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Living & Leisure

THE WOMAN'S REALM

TIES

A baby in his play-pen,
His tight curls fair and damp;
A toddler in a sun-suit,
Out for a walk with "Gramp";
A wee girl dragging a wilted doll,
Running to meet her "Mom";
A black pup scrambling down the steps
Answering to the name of "Pom"
A white wash, billowing in the wind;
A small yard, trim and gay—
Soldiers' ties . . . these precious bits
Against Homecoming Day!

—Vivian Holt.

Potash-containing dust from the recent eruption of Vesuvius may be sent to England for use as fertilizer.

Haiti is prohibiting the exportation of mahogny and other fine woods as a measure to guard against depletion of supply.

Alaska's Pribilof Islands, famous as the summer home of 84 per cent of all the fur seals in the world, also has a blue Arctic fox population.

A good fatigue cure is a hot bath and a rest in bed with the feet up and head down for 20 minutes.

Make your skirt with a generous side bow, patch pockets stitched on with an extended flange, a gathered or tucked tunic, or tiers for a fuller line. The skirt should fit the figure, as should all clothes for the slender figure, but the filling in is done by the use of properly placed lines rather than excess material or a too-loose fit.

Long-haired fur coats add bulk, as do luxurious fur collar and cuffs on a cloth coat. A fur collar which extends to the waistline is almost universally becoming, and can be worn especially well by the slender woman. A complete fur top on a cloth coat is another smart fashion for your type of figure.

ARRANGE FOIL FOR GREY HAIR

Grey hair can be pure drama, if its owner will but play it up, styling it distinctively and as unlike Whistler's Mother's as she can swing it.

Best procedure is to make a date with a clever hairdresser and let him have his way with scissors, permanent wave and blueing rinses.

Wear dress colours that will focus eyes upon your hair. Triple-starred colours for daytime are navy and black. For evening, the more vivid the colour is, the better it will dramatize a silvery crest.

For make-up, pin your faith in pink. Delicate colour harmonies are an eye-catching foil for an aureole of striking grey or white hair.

YOU CAN'T HAVE TOO MANY FACECLOTHS!

Nowadays when it's difficult to get as many soft, Turkish facecloths as you'd like—it's a good idea to look after those you already have. First of all, to get rid of that "slippery" surface film that develops after much use, wash well in rich, grease-dissolving suds. Then boil in water to which you have added a little vinegar and dry in the open air. They'll soon come sweet and fresh again. And next time you're at the point of discarding an old bath towel, remember you can make it into several beautifully soft facecloths, simply by cutting it in squares and machining the edges.

TO PROTECT BED COVERS

What housewife doesn't bemoan the fact that it's the top edge of blankets and quilts that show soil first—while the rest of the blanket remains fresh-looking and spotless! To protect this vulnerable area, bind the edges with pieces of voile, muslin or cheesecloth about sixteen inches wide. This can be secured to the blanket by basting, sturdy snap fasteners, or—if you want to be really fancy—buttons and buttonholes. The button-on type has buttonholes and fastens to the cover which has buttons sewed to it. A regular dip in extra-soapy suds will keep binding bright and fresh, and is ever so much easier than washing the whole blanket just because the edges are dirty. For special glamour, tint binding to match the blanket.

TO KEEP LEATHER BELTS LIKE NEW

Now that smart leather sports belts are so hard to get—it's a clever gal who knows how to keep last year's favourite leather belt or accessory bright and new-looking. Leather belts, handbags — and luggage, too—can be sponged off with warm water and extra-soapy suds. Then wring out a soft cloth in castor oil or liquid wax and rub well into the surface, with special care on faded or cracked spots. And presto —you've rubbed up a brand-new gloss and gleam to leather articles!

The Plaza's breakfast menu is offering a banana for twenty cents and a sliced banana for thirty cents, comments a New York paper.

The clarinet, believed to be the forerunner of all plastic musical instruments, was first produced from this material nearly 20 years ago.

CORRECT CONTAINER

You can ruin the beauty of a bouquet of flowers if you place them in an unsuitable container. The holder should either be a lovely contrast to the flowers or should blend in as the continuance of the blossoms. Delicate vases should house delicate blooms and heavy containers should be used for hearty flowers.

A JOB ONLY YOU CAN DO

Prince 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 I understand that there is an exceptionally large crop of apples this year. Will that result in any lower prices to the public?

A At the present time the Board is allowing shippers to ship apples by the carload in bulk which should result in a slightly lower price to the consumer. These apples will of course be unwrapped and may be slightly bruised because of bulk handling.

