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The Life-Story of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth

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Article 3. Training to be a Queen. What a Queen must know—Schooling with "Crawfie"—Outings instead of book-study—Social training—Famous people—Feminine arts—Her own library—State affairs.

Although the general lines of Princess Elizabeth's education and upbringing had always taken into account the possibility of her one day being crowned Queen, the accession of her father to the Throne, as King George the Sixth, on December 11th, 1936, turned the possibility into probability. The altered circumstances meant further intensification of her schooling, and brought new responsibilities both to her and to the King and Queen.

How her earlier education had been organized is itself a detailed story. From studying the rudiments of learning at her mother's knee, the Princess progressed at early date to the study of foreign languages. French was the first foreign tongue to which she gave attention. Queen Elizabeth gave her daughter many lessons in this subject too, for Her Majesty herself is a fluent linguist. During the visit of King George and herself to Paris in 1938 she made public speeches in French. Reading French classics became one of her recreations many years ago.

At 145 Piccadilly, and at Royal Lodge as well, Princess Elizabeth began to have what she called "French afternoons." These occasions when all conversation was conducted in French. At other times, in the family circle, the Queen would suddenly lapse into this language, encouraging her daughter to reply in the same tongue.

French thus became not merely a text-book or schoolroom language to the Princess, but a live one. She too, can now not only make herself easily understood in French, but also reads works in that language. French lessons were also soon included in her schooling.

There was a very good reason for a royal daughter, so high in the line of succession as Princess Elizabeth, being trained in these directions. Many state occasions which come before the British Sovereigns are still written in Latin or in Norman-French, a custom from the past which seems likely to continue.

More than one attempt has been made to persuade Parliament to sanction the replacement of French by English, but tradition has each time proved too strong for the making of such a change. So, to the future British Queen, a good working knowledge of these foreign languages is essential. French is also the universal diplomatic language used at Court functions and in many diplomatic conversations.

The Princess's first governess was Miss Marion Crawford, a Scotch woman educated at the General Education School, and the general education of the Princess has been undertaken principally by her. For Empire, chatted with foreign politicians, and talked with nobility have been appointed from time to time.

"Crawfie" as the governess soon became known in the Piccadilly royal household, quickly revealed that academic qualifications were not her only recommendations as a supervisor of the Princess's formal education. Such an important position demands other attributes—a quiet manner, grace, confidence, an ability to separate the important from the unimportant, and above all to impart knowledge in a readily understood and an easily assimilated way.

All these essential qualities "Crawfie" brought to the royal schoolroom. Her success as governess to royalty is evident from her length of service. The general education of Princess Elizabeth was largely in Miss Crawford's hands until her Royal Highness became "of age"—that is for twelve years—and the formal tutelage of Princess Margaret has similarly been undertaken by her.

From the start, an expanding curriculum was drawn up, and a time-table was arranged. It is safe to state that no other girl in Britain has had her daily life so completely bound by schedule as the young lady who is expected eventually to occupy the British Throne. Her higher education began in earnest soon after her seventh birthday. Three hours' schoolroom study each morning was the usual rule until her "coming out" at the age of fifteen. Then a break for lunch, followed by more instruction until five in the afternoon.

had to study in her early teens grew to such an extent that some means of expediting her education became necessary.

One idea adopted was to arrange for the Princess to visit places of historic interest, such as Hampton Court, the Tower of London. In this way her history lessons became more fascinating and more real. Book-learning was taken from mere paper and print, and was transposed into a more tangible form.

Queen Mary sometimes accompanied the Princess on these excursions. At other times, Queen and granddaughter examined together the historic treasures of Windsor Castle. Princess Elizabeth was able to study the valuable books, manuscripts, and pictures housed there. Sometimes, historic souvenirs, such as MSS., and miniatures, were sent, specially to her schoolroom, so that they might be studied in conjunction with actual history lessons.

Similar methods were adopted in connection with her geography lessons. This is a subject which the Princess learned very quickly, for she has an aptitude for it. Her appetite for geography originated when she was very little, being fostered by her late grandfather, King George the Fifth, and her parents.

She was fascinated by their accounts of the wonderful things they had seen and done during their world tours. These first-hand descriptions made geography vivid and personal to her, and the part of her education was illustrated with souvenirs from overseas which she was allowed to inspect.

On the social side, too, there was intensive preparation to be undergone. A royal daughter, and most particularly one who will eventually be the leading lady in the land, must have a knowledge of social accomplishments up to the standard of her station. In years to come, big-scale entertaining will be part of her routine. She will be hostess, not only to lords and ladies of her own nationality, but to foreign potentates and ambassadors.

