

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

By DAVE WEST

We nurse a rankling grudge about the routine question, the kind that is universally uttered to the accompaniment of a blinding, teeth-baring smile and followed by a look of keen expectation. Not that the questioner gives a discernible hoot about the answer he gets—he's only "making conversation," "giving the other person a chance to express his views," or "putting a visitor at his ease."

Such reasons should be obliterated from the book of causes, and the questions expunged from civilized speech.

When the question, "Well, how do you like it here?" is put to a visitor twenty or thirty seconds after he alights from his plane, boat or auto, it is one of the strongest evidences of native lunacy that the questioner can bring forward. It's unfair, unreasonable, unsporting, uncivil—and it ought to be unconstitutional. It is deserving of the most uncivilized kind of retort—which is the kind it almost never evokes, for the foolish reason that new arrivals generally try to be polite for six or seven minutes, at least, until they size up the reception committee. The question ought to be considered prima facie evidence to the traveler that he has alighted in the midst of hollow-headed barbarians.

There should be a set of stock answers for the protection of strangers against the idiotic inquiry. The answers need be no more founded in sense than the question. The local Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Out-of-Town Innocents has offered the following sample replies for the use of new-arrivals who are confronted with the appalling, "Well, how do you like it here?" before they unpack their bags:

"Wow! Are YOU a specimen of the native population?" . . . "No, sir, I surely do. . . . 'What's that terrible odor?' . . . 'Is it as bad as this all the time?' . . . 'I'd rather be back in jail.'

All the "isn't it" or "don't you" questions are as bad. They usually ask an imbecile question and provide their own answers. A pleasantly damaging answer for all such inanities is, simply, "No." That's a very effective damper for discouraging conversations that are begun. "It's late, isn't it?" . . . "She looks stunning, don't you think?" . . . "I think he's absolutely right, don't you?" . . . "Nice day, ain't it?"

Questions that start "What do you think of—" are almost always a mere trick of the speaker's to get you to listen to what HE thinks about the subject. About the only worthwhile defense so far perfected against the hours of dullness this question threatens one with is deliberate misinterpretation of the question. Thus, when asked, "What do you think of the price stabilization order?" the wary one will reply something like this: "I never ordered one." Or, hearing one say, "What do you think about the situation in the Far East?" the man with foresight may reply: "Well, my cousin Anna was in East Faraway in 1936—or was it 1937? and she warned me never, never to go there. She says there's a situation there that," etc., etc., until the other's eyes begin to glaze.

A bold determination to escape the question, which does not scruple to use rudeness for its purposes, can accomplish wonders in this

Sewing Tips for Mothers

By ANNE GARY
ANS Features



Mothers who sew are fortunate, for they can clothe their young ones in individual styles for happy wear and ease in washing, yet accomplish savings important in any budget. For example, this attractive five-piece capsule wardrobe is made from one yellow Canton muslin sheet, double bed size (81 by 108 inches), which costs under \$4.00 in stores today. This size gives you the equivalent of about 7 square yards of material, and, by skillfully laying out patterns on such a large expanse of surface, you achieve cutting economies impossible with comparable, by-the-yard dress material.

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Simplicity patterns used for these dresses.

ALARM—NO ALARM

We talked for awhile with L. R. Wensel of Concord, one of the successful bidders on the school building contracts let last Thursday. Mr. Wensel hopes to buy a home in Manns Harbor and retire there, when his son, now in State College, is established in the business at Concord. Wensel says Manns Harbor is in the heart of the best fishing and hunting country he's ever seen. It has a further advantage to the Concordian's taste: "It's peaceful, and not like a resort town."

The Manteo Fire Department was summoned to Nags Head beach to handle a fire at Mrs. Price's cottage Tuesday morning. The fire had been brought under control before the truck could reach the scene, however; the truck was flagged down at Leo Midgett's place and the firemen returned to Manteo. Chief Ivey Evans said that he did not know the extent of damage caused by the fire.

NO COURT THIS WEEK

There were no cases on the docket for trial in Dare County Recorder's Court this week.

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