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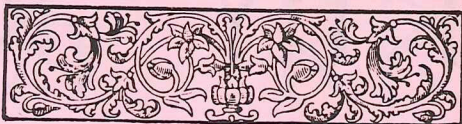
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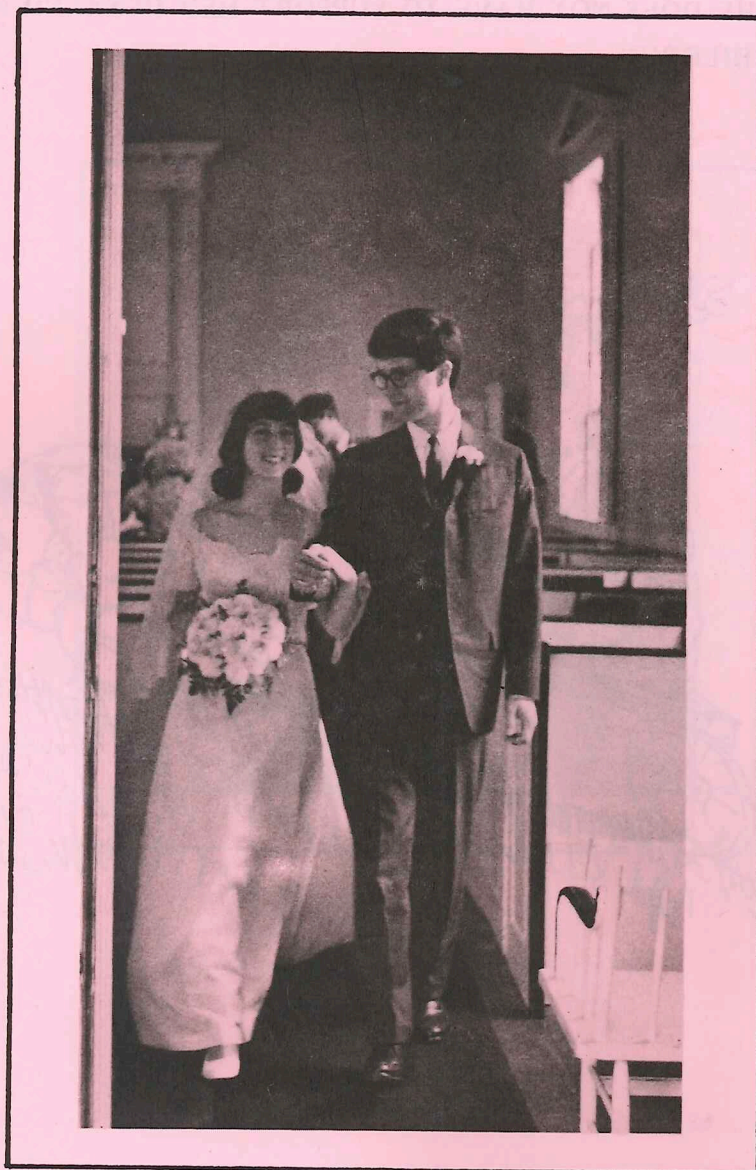
TYING the KNOT

Dearlly beloved, we
are gathered here in the
sight of God, and in
the face of this company,
to join together this man
and this woman in holy
marriage: which is an
honourable estate, instituted
of God, and therefore is not
by any to be entered into
unadvisedly or lightly: but
reverently, discretly, advised-
ly, soberly, and in the
love of God. Into
this holy estate these two
persons present come now
to be joined.





Romance, white veil, champagne, excitement, gifts ... these are what most of us think of when we think of weddings. But a wedding is something else as well: it is a ceremony that marks the beginning of a new legal relationship. Getting married means becoming legally bound to another person in specific ways. Yet most of us know very little about what is legally involved.



MARRIAGE IS A LEGAL CONTRACT.

**IT IS PROBABLY THE ONLY LEGAL AGREEMENT THAT
PEOPLE ENTER INTO WITHOUT READING THE CONTRACT.**

MARRIAGE IS A TRADE, BUT WHAT IS TRADED?

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE LAWS . . .

PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Law Says: A HUSBAND MUST SUPPORT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

but

A WORKING WIFE CAN KEEP ALL HER EARNINGS FOR HERSELF;
SHE DOES NOT HAVE TO SUPPORT HER HUSBAND OR EVEN HER
CHILDREN.

1.



Questions: Is the cartoonist a misogynist?
What is a misogynist?
In what ways does the law encourage men to resent their wives?
Is the cartoon telling the whole story? What part is missing?

TRANSLATION: Women are not able to be responsible for supporting other people.

TRANSLATION: Women are kept; they are not keepers.

BODY RIGHTS

The Law Says: THE WIFE MUST LIVE WHEREVER HER HUSBAND CHOOSES.

2.



The Law Means: If they both work in Toronto and he gets a new job in Vancouver, she must quit her job and go with him. If she doesn't she can be classified as a deserting wife and lose her dower rights and right to support, and he can divorce her.

BUT

If they both work in Toronto and she gets a better job in Vancouver, she cannot take it and move away from him without his permission, or again she is "deserting."

IN OTHER WORDS

She must be physically available. That's her side of the bargain.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Law Says: A WIFE HAS THE RIGHT TO 1/3 OF HER HUSBAND'S PROPERTY, EVEN IF IT IS IN HIS NAME ALONE.

THIS IS CALLED HER DOWER RIGHTS.

3.



TRANSLATION: Women must get their money from men.

QUESTIONS:

- In what ways does a wife earn her dower rights?
- What does a housewife-mother do in an average day? For how many hours?
- What is a housewife-mother's average monthly take home pay?
- Are they unionized?
- Do they get vacations, retirement pay, sick leave?
- What is the difference between getting paid and having "rights"?
- What happens to a wife's "dower rights" if she leaves her husband or is "unfaithful"?
- How did the dowry originate and how is it related to "dower rights"?
- What is a dowager?

BODY RIGHTS

The Law Says: THE HUSBAND CAN SUE FOR LOSS OF CONSORTIUM; THE WIFE CANNOT.

4.

The Law Means: If another man seduces the wife, her husband can sue him.
The husband sues because he has been "deprived of her exclusive services."

BUT

If another woman seduces the husband, his wife cannot sue her.



The Law Also Means: If the wife is injured in an accident caused by a third person, and because of the accident she is sexually unavailable, the husband can sue the person who caused the accident for loss of consortium: loss of his wife's affection, services and sexual availability.

BUT

If the husband is similarly injured in an accident caused by a third person, and is therefore sexually unavailable to his wife, she cannot sue the person who caused the accident.