Princess Elizabeth first learned the social arts by doing the honours at the little tea-parties organized for her on her birthdays. Later she was present at afternoon drawing-room gatherings held by the King and Queen when they have entertained more than 5,000 guests simultaneously at Buckingham Palace garden parties. On other occasions, she has attended private parties and dances in London.

The diplomatic side of royal entertaining has been practised by Her Royal Highness, too. Sometimes she has been present at royal luncheon parties held in honour of foreign dignitaries. These events have been educational to her, as well as useful experiences in social matters. She has met representatives from the Empire, chatted with foreign politicians, and talked with nobility from abroad.

When Sheikh Feisal and his brother, the sons of the King of Saudi Arabia, paid an official visit to Britain, Princess Elizabeth sat between the two dusky guests at a Buckingham Palace luncheon. Her knowledge of French was a help on that occasion. As they were able to speak it, she was enabled to converse with the two Arab Princes.

These diverse social affairs helped to give the heiress to the British Throne the poise and self-confidence which she possesses today. One essential to a lady of her rank. She has greatly enjoyed this training, for in addition to providing an escape from school-learning, it has enabled her to exercise her natural, unaffected friendliness. She naturally derived much personal pleasure from meeting people and talking with them. The opportunities that are coming to her today, although Her Royal Highness may never be called upon to perform domestic duties herself, one idea of Queen Elizabeth is that every girl, no matter how exalted, should know something about such matters, if only because the successful supervising of a household requires it.

After the playing years of make-believe housekeeping in the little Welsh cottage at Windsor, the Princess therefore advanced to proper domestic training. She was tutored in cookery by the chef chef at Buckingham Palace, and during visits to Scotland she was given lessons in preparing real Scottish dishes.

The list of subjects which she



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Poll of 150 fashion editors, stylists and social celebrities gave the title of best dressed woman in the world to Mrs. Howard Hawks, wife of the Hollywood film producer. This picture was posed by a fashion magazine illustration.

Cook's Corner

MOIST CHOCOLATE CAKE

This batter is very thin. But don't let that alarm you into altering its proportions. The resulting cake is light, delicate and very delicious.

- 1 1/2 cups once-sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
7 tablespoons shortening
3/4 cup fine-granulated sugar
1/2 cup corn syrup
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup of milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring

Measure and sift together three times the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cocoa and cinnamon. Cream the shortening, and gradually blend in the sugar; cream well. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine milk, vanilla and almond flavoring. Add dry ingredients to the creamed mixture alternately with the flour, milk, combining lightly after each addition.

Turn batter into a greased 8-inch square cake pan. Bake in a rather slow oven, 325 degrees, about 35 minutes.

WINTER HEALTH HINT

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Wedding Gifts

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For well do we recall tragic displays of wedding gifts in which helpless brides have found themselves afflicted with 20 or 30 clocks, a forest of floor lamps, and dozens upon dozens of paraffin glasses, when their incomes would just about rate an ice cream cone.

So, remembering our own personal experience and how thankful we were when a hefty man wrecked the expensive chair that Mrs. A. gave us, and the despair that filled us as we looked at the ornate bric-a-brac for which we would never have any use, but which we would always have to dust, it has made us think what a pity it is that there is not some magic way by which we could present John and Mary with some of the intangible things that they will need so much in their married life.

HERE'S A REAL NEED

Suppose, for instance, we could send a young husband and wife as a bridal present an inexhaustible supply of love, of the filmy, phony stuff that is already worn into tatters before the honeymoon is over, but the durable, honest, warm kind that stands the wear and tear of daily association and that lasts for a lifetime.

Suppose, instead of sending Tom and Anne a set of real lace table mats, we could bestow upon them some good, hard horse sense that would make them realize that marriage isn't a party. It is a life job at hard labor, and how they'll turn out is going to depend on whether they are quitters or doers, and how much of their backs and their brains and their hearts they put into it.

Suppose, for a bridal present, we could give Fred and Sally each a pair of rose-colored glasses in which they would always see each other at their best. Fred would always be the hero of Sally's girlhood dreams. She would never see that he got old and fat and stodgy, and he would still be calling her "little girl" after she was a Grandmother, with grown grandchildren, and with a figure like an apple dumpling. There would be no more divorced husbands and wives never lost their pink spectacles.

And suppose, instead of giving Alfred and Arabella a set of champagne glasses, when they had a beer income, we could present them with a sense of humor. There are so many times in the married life when we have either got to laugh or cry, and it is so much better to be able to turn the misadventures of domestic life into jokes instead of fighting over them. When a wife can make a funny story about it when her husband comes home lit from the Elks banquet, instead of preaching a sermon over it, and when a husband can kid his wife about her new hat, instead of having fits over the price, it is a certificate of happiness that they could draw money on at the bank.

