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Happenings of The Week

The first ball at Government House, Ottawa, since pre-war days was given by the Governor-General and H. R. H., the Princess Alice, on Friday evening. Rideau Hall, always known for gracious hospitality, was once more gay with masses of early spring flowers and bright lights for this gala occasion. Nearly six hundred guests were present, including members of the capital's younger set, personal friends of Princess Alice and others. A departure from the usual procedure at a Government House function, was the absence of a receiving line. After the guests were assembled, the host and hostess entered the ballroom at 10 o'clock and dancing commenced. The Princess wore a picture gown of white taffeta, printed with clusters of flowers, diamond tiara, pearl and diamond ornaments and the Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire.

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Apart from her charm, Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower's outstanding characteristic is her talent for dodging interviews, something at which she admits quite ingenuously that she is "pretty good." In New York on the day that her husband, former Commander-in-Chief of the Allied armies in Europe, made his triumphal return home, she told reporters she had only one thing to say: "Today is Ike's day— I keep in the background." In Chicago she dismissed interviewers with the comment that "the wife of a private and the wife of a general stand on common ground."

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In Toronto Saturday the sum total of her remarks to reporters who told her they had been trying to see her all day was: "I'll just bet you have." A wink and a chuckle and her gay good humor veiled the real reason for her reluctance to give an interview of any length—the fact that she is not very well. Early in the day, an R.C.M.P. inspector said Mrs. Eisenhower was recovering from pneumonia and actually should not have accompanied the general on his Canadian visit. She did not attend the civic reception, remaining in her private railway car until it was time for luncheon at Hart House. A strenuous afternoon's activities included attending the ceremonies at Convocation Hall at which the University of Toronto conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Gen. Eisenhower and a reception for about 350 people given by Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Albert Matthews.

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A trim, attractive woman, who doesn't look as if she could possibly have been married for as long as 30 years, Mrs. Eisenhower wore a high-necked two-piece black silk dress, a double strand of pearls at her throat, pearl earrings, heelless and toe-less shoes, and on her upswept brown hair a small black hat with pink feathers. A corsage of pink carnations brightened her costume.

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Dr. H. C. Rice, visiting pastor for Trinity United Church, and Mrs. Rice were honored at the annual meeting Wednesday night when a reception was held in the social hall to give them an opportunity to meet members of the congregation. They are being cordially welcomed to Charlottetown where it is hoped they will spend happy years. Dainty refreshments were served as friends chatted with one another.

Mrs. J. A. Lawson who underwent an operation in the P. E. I. Hospital on Tuesday is now resting comfortably and it is hoped her convalescence will be short, as she will be greatly missed in church and social activities.

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Mrs. C. Charbonneau, Prince St., is being welcomed home after spending the holiday season in Montreal.

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Mrs. Paul Murray has arrived from Boston and is the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Dougan, Prince Street. Mrs. Dougan's friends will be delighted to know that she was able to return home from the City Hospital yesterday and is convalescing nicely after her serious accident several weeks ago.

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Mrs. Arthur Hogan, 11 Green Street, is enjoying a visit with relatives in Southern Ohio.

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Mrs. Ewen Anderson entertained at a prettily arranged afternoon tea on Tuesday for Miss Elizabeth Cox who left this week to take up her duties with the U. S. Government at Labrador. The tea table was attractively arranged with a centre piece of yellow chrysanthemums and yellow tapers. Mrs. John A. Sterns poured tea and Mrs. Vincent Ashfield and Mrs. R. N. McNeill assisted in serving.

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Friends of Miss Winnifred Haslam, Springfield are pleased that she has recovered from her recent illness and has resumed her duties as a member of the teaching staff at Parkdale School.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon White were guests at the Chateau Laurier while on their visit to Ottawa.

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Mrs. A. A. Leaman is visiting with friends in Moncton.

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A special award of the Defence Medal has been made by the King to the Duchess of Kent, in recognition of her services as commandant to the Women's Royal Naval Service.

