In Confidence by Flo

Readers desiring a personal reply can address Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper.

Cheating Leads Nowhere!

Dear Miss Flo:

I am a young girl of twenty, engaged to a very fine man, and I really love him and want to marry him. But I must admit that I like going out with other young men occasionally—and do. Somebody told my fiance recently that I had gone out with another boy on an evening I had broken a date with him. As a re sult, we have had a terrible quarrel and it will probably end in our engagement being broken. I guess I should not have gone. but I didn't think Frank would learn about it.

Don't you think people who gossip commit the unpardonable sin?

People who indulge in gossip may be mean and small and petty—but they are the most powerful influence we have for good. We may be able to muffle the voice of our conscience, but we can't silence the voice of the town gossip, and no matter how vain and egotistic we are—or how self-satisfied and independent—we are all cowards in the face of public opinion.

It is the lifted eyebrow—the cold, measured, disapproving look which we dread more than anything else. And if we could do as we pleased and get away with it many otherwise righteous people would leave the straight and narrow for the primrose path.

There is no better nor no more exacting chaperon than Mrs. Grundy! No more efficient keeper of the law could be found.

For it is fear of gossip and what the girls would say about her at the next club meeting that keeps the bored young married woman with romantic yearnings from indulging in any flirtations with the good-looking bachelor who lives at the town hotel. It is fear of gossip that makes many an indiscreet girl watch her step, and saves her from many compromising situations.

A person who gossips is certainly not the most admirable type in the world—but those who are down on gossip and feel that the world should cover up their shortcomings with silence are unreasonable. If you wouldn't have things known of you dont do them. The world is full of people who, when they have no immediate personal motive for keeping still about a choice bit of gossip will spread it far and wide.

And that such gossips do exist every girl will learn to her sorrow if she scatters her favors promiscuously, and if she tries to take pleasures secretly which she has no right to enjoy.

A girl engaged to one man who slips away with another has no logical reason for excepting that those who see her will not pass the news on, or that the man she is with, and to whom she means no more than a passing amusement, won't boast of his conquest during his first confidential mood.

If you do not care enough for the man you are engaged to to willingly forego amusements other men offer you have no right to be engaged; of you are so fickle that you cannot be content without the attention and flattery of other men—then you will only make the man you marry unhappy—and if you cannot be honest now with the man you say you love and really want to marry—then you will certainly come a cropper after you are married, for a cheater always gets what he or she deserves.

For cheating at cards, or in business, or in love, or in marriage is much the same. The principle holds true that you will be caught sooner or later.

And you will have no one to blame but yourself.

Dr. Frank Crane Says

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It might be that of a cigar. a confection, a play or a new author.

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Nothing drops out of sight quicker than a race horse that has quit winning races, unless it is a man who accomplishes something and then stops.

The applause and interest lasts as long as the accomplishments go on.

When they stop, people turn to something else.

Placid old age is usually the least interesting period of life to outsiders. This is because it is a time of reminiscence, of going over and over accomplishments of the past rather than of achieving new victories.

A little over thirt y years ago the locomotive Number 999 was familiar to everyone. It was the fastest engine then known and had made a speed of over one hundred miles an hour.

A few years ago, before it was placed on exhibition, it was almost entirely forgotten, used to haul a milk train up and down the rails where it had once been king.

Other bigger and stronger engines had come and its past peformance had sunk out of sight.

Napoleon said: "My power would fall did not support it with new achievements. Conquest has made me what I am and conquest must sustain me."

A little cynicism in regard to applause is a healty thing.

The less a peson thinks about a past achievement the more other people are liable to think about it.

"As a horse when he has run," said Marcus Aurelius, "a dog when he has tracked the game, a bee when it has made the honey, so a man when he has done a good act, does not call out for others to come and see, but goes on to another act, as a vine goes on to produce again the grapes in season."

In Second Place

School Contest

Miss Belva Ashcraft, of Beardstown, Ill., with a record of 11 years, 6 months of school attendance, without having missed a day of being tardy, this week jumped into second place. As announced last week, three pupils have been found with a record of 12 years perfect attendance, tieing for first place.

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The national school contest being conducted by this newspaper through the 2000 newspapers served by Publishers' Autocaster Service of New York, is now in its sixth week, and so far the best record, without being absent or tardy, is twelve years, as claimed by three entries last week, Lillian Snyder, of Hundred, W. Va., George Irvin, Jr., of Orrville, Ohio, and Mabel Seal, of Picayune, Miss.

Publishers' Autocaster Service reports that in all the entries received from all over the country during the week, not one equalled, or bettered, the 12 year record of the students named above.

Naturally, unless a higher record is reported within a short time, the contest will be closed and the three students will be declared winners in the contest.

If there is a boy or girl in this county with a better record send your photograph at once, and let us enter you in this contest. The record is to be based upon perfect attendance and punctuaility.

Ne w Eleven-Year Record

The next best record to date is that of Miss Belva Ashcraft. of Beardstown, Illinois, who has a record of eleven years and six months. Miss Ashcraft is a senior in high school and had never been absent or tardy until last week, when her record ended due to a quarantine for scarlet fever.

Up until this entry was received, Miss Caroline Grubbs, of Junction City, Ky., held second place with a record of ten years, seven months and fifteen days. Miss Grubb at one time during the contest held the lead.

Another entry with a fine record is Miss Vesta Yager, of Sullivan, Indiana. Miss Yager is sevenet shrdl diana. Miss Yager is seventeen years old, and during her entire school career of eleven years has nat been tardy or absent. In addition to this, she has maintained an average of over 90 per cent during the entire period, and made the first two years of her schooling in one year. She was the winner of the Latin contest in her county last year.

Unusual Record

While this contest is open only to boys and girls now attending school, the record of Alice Boehringer, of Springfield Gardens, New York, is very interesting and worthy of particular mention. Miss Boehringer attended grade and high school for twelve years without being absent or tardy, and maintained the record through four years at college—giving her a total of sixeen years without being absent or tardy. While she cannot be considered an entry in the contest, her record is most unusual.

Entries for the week show the following records:

Mary Kidder, Whitehall, Wis., 10 years.

Erminie Schaeffer, Boyertown, Pa., ten years—one day absent.

Lucile Gay, Midland, Michigan, nine years—one day absent.

Watson W. Fortner, Weston, Mo., eight years, seven months.

Hazel Hamilton, Mannington, Va., eight years.

Rosetta Lee, Cookeville .Tenn., seven years.

Fred Canada, Mullens, W. Va., 6 years, seven months, nine days.

Lucille Womach, Brady, Texas, six years, seven months.

Sadie Rae Powers, Lumberton, N. C., six years, six months, ten days.

Signa Grace Mattax, Farmersville, Cal., six years, five months.

Lelia Haury, Woodlake, Calif., six years.

Elsie Newell, Bordenton, N. J., four years, seven months, three days.

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A public office holder never loses his seat until after he has lost his standing.

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A self-made man gives all the credit to his maker.

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Morning's Morning

Gymnastics are the things to do,
(Or ought to) when you leave your bed,
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And clubs to swing around your head;
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And makes you fit for household jobs.

—"Bound To The North," a new serial story begins this week in this issue. Don't miss a chapter of this interesting story.

While the United States government was sending Marines and warships to China to protect its nationals, it might also have done a little protecting in Chicago when the municipal election was held.

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—If you wish to know whats going on at the Lyceum Theatre and want to be posted on the year's best productions, read the Lyceum Theatre program every week on page five.

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