

## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

## Letters to the Editor

## Persistent Husband

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—A recent letter to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, bearing upon the "Honor of our country and criticizing the young women who married other women's husbands," has attracted my attention through the laughable lack of knowledge of the subject evinced by the writer.  
No doubt she is the possessor of a husband who she feels is in imminent danger of being killed by one of the dangers of young women.

I am a girl who has been engaged in business offices during the last seven years. I am not especially attractive. I have the habit of attending to my business when in the office, and yet my chief trouble is that I am the victim of those husbands in all places. I mention husbands particularly because they are persistent in their attentions to us. In addition, the unmarried men being able to appreciate the fact when they are repulsed.

While I have much sympathy for the woman whose husband has been "vamped" I fear that he has tried a few tricks before he "vamps" him.

All the young business women who have been annoyed by the unwelcome advances of their married employers and fellow-employees were to write their experiences to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER a special section would be required to publish the letters.

A BOOKKEEPER.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1922.

Shifters vs. Clippers

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—While we are all familiar with the Shifters, the order that was formed in the way of that new organization called the Clippers. I have been told that this new enterprise is a secret affair, are strongly opposed to the Shifters' principles, etc., and that they pride themselves in being so-called Anti-Shifters, claiming that we are breeding a grating disease.

But the rumor is that above Clipper information is not true, but I am anxious to learn more about them, and it is for this reason that I have written you, feeling that if you are unable to assist me in this direction, perhaps some of your readers will be able to.

THOMAS T. CHEATHAM.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1922.

Congress and the Bonus

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—Party leaders have suddenly discovered that it is wrong to take money out of the Treasury for the benefit of private individuals. They have scruples against levying taxes or issuing bonds. They are not scruples, though. They are against the tax rates, because they are afraid of the farmer vote and the business man's vote.

During the war bonuses of several hundred million dollars a year were voted to railroad stockholders, appropriations were voted to pay bonuses in the form of inflated prices for supplies of captured ships, were let out by the service at cost plus 10 per cent, which allowed the contractor to pay any exorbitant price necessary for materials, labor and take all the time he wanted to finish the job, and at the end charge the Government 10 percent of all money spent, as his guarantee for payment.

But now the government had three or four times as much as private concern would pay to have the same work done.

Appropriations were made to the United States Shipping Board to build up a mercantile marine, and there were no accounts kept by the Shipping Board of the funds that were spent. Millions of dollars were appropriated for stations, and the amount where the money went, nor is there any account at hand to show that it was spent for airships. The members of Congress who allowed such things to be done under the plan that it was necessary, in order that everything had to be done quickly in order to carry on the war, are now consistently fighting the war.

Before closing I wish to state also that the rumor is the Clippers originated in Fishtown, and I wouldn't doubt it in the least, as they are always stirring something up there. Stick to the ye olde Shifters and ignore the Clipper emblem viz., the Goli Clip.

A LOYAL SHIFTER.

Philadelphia, March 9, 1922.

"Married Workers" Rebuked

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I am a former service man and will admit that at times I get tired of hearing the phrase "former service man" used in arguments. But the letter printed in the People's Forum columns by "A Married Woman" does demand it, for her excuse for taking a man away from his wife, for Uncle Sam, is that he was born during our war.

This, in my opinion, was very noble, but why spoil it by still holding the position when so many former service men are now out of work? This woman has had a taste of prosperity. Even her husband can't do much about the cost of the community now. Where is the noble spirit of patriotism?

Some people merely ask a chance to live. Others ask a chance to be wealthy, and will treat their fellowmen under foot to attain that point. But this woman says: "I am helping my husband, who is taking care of me." This lady should know that conditions change. When she went to work there was a scarcity of positions. Now there is a scarcity of positions. If all people minded their own business only, we would be a narrow-minded race. We should learn what we can of the other fellow's business and give and take advice without losing temper.

HENRY T. MCLOUD.

Philadelphia, March 6, 1922.

Favors Moral Training

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I note in your department today a letter from a reader, which tells of her experience while staying at eighteen years of age, she stayed out until 4 A. M., although she had been warned to be home at midnight. She "expected spanking," but was surprised to receive "slapping." This was so efficient that only once after did she have to receive severe punishment; that time she was "rod-ed." Presumably, a third serious discipline would have caused the use of a more severe dose.

The question of moral training does not seem to have entered the game—it was merely a question of brute force. In any case, the question arises as to the advisability, or usefulness, of using such means of persuasion as a strap or a rod on a girl who has passed the age of eighteen—an age at which most girls, if not all, are matured—of course, excepting extreme punishment, with its attendant exposure, outragousness. I think workers in community organizations would tell you that such punishment has often resulted in driving girls from their homes.

READER.

Philadelphia, March 8, 1922.

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