Oh, there are lots of things that a bridal couple need more than they do solid silver and hand-painted dishes and monogrammed linen. What a pity we can't give it to them! It would save so many tears and heartaches and make it so much easier to stay married—and like it.

Better English

D. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It is the most beautiful picture that I ever saw."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "a side"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Amphitheater, amplification, amputation.
4. What does the word "incoherently" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "d" that means "apportionment"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "that I have ever seen."
2. Pronounce bo-na-fide as in bone, a as in ask, unstrutted as in as in bone, a as in unstrutted, accent first and third syllables.
3. Amphitheater.
4. In an incoherent or unconnected manner. (Pronounced as in a, in her; accent follows the r.)
5. A child born on his story very fast and incoherently.
5. Distribution.

THE STARS SAY—

By GENEVIEVE KEMBLE For Wednesday, January 1

SUDDEN and exciting ever's of far-reaching and renewed impetus to the energies, talents, and objectives, and perhaps bring to focus abruptly and thrillingly—a long hoped for and devoutly wished for change, climatic or adventure, dramatic, revolutionary, even romantic in its quite unforeseen impact. While the mentality may be keyed to brilliant ideas, patterns and revolutionary plans for the future, yet this underlying event is more likely to spring from novel, strange or "occult" sources. Follow up with sound common and precision. Those whose birthday it is may find themselves tossed into a yet unpredictable, unprecedented, dramatic and breath-taking adventure, this affecting profoundly and with far-reaching influence the present environments, contacts, and interests, as well as figuring in a revolutionary manner in the distant future. Happily, this whirlwind state of events, while disturbing or stimulating the emotions and intellect, is illuminated by a brilliant pulses, is illuminated by a brilliant pulses, capable of penetrating mystic, terrific or erratic aspects, with keen insight, sound perspective and shrewd grasp of underlying elements. Personal life and ties full of drama and romance as well. A child born on this day has a brilliant, shrewd and capable mind to take advantage of exceptional situations and adventures in life. A dramatic and romantic career is likely.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Jamie turned at the door to say "an' Merry Christmas to you an' Gran' daddy when he was about to leave for home a short while since. And perhaps it was hearing this age old wish from the lips of a child that at once brought back the charm and wonder and mystery of this eve before Christmas. For it is set apart, and above all nights. Even older folk, like James and me, catch the strange expectancy of it. I suspect the shepherds knew it well and also in a way this Jamie of ours. A world would then as it has done through the years. Tonight I like to think that every one looks forward with the keenest anticipation to tomorrow. At this very time in country and village and town, labors of love are being carried out to the finest detail in kitchens and pantries. Stuffing is being mixed for the holiday bird (I smelled scorching feathers from the house across the lane when we stood in the star-light to see Rob's off).

It maybe that housewives are preparing a turkey, a goose, a duck or a chicken. But the food does not matter, nor where love sits at the festive board. I fancy too last touches are being put to trees and garlands, and when certain "all small fry are asleep perhaps the chimney are about to be filled and parcels are being wrapped. Jamie himself added more tinsel and trimmings to our small tree, and also went to inspect the one at the house across the lane. "Did you see the 'Santa'll never be able to put anything in that!" He worked industriously at the trimming until he brought himself to the night at hand. "We better go home now," he said "we want a good night's sleep." "What do I say 'em' for 'I for'?" Jamie is growing up.

And I watched the truck go down the drive-way lighting up the lawn with its sprinkle of snow that fell yet is neither a white nor a green yet is neither a white nor a green yet is neither a white nor a green. Then we came in to the quiet house. Quiet and a little lonely, filled as it is with the wreaths of past Christmas eves. We have no stockings for Santa to fill now, neither will our slumber be disturbed at break of day with surprised shouts of glee. We returned indoors to sit by the room fire. It was fragrant there with the pungent scent of the greenery and the tick of the clock. Then it came to me that the families would be going their separate ways tomorrow. Perhaps James was thinking the same thing. I said with a suspicion of a catch in my voice, "I guess Jamie'll be home better than better if you'd been closer to me and his hand reached out to cover mine. I suppose he was considering their endeavours in the stump field for Christmas but I guess he'll be here to live their own lives now. But we have Jamie and the babe, just as dear to us as our own." The one tear rolled down and was lost in the folds of my frock.

