

## Rebel Revelations

If you can believe all the newspapers and the major magazines September, 1932 will be notable for one thing - the publication on September 14 of their Kelsey report, Sexual Behavior in the Human Female. Certainly no book ever published before has had such fantastic publicity. Weeks before its publication, writers from every important magazine and newspaper went to Bloomington, Indiana for a preview of the proof sheets. Shrouded with all the hush-hush secrecy of an atom-bomb explosion, the bomb shell was released last week - the opinions of the journalists who had the opportunity of an advance peek at Dr. Kinsey's findings. These opinions are varied as some of the experiences of the women whose case histories make up this new report - but all of them seem to agree that the book will increase our understanding of sex and that it will help build more stable and happier marriages.

We shall reserve our judgement until we have read the book, but we have grave doubts that we shall be half as surprised at its findings as some of our journalists would have us believe. The statistics must all be taken with reservations - even Dr. Kinsey admits that. In his some 9,940 cases, there is much too high a ratio of college women and women from the higher economic levels to get any sort of a norm. It is, as Ernest Haveman of Life Magazine points out, mostly a reflection of the habits of the younger, better-educated city women. The so-called surprise of this new report - and these writers would have us believe that marriage counselors and psychologists will be surprised themselves - is that the average woman is far less interested in sex than previously believed, that her sexual urges start later and last longer than those of the male - one reason why women should have younger husbands.

One of the readers of Dr. Kinsey's first report on the Sexual

Behavior of the Human Male wrote a heated letter which he quotes in his new tome saying that all he had done was to prove what she and every other right thinking woman had known all along - that the male population is a herd of prancing, leering goats. Well, that is far truer according to Dr. Kinsey than most of us have believed. The average woman can take sex or leave it alone - she marries to establish a home, to establish a long-time affectionate relationship with a single spouse and to have children whose welfare may become the prime business of her life.

It seems that George Noel Gordon, Lord Byron, did not know what he was talking about when he wrote that too-often quoted bit in his Don Juan. . . . .  
Man's love is of man's life a thing apart;  
'Tis woman's whole existence."

On the contrary, quite the reverse is true. Men are a lot more concerned about sex than women, talk more about it, think more about it, are far more easily stimulated than women. After all men not only read, they have also written most of the pornographic literature of the past two thousand years. Dr. Kinsey also found that men responded to all kinds of phenomena associated with sex to a far greater degree when women, observing the opposite sex, clothed or nude, observing portrayals of nudes, observing burlesque shows - stimuli to which most of the women interviewed were completely indifferent. And if the journalists are right, Dr. Kinsey says that most men are baffled and hurt by this apparent indifference of women - the fact that they are not moved by the sight of a splendid physical specimen of a man on a beach, say, or perhaps in a wrestling match on television.

Well, we haven't read the book and ought not to jump to any conclusions about it but on this point we will stick out our neck. We believe that women are more discriminating, more personal, more fastidious in their approach to sex - and are aroused not to the male sex but by a particular member of that sex for whom they feel affection, companionship, a similarity of interests not necessarily physical at all. We think that for most women sex is merely an outward, physical manifestation of a unity that already exists, a spiritual oneness. The sexual relationship is one of the possible expressions of love, it is more intimate, more fundamental, more fraught with consequences inner and outer, but essentially one of the expressions of love. It is neither something high and holy nor is it something low and contemptible. It is simply an organic function to be used like all others for the expression of personality in the service of love. It seems to us that this is very important. If you make it a thing apart, to be mentioned only in whispers; or if you exalt it romantically or debase it with feelings of contempt, if you single out sex and make it something very special or wonderful or shameful, you merely exasperate it and make it uncontrollable.

Unfortunately life today has helped to do that - and no one is more to blame than our advertising men and women who use sex as a medium to display their wares. Look at the dust packets of almost any book, the bill boards, even television. As Ernest Haveman points out, "Most female singers go further than the lyrics of our songs, they deliver even innocent and completely as sexual songs like "That Doggie in the Window" with winks, leers, bumps and grinds that would shock an Oriental brothel keeper."

