

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

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.
Assistant Professor of Sociology at St. Louis University

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 me on me 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?

WELL, YOU may recall that Shakespeare gave us one in his *Taming of the Shrew*. It was a "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 marriage, 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 weapon. 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, Xanthippe.

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.

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 kind of showplace, to be left clean and orderly at any cost.

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

SECOND, SOME husbands provoke nagging by their refusal to cooperate readily around the home. They are frequently late, they have to be called several times for meals, they keep postponing or forgetting necessary jobs around the house. Such tendencies 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 restless and unhappy, peevishly working out their discontent on those around them.



your family situation, how do you diagnose the trouble? Is your wife the watchdog type, guarding the house from all disturbance? If so, you'll have to put up with some nagging for this fixation is not easily cured.

Are you being neglectful and uncooperative? Then the remedy is simple, and it's up to you know whom.

Is the nagging merely a symptom of some deeper discontent? Then your diagnosis will have to go further.

Maybe the daily routine and

monotony of keeping house are hard on her nerves. Try taking her out once a week or more.

Maybe the tasks of rearing a family has narrowed her interests to the small circle of the family. Help her widen her view by getting her to go out and meet people in church, school, and social activities.

A nagging wife is made, not born. It is worth your best effort to see that this doesn't happen in your marriage. Let the "angel in the house" become the devil in the kitchen.

Advice To Mothers:

Keep Smiling To Rear Wholesome Children

St. Louis — (NC) — Keep smiling — if you want to rear 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 wanted."

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

ONE WAY TO MAKE THE SMILE come easier, she 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 baseball player into a piano player," Mrs. O'Brien said.

BROTHERS OF MERCY

These their foundation in 1811 the Brothers of Mercy have been helping the unfortunate.

Nursing men and boys rich and poor, regardless of race and creed, in their own homes.

Conducting homes for the aged and infirm.

Operating farms and performing other duties; cooking, maintenance, etc.

The Brothers of Mercy need you. For more complete information concerning a vocation with us, write:

Reverend Brother Provincial
Ransom Beall, Clarence, N.Y.

"The Interests of God shall be our interests" (St. Pius X)

For ALL Your Religious Needs

Whether you're buying, looking for the future or would like to send our counsel for a prospective gift, we'll try our best to make your visit a pleasant one. No obligation — We've been doing it four years. Complete assortments, always, await your selection.

Come in and Browse
You're Welcome, Anytime!

Rochester's Oldest and Largest Religious Goods Store

Come In Today!

Trant's

THE CATHOLIC SUPPLY STORE

2 ENTRANCES

96 Clinton, Ave. N., 115 Franklin St.
Rt. 5-523 Rochester, N. Y.

Open 6 Days Weekly — This Week Only Open Tuesday Till 9 P.M. — Other Days Till 5:30 P.M.

Presbyterians Oppose Catholics On Tax Deduction

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

"We feel that this is a violation of the principle of separation of Church and State and that it is the foot of the camel in the tent of separation," said a report adopted at the synod's annual meeting here.

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

The Presbyterian report said "We are alarmed at and opposed to the rapid growth of parochial schools as a parallel system and the consequent demands and even efforts to weaken the public schools."

"As Protestants we have a special obligation to support the free public school system of America," it said, "and be definitely disfavoring all efforts of both in its educational procedures and in costs."

Catholics Aid Protestant School

Fribourg, Switzerland (RNS) — The City Council of predominantly Catholic Fribourg approved a subsidy of 250,000 francs for the construction of a new building for a Protestant school.

The subsidy represents about one-half the total construction costs. In addition, the council agreed to increase its regular annual subsidy to this school, attended by some 400 children, from 40,000 to 60,000 francs.

The council acted after hearing a message from the city government saying that Fribourg should not follow the "bad example" of some municipalities in the Canton and other parts of Switzerland in its attitude towards the religious minorities.

"On the contrary," the message said, "the authorities wish

AFRICAN ANXIETIES

The Holy Father's recent encyclical emphasizes the great mission needs in all Africa. Two appeals from Ethiopia just received are examples. From a mission opened in Addis Ababa six years ago by the St. Anne Sisters have sprung six other missions. The latest is a girls high school, opened seven years ago to fill a vacuum in female education in the country. It is a real beehive of Catholic activity among the separated Christians. Many Orthodox families send their daughters so that lack of space forced the Sisters to turn away many. More classrooms must be added (each costing \$1000) to keep pace with this wonderful missionary opportunity, especially since a Protestant school opened near by. Will you help the Sisters?

