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Gentlemen,

Please have M.M. tell me who the "head" of my family is, because if I, the wife of a serviceman, am not the head of my family, I'd like to know who is, so that that person would immediately take over my expenses and obligations.

My husband and I were married more than three years ago, before the draft act was even being considered, much less passed, and have not yet been blessed with children. He was drafted a short time ago, and I have gone to work-- at half the salary he earned-- in order to support myself and keep up our home for his return. Neither of my parents nor his are able to assist me in any way -- as a matter of fact, both are in a position where assistance from us is needed. And I'm not the head of the family, huh?

Before M.M. goes off on a tangent like that she ought to stop and realize that all of us aren't newlyweds still living at home under Daddy's protective wing, and that that envied "Allotment" she speaks of comes out of the soldier's check to the extent of about half. Neither are we all earning fabulous "defense" salaries; so far, I've only read about high wages, haven't had any.

This is one serviceman's wife who isn't astounded, as M.M. puts it, to be considered the head of the family. I am the head of my family, not only on income tax deductions, but in the assumption of all obligations carried out by my husband in civilian life.

May I be permitted to remark that to me, she just sounds jealous that she hasn't caught a man. Sniping such as she had indulged in certainly won't help her to get one either.

Respectfully submitted,

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