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Charlottetown friends will be interested to know that Melville Presbyterian Church, Westmount, P.Q., of which Rev. Dr. W. Orr Mulligan is minister, has just celebrated its 60th anniversary.

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Mrs. A. S. Wortley left Summerside last Saturday for Toronto to meet her husband who is expected to return from overseas. Previous to her departure her girl friends gave a dinner in her honour and presented her with a weekend case. Mrs. Wortley has been the guest of her father, Dr. A. A. Lockhart and Mrs. Lockhart while her husband has been overseas.

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt says she intends to visit Russia some time after the United Nations Assembly adjourns, but she was undecided as to the exact time of her departure. Her duties as a delegate to the assembly are expected to keep her in London for at least six more weeks.

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Mr. S. J. Dunsford, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Victoria, and Mrs. Dunsford, entertained at two tables of bridge Tuesday night, the occasion being Mrs. Dunsford's birthday. During the day Mrs. Dunsford received many gifts and congratulatory letters, among which was one from her daughter, Ann, who is attending Mount A. Ladies College, at Sackville. The centre of interest at lunch was the two tiered birthday cake, lit with candles, which was made and presented to her mother by Miss Betty Dunsford. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wood, Victoria, Mrs. Ann Lea, Moncton, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trousdale Crapaud.

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The Duke of Windsor left London for Paris Saturday by air after a short visit. During his stay he called on the Royal Family and visited Prime Minister Attlee; James F. Byrnes United States Secretary of State; Foreign Secretary Bevin and John G. Winant, United States Ambassador to Britain. The London Evening News reported that the Duke had been promised that the Government would find him a job when the opportunity arose. The newspaper added the job likely would be a colonial governorship and discounted as "entirely out of the question" suggestions that the Duke would succeed the Earl of Halifax as Ambassador to the United States.

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What should a person write on his card that is left at the home of a sick friend, when unable to see this friend?

A. Merely write "To inquire" at the top of the card.

Q. Is it all right if the china at tea is not all of the same pattern?

A. Yes, this is all right.

Q. What is the birthstone for January?

A. The Garnet.

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Harper-Clarke Engagement

Announcement was made last week in Selma and Richmond, Virginia, by Dr. and Mrs. William Frantz Harper of the engagement of their daughter, Isabel, to Captain John Scott Clarke, Jr., of Dinwiddie, Virginia, and Craig Field. The wedding which will be a winter event of social prominence will take place in February. Miss Harper, who is a granddaughter of Mrs. Isabella Gordon, Rockford Street, and has visited here annually, was graduated from Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., the past June. She continued her studies at the University of Alabama this fall. Captain Clarke, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Clarke, Sr., of Dinwiddie, attended William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Virginia. Before his present assignment he served overseas with the Air Forces in the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Bottles

If a bottle has contained sour milk, put some baking soda into it, then pour hot water over the soda and shake thoroughly. Rinse in cold water.

Winter Vegetables

The sweetness of winter vegetables, that have arrived a long time after they have been picked, can be restored by adding a little sugar to the water while boiling them.

The Mouse Trap

Instead of using cheese for the mouse trap, try a piece of fried bacon rind. It will prove to be a better bait.

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Cut the orange in two halves."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "pique"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Tennant, pennant, henna.
4. What does the word "servile" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with cal that means "producing heat"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit two. Halves means two equal parts. 2. Pronounce peek. 3. Tenant. 4. Characteristic of a slave or servant. "I hardly know so true a mark of a little mind as the servile imitation of another." —Greville. 5. Calorific.

Cook's Corner

PRUNE MUFFINS

1 cup prunes
½ cup sugar
2 cups sifted flour
3 teaspons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg beaten
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons melted shortening

Cook prunes and ¼ cup sugar, with enough water to cover, for 10 minutes; drain, remove pits and chop fine. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Combine egg, milk, sugar and shortening together.

