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Dorothy Dix Says—

"CRIME OF THE ATTIC"

Needy Can Use Clothing And Household Items Deteriorating In Storage

Do you know where more crimes are committed than anywhere else in the world? It is not in the brothels, nor the gambling joints, nor the saloons. It is in the attics and the closets of good, kind men and women, who are pillars in the church, who wouldn't intentionally hurt a worm, but who are accessory before the crime of murder by refusing to part with the junk they have stored up.

Once upon a time I was called upon to help make a list of the contents of a house in which well-to-do people had lived for generation after generation, and I have always remembered it as the wickedest place I have ever been in and one that most forcibly illustrated man's inhumanity to man.

WASTED USEFUL ITEMS

For it was literally packed from cellar to roof with things that had become useless to their owners, but that were too good to be destroyed, and that they never even thought of passing on to others to whom they would have been a godsend. There were closets filled with sheets that had laid so long untouched upon their shelves that they were splitting in the folds. And quilts and blankets that were mildewed with age. Yet not a mile away there were poor families who covered themselves with newspapers and huddled together for warmth at night.

In one corner of the garret there were stacks of old furniture that was falling apart. Piles of springs, and mattresses in which the rats had burrowed, but that had been good and serviceable when they had been discarded at the time furniture had been bought. Years and years of uselessness. Yet how many a tired man and woman, exhausted with a hard day's labor, would have rested the better on one of those soft beds. Many a rheumatic old grandmother or grandfather would have found their paine eased if they could have had one of those comfortable chairs to sit in.

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"Whee! Two pair wear from one pair!"

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Wonder why some "lucky" girls hardly ever get runs? They *Lux* stockings after *every* wearing. Actual tests *proved* Lux cuts down runs—in rayon, nylon, cotton. Luxed stockings last *twice as long*, and when stockings last twice as long, you get *two* pair wear from one pair. Start tonight to dip *your* stockings in Lux.

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A LEVER PRODUCT

HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

By Roberta Lee

Smooth Ironing

Smoothness and glossiness when ironing starched pieces can be attained by stirring the starch with a paraffin candle three or four times while boiling, and just before removing from the fire.

Shoes

For squeaking shoes, place the shoes in a pan of water at night, just enough water to cover the soles.

Cake

Cake can be kept fresh by taking two slices of bread, and sticking them against the freshly cut surface of the cake by means of toothpicks.

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

Be polite to children. It not only is the corect procedure, but it helps them to be polite also.

STYLE CARE

Paris will always be the world's fasion centre and neither London nor New York will ever be able to wrest her title from her, E H. Symonds, British fashion and textile expert, said today, in London. He declared that unless British buyers began buying dress models in Paris soon, America would capture the Paris model reproduction market. "America will be first in the field. She will buy Paris models for reproduction, not only in the United States bu in British and colonial markets as well," the expert said.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

This was the morning a new ceremony was performed at Alderlea with James as one of the principals in it. This was his birthday. Which one? Oh, well, after all it can not be that he is yet on borrowed time for a near relative hoped he might have "a nundred more." That of course even in this miraculous age would be impossible. The rites of the ceremony were performed by a female member of the family, who came stealthily towards him as he pulped turnips in a barn. He is always the greatest one to make work for himself. "Let the cattle do their own work" I tell him at times. "Which is it better to do" he asks me "take a little longer pulping turnips for the cattle or take overtime trying to dislodge a piece that has stuck in a throat?" I know James is right. So he was at this work of pulping turnips when this lady member of the family stepped up to him unsuspected and greased his nose! He was rather perplexed with the proceedings. "Did you ever hear tell of that?" he asked me later. "That's so you'll slip easily through your new year" I told him.

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He slipped, but not I would say too easily, through this day's hours. He had barely finished his share of the morning-chores when he went into help Rob get off to the city with a load. Indeed because of the depth of snow over the fields and the heaviness of the load, He—and Jamie went ahead with a horse and sleigh until presently a travelled road was reached and Rob was away then on his way to the city. Trips to city-creameries or other farm-product receiving-plant in winter is usually cold and tedious besides being time-consuming. I suppose some day, somehow, such distances will be shortened although on the Island it does seem as if the horse is the most dependable and practical means of travel in this season. Then James was home again helping with what they call "the dinner-work" even when at times, it extends well past any well regulated household's dinner-hour. Today Judy hastily concealed James' papers beneath a cushion so there would be no reading before dinner. Only the briefest time was spent on them after for work at the barns and stables occupied the entire afternoon.

