

## Trials in Tact

(Conducted by Savoir-Faire)

UNDER this heading, an every-day problem will be set week by week, and readers are invited to send in their solutions, for which marks will be awarded. Prizes are offered to those obtaining the most marks over a series of ten. First prize, £2/2/-; second prize, £1/1/-; and third prize, 10/6 for each series.

Competitors may send in their own problems for publication and solution and a prize of 10/6 will be given for the best one sent in during each series, and 5/- for each contributed problem used.

### Problem No. 8.

#### 1st Series.

Miss A. and Miss B. are acquaintances, when a great sorrow befalls Miss A. Miss B. is very kind to her and able to help her a great deal, with the result that Miss A. becomes very devoted to Miss B. and extremely jealous of her friendships. Miss A.'s devotion is annoying to Miss B., to whom she means almost nothing—yet Miss A. would be dreadfully hurt if she knew it. What can Miss B. do?

Suggested by "Natural."

(Answers must be post-marked not later than March 27, 1930.)

### Problem No. 9.

#### 1st Series.

A. and B. occupy important official positions connected with the same work. A. has the authority and B. the more expert knowledge. A. ignores B. as much as he dare, in certain vital matters, and otherwise exercises his control to undermine his first lieutenant's authority, without revealing his hand to his superiors. B. suffers in consequence, but is faced with the difficulty of unsupported evidence. C. is an official onlooker, intimate with both parties, conversant with the facts, and sympathising with B. What should be C.'s attitude?

Suggested by "Fiat Pax."

(Answers must be post-marked not later than April 3, 1930.)

A nom-de-plume may be used, but names and addresses must be sent. The same nom-de-plume must be retained throughout the series. All replies must bear a postmark dated not later than the Thursday after the date of the journal in which the problem appears, and should be addressed to "Savoir-Faire," "Radio Record and Electric Home Journal," P.O. Box 1032, Wellington.

Savoir-Faire's decision must in every case be accepted as final.

### Solution of Problem No. 7.

I AM surprised and rather disappointed at the way in which this problem has been dealt with. To my mind, the only masterly thing to do is to resist the desire to interfere and do absolutely nothing. I am awarding half marks to those who suggest that Mrs. B. should approach Miss C. and endeavour to dissuade her from accepting Mr. A.'s attentions, but I cannot award any to those who suggest approaching either Mrs. A. and Mr. A. for these reasons. It is quite possible that the affair is only a passing infatuation and will die a natural death. On the other hand, if Mr. A. is put into the position of having to justify his behaviour, or try to, a crisis may be forced. Mrs. B. is unwilling, she says, to bring unhappiness into Mrs. A.'s home. Well, she can do nothing else but bring unhappiness if she informs her of the affair, and both of them may be powerless to stop it. In any case, it is better for Mrs. A. to remain ignorant. Possibly Mrs. A. is not so ignorant as she appears to be, and in that case I think one may fairly assume that she would prefer to think that her friends know nothing about it.

Marks have been awarded as follows:—A Trier, 0; Anon, 5; Apple-Pie Mary, 3; Bonza, 5; Miss Rachel Baker, 0; Clara, 3; Duplex, 0; Equity, 0; Fiat Pax, 0; Frances, 3; Miss Rhoda Green, 2; Grace, 5; Ginger, 2; Haven, 0; Irene, 5; Jean, Te Puke, 5; Miss N. Johnston, 3; Jonguil, 0; Kia Ora, 3; Kummel, 5; Listener-in, 0; Lucid, 3; Mrs. Mason, 5; Myra, 0; Mayflower, 3; Michael, 0; Natural, 3; Nomen, 0; Olivia, 3; Only Me, 0; Priscilla, 3; Pumpkin, 0; Query, 3; Radex, 0; Radio, 3; Rosa, 0; Senga, 5; Scylla, 3; Summit, 0; Thames, 3; Tuner, 3; Topaz, 3; Undine, 0; Viola, 3; Verity, 0; Wynward, 0; Weaver, 3; Xylonite, 3; Xerxes, 0; Yum-yum, 0; Zenobia, 5.

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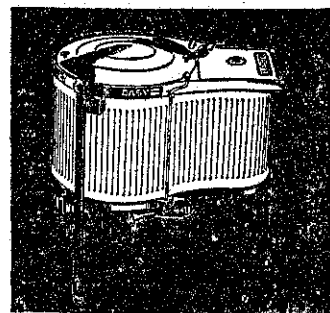
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