

Family Council

Gilbert G.—Dad's just trying to prove he's boss.
Mr. K. G.—One night a week is enough for him to have the car.

Gilbert G.—I had my 17th birthday last week and I got my driver's license. The only problem now is the car.

My father says I can have it once a week. Naturally, I want it for the week end, but now and then things come up during the week and I really need it. My girl friend and I belong to a photography club, for example, and I'd like to drive her to and from the mid-week meeting. If I use the car then I've got to give it up for the week end.

Dad is being silly about this thing. He'd rather leave the car standing in the garage and have me get around any old way just to prove he's boss.

Mr. K. G.—Last time I took inventory I noticed Gilbert had two perfectly healthy legs. With these he can walk four blocks to his girl's home and get the bus on the corner. The last bus gets back at her corner at midnight and I think that's late enough for her on a week-day night.

Gil claims he's going to lose his girl if he can't take her around in style. Frankly, I think she's better lost. I have never liked her and feel she makes too many demands on Gil. We feel she is behind his nagging about the car.

However, my wife is sympathetic toward Gil and thinks I'm making too much of an issue about this.

The Council: Gilbert is a mighty lucky fellow to have a father ready to go out of his way to "prove he's boss."

He should be aware that many fathers far more lenient on the car issue act out of disinterest, confusion about the "right" thing to do, dislike of being annoyed about family matters and weakness of backbone. It's a rare father these days who is perfectly clear in his own mind about his role in the home and what he expects of his children.

We don't favor a return to the old-fashioned grim and rigid father who was feared, and perhaps hated, by his children. But understanding and justice make a good combination. The fact that Gilbert has the car once a week indicates he gets a reasonable amount of consideration at home. And the fact that he feels free to argue a point shows that his father at least gives his case a hearing.

Gilbert's mother should also be grateful that her husband is the kind of man who is ready to take his full responsibility in this matter. She is lucky to be able to say, "Your father told you and that's that." If she feels that Gilbert is being treated unfairly or that she wants to plead his cause for some special occasion she should do it in private. There is every advantage in presenting a united front to the children.

Mr. K. G. also appears to be on the right track in taking a step to prevent his son's getting into the habit of feeling he must give in to every demand made by an aggressive girl. Gilbert will find that some very nice girls will like him for himself well enough to go out with him car or no car. This in itself will be a valuable lesson in living.

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Brigitte Bardot's Doctor Quits Case

Paris—UPI—Brigitte Bardot, who expects the stork at any moment, has balked at her doctor's orders and he has quit, according to friends.

The gynecologist, Dr. Theophile Laennec, was reported to have told BB and her husband, Jacques Charrier, that if they ignored his advice he would quit. They did and he did, friends said.

"I cannot accept responsibility for the delivery of this baby," Laennec was quoted.

Exactly what Laennec recommended was a mystery but it was believed Laennec recommended Brigitte go to a hospital.

DAUGHTER DIES

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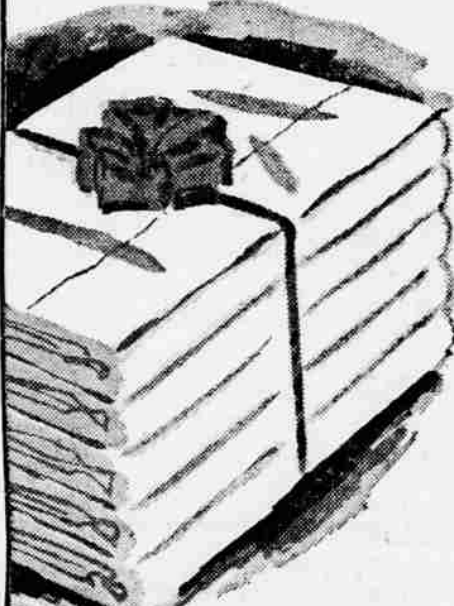
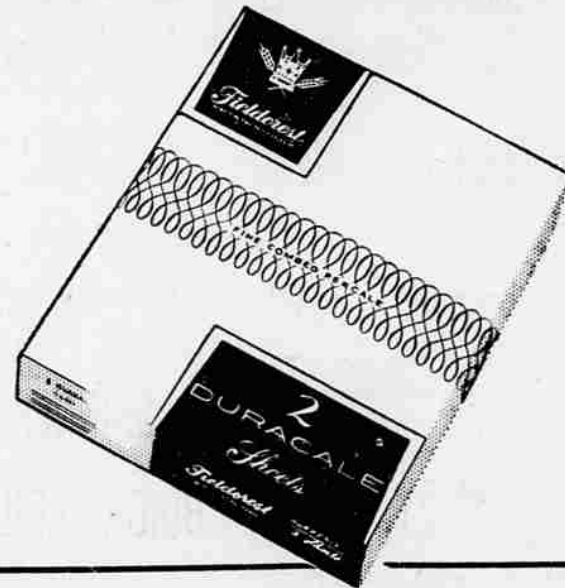


