Is There Any Cure For Women Who Have To Nag All The Time?

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Why do some women have to nag all the time? I have a fine wife in many ways. She's an efficient housekeeper — too efficient, perhaps - and she's a good mother. Yet she seldom lets up on nie around the house. Her ability to recall the things I forget to do is remarkable, Every little thing starts her off. Is there any cure?

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WELL, YOU may recall that Shakespeare gave us one in his Taming of the Shew. It was a "get tough" policy that produced marvelous results in the play. I have serious doubts that it would work very well offstage In real life, one man does not write all the lines. and the plot, especially in marmage, has a way of developing which thwarts all predictions.

The problem of nagging appears frequently in marriage literature Even the Ancients recognized that a woman's tongue was her best weap-on. We are told that the famous old Greek philosopher, Socrates, seldom stayed home because he feared it so much. He could spend hours skillfully arguing with men in the market place, yet he was no match for his sharp-tongued wife, Zanthippe

Down through the ages the belief has persisted that some women are born to nag, and may the Fates help the man who marries one!

But all wives - perhaps most --- don't nag. This should lead us to suspect that there may be sound reasons why some do. Before we can talk about a cure, we must discover the possible cause. Let's go over a few of them.

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FIRST, SOME women find frequent grounds for nagging because of their peculiar definition of the home and the role of housekeeping. Efficiency and order rather than family living comfort determine their outlook. The home and everything in it becomes a kird of show-place, to be left clean and orderly at any cost.

We might say that they value the house more than the husband and children are necessary but irritating disturbers of the peace. One has to keep them constantly in line.



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St. Paul, Minn. - (RNS) - The Presbyterian Synod of vinnesota urged repeal of a 1955 state law allowing income tax deductions for expenses paid in connection with attendance of children at parochial schools.

to give tangible proof of a genuinely tolerant spirit, of goodwill "We feel that this is a violation of the principle of separa- towards the religious minority tion of Chaurch and State and and of the understanding esteem that it is the foot of the camel in which it is held." in the tent of separation," said a Heads of the Protestant school report adopted at the synod's an expressed their thanks to the

THE LAW permits a \$200 deduction for tuition, books and American Hotel supplies of children enrolled in private and parochial elementary To Open At Fatima and secondary schools.

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Big Family In Governor's Mansion

Michael A. Stepovich, pictured with the wille and children, is Alaska's first native son to be named governor of the Territory. He is also the youngest governor in Alaska's history, taking office at 38, and is the first Catholic to be named. Pictured from left, back row, are Antonia, 8; Mrs. Stepovich; Michael, 6; Peter, 5 ; Governor Mike; Maria, 7; front row, Theodoxe, 6 mo.; Christopher, 4; and Dominic, 11, Gowernor Stepovich is a graduate of Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., and the Law School of Notre Dame University. He is a daily communicant. (NC Photo).

Blessed Mother Apparition Mother now has disappeared from Cerneca Hora. Reported In Soviet Union now oozes from the ground where the Blessed Mother ap-

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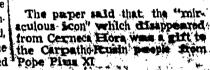
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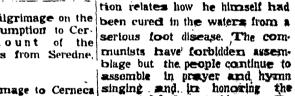
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SECOND, SOME husbands provoke nagging by their rearound the home. They are frequently late, they have to meals, they keep postponing or forgetting necessary jobs around the home. Such tendenries exasperate most women and they set out to correct them. Husbands often consider these abuses as very minor affairs, forgetting that they may occasion serious inconvenience for their wives.

Third, in some women, nagging is a manifestation of personal frustration. They are dissatisfied either with their roles, their social positions, or the successes of their friends. They are not sure just what they want, but they are rest. less and unhappy, peevishly working out their discontent on those around them. * * *

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wholesome children.

"EVEN IF THE BABY doesn't sleep as long as he is supposed to, smile at him," she said. "This will give him a sense of being warated."

Mrs. O'Brien spoke here at an institute smonsored by St. Louis University. She said the mother's smile should be fusal to cooperate readily accompanied by a profound understanding.

ONE WAY TO MAKE THE SMILE come easier, she be called several times for stated, is for the mother to forget any preconceived ideas of pushing a child into a certain field of activity.

> "A mother should not try to make a bas-eball player into a piano player," Mrs. O'Brien said.

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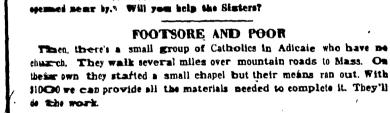
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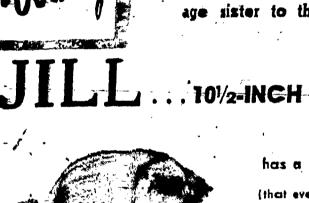
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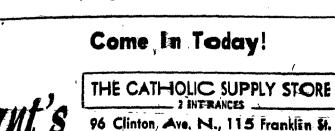
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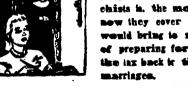
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