

Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a father, a mother, three children, a newspaper editor, a woman'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.

Murray P. - She's probably the world's worst housekeeper. Virginia P. - So what? I make up for it in other ways.

Murray P. - A man can take just so much of sloppy housekeeping. We've been married seven years and have a 3-year-old son. At first I enjoyed the way Ginny and I dished out of the house to see a movie, or to greet friends arriving at the door. "Okey that impulse" was her slogan. It was so different from my mother's way that I was fascinated. But we're older now. Ginny's 29 and ought to stop kicking things under the bed before company comes. She might wash out a few cups and saucers during the day, instead of taking a fresh set every time she wants a cup of coffee. Things pile up. You should see the mess that greets me.

When the baby came, she stocked up on gadgets - all sorts of choppers, peelers, mashers. Are they ever used? Of course not. We're all eating out of jars, cans, cartons and packages - provided I remind Ginny that there's nothing left and it's time to market. She's a cheerful, bright woman, and a devoted mother to Randy. With such wonderful qualities, why can't she sober up and act her age when it comes to running a home properly? She's a just doesn't care to.

Virginia P. - If it were up to Murray, I'd be like his mother and have a broom or a spoon in my hand all day. He knew what a dim view I took of those Sunday dinners that took three hours to make, two hours to eat, and three more to clean up after. I thought I'd convinced him that a TV dinner, plus a Sunday outing, is a far better idea.

Okay, so I'm a poor housekeeper. Why keep arguing about it? You'd think Murray would accept the fact that things lying around don't bother me the way they bother him, and that he'd pick them up himself instead of delivering pep talks to me all the time.

I can't shine on all fronts. He admits I keep our little boy in good shape and spirits. I'm also the secretary of our family "society," a job which keeps me busy planning family meetings four times a year, and, along with Murray, I'm active in Masonic activities. It's about time he stopped trying to reform me.

The Council: Perhaps to impress upon Murray that she's at the opposite pole from his mother, Virginia is leaning so far backwards that she resembles her mother-in-law in rigidity. Refusing to budget from her extremely lackadaisical position, she's blind to the happy medium as the most objective dust-chaser.

In Murray's behalf, we remind Virginia that there is an irreducible minimum of housework required in every home, in the interests of sanitation as well as sanity. Real freedom to do interesting, exciting, creative things, Virginia, springs from an orderly way of life. With the physical "essentials" out of the way, all attention can be directed to the jaunts, adventures and enrichments you wish for. But leaving and returning to mounds of filth, and lists of unattended-to errands, is dispiriting and distracting. Usually it all but nullifies the buoyant effect of the "stolen" escape.

But from Virginia's corner, we'd have Murray see the job of housewife as the hardest in the world. It's so complex that sociologists now view it as a profession, requiring long training plus a "flair." So, with three changes, namely Virginia's acceptance of responsibility for a smoothly running home, Murray's forbearance and good-natured assistance, and as many electric labor-saving devices as the traffic will bear, the P. household can turn into a full-fledged home. Basically, Virginia is an ideal homemaker, for she has the warmth and graciousness which can turn even a hovel into a cozy shelter. All she must remember from now on, however, is to add a few flicks of a dust-mop to her friendly ministrations.

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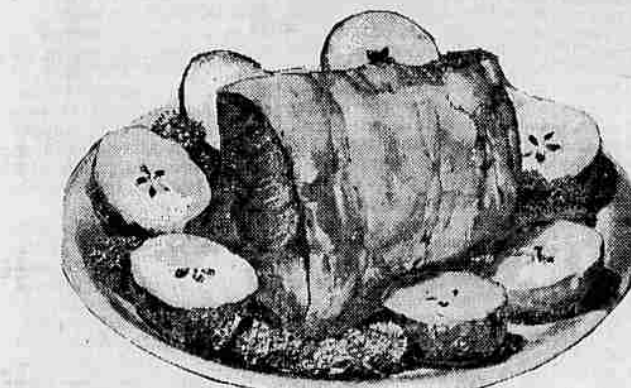
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