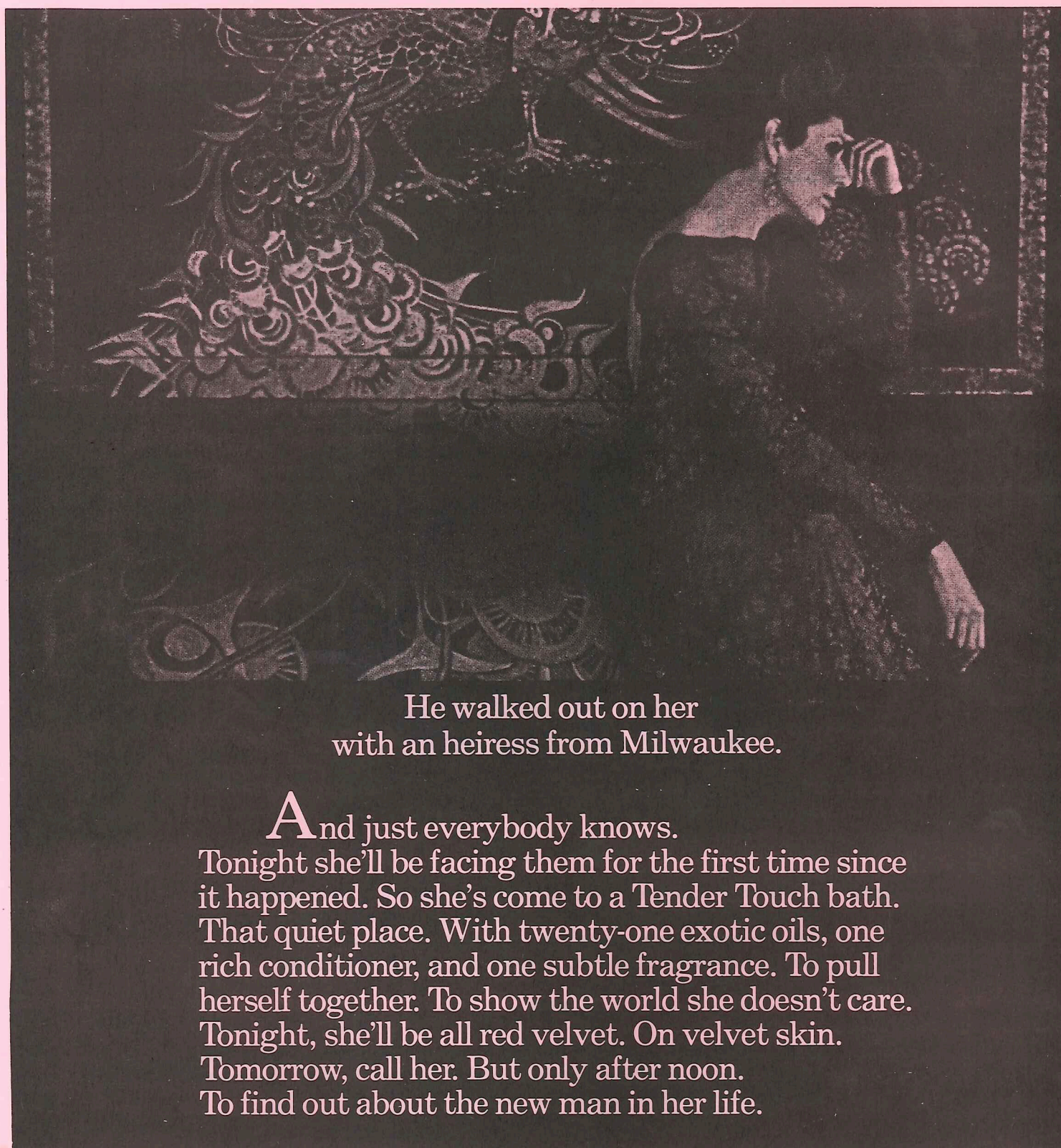
TRANSLATION: The wife has pledged her body and the husband has not.
He is paying for her and he has a right to what he pays for.

AND

The wife is the husband's property. The husband is not the wife's property.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Law Says: EVEN IF THE HUSBAND LEAVES HIS WIFE,
HE MUST GO ON SUPPORTING HER.....



He walked out on her
with an heiress from Milwaukee.

And just everybody knows.
Tonight she'll be facing them for the first time since
it happened. So she's come to a Tender Touch bath.
That quiet place. With twenty-one exotic oils, one
rich conditioner, and one subtle fragrance. To pull
herself together. To show the world she doesn't care.
Tonight, she'll be all red velvet. On velvet skin.
Tomorrow, call her. But only after noon.
To find out about the new man in her life.

TRANSLATION: It's like buying a car: though you no longer want this model,
you still have to keep up the payments.

TRANSLATION: Women have no way of supporting themselves and must be taken care of by men.

TRANSLATION: A second hand body is in a buyer's market.

BODY RIGHTS

.....BUT..... HE HAS TO GO ON SUPPORTING HER ONLY SO LONG AS SHE REMAINS CHASTE.

5.

THIS IS CALLED THE *DUM CASTA* CLAUSE: SHE MUST REMAIN FAITHFUL, THOUGH SHE HAS BEEN DESERTED, OR ELSE HE NEEDN'T PAY.

Do you have an unfaithful watch?

At first you tell yourself, "What's a few minutes off?"

But when you catch your watch cheating on you time and time again, when you're forced to turn to the wrist of some stranger...

That's when you wish you had an Accutron® watch.