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We had set James' birthday dinner for the evening the exact time depending on Rob's return from the city and the completion of his chores as well. Karolyn called us when she saw him coming in the early evening. That was our signal to put the vegetables on for their cooking. But the vegetables were done, mashed and patted into presentability then set in the warming-oven. The chickens and other et ceteras also lingered there. And Rob's had not come. Others came. Two youthful wayfarers from another county, on their long way to the city arrived to spend the night at Alderlea. The spare-room door was hurriedly opened to admit the heat. Blankets and pillows were taken from chests and spread to air. "Are you sure they are not damp, Ellen?" James asked me later feeling each cover in turn rather suspiciously. Both Judy and I were very certain. Then another caller came. Not the one who wears his Sunday hat at a becoming angle. An older person, his head snug in a cap of fur. I glanced to the spot where Judy's wish-bone rested. "It's all right Mrs. Ellen" she said "when you were away last night . . ." I didn't wait to hear the end of Judy's story for right then, Jock and Jeanie came from the house across the lane. James too having every chore completed. He sat down quietly in his arm-chair and looked toward the clock on the shelf. I knew that expression. It spelled nothing short of starvation. Conversation lagged. Judy and I put last minute touches to the table, added extra plates—and chairs. The aroma from the cooked and savoury chickens seemed to further aggravate the situation. "There" James said at last. "If this is my birthday dinner, I'm going to eat it before I'm too weak to reach the table." But the sleigh was at the door. Rob's had come. Karolyn carrying the birthday cake and Jamie following with Pard.

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James' anniversary dinner is well past now. Judy and I nave put the spare-room bed in order for our other visitors and although Judy assures James it is "as warm as toast" he has ordered hot-water bottles as an added presaution against catching cold. Judy puts the neglected kindling in the oven, for its drying nearing midnight then calls me to ask: "Mrs. Ellen what are you going to do with this yeast cake?" Dear me, I had quite forgotten the bread. Birthday or not, bread-setting time comes. James has brought me one of his cards to read again, one he likes very much. There's a horse and scarlet coated rider.. "Read it" he says. I read it aloud: "Here's hoping that this glad event, finds you riding high, Headed straight for happiness, as each new day goes by!" "A pretty good wish!" he says. It is indeed not only for James but also to every one whose birthday falls on a February day.

Until tomorrow — Diary—Goodnight.

HOW CAN I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a novelty salad?

A. Use a thick slice of pineapple for the base of the candlestick. Place half a banana upright for the candle, and top it with a maraschino cherry. Place a life-saver mint in the pineapple as the handle. Serve with French dressing.

Q. How can I clean tinware?

A. Make a paste of powdered whiting and ammonia, olive oil, or sweet oil. Dip a rag into this solution and rub the tin thoroughly. When dry, polish with a soft cloth.

Q. How can I remove mud stains from dark clothing?

A. By brushing it, after it has dried, and then rubbing well with a fresh cut of a raw potato.

Living & Leisure

THE WOMAN'S REALM

What we gave, we have;
What we spent, we had;
What we left, we lost.

(Epitaph of Edward, Earl of Devon.)

CHIC DEMANDS CORRECT FURS

When furs and their costume companies are properly mated, they make a happy union which spells c-h-i-c for the girl who is fashionwise.

To turn out a bad match is no style crime, but in case you are a stickler for the conventions, here are the rules:

With minks, sables, fancy foxes, ermine (be you a fortunate owner) and the furs of the lamb—astrakhan broadtail and the so-called Persian skins—dressy clothes are the best choice. Also able to team up with your best bib and tucker are budget pelts bleached or died to fill the roll of glamour wraps. Qualified to step out with either dress-up or sports clothes are beaver and nutria, because they're that versatile. But almost all other furs claim their best clothes companions in the realm of sports; look out of step with sequinned finery.

Chiffon, filmy fabrics and sheer wools will sometimes take the shape of a narrow hanger at the shoulder. Pad your hangers with odds and ends of ribbon.

FIRM ANCHORAGE

Have you trouble with a food chopper that won't stay firmly anchored to the table, but slips and slides as you grind. There's a cure and its a simple one. Put a piece of sandpaer, gritty side up, on the edge of the table before screwing the chopper in place.

SHOELESS KIDDIES

Winter is raw and bitter in France, except in the south, and French homes are cold and cheerless now because of the desperate fuel shortage. From France, an American war correspondent brings news that eight million children are nearly four times as many as there are in the whole of Canada. But in Canada, not a single child need be without shoes in this, the sixth winter of the war.

FLOWING LINES

NEW YORK—Dinner costumes by Joseph Whitehead are flowing is the correct procedure, but it sequin-studded. New are tapered slacks in black crepe below a lamp shade tunic in stiff green taffeta. One appealing dinner costume uses this silhouette above slim skirt, the tunic a deep flounce of starched white lace.

TRIM PRINTS

NEW YORK—Sometimes Bruno trims prints with satin, which is a new touch, as when he presents a two- piece costume in a black and white Sanskirt motif.