FOOTSOLE AND POOR Then, there's a small group of Catholics in Adicale who have no church. They walk several miles over mountain roads to Mass. On their own they started a small chapel but their means ran out. With \$1000 we can provide all the materials needed to complete it. They'll be so glad.

CORPUS CHRISTI The Mass — the Eucharist — the Priesthood. We cannot think of one without the others. So, the coming feast of Corpus Christi adds appeal to the needs of three hospitals, two poor seminarians — Zacharias in India, Nazir in Egypt, and Samir in Lebanon. \$100 yearly is needed for each during six years training — in any installment.

GOD IS YOUR FUTURE Whether God calls you soon or later, you'll then begin your eternal future with Him. You'll want to have given Him a share in what you left on earth. MAKE SURE BY MAKING YOUR WILL NOW AND INCLUDING HIS MISSIONS. Don't trust the future. Get good legal advice so that your wishes are protected by a valid will.

WONT SOMEONE PLEASE A few months ago we told of the need of a jeep (costing \$1500) for our wonderful auto-chains in the mountains of Lebanon. On foot now they cover only a few villages. The jeep would bring to many more their heroic charity of preparing for First Communion, of bringing the tax back to the Sacramento and righting bad marriages.

MERC-I-MATIC Young everything we see or use is automatic. But did it ever occur to you how automatic (without your even realizing it) is your mercy to our destitute missionaries when you send us your MASS OFFERINGS? It is often their only support. Masses are said at once.

AROUND THE WORLD The good Sisters are the spark of mission activities with their schools, hospitals, orphanages and asylums. Daily we need new Sisters to carry on the work, like SISTER JEANNE D'ARC in Iraq, SISTER NOELLE in Lebanon, and SISTERS GERMANA and LUCIA in India. These poor missions beg for the \$150 needed yearly during two year training.

Near East Missions

FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, President
Major, Peter P. Tooley, West Society

Send all communications to:

CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION

480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.



Big Family In Governor's Mansion

Michael A. Stepovich, pictured with his wife 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 Antonio, 3; Mrs. Stepovich, Michael, 8; Peter, 5; Governor Mike, 7; front row, Theodore, 9 mo.; Christopher, 4; and Donald, 1 1/2. Governor Stepovich is a graduate of Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., and the Law School of Notre Dame University. He is a daily communicant. (NG Photo).

Blessed Mother Apparition Reported In Soviet Union

Pittsburgh — (NC) — A report of an apparition of the Blessed Mother in the Soviet Union has been received here.

The Byzantine Catholic World, weekly newspaper published here, said it had received "reliable information" that the apparition occurred in the village of Seredne, County of L'zhov (Ungvar) in Carpatho-Ruthenia, now a part of the USSR.

THE PAPER explained "For obvious reasons we cannot quote our sources but these have been verified by other means so far as it is possible to check anything behind the Iron Curtain."

The apparition occurred in the summer of 1956 when the Communist authorities forbade the

Mother now has disappeared from Cerneca Hora.

"A SMALL STREAM of water now oozes from the ground where the Blessed Mother appeared in Seredne," the newspaper reported.

"An eyewitness of the apparition relates how he himself had been cured in the waters from a serious foot disease. The Communists have forbidden assemblage but the people continue to assemble in prayer and hymn singing and in honoring the Blessed Mother at this new Fatima in the Carpathian Mountains."

The paper said that the "miraculous icon" which disappeared from Cerneca Hora was a gift to the Carpatho-Ruthenian people from Pope Pius XI.

ALL 3 STORES ARE AIR COOLED!

First in Rochester at McCurdy's... Teen-age sister to the famous, "Ginny" Doll

JILL... 10 1/2-INCH WALKING DOLL!

has a wardrobe of beautiful fashions (that even includes jewelry and accessories)

3.00

Jill, dressed in black leotard with rayon tunic, carriage high heels.

Her Other Outfits from 1.50 to 4.00 Each

Just look at Jill's ravishing wardrobe! Everything from summer cotton dresses to strapless black velvet formal! From torador pants to fancy lingerie. And Jill is no idle fashion plate. She sits (legs bend at the knees), walks, stands alone, even "sleeps." She'll charm every young lady with her pretty face and hair, and with her almost endless wardrobe. We show only four outfits... come, see them all. By Vogue Dolls.

McCurdy's Toys, Gift Shop and Novelties

No. 7002 - Raven in black tulle. No. 7003 - Black tulle. No. 7004 - Black tulle. No. 7005 - Black tulle. No. 7006 - Black tulle. No. 7007 - Black tulle. No. 7008 - Black tulle. No. 7009 - Black tulle. No. 7010 - Black tulle.