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## How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove smoke stains from the bricks in front of a fireplace?  
A. Mix two ounces of soda, one ounce of pumice stone, one ounce of salt, with water sufficient to make a cream. Rub the bricks well with this solution and allow to stand a few minutes; then brush off with a stiff brush.

## DUETS



WHEN AM I GOING TO GET THAT BINGLE FILE, MISS BUNGLE?  
OH, IT IS! I FILE EVERYTHING UNDER MISCELLANEOUS!  
MY NEW FILING SYSTEM TAKES TIME, MR. WIMP  
BUT YOU TOLD ME IT WAS SIMPLER!



## Dorothy Dix Says—

### Unsuited Marriages

#### Girls Too Often Rush Into Marrying Men They Do Not Love

It is understandable why every girl would like to marry. It is the fulfillment of her romantic dreams. It saves her from being an old maid, which she dreads more than death itself. And, in some curious way, it gratifies a feminine yearning to show that she is attractive to men.

If every marriage ended in story-book fashion, "and they lived happily ever afterwards," it would be easy to see why girls are so eager to possess husbands, but there is no little bobbysocker so dumb as not to know that marriage is a risky business and that there are who ever get their hearts' desire in it. Most of them have grown up in homes that were an awful warning against matrimony, instead of being a come-on to it.

The rush to the altar would also be easily understandable if every bride were so bemused by love that she saw a Fairy Prince in any common or garden variety of man, but such is by no means always the case. Innumerable giddy marry men for whom they have only a mild liking and who do not quicken their heartbeats by a single pulsation.

#### UNWISE IN WEDDING RING DEAL

And why they do it, only the Lord, who made that strange combination of contradictions we call Woman, knows. For those girls who are apparently marrying just to be a-marrying are not congenial idiots. On the contrary, most of them have brains enough to hold down good jobs and to drive shrewd bargains, except the one in wedding rings. Yet they seem not to count the cost, nor even to ask where do we go from here when they leave the marriage license bureau.

Just now we are having a tragic illustration of this marrying mania that possesses women in the way that so many of the girls who are engaged to servicemen are trying to rush their fiancés into marriage for which the boys are not ready.

Of course, it has been a long and dreary and heart-wrenching wait for the girls whose sweethearts were overseas. They have knit many a dream and plan for the future into the socks and sweaters they have sent to their Toms, Dicks and Harrys, and now they are so eager to realize them they are shutting their eyes to realities.

They won't see that the boy of 18 or 19 who left them has been changed by the experiences of war into a man years older than his real age; that one who has been facing danger and death for years is emotionally exhausted and wants no new experiences and to take on no new responsibilities.

Nor will they face the fact that the boy may have outgrown his hobbled romance, or what is only too sadly the truth, even if he still loves his old sweetheart, he is in no position to marry her because he has no money and no way by which to support a family.

But the girls who have waited for their sweethearts in fancy dresses will wait no longer, and many a soldier who never qualified before the enemy lacks the courage to break with the girl he no longer loves, and marries her. And many another soldier is sold into servitude for life to a poor job because the girl friend was in such a hurry to move into the little cottage she had planned.

## Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

This was the morning, rather early, that Mr. D. and I went to the blow-drove the last "spike" in his floor-laying. Then put down his tools regretfully and came to the door to ask me to go with him. I do now? There was disappointment in his tones as well as the disappointment that comes to every girl who has a "board of it" in her hands, which promises pleasing results, but which, in fact, is a date, hidden as yet, in the folds of the future. James' visits to the city for "just a few feet" to bridge a gap brought no results. Some said in a resigned way, "Sorry—haven't a board of it" and others added "We have no idea when—perhaps by Fall." Answers were similar as each one of us went to the parlour tonight—and all of this day, great-grandfather to our own James, has looked at the unfinished business of the present generation of his line at Algeria. He doubtless would "find a way or make it" in obtaining the necessary boards, by a trip back to the woodlands. He it was, who built the old mill and the mill race, field, milled two wives, fathered many descendants and I've been told, saved the lumber for the Alder-Rick went to the bank for lunch. I can read a face aright, smile at the present scarcity of building materials. He, who knew the heavily wooded hill and valley of the neighborhood and built his homes from hand-hewn beams and broad sawed boards and plank.

Mr. D. turned his attention then to the decorating of "the room" floor, down in which to set. Seated this or that agent, to mirror the grain of the boards, with the care and industry of one who likes the feel of the workman who must be to admire his handiwork and to offer suggestions from her experience. James stopped by occasionally but he was much too busy to make a lengthy stay. The woodmen, went again to their lumbering, moving the scene their labors to "the other farm." This work occupies their afternoons only, but extends until dusk has fallen, Rick went to the bank for lunch on his arm and today, he rode the Nell-mare—her first outing since her illness and only as far as Rob's stable, which lies between Alderlea and the place of their wood-cutting. Not virgin growth this, but trees that have grown through the years, where once it was farmed. I eyed the basket of lunch-wistfully. This, I thought, would be a fine spot in which to eat. Seated perhaps on a fallen tree, in the midst of the clean sweet tangy scent of the spruce, with the bellidiffers and the daffodils pushing their heads up through the damp earth to catch a glimpse of the sun and to hear the whisper of today's soft wind. I covered them, carefully again for James regarding the signs, shook his head and pointed out the thick bank of grey beard which the sun was disappearing at the setting time. Yet in

## Living & Leisure

### —THE WOMAN'S REALM—

#### A SONG OF HOPE

I care not if the cold wind Sweeps o'er the snowy hill And roars a-down the valley With bitter breath and chill; For April with her violets, Her fields of verdant green Must soon come tripping gaily Down that same hill, I ween.