Q. Could you please tell me what coupons are valid for preserves, sugar and butter?

A On November 9th, butter coupons 84 and 85 became valid. Coupons 82 and 83 are also valid. The latest sugar coupons to become valid are 44 and 45, and the latest valid preserves coupons are 31 and 32.

Q I am renting a house on a monthly basis. My landlord gave me six months' notice to vacate, which took effect on September 30th last. As I am unable to find other accommodations, I am remaining in occupation until my landlord has me evicted. If he takes eviction proceedings, could I be put out during the winter months.

A. Yes. Since you have been given proper notice as required by the Rental Regulations, on October 1st, you became what is known as an overholding tenant, and the laws of the Province in which you live apply.

HOW CAN I !!

By Anne Ashley

Q How can I prevent yellowing of white silk?

A When laundering, dissolve a teaspoon of powdered borax in enough cold water to cover the article that is to be washed and let it soak for about an hour. Wash in tepid water and white suds, and the silk will not turn yellow.

Q How can I restore shrunken woolens?

A By using clean soapsuds as the last rinse. Squeeze the woolens with the hands instead of rubbing them. Soda in the wash water will cause shrinking.

Q How can I make brown shoes a darker shade?

A By rubbing with milk, to which a few drops of household ammonia has been added. Polish with a dry cloth as soon as dry.

Tomorrow is Forever

by Gwen Bristow

Two weeks after he left Ellis Island he was working in New York. A little while later he and Margaret came to California. As his own language returned to him, he taught her to speak English. She was a happy little girl now, going to school, though she had not forgotten Germany. He wished it had happened when she was younger. But he had learned not to look back. If a man was to keep any sanity in these times, the only view was forward. He did not know what was going to become of Margaret. It was scarcely possible that his own overtaxed strength could hold out as long as she would need him. But he had learned too that though one only lookedahead, one did not need to tax his powers with apprehension.

Through the windows of his office Kessler atched the late sun on the hills beyond, glowing on the slopes while the folds between filled with purple shadow. Dry odors of dust and sagebrush blew in toward him. Around his bungalow were the friendly noises of the day's end, doors closing, cars starting, voices calling "see you tomorrow!" In a few minutes Spratt Herlong would come for him.

Surprising, how simple it was now, to be about to see Elizabeth. He had expected never to see her again. He had made another life for himself without her. But now that the Nazis had smashed that life, taking away his work and his friends, forcing his frail powers to the effort of still another beginning, it did not seem too much to ask that at least he might find Elizabeth in happy possession of all he had made possible for her. When he had seen her, tranquil and assured as she was meant to be, he would know that he had accomplished something in his lifetime. He could be satisfied that neither war nor Nazis had conquered him completely.

He wanted to see her now; for a long time he could not have said that. Even as lately as ten years ago he would not have cared to undertake it. But there was such a thing as having moved beyond resentment, beyond envy, beyond any demand of his own ego. There was a certain austere happiness in having mastered himself so completely. A cold happiness it was, to be sure, and a lonely one, but at least it did mean peace.

CHAPTER VII

"There's the car," said Elizabeth. "Remember, both of you, not to take any notice of his misfortunes."

Cherry laughed at her reproachfully. "Mother, we're not savages! We don't stare at cripples."

"I know, dear, but sometimes the best of us give a little start when we see persons very different from ourselves. We don't mean to."

Cherry and Dick promised to be models of good behavior. Elizabeth got up and went to the door opening from the living room into the entry. She hoped Mr. Kessler would have a comfortably evening. Entertaining Spratt's business associates was a duty they were all used to, and the old children adapted themselves to it well enough. Brian begged to be let off when there were strangers in to dine, so as usual he had had his dinner early and was now upstairs in his room pottering over his natural history collections.

"Here we are, Kessler. And here's my wife. Elizabeth, my friend Erich Kessler that you've already heard so much about."

Elizabeth looked up with the smile that Spratt characterized as the masterpiece of the accomplished hostess, "not bright enough to look insincere, but not strained enough to look dutiful. Just in between, gracious."

Mr. Kessler's physical handicaps had threatened to make this occasion difficult, but Elizabeth's initial glance dispelled her apprehension. He was badly crippled, but he did not appear resentful; he faced the world before him with a grave acceptance, as though all the fault he had to find with destiny had been got over long ago. As their eyes met Elizabeth was struck with an impression that she had seen Mr. Kessler somewhere before.