Its tuning fork movement is guaranteed to keep it faithful to within a minute a month.*

It can't be led astray, like others can,

by an unbalanced balance wheel.

And it's so loyal that even if you deserted it for months, it would do nothing but lie there and count the seconds until you returned.

Shown: Accutron "247": Polished stainless steel case. Blue dial with matching blue Corfam® strap. Protected against common watch hazards. \$110.

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TRANSLATION: He has traded money for exclusive rights. When the right to her body is no longer exclusively his, he no longer has to pay.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Law Says: A MAN MUST SUPPORT HIS WIFE.



Love is his gift of a Lane Sweetheart Chest

From the day you both know it's for keeps, it's plans, plans, more plans! And he gets things started with the one gift that makes those plans shape up fast. A Lane Sweetheart Chest. The model shown is 6274. But you choose from more than 100 styles. Send 25c for folders of chests and other Lane furniture. For your nearest dealer, phone free: 800-243-6000. (In Conn., 1-800-882-6500.) The Lane Co., Inc., Altavista, Va. 24517.

BODY RIGHTS

The Law Says: IF A WIFE LEAVES HER HUSBAND, OR IF SHE IS UNFAITHFUL TO HIM, SHE LOSES HER RIGHT TO BE SUPPORTED BY HIM AND SHE LOSES HER RIGHT TO 1/3 OF HIS PROPERTY.

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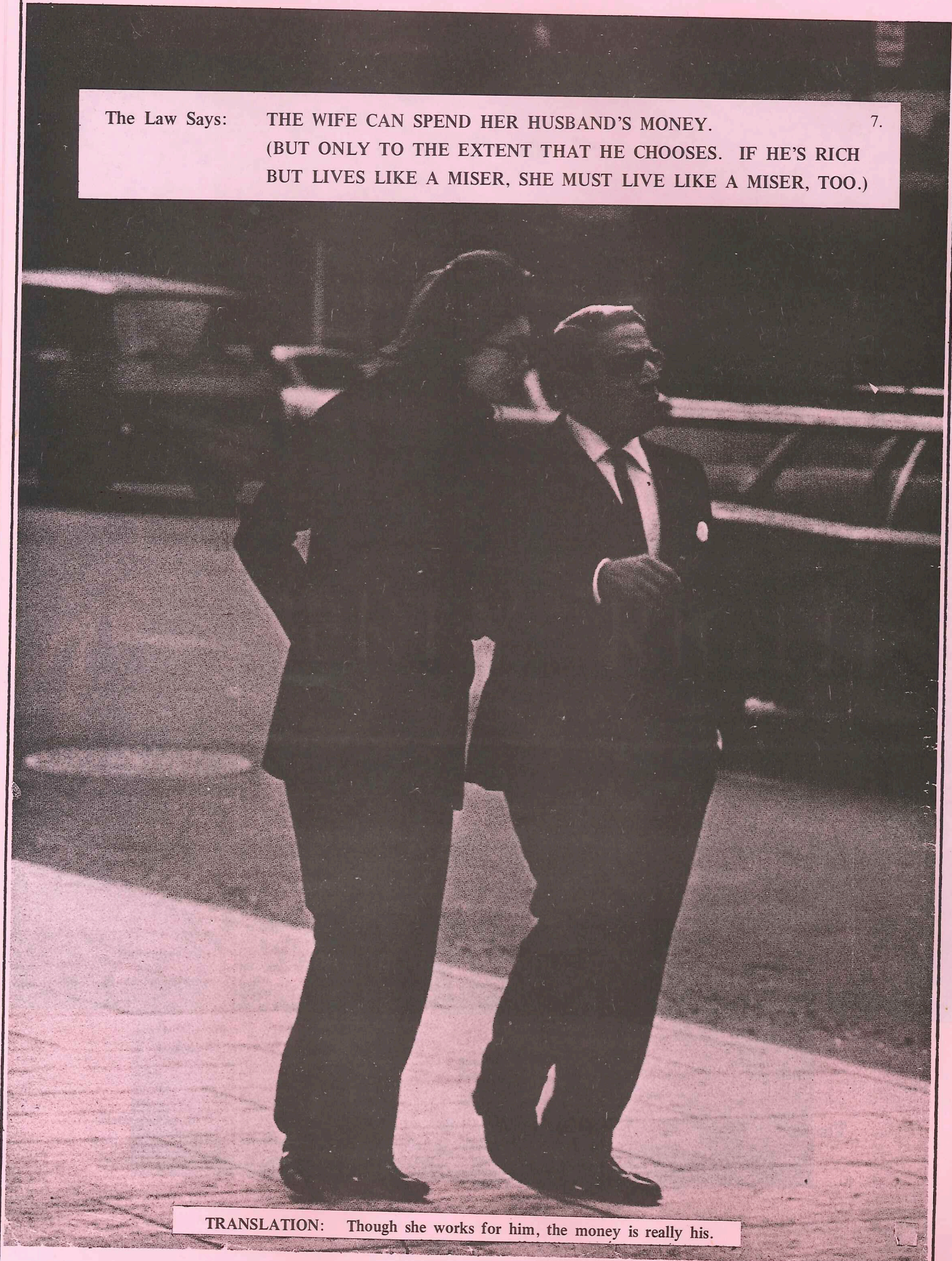
Somebody once told us
if you want to be
rich, you better be good.

