

Family Council

Copyright, General Features Corp. Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, 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.

Ann T.—He gets all slicked up, walks out, won't say where.

Peter T.—It's better than getting into a long debate with her.

Ann T.—We've been married ten years and have two children. My husband does all right financially as a machine-repairman and everything was smooth with us until about two months ago.

Right after supper one evening, he shaved, slicked up and changed into his good suit. When I asked him where he was going his answer was "I'll be back." Naturally I raised Cain with him because that's no answer. Well, since then he has gone through that same transformation, changing into his fancy clothes and leaving silently, a few times a week. He returns around midnight, this male Cinderella.

I won't lower myself to following him. I can't believe there's another woman. In all modesty I know I'm an attractive wife. I was voted the prettiest in my high school class, and we were very happy till he started this mystery act with me.

Peter T.—Believe me, I love Ann and I love my children. But I've reached a point where I can't stand staying home night after night with only Ann for company. To come right out with it, she's a bore. No new ideas, no new talk ever comes out of her. The same old petty and narrow views are all I can look forward to.

I craved new faces, new stimulation and I found them in a group of congenial intellectuals. I happened to be doing a job for a lawyer. We got to talking. He told me about this bunch who meets in his office to discuss current events, philosophy, religion and new thoughts. I was thrilled when he said I could take part.

Why haven't I explained this to Ann? She'd be hurt. She wouldn't understand. I can't take her along. She wouldn't fit in. Besides, her suspicious about my motives have hurt me.

The Council: In latching up with the eggheads, Peter showed himself to be quite a knucklehead. Surely there are better ways of improving one's mind than by trying to drive one's wife out of her, with mysterious comings and goings and goings-on.

Perhaps the first thing Peter's lawyer-friend should help him with is how to talk plain English to a wife. His method of showing Ann that she was in a mental rut is a brutal one, to say the least. Why couldn't he have described his restlessness to her, listened to her suggestions (even the same old ones) for perking things up, mentioned the way out offered by The Leader? He would have left fewer scars, more burgeoning promises than resulted from his close-mouthed, angry resolution of the problem.

Also, the same lawyer-benefactor might outline how close Peter came to inflicting the mental cruelty the divorce statutes talk about when he spent so much time slicking up before the mirror without telling Ann why. Who'd ever think a man works over the knot on his tie to get it just right for a yak-session? Why must the points on the show handkerchief be just so for a debate on The Probability of The Possibility? Ann couldn't help but have those suspicions which Peter says hurt him. They hurt her worse.

But now that the mystery is solved, let's get further into the mystery of why it ever developed, and how to profit from it. It developed because these two couldn't communicate — he re: his boredom; she re: her mystification. At this rate, Peter was ending both his boredom and his marriage. Ann would soon have no other recourse but to slick up herself and the kids and let Pete wonder where they were.

The right answer, of course, lies in adult education courses for both. There are colleges, libraries, community centers nearby offering tempting fare to fill all intellectual hungers or lacks. After accompanying Ann while she registers, Pete can decide whether to hire a baby-sitter and attend classes the same night as his wife, or to go separate nights and baby-sit for each other. In the latter arrangement he'd still be a lone wolf, but Ann would endorse the growl.

BONUS STAMP DAYS!

6th and Grape
In Downtown Medford
Lots of Free Parking!

PRICES GOOD
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

THRIFTY GREEN STAMP REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT
THE GROCETRIA FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AND WILL
GIVE AWAY OVER 200,000 THRIFTY GREEN STAMPS
DURING THESE ANNUAL BONUS STAMP DAYS
FREE BALLOONS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
For the Kiddies When Accompanied by Their Parents

Groceteria

SAVE!
SAVE!

THE PLACE TO GO
FOR THE BRANDS
YOU KNOW

REDEEM YOUR THRIFTY
GREEN STAMPS at the
Groceteria for 2⁰⁰ per book

Hills Bros.
**INSTANT
COFFEE**

10-oz.
Jar

97^c

Kotex
**SANITARY
NAPKINS**

Pkg.
of 12

29^c

North Coast
**APPLE
SAUCE**

8 F 1⁰⁰

50 EXTRA Stamps

WITH PURCHASE OF EACH OF THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Woodbury Toilet Soap 6 bars 69^c
- 1⁰⁰ Size Woodbury Shampoo 69^c
- 2 lb. Krispy Crackers
- 2 lb. NBC Honey Maid Grahams
Cocoa Nut Bar or Oatmeal Gems
- Mother's Cookies 10 Doz. Pkg. 69^c
- Any 69^c Size Nalley Potato Chips

100 EXTRA Stamps

WITH THE PURCHASE OF EACH OF THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Any Broom or Dust Mop \$1 value or over
- Large Size Alka Seltzer
- Aerowax Self Polishing Wax — Quart Size
- 14 Qt. Carnation Inst. Non-fat Milk

P & G SOAPS

IVORY LIQUID 32-oz. size	69 ^c
IVORY LARGE BAR 2 bars	37 ^c
IVORY MEDIUM BAR 3 bars	35 ^c
IVORY FLAKES giant size	79 ^c
IVORY SNOW giant size	79 ^c
DREFT giant size	75 ^c
CASCADE For automatic dishwashers pkg.	49 ^c
COMET CLEANSER reg. size 2 for	35 ^c
SALVO TABLETS giant size	89 ^c

HILLS BROS. COFFEE

Lb. 63c	1 ²⁵
2 lbs.	2 ⁵⁰
6-oz.	79 ^c
Instant	79 ^c

Demonstration
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10 A.M. to 5:30
Kikkoman
Soy Sauce
6-oz. bottle - 33^c

IDEAL
FLAT BREAD
35^c Pkg.

LOW LOW PRICES

BEEF STEW

Easy On Spray Starch

Cottage Meat Pies

Beef - Chicken
Turkey

24-oz. can **39^c**
15-oz. can **39^c**
6 F 1⁰⁰

Cottage Fruit Pies

33^c

Schilling Black Pepper

2-oz. can **19^c**

Campbell Tomato Soup

can **10^c**

Cottage Spinach

303
can

8 F 1⁰⁰

Campfire Marshmallows

1-lb. bag **29^c**

Kitchen Queen Flour

10-lb. bag

69^c

Crown Unbleached Flour

10-lb. bag

89^c

COUPON

**100 EXTRA
THRIFTY GREEN STAMPS**

WITH EACH \$10.00 ORDER
OR OVER
WITH THIS COUPON

COUPON GOOD THROUGH APRIL 29th

COUPON

**100 FREE
THRIFTY GREEN STAMPS**

With This Coupon

COUPON GOOD THROUGH APRIL 29th