

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 case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Eileen J.—The neighbors are talking about Grace.

Grace E.—I don't care. I'm doing no wrong.

Eileen J.—My closest friend and I are two married women in our mid-30s. We each had a happy family life until Grace's husband became ill about a year and a half ago. During that time Grace's husband has been in and out of the hospital for weeks at a time. She has been lonely and it has been a great strain on her. Her husband, unfortunately, isn't a good patient. He has been demanding, cranky and unkind to her.

Recently Grace met a widower who has paid her a lot of attention. When her husband went to the hospital, Grace went out with him twice. All the neighbors are talking and I feel that Grace is making a big mistake.

Grace E.—I feel that as long as I do no wrong I have nothing to be ashamed of. This man has handled some of my husband's business problems while he has been ill. I don't know what I would have done without him.

This widower happens to be in his 50s—a lot too old for me. I look on him as a sort of father. He has always treated me in a perfectly gentlemanly manner and I wouldn't offend him by turning him away when he asks me out to dinner. The first time it happened, Eileen even offered to babysit with the children. She said it was so obvious that I had to have a change.

This man is as lonely as I am right now. We have done each other a lot of good.

The Council:—We have no doubt that Grace is in need of sympathetic male companionship. The only question involved is whether or not she can afford to pay the price such companionship must cost at this time.

Reducing the problem to the simple one of what the neighbors will say is not realistic. Much more is involved—essentially, the relationship between Grace and her husband.

It is fairly evident that this

H-Bomb Fusion Taming Nearer

Austin, Texas—(Science Service)—A theoretical advance by U.S. scientists trying to harness the hydrogen bomb's energy for peaceful purposes has been reported here.

The discovery modified recent Russian calculations and makes the outlook for ultimate success in taming the H-bomb fusion reactions much more promising. Dr. Marshall N. Rosenbluth, physicist with General Dynamics corporation's General Atomic division, reported the new contribution concerning the physics of hot ionized gas to a Symposium on Nuclear Fusion here.

The calculations of Russian scientists had indicated that if power-producing fusion reactors were built, they probably would have to be as large as hundreds of feet in diameter. Dr. Rosenbluth and Dr. William E. Drummond, also of General Atomic, found in their calculations that thermonuclear machines could be made considerably smaller than predicted by the Russians, and therefore of a reasonable size.

Drs. Rosenbluth and Drummond showed that the radiation emitted by a very hot plasma held in a magnetic field goes only in planes almost perpendicular to the magnetic field, not in all directions as the Russians had assumed. The U.S. scientists also showed that reflectors could be used to reduce further the radiated energy.

New High Vacuum Method Discovered

Washington—(Science Service)—A new method for making extremely high vacuums, some ten-billionths less than normal, was reported by Dr. Jesse W. Beams of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

He found the vacuum-producing system while studying the effects of rotors spinning at very high rates in a vacuum. Its advantages include the fact that the extremely high vacuum can be achieved very quickly, the apparatus can be refrigerated to very low temperatures while in operation.

The pumping system does not use any lubricated bearings, Dr. Beams reported.

London—(UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marriage were divorced Monday.

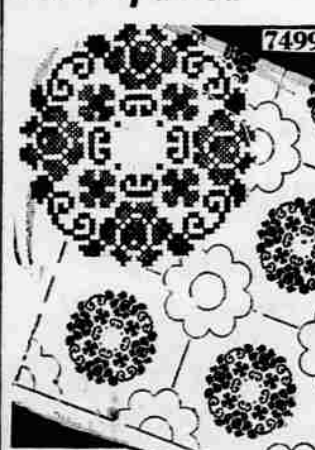
ill husband is ranting against the fate that has struck him down in the prime of his youth. His chances of recovery may be directly affected by such emotional factors as his wife's need of him and her loyalty to him in time of stress. Obviously he can't feel 100 per cent certain of that loyalty if he knows or suspects that his wife finds her situation so irksome that she must seek relief in the company of another man.

It is very difficult for Grace to keep a proper perspective on her behavior. Her need for a fatherly person to lean upon may be so great that she is incapable of even noticing other aspects of the relationship. Yet we think it most unlikely that other less desirable aspects will fail to creep in if the contact is kept up.

Grace should restrict her contacts with this widower to the business angle and should go to her friend or members of her own family for comfort. She should also try to have some entertainment and relaxation with groups of friends. This will help keep her spirits up and will serve as a far more satisfactory form of sociability than the one she has chosen up to this point.