I care not if the wind sings A rude and brawling song, For well I know, with gladness, The time cannot be long Till robins red are winging "Neath soft and balmy sky, And all feathered throat releasing A song too rich to die.

My heart grows faint with dreaming Of rapture such as this, For well I know, for mortals To know bitter there is no Of violets born mid mosses, And robins on the wing. And all that's left to renewing Her sweet life in the spring.

#### "SHOVEL" ETIQUET

You are considered lazy or impolite if you set the bowl on the table when eating rice in China. It is kept in the hand, held with thumb and fingers, at mouth with chopsticks.

#### DOESN'T KEEP GAINING

A falling body does not continue to gain speed. In experiments, a dummy figure reached its maximum speed after falling 1600 feet. It never fell faster than 200 miles an hour.

#### TEN BIG LITTLE WORDS

The English language contains more than 400,000 words, yet a mere 10 per cent of them comprise 25 per cent of all spoken and written conversation. They are: a, and, I, it, in, is, of, the, that, to.

#### ANTHONY EDEN

As leader of the Opposition during Mr. Churchill's absence, Anthony Eden has found himself at times almost as busy as if he were in office, it is reported. There are always consultations with his political friends, the need to prepare speeches for the public platform and the necessity of keeping a keen eye on proceedings in the House of Commons. But with all that it is one London writer's observation that Mr. Eden looks much better than he did when he combined the post of Foreign Secretary with that of Leader of the House. He has been able to take week-ends out of London.

## A Job Only You Can Do

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.

Q. My nephew was at a boarding house for 12 days and the landlady removed butter coupons up to and including No. 6. Is she allowed to do this and what can I do to get them back as he is now living with me?  
A. The landlady was entitled to remove only the coupons which became valid while your nephew remained in the building. There is no regulation which would force this woman to return the coupons. The ones which she removed are of no value as it is illegal for her to use loose coupons and also illegal for any storekeeper to accept them.

Q. My grocer will only allow me two 16 oz. bottles of maple syrup for one coupon. How are consumers to get 80 ozs for a coupon?  
A. You mention in your letter that your grocer is selling last sufficient on hand to allow each customer more than two bottles. The remainder of the coupon could be used to purchase jams, jellies, canned fruit or other rationed sweets.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. From which side of the chair should a person seat himself at the table?  
A. From either side. It seems more convenient for a righthand person to pull out the chair with the right hand.

Q. Should a girl smoke in the home of an older woman who she knows disapproves of women smoking?  
A. No.

Q. How can I remove stains from a carpet?  
A. Mix two ounces of soda, one ounce of pumice stone, one ounce of salt, with water sufficient to make a cream. Rub the carpet well with this solution and allow to stand a few minutes; then brush off with a stiff brush.

## Better English

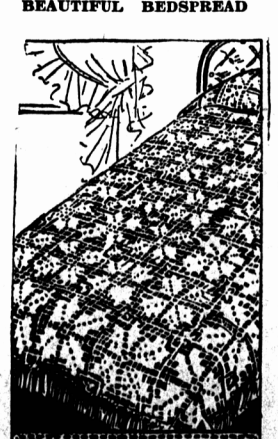
D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "In whose line of business are you engaged?"  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "demonstrative"?  
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Occurrence, occultist, occultic?  
4. What does the word "horrific" mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with po that means "ostentatious demeanor"?

ANSWERS  
1. Omit line of. 2. Pronounce de-mon-stray-tiv, with accent on second syllable, and not dem-on-stray-tiv, with accent on first syllable. 3. Occultist. 4. Causing horror; frightful. "Let nothing ghastly or horrific be supposed."—I. Taylor. 5. Promptitude.



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## POTATO SECRETS

Potato secrets require six large potatoes, 10¢ six servings, one cup ground cooked meat, one cup onion juice, salt and pepper to taste, 1/2 cup cooked carrots finely chopped.

## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Protecting Pictures  
Paste another piece of heavy paper backing on the picture frame immediately after the old one comes off. If this is not done, dust will get in and eventually spoil the face of the picture.

## Scalded Milk

Some people are not quite certain what scalded milk means. An excellent method is to place the milk in the upper part of a double boiler, and when the water in the lower part boils, the milk is scalded.

## Washing Dishes

There will not be so many dishes to wash if the baked foods are prepared in glass dishes or earthen casseroles. See that the dishes are pretty enough to appear on the table.

## Morning Smile

SECOND FIDDLE  
The hostess was pressing her guests to provide entertainment.

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