

Assignment TV

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NEW YORK CITY—Sebastian Cabot is very keen on game shows. He prefers them to the enormous amount of psychological drama that chokes up the television airways these days. He puts it this way:

"I'd rather go to bed laughing from 'Stump the Stars' than to be worried why a 14-year-old boy made love to his grandmother."

One cannot argue with that. Of course, we haven't heard the 14-year-old boy's opinion—or the grandmother's either, but it's easy to understand Cabot's attitude because he's one of the playmates on TV's

most-favored game show, "Stump the Stars," currently seen on its own network of stations created by the agency for Colgate.

I CORNERED the portly Cabot (not an easy trick) at Sardi's East, a restaurant where celebrities go to be seen with the feed-bag on. I make this assumption because no one could possibly go there for the chop itself, which is a high chop-house crossed with a quick course in menu-French, a combination New Yorkers adore. Cabot had two lamb chops, well done, which were so small they looked like a pair

of black-rimmed harlequin glasses.

Although Cabot is probably best known as the professor in the TV series, "Checkmate," his current run in "Stump" is bringing him the most attention from the average viewer.

For years the game was known as "Pantomime Quiz," which became such a perennial vacation replacement that the public could always be sure summer was here when it appeared on the TV logs.

For generations before that the game was known as "charades" and encouraged in many homes as an after-dinner blood stimulant by hostesses who couldn't depend on her guests' ability as conversationalists. I seldom see Cabot in this series because the mere suggestion of acting out something like "I Dreamed I Climbed Mount Everest in My Maiden-Form Bra" is enough to turn my

psyche to stone, but I am ready to concede that it is good fun for those whose knees do not crack while stooping.

ONE OF THE nicest things that television has done for me is to help buy me a tidy little house and ground on Vancouver Island," said Cabot. "My wife and I go up there on the slightest excuse to fish and meditate." He has a 22-year-old daughter who hopes to be an actress and a son who has performed in Ashland, Ore., the finest Shakespearean theater in America.

"Acting on television is terribly frustrating for an actor," said Cabot. "The director spends hours moving the lights around and getting the shadows off the wall behind you so there is seldom little time left for rehearsal. As long as you're in the right place and the audience can hear the

words, that's all a TV director cares about.

"If you timidly raise your hand and ask for another run-through before shooting a scene, the director says: 'You're all pros and you'll be just great.' But the guy out there in his home watching you says, 'Boy, he's terrible!' and the actor can't answer back: 'But we never had a rehearsal!'"

THESE ARE the times when

the old tramping experience comes in handy. For years in England I played all the Charles Laughton roles out in the sticks. That's where you learn. I never try to steal a scene, but when I find another actor trying to upstage me—Laughton called them 'larceny artists'—then I just quietly open up my bag of tricks."

In addition to "Checkmate" reruns and the current "Stump the Stars," Cabot plugs "Thunderbird" wine all over the tele-

vision dials and is in New York to film introductions to the upcoming CBS series, "Suspense," made up of old and new suspense dramas. I have a hunch he would like to be doing more.

It hardly seems enough to warrant pulling out his old bag of tricks.

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