Spilled Water

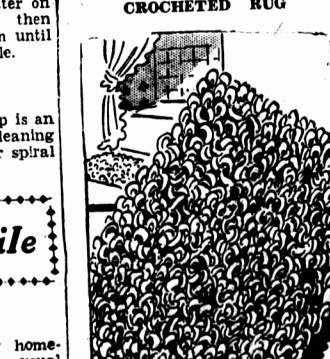
If water has been spilled on the pages of a book, place a blotter on each side of the wet page, then press with a medium hot iron until dry. The leaves will not crinkle.

Bed Springs

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CROCHETED RUG

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Living & Leisure - THE WOMAN'S REALM-

Bright colored toppers own dresses, suits and evening dresses will have little collars, novelty pockets and plenty of back fullness. The teen-age crowd will find them indispensable.

Two plaids in one costume or a plaid and striped fabric are combined this season, travel there will be pastel plaids, many with topcoats to match.

Eclipses of the moon always occur at night, because the sun and the moon have to be on opposite sides of the earth in order that the moon may get into the earth's shadow.

Hints on Etiquette

Scolding a stranger for some act in public is very bad manners because it makes you conspicuous and ill-tempered and those within hearing uncomfortable.

"In a six-hour period, a science item says "the tide brings as much water into the Bay of Fundy as falls in the form of rain over the whole of Canada in a week." As a statistic, this is good, but by no means exciting. How does it figure out in plinks?

Varnishes are composed of resins, oils and thinners; rosin and synthetics are used for paints, tungs, linseed, soy and fish oils are the most commonly used; thinners are turpentine or petroleum derivatives, or alcohol or acetates.

WHITE COLLARS

NEW YORK — Spanking white collars, the demure Peter Pan type of white collar to sophisticated off-shoulder collars of organdie are trimmed with lace. The Peter Pan collars have black ties or bows and the dressy collars little velvet bows. Many are trimmed with gold buttons and jewelry.

STYLE TRENDS

NEW YORK — Here are the trends to watch: Skirtwaist dresses with full pleated skirts in fabrics that have been scarce for some time. These will be made of linen, pure silk in printed fabrics as well as solid color.

Wonderfully feminine lingerie—marks the availability of lace imports and domestic laces, garments will have lavish insets at midriff and hemlines—white bodice tops are of lace, too. Two-piece dresses with a modest buttoned-up look — some are buttoned on the back—frequently on a diagonal line.

How Can I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. Should linens be dried outside during very cold weather?

A. Do not hang linen articles on the line in freezing weather. It strains the fibre, and in a short time cracks will be noticeable in the folds. Dry linens in the house in cold weather.

Q. How can I prepare a good rinsing water for blond hair?

A. An excellent rinsing water for blond hair is a few teaspoonfuls of borax added to one gallon of water. It brings out all the lights in blond hair.

Q. How can I make a good cauliflower salad?

A. Cauliflower pulled to bits and served cold with mayonnaise, is some other preferred dressing, is an excellent salad.

Enameled handles on kitchen utensils will not chip or fade if they are coated with colorless nail polish.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Startling revelations at an undercover fashion show here indicate that 1947 may see a great American gesture pass into limbo.

The future of the "girdle hitch," gentlemen, is dark. There was barely enough in the 1947 line of girdles to run its line out to take hold of, let alone provide a handhold for a twisted typt.

GOODY, GOODY: NO MORE GIRDLE-HITCHING

Furthermore, plink will be phase in the panty-girdle department when the smart girl stocks up next year. The William Carter Company, which ran its line out for inspection at a sales meeting here, is leaving pink girdles to the old-fashioned girl and turning out numbers in white, blue and a gleaming shade they call ice-blue.

This ice-blue job has an intriguing addition. A parasol is embroidered on the front. Wrapped around a smiling brunette, the parasol kept some 300 guests spellbound until blonde model Mickey Sturgis slithered out in Carter's idea of what the well-dressed bride will wear.

Transparent Panels

A white girdle with built-in bra, the girdle equipped with transparent side panels. The ensemble was completed with a long bridal veil and bouquet.

Guests at the show, most of them salesmen, looked on with a detached, technician's viewpoint. It was business, strictly business, even when red-haired, beautiful, Jane Smith glided out in a slip with a black lace top, bare-midriffed, that looked like a cough 30 feet off could blow it away.

They gazed with professional interest only at a strapless night-gown with an elastic waist. The narrow pink bra was held up by elastic and anatomy. The skirt was gray.

How do they get those jobs anyway?

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

Q. Should the same person give two showers to the same bride-to-be?

A. This matter is best determined by personal wishes. However, some people would consider it presumptuous for one to do so.

Q. Is it ever proper to ask a friend how much rent he pays for his apartment?

A. Never.

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Needlecraft advertisement for a winter dress with a coupon for a pattern.