

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 courts.

Marian S. - We can each make a happier life apart.

Edwin S. - What about the children?

Marian S. - My husband and I have been married 15 years and have four children. We have never been very happy together and I think we've now come to the parting of the ways.

The trouble seriously started about four years ago when Ed became involved with another woman. He wanted a divorce and I refused to give it to him. Finally the affair petered out.

In the meantime, however, we each went our separate ways and I tried to involve myself in community activities. Through these I met a man I love. Now I want the

divorce, but Ed doesn't. I feel now I was wrong about not giving him the divorce when he wanted it. After all, we don't love one another and we are both still young enough to make a separate, happier life.

Edwin S. - What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Why should I grant Marian a divorce just because it happens to suit her convenience now?

I lost the woman I cared for because of Marian. And it was Marian's fault that I got involved in the first place. Her coldness and constant nagging drove me to it. The woman I cared for was warmhearted and generous, but didn't want to live a "back street" existence. She wanted marriage.

As far as I'm concerned, Marian can just suffer now the way I suffered. At that time she kept saying, "What about the children? What about our home?" Well I say the same thing now. She told me I should make sacrifices for the children. Well, how about her doing the sacrificing now?

The Council: This is a case of two individuals doing some right things for the wrong reasons - and it can't work out well.

Both Marian and Ed are

motivated by spite and they can only make life more miserable for one another and their children. Divorce wouldn't solve their problems because individuals bitten by the virus of hate and spite aren't cured by a simple change of partners.

The happiness of children is a good reason to keep a marriage together, but it is the height of cruelty and cynicism to use this as a camouflage for spite.

If Marian had kept her children's interest uppermost, she would not have closed the door to reconciliation with her husband and gotten herself involved with another man. This involvement was not accidental. It had to be desired. We suspect that this relationship has more to do with Marian's desire to hurt her husband than with love or even liking for another man.

The children, who are being used as pawns in this ugly battle, are not blissfully unaware of everything. They may not know all the details, but Marian and Ed may be sure that their children sense the emotional setup in their home. It is robbing them of a happy childhood and is likely to have long-lasting effects.

If Ed really wants to keep the children together for his children's sake, he will not stop simply at withholding a divorce. He will make an active effort to win back his wife and start the marriage again in the spirit that moved him when he took his wedding vows.

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'Horn' Segment In Brain Plays Role in Memory

Los Angeles - (Science Service) - A horn-shaped segment of the brain may decide what is worthwhile remembering and help recall the information when situations demand

the information. Experiments by Dr. Ross Adey of the University of California Medical School, Los Angeles, suggest this role for the segment, the hippocampus.

One activity of this brain segment may be to "approve" an incoming message (or stimuli) for permanent deposit as a memory trace in an appropriate neural system. Furthermore the hippocampus may assist in recalling the item of information in a conditional learning (goal-directed) situation.

Experiments showed that certain rhythmic waves from this brain segment provide a sensitive correlate of the animal's ability to engage in goal-directed performance. This involved training the animal to approach a food reward in a maze box.

Approach Signaled
When the animal responded as he had been trained, the

rhythmic waves seemed to signal his correct approach to the reward. Drugs which caused the animal to forget his training for a time so that he wandered aimlessly about led to abrupt change in wave patterns. The rhythmic pattern returned when the animal again responded as it had been trained.

This rhythmic pattern from the hippocampus probably helps a person drive to work each day over a familiar route. The unconscious cues that tell where to turn were probably indelibly inscribed in the brain with the help of the hippocampus. And as long as this rhythmic brain wave persists the driver will not make a wrong turn.

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The exclusive "750 Club" of Democrats who contributed \$1,000 each to liquidate the party's debts today was told the current campaign started off in the black.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Since Time Began, Cobwebs Have Cluttered Up the House

They were mildly bothersome then as well as now and as long as house spiders share a tiny section of this earth with us they will probably continue to do what they have always done, clutter up the ceilings of the house and the rafters of the barn.

Cobwebs have formed in the upper corners of man's abode since the beginning of time, for the spiders were here first. Cave-wives, whose only home was a cave in the side of a prehistoric hill, swept cobwebs from the crevices with a broom made from the branch of a tree or with the wing of a bird.