The Law Means: Even if she has lived with him for 20 years and been a full time cook, house cleaner, nurserymaid, janitor, secretary and lover, all without pay, she loses her rights to everything as soon as she stops providing sexual services exclusively for him.

TRANSLATION: The wife has a right to her husband's property only so long as she is part of her husband's property.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Law Says: THE WIFE CAN SPEND HER HUSBAND'S MONEY. 7.
(BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT HE CHOOSES. IF HE'S RICH
BUT LIVES LIKE A MISER, SHE MUST LIVE LIKE A MISER, TOO.)

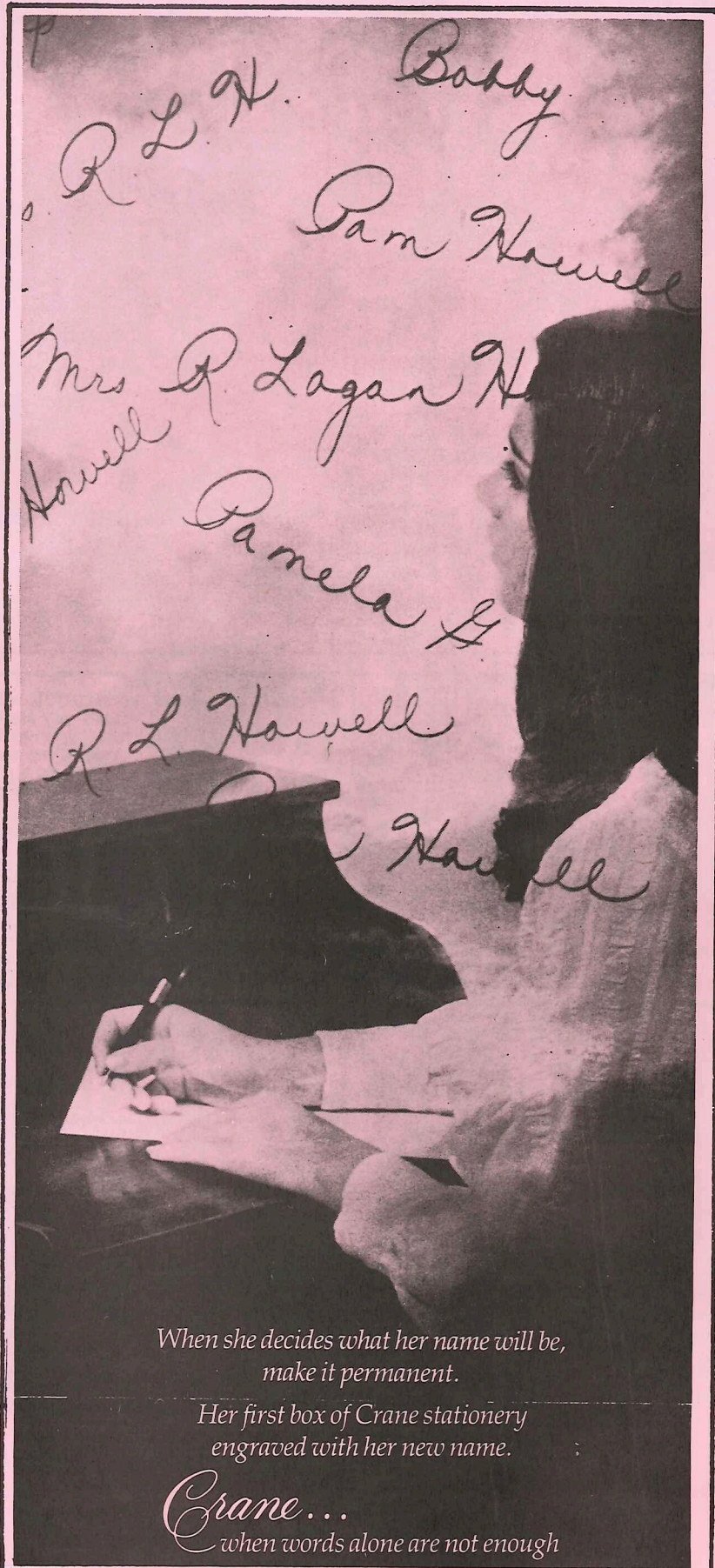


TRANSLATION: Though she works for him, the money is really his.

BODY RIGHTS

The Law Says: THE WIFE CAN KEEP HER OWN NAME BUT SHE MUST THEN USE HER MONEY TO BUY THINGS. IF SHE BUYS THINGS WITH HER HUSBAND'S MONEY, AND SHE HAS NOT TAKEN HIS NAME, HE MUST "OKAY" THE PURCHASE, SIGN FOR IT.

8.



When she decides what her name will be,
make it permanent.

Her first box of Crane stationery
engraved with her new name.

Crane...
when words alone are not enough

TRANSLATION: Taking the husband's name is a symbol of becoming his property. In the marriage ceremony, the woman is transferred from her father to her husband. Question, "Who gives this woman?" Father says, "I do." Question, "Who takes this woman?" Bridegroom says, "I do." The woman is property being transferred. Changing her last name from her father's name to her husband's name is a sign of this transfer of property. If the woman does not agree to see herself in this way, if she refuses to change her name, she does not have the automatic right to use her husband's other property.

TRANSLATION: A woman does not have the right to her own name. To keep it she must give up something else.

BODY RIGHTS

The Law Says: "A MAN CANNOT BE CONVICTED OF RAPE IF THE VICTIM IS HIS WIFE."

9.

In Other Words

A man has the right to impose sexual intercourse on his wife even if she is not interested, so long as he does not cause her "grievous bodily harm."



TRANSLATION: You have the right to use what you pay for.



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One more pleasure
you can give him.



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WHAT DO THE LAWS ABOUT MARRIAGE MEAN?

A WOMAN BUYS SECURITY.

