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Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

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Dear Abby

Ailing Woman Refuses to See a Doctor

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: We have a 68-year-old widowed mother who needs a doctor but refuses to go to one or let one come to her house. She told us that if we bring a doctor to the house, she will throw us and the doctor out. She is not a Christian Scientist; she has had doctors in the past but she doesn't want one now.

Abby, her feet and ankles are so swollen, they look like elephant's feet! She can't wear shoes and isn't able to stand for more than five minutes. Her feet and legs are purplish, so it's obvious she has some kind of circulatory problem.

We have a brother living at home who does the laundry and cooking. He says mother is so stubborn he can't cope with her. She's not senile; her mind is sharp as a razor. We feel so helpless. Every doctor we've spoken to says he can't treat mother without her consent. We can't drag her to a doctor if she doesn't want to go. Or can we?

HELPLESS

DEAR HELPLESS: No, you can't drag her to a doctor. Assuming mother is of sound mind, the responsibility of what happens to her body must be hers. Don't fight her. When her condition becomes unbearable to her, she will be forced to do something about it.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think an ex-priest would make a good husband? I'm going with one who wants to marry me.

CATHY IN DETROIT

DEAR CATHY: Ex-priests should make excellent husbands. They've already taken an oath of chastity, obedience and poverty.

DEAR ABBY: You stated that people who avoid shaking hands are "mysophobic"—they have a pathological fear of germ contamination. Not necessarily.

As a violinist, my sensitive hands are sometimes crushed to a pulp by bone-crushing handshakes by

overly enthusiastic well-wishers. Crippling handshakes can also be expressions of conscious or unconscious hostility.

Furthermore, many physicians believe that handshakes are the most common culprit in the transmission of cold germs.

According to one theory, the custom of handshaking was originally intended to demonstrate that the hand concealed no weapon. How much more graceful is the Oriental greeting of bowing with upturned hands joined together as in prayer, demonstrating that neither hand conceals a weapon.

Could anything be more useful in today's gun-loving U.S.A.?

HENRY TEMIANKA, L.A.

DEAR HENRY: Gun control might help.