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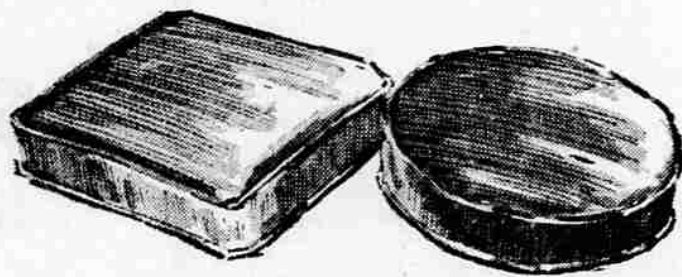
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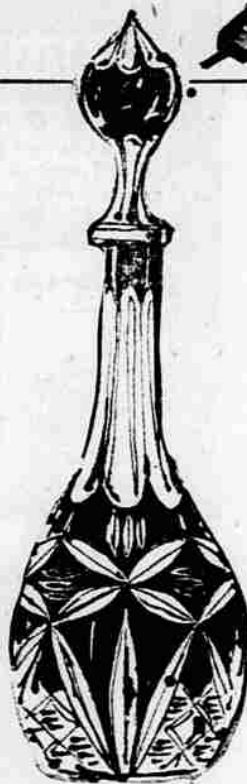


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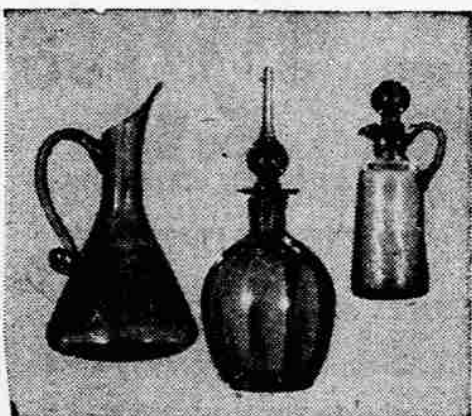
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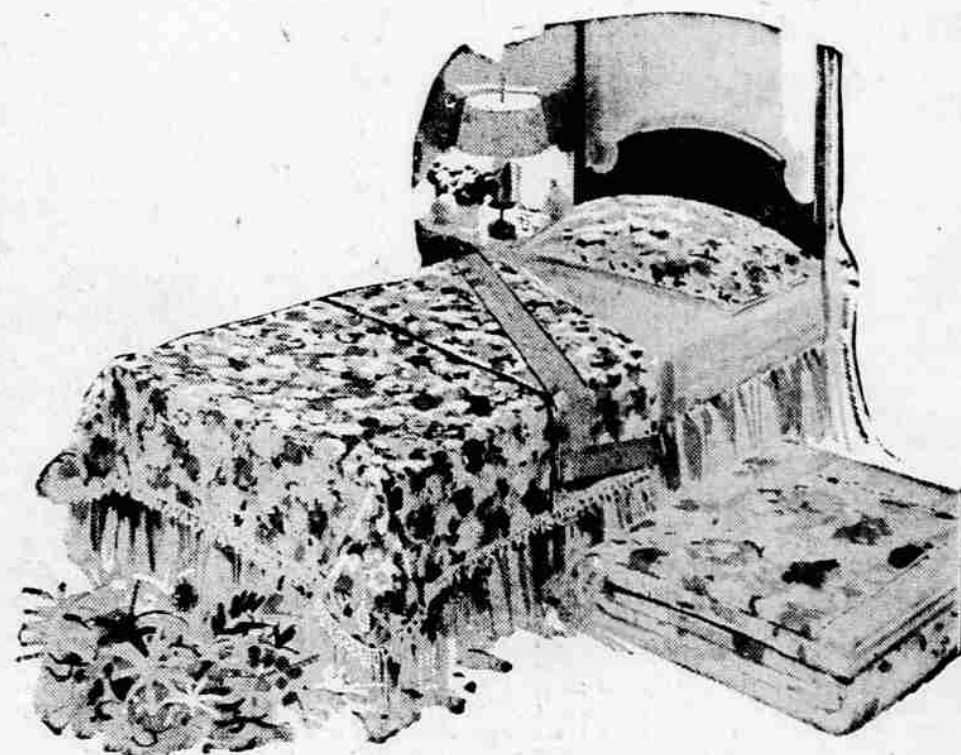
