

# You'd Better Be a Crab

Dear Ann: I own a tavern and a liquor store. I'm in business to make money but I don't want people to spend their entire paychecks with me and not have enough left over for food. I get sick when a certain family comes into my place. Can you tell me what to do about them?

drink these beverages in your tavern, you are guilty of contributing to the delinquency of minors. Your conscience ought to guide you, Mister—but if it doesn't, the law will.

Dear Ann: My problem is unimportant compared to some I read in your column, but it's very annoying, nevertheless.

My husband of less than a year has become an expert at check-dodging. Whenever we are out with friends and the waiter brings the check, he skillfully manages to be looking elsewhere or digs into his pocket until someone in the party has safely located his wallet.

This has become apparent to others as I've noticed the

glances and knowing looks. It's getting so I dread going out in the evening because of the embarrassment. We are not short of money, Ann, it's just that my husband is developing into a first-class sponger. What can I do?—Edith E.

I assume you've discussed this with "Spend-A-Million" but to no avail. Since your husband seems to have an impediment in his reach, I suggest you take matters into your own hands and put him on the spot. Keep track of

who should take the check. When hubby's turn comes around and he has trouble locating his pocket, simply say, "This is ours, honey." Then, take the check from the waiter and hand it to the sport.

Dear Ann: I'm a mother who has no one to turn to for help. I think my daughter is in serious trouble if you know what I mean. She is not married. When I asked her, she said there was nothing wrong with her, but I am not blind, Mrs. Landers. What can

I do and where can I take her, eventually?—Sick At Heart.

Your daughter can deny this just so long. Tell her you know what's happening and that she should cooperate before her life is completely ruined.

Contact the Family Service or the Salvation Army. They are only two of the wonderful agencies who will come to the rescue. And skip the tongue-lashing, Mother, it's too late for that now. When

a girl has to learn THIS lesson the hard way, believe me, she's learned.

Confidential: Sinking Beth: Name and address, please. A line in the confidential section won't do it.

Expatriate: Thanks for the correction, Sailor. I didn't realize the incident had national coverage. Was it YOUR car?

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD)

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If they get over-tired and cry, the parents stuff a candy bar in their mouths or give them a glass of beer or wine until they get dizzy and fall asleep.

I don't want to complain or I'll be known as a crab and this hurts business. At the same time, some good customers have already quit us because of this family. One man told me the place was too much like a kindergarten and he wouldn't come in again.

I know of other tavern-keepers with this problem. What can we do when people like this come into our place of business?—Teddy.

In some cities you could go to jail, pay a fine and lose your license for allowing minors in your tavern. Or would you rather be a crab?

The code varies, according to the city, but I don't know of a place in this country that okay's alcoholic beverages for children. Make it plain you don't want the patronage of parents who bring kids. Refuse to let them in your place. If they insist on coming, phone the police and have them turned over to the proper authorities.

You can't tell people how to raise their children, but you can refuse to be a party to such tragedy. Kids who are fed wine and beer "until they get dizzy and fall asleep" are actually passing out. If they

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