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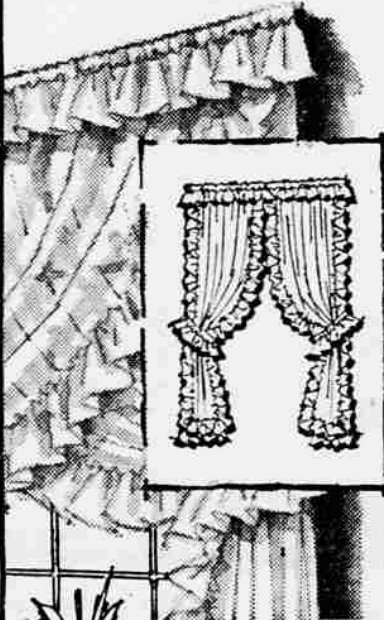


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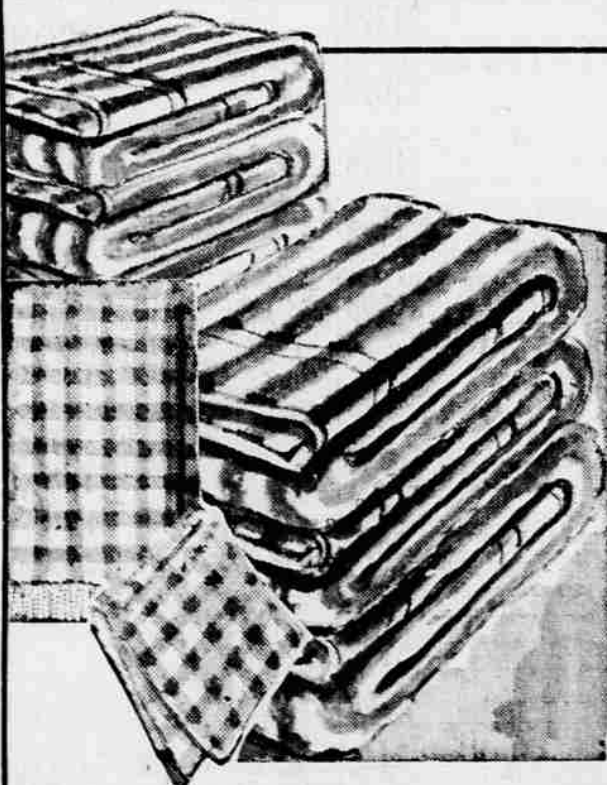
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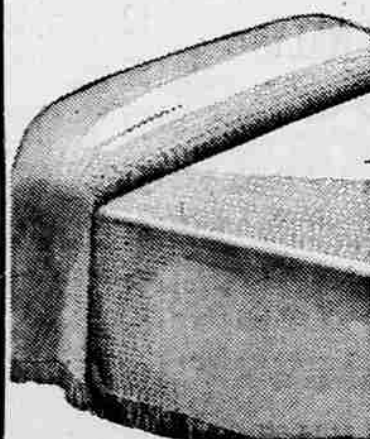
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