

Helps the 'Gals' Solve Those Problems

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This is for gals only—a clearing house for those young characters who are shaking their heads over everything from how to keep their ever-lovin' boy happy and attentive, to the best way to get over bashfulness, give the brush-off to a stupid cupid who persists in asking for dates and what to do when a honeychile has no dates at all. It's the same old problems, each with a new gal and a new twist; and the first one gives out this way:

"This is very serious. I am 18 and could have many friends and many dates but my father will allow neither. To start from the beginning, my mother died when I was 6, leaving my two brothers and me alone with our father. For three years we lived with a lady in town; then my dad found out that we were being mistreated and he took us home. Since that time he has cared for us himself.

"He has treated me wonderfully, giving me anything I asked for. The only complaint I have to make is that he is so old-fashioned. I'm not allowed to wear makeup or perfume. I can't go out in the evening and if I even go to a movie I have to have my two brothers as escorts and have to sit

out with them. I can't seem to open my eyes to what most of the boys like. Dates are really like. She has a pleasing personality and for that reason her dates come often.

"Occasionally she dates boys with very black marks on their reputation. Several times I have tried to tell her what is being said about some of her dates but she has always brushed the subject away in some way or another. Recently several of the nicest fellows on her date list dropped her as dating material because they did not approve of the other boys she went out with.

"I haven't seen her long enough to say three words to her in the past several weeks, but gossip about her has reached my ears, and altho I have not passed any of it along, it is rapidly spreading. As I said, she is really a sweet girl but she doesn't seem to realize how she is ruining her own reputation. Is there anything I can do?"

You might do one or two things. First, give your own story the once-over-lightly to make sure that you are sincerely worried because your friend is dating the "wrong Joe" or if you are more worried because you are not dating them. If you really think some one should take her off in the corner for a heart-to-heart talk, do it at once. You may lose a friend or you may make a better one.

Second, make it a point not only to refuse to pass on any gossip you hear but to refuse to listen to it. If you make a good, all-savvy audience, whoever tells it to you

will be encouraged to pass the tidbit on to some one else."

There is a decidedly undesirable character who continually asks me to dances and school parties about two months ahead of time. He has a very unsavory reputation which wouldn't improve my chances for dates or my own reputation if I went out with him. He's been spelling my chances for fun for a long time now—but what to do? I can't run around the corner every time I see him coming."

"Why let it spoil your fun? It's as easy to say "no" the fifth time as it is the first. A gal never has to accept a date with any one; just keep refusing—before long he's bound to realize that you mean it."

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