It also seemed to her that Mr. Kessler was looking at her with an unusual interest. His eyes went over her swiftly and inclusively, taking in her hair, her face, her dress, every detail of her as though it were important that he should know all about her as soon as possible. It was the way a man might have looked at a famous personage he had long been eager to meet, or a woman so astoundingly beautiful that he wanted to impress her forever upon his memory. Elizabeth was not famous, and while she was not ugly she was no ravishing beauty either. She thought it might mean that they really had seen each other somewhere and he like herself was trying to identify the recollection. If her own sense of familiarity persisted she could ask him about it later on.

All this was only a quick flutter in her mind, pushed aside in an instant while her attention turned itself to its immediate concerns. She took in his appearance quickly: a big man of more powerful build than she had expected, bent over a heavy cane with a dependence that told her instantly that she should not expect him to shake hands; iron-gray hair receding at the temples, a thick beard, a scar that rippled up his right cheek, dark eyes with a line of concentration between the eyebrows and crinkles of kindness at the outer corners, and a pleasant smile—what she could see of it between the whiskers—a very pleasant smile indeed. If he had any idea that this was not their first meeting he gave no evidence of it, for all he said to her was, "How do you do, Mrs. Herlong," with the stateliness she had learned to expect from Europeans. Elizabeth indicated the room beyond.

"Come in by the fire, Mr. Kessler. These are my children."

Dick was standing, with that mixture of assurance and awkwardness that made her find boys as eminently kissable just when they most resisted being kissed by their mothers. Cherry, with fewer years but more social graces than Dick would acquire for another decade, sat smiling a welcome to the newcomer. Elizabeth introduced them, and again it seemed to her that Kessler was regarding them with an attention extraordinary in a man who could hardly be supposed to have any interest in them. There was an alertness in the way he spoke to Dick and Cherry, as though he had decided in advance that he was going to be fond of them and hoped they would respond. He said, "Your father has told me a great deal about you, and has shown me your pictures. I am so glad to see you."

(To be Continued)

Dorothy Dix Says—

WIFE'S PAST DISTURBS HUSBAND

Tales Of Former Popularity Should Be Taken With A Grain Of Salt

DEAR MISS DIX: I am married to a girl in whom I have lost all faith. Before we were married I thought she was the sweetest person in the world, but soon after we were married she told me about a number of boys she had gone with, and from her stories I gathered that she was quite boy-crazy.

She is very gay and has the most wonderful knack for making friends. Do you think a girl of 22 could have half a dozen love affairs and two engagements and still stay nice and sweet? She says that all of her love affairs were innocent, but I can't help wondering. We have often spoken of divorce, but both of us are opposed to it, and deep in my heart I think I still love her. Do all girls crave popularity?

DOUBTFUL.

IT'S COMMON STRATEGY WITH WIVES

ANSWER: Of course, they do. A girl gauges her success by the number of dates she has, and in her desire to be thought a man-killer she often inflates the number of perfectly marvelous men she could have married.

So take your wife's stories about her conquests with a grain of salt. She thinks she makes herself more desirable to you by bragging about how crazy the boys were about her, and that she makes you a little jealous by pretending that she was in love with some of them. It is common strategy with wives. So just tell her that since you are the last one she loved it doesn't matter who the first one was, and that you are not interested in hearing about the others.

If your wife were more sophisticated, she would know that the silliest thing that a woman can do is to tell her husband anything about her former sweethearts. So forget all about the divorce business. If your wife is pretty and sweet and easy to get along with and you love her, that is all that counts. Marriage should wipe the slate clean for both husband and wife. It should be the beginning, really and truly, of a new life, with no post mortems.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 28 years old and am engaged to a girl who told me she was 24. After a year of great happiness I have found out that she is 32. I still regard her as very sweet and wonderful, but am not as certain of our future happiness as I have been up to now, since I have found out that she deceived me about her age, and I do not know whether to go on with the marriage or not. What do you think?

EGDAR

COMPATIBILITY MEANS MORE THAN AGE

ANSWER: Four years' difference in age should not make you give up the grl who suits you in every other respect. It isn't as if you were a mere boy who didn't know his own mind. You are a mature man whose tastes are not likely to change, and I have no doubt the woman will make you a most satisfactory wife. Perhaps, she will be all the more anxious to please because she will feel that she will always have to put her best foot foremost to keep young and attractive looking in order to prevent your eyes from wandering off after young girls.

Don't think that you can't trust her because she lied to you about her age. Practically all women do that, and it is one of the tarradiddles which the Recording Angel doesn't even bother to chalk up against them.