Mix into dry ingredients, stirring only enough to moisten; fold in prunes. Drop by spoonfuls into greased muffin pans and bake in moderately hot oven (400 degrees F.) 20125 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

POTATO CORN MUFFINS

2 tablespoons shortening
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 cup corn meal
1 cup hot mashed potatoes
4 tablespoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt

Cream shortening, add sugar and blend well; add well-beaten egg; add milk and mashed potatoes. Sift corn meal, baking powder and salt together and add, stirring only enough to moisten dry ingredients. Pour into well-greased muffin pans and bake in hot oven (400 degrees F.) 25 minutes. Makes 8 to 10 muffins.

How Can I !!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prevent dandruff?

A. Try a mixture of one part of apple juice to three parts of water, applying this solution twice a week.

Q. How can I make a chocolate milk shake?

A. Measure two tablespoonfuls of chocolate syrup into a glass. Add a scant glass of milk and shake until blended and frothy. Have all the ingredients very cold.

Q. How can I make clothes whiter when laundering?

A. Use hot bluing water instead of cold, and the clothes will become much whiter.

Morning Smile

"Which would you prefer in your future husband—wealth, ability, or appearance?" asked the pretty girl.

"Appearance, my dear," replied the spinster, "but he's got to appear pretty soon."

When a Scottish barber was engaging a new assistant he pointed out:

"I pay lower wages in the Summer because the work's lighter."

"But surely people get their hair cut quite as often, if not oftener, in the Summer than in the Winter?" protested the applicant for the job.

"Aye," agreed the barber, "but you dinna ha'e to help them on wi' their overcoats."

Living & Leisure

THE WOMAN'S REALM

LIFE IS NOT MEASURED . . .

By its length, but by its depth and breadth.
By what we accumulate, but by what we become.
By our reputation, but by our accomplishments.
By what is said about us, but by what might be said.
By the offices we have held, but by the work we have done.
By the difficulties we have faced, but by those we have overcome.
By the laughter we have enjoyed, but by the gladness we have created.

ALMANACS — THEIR ORIGIN AND HISTORY

The calendar is of great antiquity; it came originally from the Arabs, and their name for it still persists ALMANAK—the diary. As a race, they were given to the study of astronomy and astrology, and never engaged in any business without consulting the stars. Roman contact with the Arabs brought the custom to Europe, and to this day almanacs in many countries [illegible] astrological detail. We still have our assorted prophetic publications.

Calendar is the Roman equivalent for the Arabic almanac, the Calends being the first days of the Roman months. In ancient Rome it was the custom to call together the citizens on the first day of each month, and inform them of the time of the New Moon, and the festival and sacred days. In later times, the festi, or calendar, was posted publicly.

The Danish invaders of Britain also brough ttheir calendar with them. This was the Runic or Rog almanac, and contained the order of the feasts, characters bearing the days of the week, seasonal symbols, and the golden number.

Early calendars were sometimes engraved on wooden leaves, bound together like a book, and sometimes on the scabbards of swords, daggers, and walking staves. The characters were either Runic or Gothic letters. After the introduction of printing the almanac was not confined to one year, but calculated for several years, one of the first of these being issued at Nantes in 1463.

With the Reformation the custom of placing an Almanac in the Bible began, especially in Family Bibles, and when a tax came in of a shilling a year for each annual almanac, or ten shillings for perpetual ones, those in Bibles and Prayer Books were exempt.

The Oxford Almanack adorned with quaint hieroglyphics, and containing a history of the University, was compiled by Maurice Wheeler, canon of Christchurch in 1673. It so injured the sale of the Stationers Company's publications, who held a monopoly license from James I for calendar production, that the company offered the University an annual fee to stop the publication.

Tannes Almanack appeared in 1656, and another one even more famous in its day was issued by Francis Moore in 1698. Moore's had an astounding sale of over half a million copies. Compiled by Andrews, a schoolmaster, its predictions achieved wide fame and were believed in implicitly by vast numbers of the people.

In 1775 a bookseller named Carnan broke the Stationers' monopoly, but then continued to stifle competition for another fifty years, buying up rival publications and suppressing them. The issue of the British Almanack by the Society of Useful Knowledge in 1828 finally ended the Company's monopoly.

A bay leaf added to the men with roast pork or braised pork chops will enhance the flavor.