LIKE OPHELIA

NEW YORK—Wreath your hair in flowers like Ophelia, and bless the milliners. John-Frederics does a giant coronet of cabbage roses that will stop every eye for its lovely color and its outright flattry. More circumspect are many others of this type, and more wearable, too, for they look right with cotton dresses and soft suits.

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

The only time an engraved card of thanks may be properly sent is by a public official who has been overwhelmed with messages of sympathy or congratulations.

Spain produces annually approximately 80,000,000 bottles of all kinds; one-half are wine bottles and less than one per cent. milk bottles and fruit jars.

Some 2,260,000 military vehicles from jeeps to ten-ton cargo trucks have been built in the United States since the start of the automobile industry war program.

COOK'S CORNER

SPANISH CREAM

1 tablespoon granulated gelatine
3 cups milk
3 eggs, separated
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla

Method: Place ¼ cup of the milk in a bowl and sprinkle the gelatine on this. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Beat the egg yolks slightly, add the sugar, salt and milk and cook over hot water in the top part of a double boiler until the mixture coats a spoon. Add the soaked gelatine to this, stir until dissolver and add the vanilla. Set aside in a cool place until partially thickened, then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into oiled and rinsed molds and chill until set.

This is nice served with plain cream, or with chocolate or caramel sauce.

ORANGE SPANISH CREAM

2 tablespoons gelatine
2 cups milk
½ cup sugar
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 cup orange juice
3 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Method: Soak the gelatine and milk together for 5 minutes. Put in the top of a double boiler and heat. When the gelatine is dissolved add sugar. Pour this hot mixture slowly over the slightly beaten egg yolks. Return to a double boiler and cook until thickened somewhat, stirring constantly.

Remove from the heat and add salt, grated orange and lemon rind, lemon and orange juise, and stiffly beaten egg whites. Fold the latter in careully. Turn into a mold, chilling until firm. Unmold on a serving plate and garnish with orange slices or segments, if desired.

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A few months later he met the minister who had succeeded him and inquired: "How are you making out with the young ladies?"

"Remarkably well," replied the other. And then, with a laugh, he added: "You know there's safety in numbers."

"Possibly," was the doubtful answer, "but I found it only in Exodus."

Scot (seeing his first hockey game) — And do yon laddies chasing about the ice get paid?

Friend—Oh yes; big salaries.

Scot—And the lad between the posts. Is he paid, too?

Friend — Certainly; highly paid.

Scot — Wouldn't it be cheaper to board up the wee place?

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MODERN EDIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. When may a man drop the formal "My dear Miss Jones" in the salutation of a letter to a girl and use "Dear Mary"?

A. He may do so with propriety after the girl has begun addressing him by his christian name.

Q. If a person does not believe in tipping, is it good form for him to refuse to give tips?

A. No. We are often forced to do things of which we do not approve, but it is better to conform to custom.

Q. What is the best way for one to make the correction if his name has been mispronounced?

A. It should be done smilingly and casually, without displaying and embarrassment or resentment.

BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Any one of these boys are capable."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "vaudeville"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled Ecentric, economic, ecstasy.

4. What does the word "derogation" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with our that means "hasty, careless"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "is capable." One is the singular subject. 2. Pronounce vodvil, o as in no, i as in ill, accent first syllable. 3. Eccentric. 4. Detraction. "He counted it no derogation of his manhood to be seen to weep." 5. Cursory.

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Price Control Questions and Answers

Questions and Answers on Price Control will appear in The Guardian as a regular feature each day. The questions are those which have reached the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from housewives in this region. The answers are provided by the Board Readers. Persons who have intelligent questions to ask on price control are invited to send them in writing to the Women's Regional Advisory Committee of the War Time Prices and Trade Board.

Q. If I sell my house, which I now have rented, how many months notice must I give my tenant to vacate?

A. You cannot give your tenant notice to vacate simply because you are selling the house. If the purchaser wishes to occupy the house he can give six month's notice after he becomes the owner. Such notice cannot take effect between October 1 and March 31.

Q. I bought a dress. When I got home I found it did not have any label showing its brand or number. Should I report this?

A. Dresses manufactured after March 1st, 1944, should have a label showing the W P T B. License number or trade mark of the manufacturer or both. This may have been an error, but it should be reported to the nearest office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board giving the name of the store from which the purchase was made. Of course, if manufactured before March 1st, 1944, it may not have a label.

Q. When will butter coupon 26 become valid?

A. Butter coupon 26 became valid February 8.

Jot down the things needed on the next shopping trip as you think of them. It is the only way your list will be complete.

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Canada has almost doubled her lard production in the last ten years; much lard is used in Canada for shortening, as this country produces almost no edible vegetable oils