

# Women's Problems

By VIRGINIA LEE

I have two very charming friends who seem to find it difficult to live happily together. They are women, and while they have many things in common, they frequently hurt each other's feelings and clash when there seems no need.

"No home is large enough to house two women," is an old saying, and many women have excused their unhappiness in living together by repeating it. But I don't believe it is necessarily true.

The other day I quoted a woman as being "crazy" about her mother-in-law who lived with them. No two people can live together harmoniously all the time—or scarcely any. As surely as there are two, there will be differences of opinion, clashing interests, and moods that make for inharmony. The principal thing is to adjust ourselves to such differences and not to take them too seriously.

Allow some slack in your close association with others, whether it is a sister, brother, mother, father, husband or friend with whom you live. Make up your mind to do the adjusting. The old-fashioned wife was not supposed to have any personality of her own, you know. It was taken for granted that she would learn her husband's tastes and make her own over to match them; that she would study his moods and fit herself to meet them. That, of course, was unfair, but if each one would adopt that attitude toward the other—within reason, of course—many pitfalls would be avoided with those with whom we live.

Criticism, sarcasm, those bald truths that some folk are so fond of telling, all make one hard to live with. We hate them in others, but are too prone to indulge in them ourselves.

Disappointed—No, you haven't done wrong, but you've done enough, and now let the boy make the next move. The kind of person who flatters one usually is insincere and tires of one love quickly and goes on to another with the same flattering line of talk. Forget about him, if you can.

Ginger and Boots: Don't you know two boys well enough to ask them to join your club, girls?



Virginia Lee

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"No a terrible thing has happened. An awful story has come to my boy friend, which isn't true. What can I do to prove my innocence? The fellow who told my boy friend this story says he can prove it by getting a certain

fellow to admit it, but he won't admit it in front of me. I am actually sick over this, as I know it will cause my boy friend to be suspicious of me. What can I do to stop the story and prove to the man I love that I am a victim of talk?"

"UNHAPPY."

I am afraid you cannot do much to stop the talk, Unhappy. You are a victim of circumstances and malicious talk. Your case simply illustrates the moral of how careful one should be about their associates.

The natural inclination of one's real friends who hear a story about one, is to warmly defend one. If the man you love does not have enough faith in your integrity and virtue to do that, he isn't much of a friend. The heroes of romances always knock the fellow out who dares breathe a word against their true loves. And I think even in this somewhat less romantic modern world it's a very good answer. I would

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