Berry stains are one of the few stains you can treat at home A.s soon as possible rinse out with plain water.

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

The parents of the young man "must" call on those of the girl to whom he has announced his engagement even if there is a difference in social standing or they disapprove of her for any reason. They need not continue friendship with them, later if it is unpleasant although congenial parents-in-law are always an asset to a young couple.

FAVOURS GIRLS HAVING CURVES

MEMPHIS — Harry Conover, head of a nationally-known model agency, today accused fashion designers of 'trying to give America a generation of flat-chested emaciated, ill-tempered women who will be hard to live with."

"Present fashions are pointed toward making women look like matchsticks thus ruining their health and dispositions," he said.

"I tell my models to eat as much as they like. Returning servicemen," he said, "want a good well-rounded bundle, not a matchstick."

Conover named Anita Colby, former cover girl, as the "most beautiful woman in America."

Miss Colby is the daughter of a former New York and Washington newspaperman, Bud Counihan. Her sister Francine, is also a model. Anita now is advisor to David Selznick, Hollywood producer.

Conover selected Ingrid Bergman as the "prettiest woman on the screen because of her inner glow," and called Maureen O'Hara the "perfect feature girl."

NEW STYLES AIM TO BE SEDUCTIVE

NEW YORK—"Get your man!" is the theme of New York's spring fashion collections, which resort to every known device of seductive styling to accentuate the feminine figure and also to reveal it in large hunks.

Designer Brownie, of the firm of Foxbrownie, employs the "peek-a-boo" bodice in a navy sheer dress which is demure with white organdie ruffles outlining a simulated bolero which reveals glimpses of an organdie bra beneath. Her dinner dresses are beautifully and elaborately embroidered in sequins or bugle beads, with low-cut necklines. She also shows a number of gowns with one bare shoulder and a wrapped and tied effect through the bodice.

Brownie again uses the Mondrian Cubist motif in a number of prints, and employs silk scarfs effectively as panel fronts or yokes of one-piece dresses.

Joseph Whitehead, famous for evening gowns and negligees, shows a dinner pajama in flame or aqua, with a floating chiffon robe over tight-fitting matching long pants of crepe. He uses great boas or kems of ostrich on sheath gowns and shows raw silk in pastel colors for dinner gowns of great elegance, trimmed in bands of Irish crochet.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Millions of diamonds, like those from summer dew-drops, sparkled in the sun's brilliance this morning, similar to those modest ones given in the long ago to bind plighted troths and which still scintillate with memories of those bewitching care free days. A clear shining winter day this was, when work at Alderlea, continued busily. James busied himself hauling between the grove where the woodchoppers worked and the pile in the yard, and once when I had a cake about ready for the oven, I rode away with him blithely. Not pillioned slightly, with dark braided tresses and the light of adventure shining and a whole world ahead for youthful hearts to conquer, but mature now, with greying strands escaping from a confining snood. Yet still adventuring, and clinging to James' arm —a surer and softer alternative to the sleigh stake beside.

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"How did you make this cake?" Karolyn asked me tonight, when all the family except Jamie sat lunching about the kitchen table. Jamie slept soundly on the couch, his building blocks and every interest forgotten, in the weariness that came to him with the advancing hours. Like her small son, Karolyn has an inquiring mind, especially where any "new" baking is concerned. Not that this was made from any unfamiliar recipe but one that "done growed" with me and I suspect many other farm wives through the years. It can be varied for a dessert by using odds and ends of jam or fruit and is, now that I consider it, an adaptable mixture that has helped me to bridge many a gap on baking days. Baked in twin pans and spread with a toothsome coating of jelly or cream filling with perhaps a handful of raisins added it assumes the grandeur of a layer cake. Or before placing it in the pan, by dividing and adding drops of color to each portion it becomes a festive food more attractive to the eye, and consequently more tempting to the appetite. Some cooks there be, who melt and add the shortening to the batter as a final gesture, claiming it then will never fall. I creamed it today —butter it was—about a half-cup, then added the sugar. A cup? There are no full measures of sugar nowadays at this house at Alderlea. The eggs came next beaten separately or added one at a time and beaten briskly into the mixture. Two—less the white of one reserved for the frosting. The milk may be warmed slightly to afford easier combining or cold added alternately with the flour. A cup of milk? three parts does nicely. "How much flour?" Karolyn asked. A full cup sifted first and then adding with a careful hand, the two teaspoons of baking powder and enough flour so that a spoonful of the fluffy mixture dropped takes time to get lost in the batter. The flavor comes last so that none of the precious stuff is lost in the beating. Then to a buttered, lined pan.

