

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I've given this course all I had! I've laughed at his jokes, asked flattering questions, had two office visits, sat on th' front row—I've even considered studying for th' final!"

To Marry Or Not? That's A Question

By HERKY KILLINGSWORTH
A few days ago I happened to go to one of those movies that so glamorized marriage that I left determined to take the vows myself. It was one of those foreign movies where Elke Sommer and Sophia Loren give happiness to some lucky husband for the rest of his life.

I was hooked and looked both left and right for suitable material to spend the rest of my life. On the way back to the campus I happened into the College View area where I was shocked out of my idealistic ideas. One hubby was hard at work pushing a lawnmower; another was hanging out enough laundry to fill out four laundry slips; in front of one house ran 17 squealing brats, nine of which were crying and the other eight fighting over the one swing which hung in an old dead tree.

The shock was too much. I looked aghast much as I imagine Edgar Allen Poe looked when he first encountered the House of Usher. I fled from the scene swearing never to be married while there was an ounce of blood left in my veins. Reaching my dorm I said a solemn prayer for the hopeless husbands of the world, but began to reconsider after entering my room and seeing the past two weeks' laundry on the back of a chair along with various items of trash, such as textbooks, lying about the room.

I pondered. Maybe a wife wasn't such a bad idea. With lunch time approaching and the thought of another messhall meal entered my mind, I felt that in-

deed marriage might be a good thing. The growling of my stomach further induced me into thoughts of returning every night to a cute little wife who had a hot meal waiting. I was sold, and once again began my diligent search for a spouse.

But wait! In placing a Playboy magazine aside to find my bed, I catch a glance at what could be waiting for the man-about-town who has yet to marry. Would it be worth the wait? Could I ever reach that smoothness that makes that man about town? Of course I could, right after I make that first million. Forget about marriage. Why settle for one female when there's a whole world of women just waiting to be picked off that great money tree in the sky.

Now I was determined. No fancy talking, sweet smelling female for me. Let the other suckers take those fatal vows. Lookout world, here I come! Lookout, a pair of feline figures pass my window. My bachelor dreams snap, and utter confusion enters my mind. Should I marry or should I? Should I begin my search for a mate today or wait until tomorrow? In complete turmoil I now decide to enter a male convent. Or better yet I shall return to the movie where the mess began. Maybe that will straighten me out.

Once more inside the movie I find that a new movie has hit town, a James Bond thriller. Excitedly I watch his every action. At the end, my confusion was solved. Forget about marriage, forget about bachelorhood. I want to be a spy.

— Sound Off —

Dear Editor, The Battalion,

Ping, ping, ping! That's the way my little ole heart went after I's read that letter last week from Missy Prissy. Does you really thinks she likes me. Gee, I hope so. I ain't never before had no one to like me exceptin' my Ma 'n my Pa, 'n Aunt Bess every once in a while. But they's don't count cause they's kinfolks 'n are dootifly supposed to like me.

Missy Prissy sez I's terrific. Shucks, I's jest doin' what comes naturally. She's also sed that's shes "ape" over me, whut-ever that means. I reckon that's one of them typergraphical arrows the paper makes once in a while for I's can only reckon it's suppose to be "date." She went date over me.

I's sure would like to meet this girl and everyone knows I's trying. Why even those three juniors in my dorm is helpin' me look. We's gone over every map of Texas tryin' to fine Tunis 'n I still ain't fines it yet. That probly means she comes from a small town like Sneedville where I's spent my whole life. She's one of my own kind.

And about that box of hers. I's written there three times already but my letters always comes back to me. I's jest can't understand it. It could be another of those typergraphical arrows but more likely its jest a mistake on the part of the post guys.

Whut I can't understand is why she calls me a "country hick." I's in the big city now and goin' to a big University or College or whatever it is. I's realize that I use to have a little country in me but I's always owned it up to heritage and somethin' by Biology teacher calls geens, not germs but geens. That's whut your Ma gives you through a oom-biblical card although I's can't for the life of me remember gettin' it.

Anyhow, back to Missy Prissy. I hopes she don't get away for I's comin' sometime in the future. With those three juniors helpin' me it shan't be long before Tunis is found. Why we's thinkin' of gettin' out the Missin' People Department Store to help us, or

somehin' like thet. That's one of the juniors idea.

I's also looking for a Twu on the map but thet don't seem to be there ether. Is it close to A&M or Houston? They's jest don't make maps like they use to.

Anyhow I's got to go 'n continue my lookin'. Also I thinks I's goin' to have to study a little for my finals or it'll be finals for me (thet's a joke, finals for me).

Adios for now. Thet means good night in English.

Sincerely,
Cyril Hayseed '70
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The Batalun

You has shore made me feel et home this here semestur by lett'in thet brillunt ole riter sound off in yore paper. He has got the stile i like and it shore is lots easier to reed his stuff. i jist thot mebe you culd use anuther riter like him since he has a stile simular to mine. i ain't had too much sperience at ritin, but it don't take no genus to see he has got whut it takes to make yore papur.

Do you thank you culd use an- uthur staff member with a simular stile to his'un. i git round the kampus too and i have saw a few thanks thet he's missin. i have saw this here gurl he has in his 6;00 klas and it don't take no genus to see he ain't too gud at undercouver wurk. like rite off i knowed she was married, she jist don't ware no rang. You see, she's tryin to fool guys like him into askin fer a date so she kin brag to her husbin about how them pore aggis is so lonesum and needs to raise there egos (i lurned this here is sycologie). it means whuts inside thet nobudy else kin see, but you kin feel, sorta like when you spel a wurd kerect and how gud it makes you feel, or when i gets this rere letter printed in yore papur.

I shore am anxus to meet you and talk about goin to wurk fer you. I have uncovered sum reel instrustin facks sinc i have been on this here kampus, like you kin git a gooder meal in any kaffa around than you kin git at sibeesser, fur lots less muney. i ain't no millunares sun and i knows

how to make a dollar go fer'um some stupid guys i have saw eat-in three meals a day there. Sumthin shuld be investurgated about them high prices. (p.s. i aint here as old as cyric ether, i noticed he is '70.)

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