they don't realize that they will be doing more harm if they let it go through. Muriel will lead a miserable life with Carl. I realized from the beginning that he had eyes for me. He always keeps looking at me when he comes to our house and several times he has kissed me on the lips—right in front of Muriel! She is so naive, she just laughed. Carl has even made comments about my figure in front of everyone.

I think that Muriel is just afraid to face the facts about her fiancé now that she has him on the hook. Underneath she is really jealous of all the attention he pays me. She'll never be happy with him. If he does things like that now what will he do afterwards?

The Council—The T.F.'s must try to keep cool heads in the face of Terry's aggressiveness. She is going much too far when she suggests that her parents should interfere with a desirable marriage for her sister.

A man making "overtures" to his fiancé's kid sister does not do it in front of the fiancé and the entire family. It is fairly obvious that Terry is strongly attracted to this man and quite possibly flaunts herself before him. If her own motives were entirely good and full of concern for her sister she would withdraw herself from Carl's attention the minute she suspected a serious flirtation on his part.

As we get the picture in this case, Carl and Muriel are quite sure of their feelings for one another and Carl feels perfectly free to express his affection for Muriel. If Terry was the shy, retiring type he might like her just as much but treat her a little differently. Since she evidently seeks and enjoys some special masculine attention from him, he responds in the way that seems appropriate. If Muriel felt that there was undue interest on his part, she would probably find ways of preventing contacts between the two of them.

We are not accusing Terry of being a villainess. She shows her desire to do right when she expresses concern about her sister. But her emotions have led her into a serious self-deception. It is up to her parents to help her understand that Muriel and Carl are deeply committed to one another and that she must withdraw herself entirely from their relationship.

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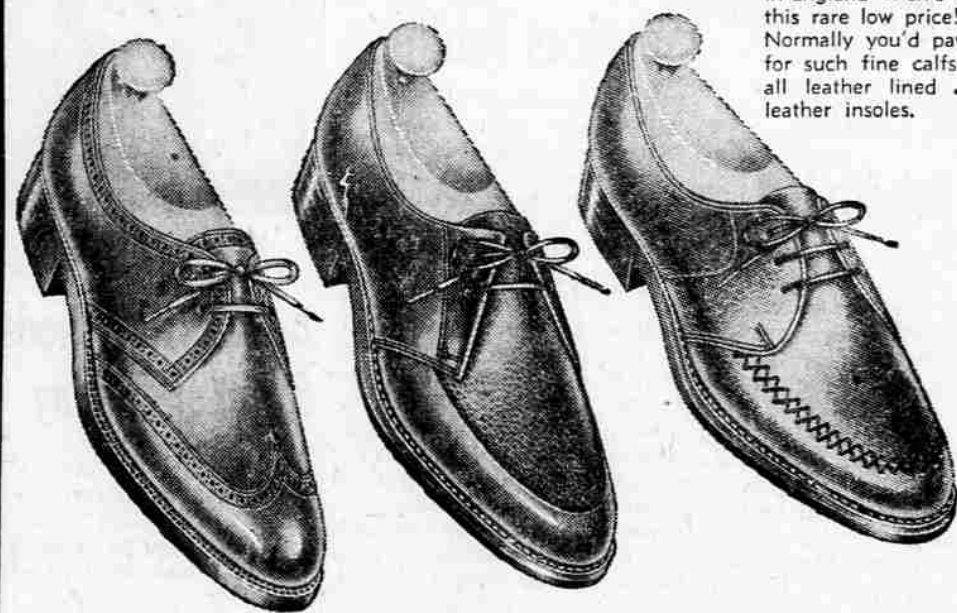
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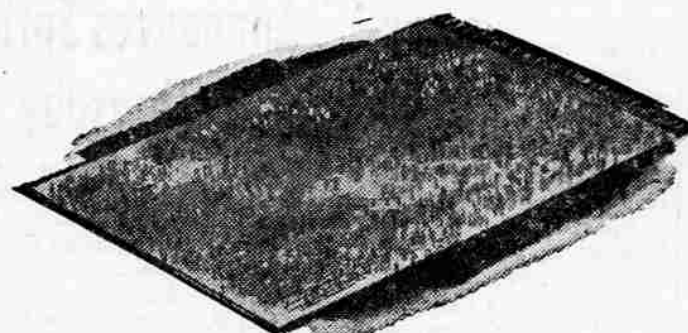
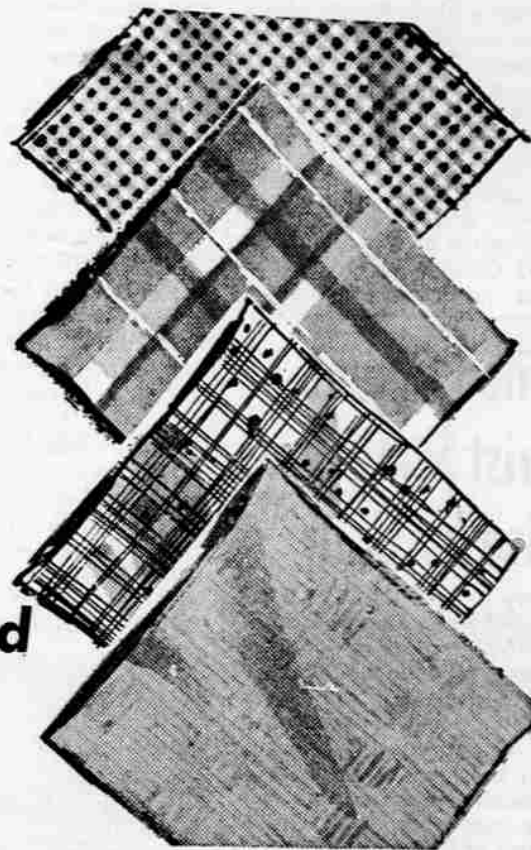
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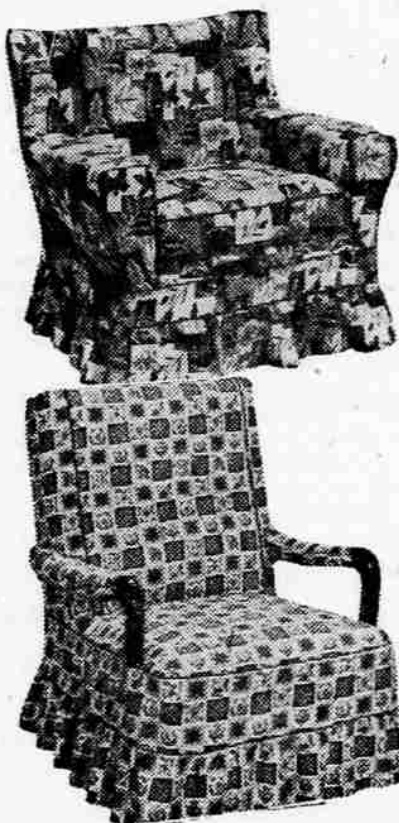
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