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Risky I find my baking at times. When a wind blows down from the hills and whisks the smoke from the flue, hither and yon and James comes indoors for a pair of dry mittens or a drink at the pump, and hearing the whimper of it, closes every stove-draft! How do I know when a cake is cooked? There are several unfailing tests. Try it with a sliver of straw from the broom— how many fatalities have occurred from this practice statisticians have not

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Fashion Horoscope

by Colette

(Chicago Sun Syndicate)

THE SMART LOOK - - - begins with blouses that are right for your suit. When you go blouse shopping ask yourself if it will look right with the suit you already own or plan to buy. A blouse can transfigure or mar your suit. If your suit is tweed, plaid or check, you want a plain color blouse. That gay print blouse would be just too, too much splashed against a background of tweed or plaid.

Pick out a blouse in one of the colors in the plaid or tweed to complement your suit.

Dorothy Dix Says—

Power Of The Pen

Many Marital Rifts Would Be Avoided By Letter-Writing

The dullest of us are not insensible to the part that letters play in our lives. We know how a bright, gay, newsy letter can cheer us up and put new hope and courage in us, and how one that is sodden with tears and complaints and dismal forebodings and that reads like the Lamentations of Jeremiah, can depress us almost to the point of suicide.

We know that when we are in far countries the sublimest scenery on earth doesn't look as good to us as a letter from home, and we know the despair that eats our hearts out when we look for the letter that never comes. Scarcely a one of us who has not tucked away among our treasures an old love letter, or the scrawl of a little child's first letter to us

POWERFUL INSTRUMENT

Recognizing thus the power of the letter as a builder-up or a tearer-down of morale, it is strange that we so completely ignore its ability to function in another most needed capacity, and that is as a solver of family discords. Its mission would be that of the pacifier, the pouring of oil on the troubled waters, and it would do more than any other one thing to end the incessant squabbles between husbands and wives, and parents and children, that make so many homes nothing but a battlefield on which the fight never ceases.

We often hear it said that if a brawling couple would get together and talk over their differences, they could straighten them out. Nothing is less true, because, in the first place, nothing can be more irritating than the human voice and it is never so much what people say to us that gets on our nerves as the way they say it. The simplest expression can become a fighting word.

In the second place, a disagreement between husband and wife, or parents and children, can never be settled by word of mouth because no one will stick to the subject about which they differ. It may start over as simple a thing as the breakfast coffee tasting like hog-wash, or the wife having paid too much for a hat, or the husband having hired a pretty young secretary, or whether Sally is old enough to use lipstick. But before they know it they have dragged in all the family skeletons and resurrected old grievances, and Mama is in tears and Papa bangs the door behind him and starts to his office. And another home is on the skids.

Now if disgruntled husbands and wives would sit down and write out a full statement of their peeves with each other instead of discussing them viva voce, it would practically end domestic strife. To begin with, when the great majority of husbands and wives listed the faults of their mates, they would find that they were offset by so many virtues that they would wonder why they were silly enough to let them break up the happiness of their homes.

In the second place, in letter the aggrieved party would have a chance to state his or her case, as he or she could never do in the heat of a bitter argument, and it would give the party of the second part the opportunity of thinking the matter over calmly and dispassionately and realizing that a wife had a right to an allowance and a husband to good meals, and both had a right to their opinions.

And, in the third place, the writing of a letter involves delayed action, and it would prevent many a divorce if a husband and wife entered into a correspondence about it instead of putting on their hats and rushing to their clubs, or going home to Mother.

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