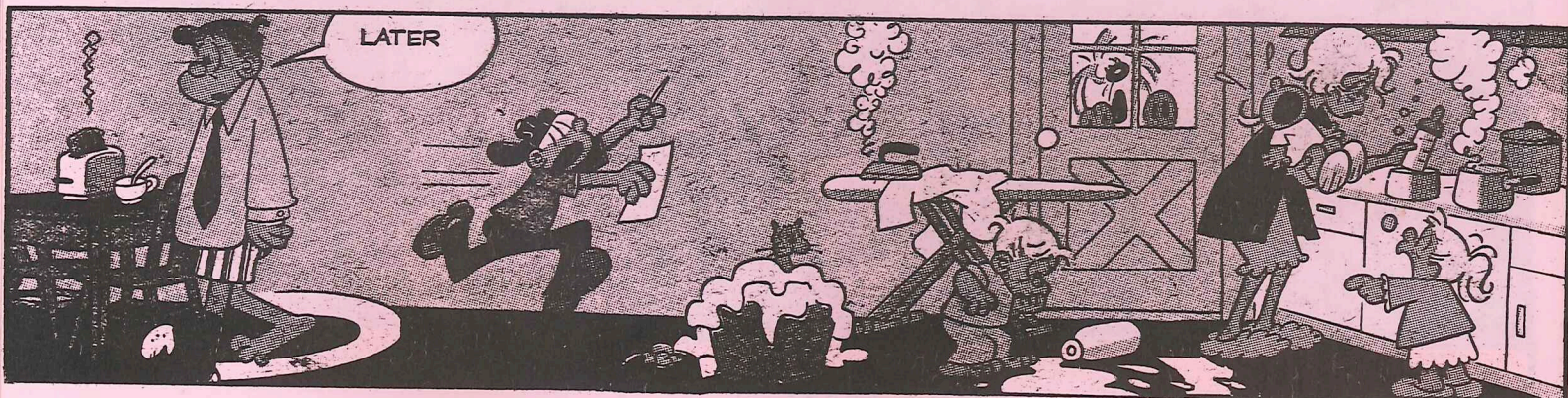
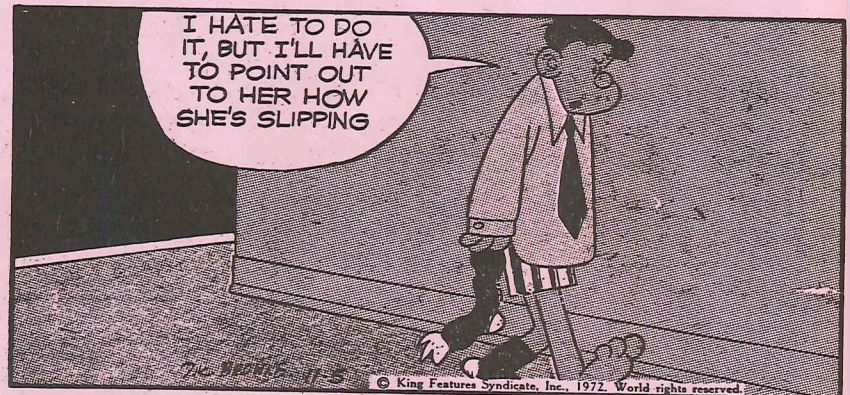
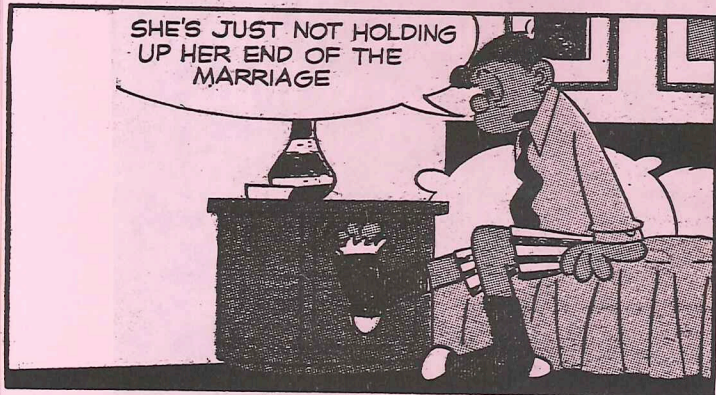
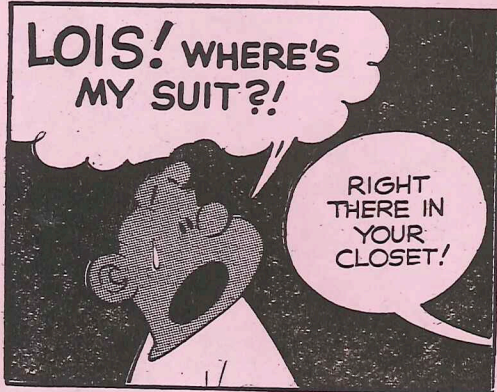
A MAN BUYS A PERSON, A BODY.

WHAT DO THE LAWS ASSUME ABOUT MEN AND WOMEN?

MEN MAKE MONEY, CAN BUY PROPERTY.