The danger of all this over-emphasis on sex is quite apparent in some of the conclusions that Dr. Kinsey and his associates have drawn. Men who are so easily aroused and stimulated by even a well turned ankle have come to expect that women will react in the same way. They read books - usually written by a man - about some woman supercharged with sex whose every gesture is an invitation and expect their wives to be such a woman. Dr. Kinsey says, "there is considerable emphasis on the intensity of the female's response and the insatiability of her sexual desires. All of these represent the kind of female which most males wish all females to be." And most women are not like that at all. A good thing for most men, too, we think. Because we seriously doubt the ability of men to keep such a female happy, content, satisfied. Even the normal woman - according to Dr. Kinsey - gets frustrated enough as it is.

We think that if this book helps men to understand women better, to be realistic in their approach to sex, it will serve a great purpose. Because, fundamentally men are not now and have not been realistic about it in the least. Men have lacked completely an emotional grasp of reality - they have demanded that their wives act in a fashion not only unnatural but against their innate integrity - that they pretend to passions they do not possess biologically, that they become insincere in their reactions. Sex is for most women a means of communion, simple and natural, not an appetite. It is part of life, certainly - we wouldn't be here in this world without it - but it is not all of life nor its most important part. If it is, then we haven't progressed very far from the jungle.

And if the book helps women understand themselves better, it will be invaluable. For too long men have gotten away with the charge that their wives are right and not the hours of their dreams. And women have haunted hundreds of psychiatrists' couches to find out why they are not normal when they can't honestly resist the way a man obviously expects them to act. Now they will find that they were acting normally and naturally all along - and need have no feeling of guilt about it either. Most of the women I know admire men a lot, respect them, like them - but certainly have no urge to go to bed with them just because they have a good mind or are a good dancer or are fun to talk with. And if men are really hurt because their wives don't swoon over the sight of their manly figure on the beach - well, the men ought to look in a mirror - objectively. If we happen to love them it is not because of their pot-bellies, or their bald heads, or their stooped shoulders - we love them because they are kind and considerate and good companions, because we feel for them an essential friendship, a warm, endearing feeling that will exist even if they are confined to a wheel chair. I think a book ought to be written with case histories of you wish, thousands of them, and we'll call it "Women are the Constant Sex" - because we believe it.

HELEN CALDWELL CUSHMAN

## Ralston Purina Company Purchase Site For New Chow Mill At Wilson

Donald Danforth, President of the Ralston Purina Company, manufacturer of livestock and poultry Chows and sanitation products, has announced that his company has purchased land for a new Chow mill at Wilson, North Carolina.

In making the announcement, Mr. Danforth stated, "The steady and consistent growth in North Carolina in all agricultural developments has made it necessary for Purina to build a second plant in North Carolina. More and more farmers are following better feeding programs. As a result, the production of our Charlotte, N. C. mill cannot handle the demand for Chows."

Danforth further stated, "The new Wilson mill will enable Purina dealers to serve the feeders of eastern North Carolina more efficiently with fresher Chows. This new plant is our expression of confidence in the future of the livestock and poultry industries of North Carolina."

The new mill will have the capacity of 75,000 tons annually and will employ local labor. Adequate elevator facilities will make possible the use of as much of the grain and other ingredients as local farmers can supply.

Construction of the new mill is expected to get under way in the near future.

QUESTION: I'm a tobacco farmer and I want to know something about nematodes and how they affect me.  
ANSWER: Nematodes are tiny worm-like creatures. Most forms are so small you cannot see them. It is barely possible to see a mature female of some species. We have many types of nematodes in North Carolina soils. Some are harmless to tobacco while others are parasites and live by sucking juices from the plant roots. This is what causes the plant to become diseased. We have two important groups of nematodes that affect tobacco: (1) root knot nematodes and (2) meadow nematodes. These pests feed and reproduce in the roots of a wide variety of plants and live from year to year in the soil and decaying roots. When you grow tobacco and other susceptible crops continuously in infested soil, the nematode population increases until it is no longer profitable to grow these crops.  
QUESTION: Have agricultural scientists developed a tobacco that is resistant to nematodes?  
ANSWER: No. While some varieties of tobacco in commercial use may withstand nematode attacks somewhat better than others, we don't have highly resistant varieties yet. Experiment Station plant breeders are striving to develop nematode-resistant varieties and to add this resistant to varieties resistant to other diseases such as black shank and the bacterial wilt.  
The fellow who never fails is not necessarily a genius—it may be he never attempts anything.

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