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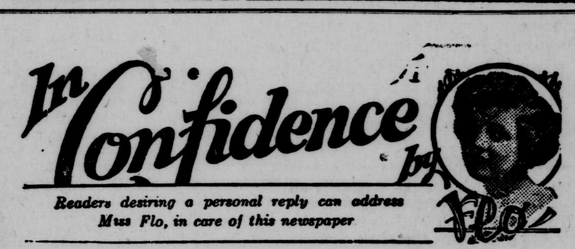

Readers desiring a personal reply can address Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper

POOR ANN AND HER NAGGING HUSBAND

Dear Miss Flo:

My husband is becoming so crabby that life with him is almost unbearable. Until a year ago he was kind and considerate. Now he is cross and irritable all of the time. He is invariably disagreeable in the morning, nagging and complaining about everything in general. I say nothing, hoping that by evening he will be in a better mood, but when he comes home in the evening, he is worse than he was in the morning. My friends advise me to be tactful, and say nothing, but I'm getting tired of it. It isn't fair that I should have all the work to do in making our home a happy and congenial one. Please tell me what to do. ANN

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Well, Ann you certainly have my sympathy, if that will help any, and the sympathy of a million other wives, who want to know the same thing. I can think of nothing worse than a nagging husband. They simply can't be pleased.

I do think the advice given you by well-meaning friends is wrong. The more you humor a nagging husband the worse he gets. This "all for peace" doctrine doesn't appeal to me. Peace at any price would be worth achieveing if it were a human possibility, but apparently, it is not. Peace can never be acquired at the price of justice. Perhaps there can be a temporary happiness, but never a permanent one. Permanent peace means justice and understanding—not self-control on the part of one and license and liberty on the part of the other.

We should not deceive ourselves when we are faced with domestic problems. If a man is cross in the morning without cause he should overcome his fault. Some men have an idea that a woman is a buffer to absorb all the unpleasantness in his nature. She certainly is not, and if your husband thinks so, he had better change his opinion right now. Married life is an equal partnership. A wife, as partner in this business of marriage, should demand cooperation.

But she should also give cooperation.

Have you given your husband any reason for changing from a kind, considerate man, into a nagging, overbearing hosband? Perhaps in the readjustment that comes with marriage you have demanded too much. Perhaps you have tried to make him over as you would like him to be. Every woman dreams of a husband who is as hard as iron to the world, but is as putty in her hands.

Experience soon teaches her that she can no more alter her husband's habits and prejudices than she can alter the nature of the world. He has his ways, irritating or not, and she can either use tact and diplomaiy in handling him, or be in a perpetual quarrel with him—and the latter method would make a nagger out of any husband.

It is just as much the husband's place to read the newest fashion books so that he can discuss intelligently with her the latest styles, as it is her place to read up on the subjects that he finds most interesting.

It is just as much his business to deal subtly with her as it is her business to deal subtly with him.

As yet, no one has been able to work out a plan for dealing with a nagging husband. However, as your husband has just developed into a nagger, there may be some hope for him. Perhaps he doesn't realize that he is making you very unhappy.

By talking it over with him perhaps you can persuade him to try to correct his fault-finding habit.

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If Elizabeth will send her address I will be very glad to answer the question she has asked.

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Times have changed considerably, but our esteemed friend, Sheriff Harry W. Johnson, who has one of the fine farms of the western section of the county, is averse to allowing the elimination of time-honored customs. Wednesday morning he brought to this office for our enjoyment a basket of fine apples of the Williams Red variety. Many thanks, Sheriff.—Georgetown Republican.

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