

DEAR SALLY

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DEAR SALLY: My fiancée and I split up two months ago, at her request. She told me at that time that she just did not feel she was ready yet to settle down with one man, that she needed more time to "think things out," also to date other men and get a "wider perspective" on things. Naturally, after having been engaged for over five months and with our wedding scheduled in another couple of months, this was a big shock to me, and I'm still not fully recovered from it. Now, however, earlier this evening I received a phone call from her with the news that she has finally adjusted her thinking, that she knows now he loves me and only me, and won't I please take her back again? I wasn't able to give her an out-and-out answer... told her to let me do some thinking of my own. I confess I still love her, but am wondering if it would be smart to resume with her. JACKSON.

DEAR JACKSON: Give it another try. Maybe she has learned a good lesson -- a blessing not only for her but for you, in that she has probably gotten something out of her system... much, much better now than later after you're married.

friendly hand. If on the other had she seems effervescent, bubbling over with happiness and icy over the meeting, a kiss might be in perfect order.

DEAR SALLY: We're the parents of a 26-year-old son who holds down an excellent position in a business firm, makes a fine income, spends a lot of money on new cars, clothes, and good times -- but has never even mentioned contributing one little penny to our household expenses. Please believe us, we aren't trying to be mercenary about this -- but do you think it's right that a man of his age should be taking for granted his nice room in a nice home, his meals, his laundering, and his ironing? Don't you think we have a right to expect something in return from him? HIS PARENTS.

DEAR PARENTS: Indeed you do have the right, and this is something you should have done long before now! The paying of board by working children living with their parents is just and right and customary -- and your son should be only too happy to contribute at least 20 per cent of his salary for all the services and comforts he has been getting for free.

DEAR SALLY: My husband's brother and his new bride, whom we have never met, are coming to town soon to spend a week in our home. I do want to make this girl feel welcome and comfortable in our home, but am very uncertain about how to greet her. Do I give her a sisterly kiss on the cheek, or just shake hands with her? UNCERTAIN.

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Best, I think, to play it by ear. As soon as you see her you should be able to judge the kind of person she is. If she seems reserved and formal, offer a

DEAR SALLY: When you're invited for an evening of bridge with people with whom you've never played before, is it wise to tell them frankly the kind of game you play before accepting? MRS. X.

DEAR MRS. X: Very wise. If they are expert and serious players, and you are not, either bow out of the invitation or warn them that your game might spoil their evening. On the other hand, if you happen to be an expert yourself, and they are beginners, accept only if you are tolerant and a good sport.

THE VETERANS' CORNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q -- My husband has a heart condition which developed in service. He was able to work until three months ago when he had a heart attack and the Veterans Administration awarded him 100 per cent disability. The doctor says that he will never be able to go back to work. With two children in college, I will have to work to help support us but I don't have any training. Can the VA help me?


A -- Possibly, VA education assistance is available to the wives, sons and daughters of veterans who are determined by the VA to be permanently as well as totally disabled. For a maximum of 36 months, the VA will pay a wife, son or daughter up to \$130 a month for full-time institutional training. Since you indicate that your husband has been rated totally disabled, you should check with the VA regional

office where his records are on file to see if his current condition is considered permanent by the VA.

Q -- I recently received my National Service Life Insurance dividend check. I am now drawing 100 per cent service-connected disability compensation and, because of this, the premiums on my policy are waived. Since I do not pay anything into the insurance fund, should I return the dividend check?

A -- No. You need not return the check since you are entitled to this dividend. However, you should understand that the waiver of NSLI premiums is not due to your 100 per cent disability compensation rating. Rather, it is due to the fact that your disability meets the premium waiver requirement of "any impairment of mind or body which continuously renders it impossible for the insured to follow any substantially gainful occupation." If you become employed, your NSLI premium waiver may be terminated.

You don't see a man nowadays walking along the street picking his teeth and offering than you see a horse and buggy.

 food news & cues
from the Aunt Jemima Test Kitchens



The first shoots of tender asparagus in the garden are sure signs of spring. And soon outdoor activities will require quick luncheon and supper ideas like these Amber Ham Rolls. Asparagus stalks are rolled inside tender pancakes made quickly and conveniently with pancake mix.

Asparagus soup, studded with diced ham and brightened with mustard relish, makes an easy, complementary sauce. And golden brown pancakes repeat the amber color of the sauce in a deeper hue. Add this cheery, sunny spring dish to your recipe collection.

AMBER HAM ROLLS
Makes 8 servings

Ham Sauce:
One 10 1/4 oz. can condensed cream of asparagus soup
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons mustard-pickle relish
1 lb. cooked ham, diced

Pancakes:
2 cups pancake mix
2 1/2 cups milk
1 egg
2 tablespoons melted or liquid shortening
1 lb. fresh asparagus spears, cleaned, cooked and drained.

For ham sauce, combine soup, milk and relish in saucepan. Stir in ham; heat thoroughly.

For pancakes, place mix, milk, egg and shortening in bowl. Stir lightly until batter is fairly smooth. For each pancake, pour about 1/4 cup batter onto hot, lightly greased griddle. Turn pancakes when tops are covered with bubbles and edges look cooked. Turn only once.

To serve, place 1 or 2 asparagus spears on each pancake; roll up. Top with hot ham sauce.

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