

THE GOLDEN YEARS

A love letter to a 65-year-old husband who has just retired: My Beloved Husband— I welcome you home with pride and with pleasure. There may have been more pleasure in it thirty years ago, but there never would have been more pride.

And I welcome you with a re-assertion of the vow I made to you forty-three years ago: I still like you for better or worse. My pride lies in the fact that you've made it to 65. This is a great achievement, you know. Since 1921 when you first went to work you have maneuvered your way past some formidable dangers... a couple of wars, cancer, heart attacks, automobile crashes, mental breakdowns, and lightning. A man who has survived the perils of these last fifty years is a hero just by still being alive.

YOU HAVE survived also the pitfalls of working for a living. There was a frightening period in the Thirties, but you got another job. And from then until now you have held a job against what, at times, must have been rugged circumstances. My life has been good because you did this. At this point I can feel only pride that I had a man with the stuff in him to do it.

Have you realized yet that by reaching retirement you have brought me—and us—the greatest security we ever had? Always

while you were working there was a chance of layoffs, of being fired, of seeing the company go broke, or injury or illness that would make you an invalid, all of which could have stopped our income.

NONE OF these things can happen to you any more. Our income, while small, is safe now. Nobody can take the pension and Social Security away. It's odd but true that a successful retired man is the most reliable meal-ticket a wife ever had.

In another way, you are of course a more valuable financial package now than you've ever been before. Out of self interest if nothing else I would strive to keep you safe and preserve you. About seventy per cent of our retirement income—your pension and your part of Social Security—depends on your staying alive.

IF YOU HAD died in your working years I would have gotten more company insurance, and I would have been young enough to go out and get a job. If you stay alive I am in fine circumstances. If you die I am a poor old widow.

I'll want you to have a nap every afternoon because it'll be good for you, and because you deserve the luxury. I'll want you to sit up on week nights until your heart's content and see all

the late TV movies you want. I'll clothes for this great new adventure want you to go to the doctor every six months for a checkup. I'll want you to go and come as you'd like, to fish or hunt or play with your pals as long as you want. I'll want you to take \$50 out of savings and go buy some casual

ture of your life. Now for your instructions: Stay out of my kitchen. Draw up a chart showing which half of the household chores you intend to take over. Your Devoted Wife

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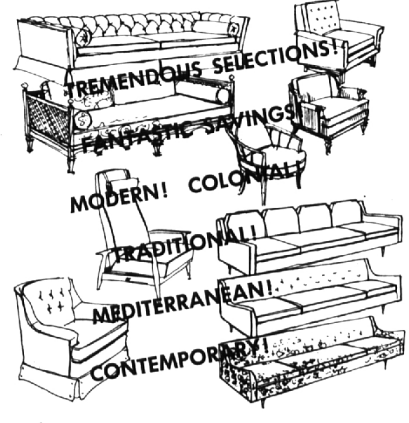
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