Ever since and even as of right now, modern homes have these filmy threads in the unused corners that have to be swept away at frequent intervals. There are folks who have peculiar and mostly erroneous ideas about cobwebs, even attributing their presence to some uncanny manifestation of supernatural forces.

Haunted Houses
All "haunted" houses as well as wine cellars were generously decorated with cobwebs. Moving pictures of the hero brushing aside eerie curtains of cobwebs while he tried to determine "who dun it," is very important to spooky pictures.

There is really no mystery as to the villain - it is the common garden spider or house spider that drops a thread of silk from the rafter or ceiling. The spider is set-

ting a trap or more correctly, a net, to catch insects that may become entangled in the sticky threads.

The silken strands spun by the spider are invisible at first. Neither the fly nor the housewife sees them until dust and lint adhering to the sticky threads make them noticeable. Then instead of spiders, it's the same difference.

Usefulness Lost

Of course by the time the web becomes visible the usefulness of the web is gone as far as the spider is concerned. So she moves to another location and spins another web. These house spiders seldom spin a regular web such as we see in the garden or on a clump of weeds.

What eventually becomes a cobweb is merely a group of threads: a haphazard tangle of silk of various lengths.

In spite of the strange stories and myths about cobwebs having a mysterious origin, a cobweb is merely a spider web made by a spider that is too lazy to spin a regular web or too afraid to go outdoors where spiders should be. She fools herself, for after the lint and dust gathers on the web its usefulness is ended, and more work is necessary to construct another.

The spider is naturally a fastidious creature. When the cobweb becomes a cobweb, she just won't live there any more, and at that time the equally fastidious housewife wraps a cloth around a broom

Pickets Prevent Unloading of Fish

San Pedro, Calif. - (UPI) - A crowd of albacore fishermen and their families Tuesday prevented a fellow fisherman from selling his catch, harbor spokesmen said.

Louis Zermatten, 50, docked his boat at the Van Camp cannery at Fish Harbor, Terminal Island, to unload his catch. He said pickets forced him to pull away.

He returned later to the same dock and found the fishermen had been joined by pickets of ILWU, Fishermen's Union Division.

Zermatten, an independent fisherman, said he had intended to sell his 12-ton load of tuna to Van Camp at the cannery's price of \$325 a ton. He later anchored his boat in midharbor without unloading. Police were on the scene but no violence was reported.

The albacore fishermen are refusing to sell their first catches of the season to canneries because of a price cut of \$110 a ton. Last year's catch, spokesmen said, sold for \$435 a ton.

Russia Accuses West of Oppression

Moscow (UPI) - Russia accused the West of "colonial oppression" in the Congo today and asked the United Nations to take immediate action to end this "armed aggression."

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko handed the text of a statement on the matter to U. S. Charge d'Affaires Edward Freers and the Belgian ambassador.

and sweeps the silken webs from the ceiling.
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Scientists Fail To Inform, AAAS Committee Says

Washington - (Science Service) - Scientists have failed in their responsibility to undertake "an independent informative role" in political, economic and social affairs involving science, a special committee for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) charges.

This failure has contributed to a crisis that "may disrupt the history of man," the AAAS warned in a major policy statement in which it urged scientists to speak out and inform the public on key issues. The report appears in Science.

According to the statement, scientists have "a serious and immediate responsibility" to provide the public with facts on the control of nuclear energy, disarmament, population control, the role of scientific research in international military and political rivalries, the biological effects of food additives, and the social consequences of automation.

Five Years of Study
The statement resulted from "more than five years of discussion and study within the AAAS." It was drafted by the AAAS Committee on Science in the Promotion of Human Welfare.

The committee recommended that on any major issue relating to science, the AAAS should:

1. Stimulate discussions within the scientific community and provide guidance for the development of a specific program.
2. Prepare reports for the scientific community on all relevant data and the consequences likely from alternative courses of action.
3. Translate the scientific report into lay language for distribution "through all available channels."
4. Develop more contact on a local community level between scientists and the public.



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