DEAR MISS DIX: My girl wears glasses when she works, but when she goes out on a date she leaves them off and goes blinking and stumbling around. Can you suggest anything I could do or say to make her realize that she is so much more attractive with her spectacles than without them?

H. M. W.

ANSWER: Dorothy Parker once wrote a witty little verse in which she said that men't don't make passes at girls in glasses, and unfortunately a lot of girls took it seriously. They think that glasses make them look older, or owlish, or schoolmarmish, or something, and so they leave them off and go blindly around in the hope that they are being glamorous when they are only being stupid and clumsy.

If you tell your girl just how you feel about it, she will keep her specs on and be eternally grateful to you for making it possible for her to see.

MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. If a woman has a suite at a hotel, with a private sitting room, but she is traveling alone, would it be all right for her to entertain a man caller in this room?

A. Yes; but she should never do so if she has the customary one room.

Q. Is it correct to use initials when addressing a formal invitation?

A. The full name should be used, if known, to correspond with the formality of an invitation that is in the third person.

Q. When should the finger bowl be removed from the breakfast table?

A. At the same time that the grapefruit plate is removed.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

By Roberta Lee

THE SKIN

The surest way to make the skin soft is to apply regularly a healing astringent cream. In this way, chapped dry skin and blemishes are healed, and the astringent closes the pores and makes the skin silken smooth.

Rice

A teaspoonful of lemon juice added to each quart of water when boiling rice will help keep the grains separate and makes the rice white.

Stubborn Doors

When the door sticks at the top, rub over the swollen portion with a little yellow soap and the annoyance will cease.

BETTER ENGLISH

By C. D. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I think your home is awful nice."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "appreciate?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Attribution, au gratin, attrocious.
4. What does the word "adversity" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with sa that means "an offering?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I think your home is very nice." 2. Pronounce third syllable shi, and not a-pre-si-ate. 3. Atrocious. 4. A condition of hardship; misfortune, calamity. "The faith of friendship can only be known in the season of adversity." Ovid. 5. Sacrifice.

CHUNGKING, Nov. 10 —(AP)— Two main objectives of Japan's south China offensive, Kweilin and Liuchow, were almost in enemy grasp, tonight. Both are former United States air bases in the orient. (The Japanese agency Domei in a Tokyo broadcast declared both Kweilin and Liuchow had fallen, with Chungking's 35th army troops surrendering in walled Kweilin.)

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MORNING SMILE

NO URGING NEEDED

As he strolled round the garden the retired Army officer was feeling very content with things. Presently he came across the gardener, a very old employe.

"Oh, Smith," beamed the major, "you'll be pleased to hear that my son has been called to the Bar."

Smith straightened his back carefully before making any comment.

"Well, sir," he replied, "from what I knows o' Master Jack, he wouldn't need much calling."

MAD WITH JOY

A man was passing a lunatic asylum, walking very slowly and reading his newspaper, when he was suddenly startled by one of the inmates who peered through the railings and said eagerly:

"Tell us the latestnews, mate."

"We are well into Germany," said the pedestrian, "and peace may come at any moment."

"Blimey," said the lunatic, "they'll go mad in here when I tell 'em."

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

Stemmed glasses are always held by the stem while you drink

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HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA

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TORONTO, Nov. 11. — The 1945 calendar prepared by the Nutrition Department of the Health League of Canada will soon be ready for distribution.

Topped by a display of essen food groups in full natural colo this latest effort of the depart ment is as useful as it is attractiv Nutritional excerpts and food sug ans are to be found on all of 12 sheets while a 13th page d plays a vitamin chart.

COOK'S CORNER

ONIONS ON TOAST

Cheese in generous amount, along with the bacon, puts staying quality into this very savory dish.

Obviously, the onions should be the mild type represented by the Spanish or Bermuda onion.

4 or 5 Spanish onions
½ cup onion stock
2 cups grated nippy cheese
2 tablespons bacon dripping
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Few grains cayenne
6 slices freshly made toast, buttered if possible.
6 slices freshly cooked bacon

Peel the onions and cut into slices about ¼-inch thick.

Cook in boiling salted water, until tender.

Drain, reserving the ½ cup of onion stock called for in the ingredients.

Mix the onions, onion stock, grated cheese, bacon dripping, Worcestershire sauce and cayenne.

Stir over a gentle heat until the cheese and bacon dripping are melted.

Serve on toast slices, buttered if possible, and garnish with the cooked bacon slices.

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