Let's Talk It Over . . . "Now Don't Tell Me"

By Arthur Dean, Sc. D.

There are folks who in asking advice of me begin with the "Now don't tell me" which cleverly shuts off helpful suggestion.

Sometimes I am amused and sometimes squelched when a person writes to me like this: "I am failing in my lessons and the principal tells me that I will not be promoted if I don't do better. Now don't tell me that I ought to study more, and that if I followed your instructions on how to study I would get along all right. And don't tell me that I am to blame, because I know well enough that the principal of the school is to blame along with his teachers."

You can see, folks, how my hand, or rather my pen, is tied.

If I went into a garage with a broken front axle and said to the repair man, "The front axle in my car is broken. But don't tell me I must have it repaired or must have a new one, because it isn't my fault at all that it was broken. Another car came into me which was on the wrong side of the road."

Doesn't Want Help

The garage man would think I had a loose screw somewhere in my head. And I would have, if I commenced to tell him, who knows his business, that he could not do the things that ought to be done to my car because I would not let him do them.

A girl writes me an interesting and somewhat pathetic letter. It's about a young man and her relations with him. I think I could have helped her. But evidently she doesn't want the kind of help I could give because she says to me right off, "Don't say to me that I ought to seek his forgiveness and tell him what I have done, for it would make him unhappy. Now don't tell me that!"

Isn't it better when folks write for advice to state clearly, and as briefly and concisely as possible, the facts of the case, and leave it to the advisor to make his suggestions? If I went to a physician with a sore throat, I wouldn't think of starting off with, "I have a sore throat. But don't tell me that I ought to do anything about it. What I want you to do is to tell me something else which hasn't anything at all to do with the throat."

Advising a Banker

Or if I went to a banker with reference to advice on sound investments, it wouldn't do, would it, to start out with: I want, Mr. Banker, some investments which are absolutely safe, as far as it is humanly possible for them to be safe. Safe with regard to principal, and I hope safe with regard to interest. And I have come to you for advice. But don't tell me to buy government bonds or high-grade public utilities, or AAA preferred stock, or to put my money in a savings bank, or any such things as these. Now go ahead and give me advice on perfectly sound investments."

The banker would show me the door, and, if he is a good banker, he will do it tactfully and pleasantly. But I'd get the gate nevertheless.

Terribly Self-Conscious

I am frightfully self-conscious. Have you anything to help me?

Seeking.

ANSWER: Lack of self-confidence is not an uncommon thing. It is often felt by young people who are in the self-conscious age, and by older people who, through experience, are conscious that they have failings, or think they have, which is just about as bad when it comes to expressing themselves.

Why not make at little analysis of yourself by studying my chart on "Characteristics Desirable in Human Beings." It outlines many points in human success and failure. Other readers may have this leaflet by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their request.

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ADVICE

No intelligent replies can be made to people who only know what they don't want to be told, Dr. Dean says in this article . . . And those who are self-conscious may profit from one of his free leaflets.

Expert Describes Camellia Culture at Rolling Hills Garden Club Meet

Members of the Rolling Hills Garden Club heard the story of camellias, the distinguished aristocrat of garden flowers, Monday evening at the Rolling Hills Town Hall.

Robert Cundy of the Coolidge Rare Plant Gardens was the speaker of the evening and discussed types, culture and care of camellias, azaleas and hibiscus. In concluding his speech, Cundy presented a motion picture in natural color of the gardens. To illustrate his talk, Cundy brought examples of various types of camellias and azaleas including the rare white Amabilis and Caprice; variegated blossoms of Chandleri Elegans and the Donkleri, the bright red splotched with white that is so popular throughout the south; Margaret Jack, and the flesh and cherry red Pierette. Among the pink varieties the speaker exhibited Francine, a large double blossom of the peony type, and Grandiflora Rosea, Kumasaka, and Pink Perfection.

Paul Williams Presides

The most popular of the collection, Colonel Firey, a new and rare dark red variety, the color of a Hadley rose was five inches in diameter and flat and symetrical in form. Other reds were Aloha, Otome Red, Professor Sargent and Romany.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. D. M. Falconer. The club president, D. M. Falconer was unable to be present due to illness and Paul Williams presided in his absence.

Garden enthusiasts who attended the meeting were Mrs. C. Ed Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. York, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Claire, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Friend, Dr. and Mrs. Clement E. Counter, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hanson, Mr. D. M. Falconer, Mrs. George Williams, Mr. Paul Williams, Mrs. Joseph Coigdarripe, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hoyt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Richter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thackray and Mrs. and Mrs. H. S. Ley.

My Neighbor Says:

Begin collecting stakes for the garden. There will never be enough of them when you want them.

Baste lamb during roasting with sauce made by combining two tablespoons of melted butter, one tablespoon vinegar, ¼ cup currant jelly and ¼ teaspoon prepared mustard. It gives lamb a delicious flavor.

If acid is spilled on a rug, remove as much as possible with wet cloth, then cover the spot with baking soda, slightly moistened. Leave the soda on the rug until no bubbles form, then wash the spot with cold water to remove soda.

To can rhubarb, first wash, peel and cut it in two-inch pieces. Pack into jars and fill the jars until they run over with cold water. Let stand 10 minutes, pour off the water and fill the jars up to the top again with cold water. Seal the jars, being careful to use new rubbers. Set in a cool place.

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Open Bids Soon for Figueroa Work

Bids for the improvement of Figueroa street, between Redondo Beach boulevard and 131st street, are to be opened Feb. 14 by the Los Angeles board of public works, it was announced this week.

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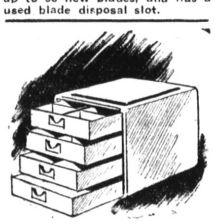

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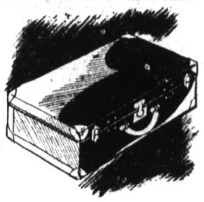

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