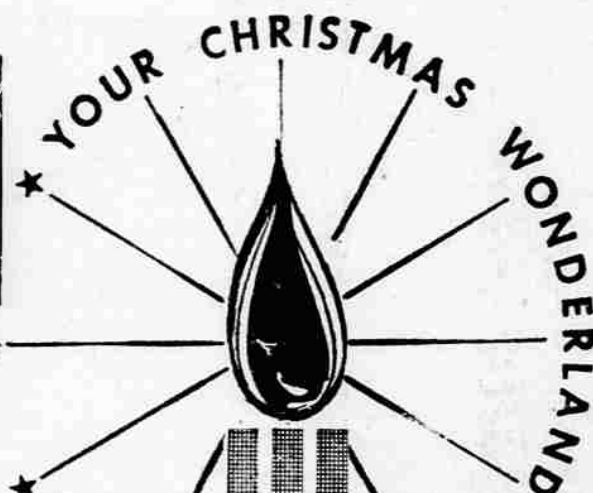
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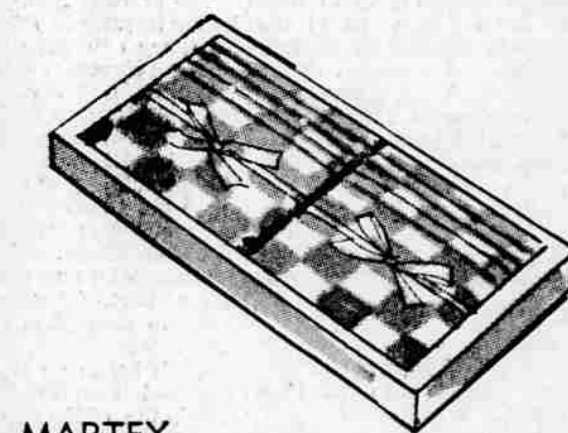
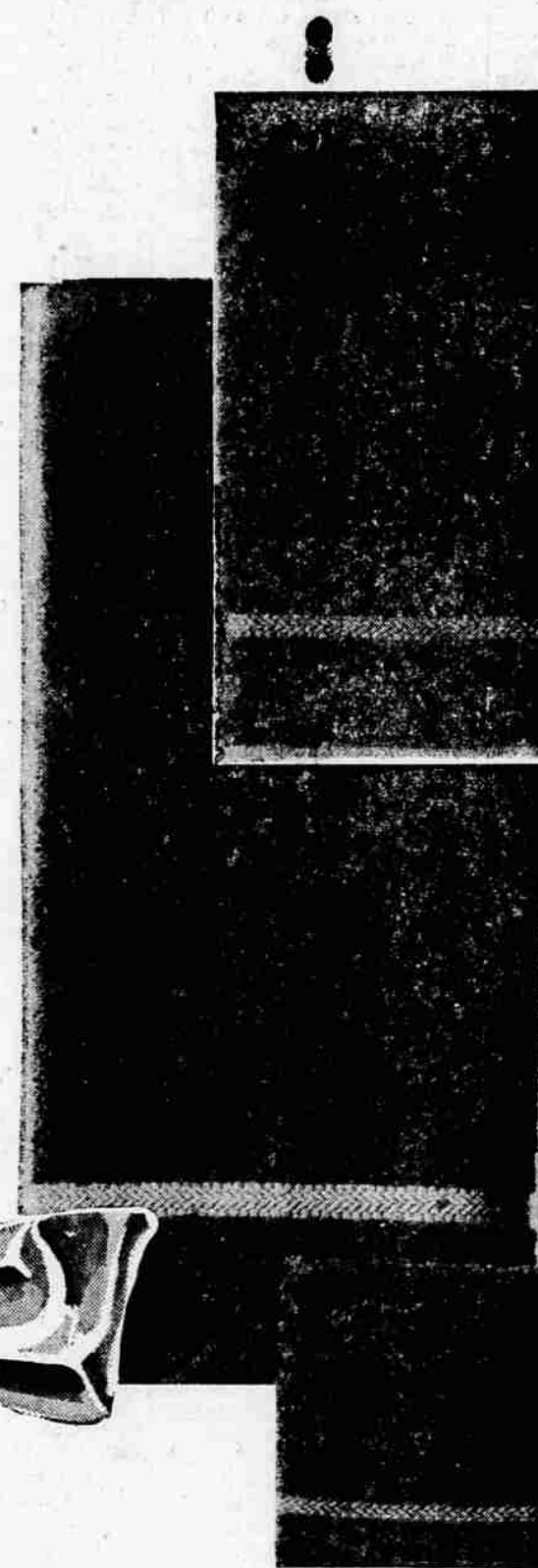


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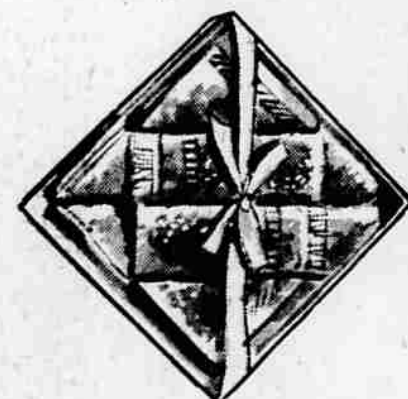
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