WOMEN ARE PROPERTY.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1972





QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY:

1. Explain the disadvantages to the man and to the woman in the marriage contract.
2. If you were getting married today and were not satisfied with the marriage contract as explained in this pamphlet, what kind of a contract would you write?
3. Interview five married couples of different ages. Ask them about the marriage contract: do they know it exists, do they know what they have agreed to? If they had to make up their own contract, now, after years of marriage, what would they put into it?
4. Find out how the marriage contract evolved. What is the historical basis for the assumptions about men and women in the contract?
5. What assumptions are made about men and women in the marriage laws?
6. Considering the changed position of women, how do you think the marriage laws should be changed?
7. Do you think there should be any marriage laws at all other than an individual contract between the woman and man involved? Defend your position.
8. Read the following article from the Toronto Star, October 14, 1972. How is the judge's decision consistent with the position of women and men in the marriage contract?

**JUDGE DECIDES MAN
CAN'T BE PROSTITUTE**

WINDSOR (CP) — A 22-year-old Detroit man was released from a six-month term for prostitution yesterday when a judge ruled that a man cannot be a prostitute.

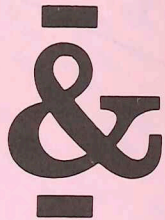
Judge Sidney Clunis decided that the term "male prostitute" lacked the authority of a dictionary and ordered Leon Paterson released after serving two months of his six-month sentence.

Paterson's lawyer had argued that the English common law definition of prostitute, which has long been used in British, U.S. and Canadian courts, applies only to women.

9. The Christian minister says: "I now pronounce you man and wife." Why doesn't he say, "I now pronounce you woman and husband"? Or, "I now pronounce you married"?

These three statements mean different things. What are the differences? Who is most important in each? Who has been acquired?

What does the statement "I now pronounce you man and wife" tell you about the marriage relationship?



Footnotes: The material in this pamphlet is from *Canadian Women and the Law*, by June Callwood & Marvin Zuker, Copp Clark Publishing Co. All references are to that publication.

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PARADISE

She scarcely knew whether she loved him or was happy with him—more important was that he was terrifyingly rich, with a yacht, and servants, and the most intimidating houseguests.... by Edna O'Brien

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her;
He put her in a pumpkin shell
And there he kept her very well.

There is nothing quite
as nice as having someone
take care of you.

Invest \$6.95 in a better marriage.

"Who wants to be liberated!
I want love and marriage,
a Birks diamond and 3 kids."

"I'll lead a protest march against anyone who says we can't start a great life on a low budget and high hopes.

It's because of our budget that we're buying the ring at Birks—probably the best value place in town for diamonds—and where we can choose from stones of different qualities. We want to be sure we get the quality we pay for. And Birks guarantees exactly that.

Birks diamonds start at \$100. We may go a little higher, and someday exchange it for a bigger one. Birks will credit us with the original price we paid. Not a bad deal when you figure that might be 10 years from now!

Life's too short not to get your money's worth out of it."



CONVENIENT TERMS

Birks Diamonds
 have the look of love

Wife says 'he thinks I should be a slave'

He wants law to make her cook, wash

BOSTON (UPI) — A bill filed yesterday by a Massachusetts Democratic legislator would require a wife to cook her husband's meals and wash his clothes. The pertinent passage of the bill filed by State Repre-

sentative Paul Cavanaugh says: "Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, it shall be part of a wife's household duties to prepare meals and launder clothes for her husband." Cavanaugh said he filed the bill at the request of Bill

Farrell, a 39-year-old electrician who lives in the legislator's Medford district. "I want to see the law passed because women have been getting away with murder for too long," Farrell said. "We've got a new breed

of woman growing up today. She doesn't have an ounce of responsibility. And it's all the fault of these women's liberation movements which think it's a badge of smartness for a woman to be flea-brained

"I know dozens of men whose wives haven't cooked them breakfast in 35 years. It's high time we brought back just an ounce of dignity to marriage." To which Farrell's wife replied, "he thinks a woman should be a slave."

Because you're mine.

