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DOROTHY DIX SAYS -

Slave-Driving Husband Won't Let Working Wife Handle Her Own Money

DEAR MISS DIX: My wife and I have been married for eight years. We both work in offices and until recently she was pretty fair about taking care of her share of the expenses. She pays for the light, gas, food, etc., and does the laundry herself. I have been very lenient with my wife, perhaps too lenient. I never ask her for money unless I am short, but I expect her to account for all she earns. The last month or so she has been very different to me and is using her money for something she is not telling me about and I suspect she has bought a coat. She knows that I object to her spending money foolishly. She has a coat which, although nine years old, is in perfect condition and warm. She has mentioned several times lately that she would like to quit for a year and rest up. I don't see what makes her tired, nor why she should sit at home idle while I work. Please tell me what to do?

ROBERT

ANSWER: Well, Robert it looks to me as if you were about to work your wife to death, or drive her into rebellion, and my advice to you is to have a heart-to-heart session with yourself and try to get your wife's point of view and see how your attitude towards her looks to her.

HAS CONTRIBUTED HER SHARE

Now I believe in wives helping their husbands even by working outside of their homes when the husband doesn't earn enough to support the family, and I believe in the wife contributing her fair share to support the home when that is needed. But surely the wife who does the housework and the washing and ironing and pays for the light and gas and food and so forth has contributed her quota, and what

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

School was made more real to granddaughter of ours this evening by a visit from one whom she has known with interest and approval as her cousin, but now according to her own consideration as "my teacher" even though her schooldays are still some years away. She came when the after-glow of a Winter day that had been exceedingly lovely was losing its glorious colors in a quiet and breathless twilight. It is a delightful time of day, when it pauses reverently one fancies, awaiting the coming of dusk. She had walked the distance from her school down the river-road, at times toilsomely, we suspect, through the snowy drifts, and yet enjoyably, gaining an extra joy of living from her spell in the open, which stands to clear away the cobwebs of concern and toil of the school-room and inspires and refreshes for the tasks of the day to come. Toil in a school-room! Certainly, though this is accepted or generally submerged in a desire to see the youthful students go on from strength to strength under ones guidance and encouragement.

Ours is a young teacher this year, fresh from her own classes and training where she gained an enviable record to fit her for her

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE EPILEPTIC IN INDUSTRY

The sight of a middle-aged woman "taking a fit" when I was in my teens, made me resolve that if I ever studied medicine I would try to find the cause and cure of epilepsy. Later as a graduate physician I had the idea that food and the stomach was a big factor in causing an epileptic attack. Accordingly, when I had a case, a man in his twenties who was having epileptic attacks several times a month, I washed out his stomach twice a week and kept him free of attacks for many months. He was transferred to another city and his attacks returned. At the present time, the cause of epilepsy is still unknown, but fortunately the family physician, in the majority of cases can prevent attacks or reduce their severity so that the patient can be gainfully employed and causes little or no concern to his employer or fellow employees. While most epileptics are normal mentally, there are a few who are of the nervous or emotional type and have odd behavior symptoms aside from epilepsy. In these cases the usual diet and drug treatment sometimes fails to be effective.

What about employing epileptics in industry? An editorial in "Industrial Medicine" states that modern medical knowledge and employment practices give a new

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a host or hostess is taking six or eight other persons to a restaurant, should the dinner be ordered in advance, or would it be better to let each person choose his own course?

A. It is much simpler to order in advance. To have the waiter serve six or eight separate dinners would be very inconvenient.

Q. If a bride wishes to wear her engagement ring during the wedding ceremony, on which finger should she wear it?

A. On the third finger of her right hand.

Q. Is it all right for a guest to eat the skin of a baked potato?

A. Yes; many people consider this the best part of the potato.

Morning Smile

AFFECTED

After preaching a powerful sermon against betting, the vicar was dismayed to learn that one of his wardens was a heavy gambler, and at once hurried round to apologize. "Oh, don't worry about it," said the warden. "After all, it's a poor sermon that doesn't hit me somewhere."

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon Macmillan

"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" Job. 38-22.

Today across the fields I wandered, just to see What treasures lay within These depths of purity. There were little frozen flowers, Fresh as dawn. Crisper than the petals Of narcissi newly born. There were diamonds and rubies, Tiny sparkling gems, Enough to deck a myriad Of fairy diadems. I touched the laden hedgerows To see the branches fling A shower of snowy blossom, Like cherry trees in spring. There was silence on the roadway And a hush upon the hill, I think a voice had whispered, Peace, be still. Where ways are yet untrodden And veiled in mystery, New treasures will be waiting If we have eyes to see.

-Hilda M. Slade.

Snow cherisheth the earth, and we are glad that the garden is covered at last as it is the very best covering there is for the winter. However after the countrymen and women have shovelled snow for a day to get out to the highway they begin to think a little snow is good, but too much is a nuisance.

Daffodils have been brought from the dark to the light and will gradually be given more sun each day; it is possible to have Daffodils from now until Spring if a few pots are given this treatment every week or so.

As the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen, and then the sun is so much stronger house plants take on new life, more moisture is needed and it is possible to give a stimulant with good effect.

Winter time is a wonderful season for reading and the making of scrapbooks of everything interesting to you; garden scrapbooks are the greatest help in gardening, and can be made very attractive with beautiful illustrations of gardens showing many ideas you can use in your own garden. Instead of hunting through a heap of old magazines and catalogues you can have them in a book, easy to find and use.

This is the time to send for all the seed catalogues you see advertised as there is much to be learned from them; many governmental bulletins can be procured by sending a card asking for the list of publications, then choose the bulletins you are interested in.

The address is Publications Branch Ottawa, and the many bulletins in Horticulture are on many subjects, Perennials, Annuals, Design and House Plants. They are sent free of charge, and I think it is possible to learn how to garden from these alone. If you are specially interested in one particular flower, the Rose, the Iris, the Delphinium, the Gladiolus, or the Violet you can join the Society and you will receive so much information in the Annuals and the monthly or quarterly magazines that are sent to the members.

Reading these Annuals is almost as good as visiting many beautiful gardens in countries far away, and it is a comfortable way of travelling in the winter-time. The Rose Annual especially is an international book describing rose gardens in almost every country in the world. We learn many things from these books in addition to the Rose lore and it is a good way to build up a garden library.

The Palaeography of plants is a very interesting study, come into the garden and see. These Canterbury bells, for instance, with their long stems hung with bells, belong to those boisterous bands of pilgrims who rode, so decked with bells, and in such bank holiday mood, to gaze at Thomas Becket's tomb that in 1407 the delicious complaint was made to the Archbishop of Canterbury that "every town they come through, what with the noise of their singing, and with the jangling of their Canterbury bells, and with the barking out of dogs after them, they make more noise than if the king came there away, with all his clarions and many other minstrels."

Lavender, however, has scrupulously clean associations. Its name means she-who-washes, for the plant has always been a firm supporter of that virtue which Englishmen, to the sentimental neighbourhood of our Continental neighbours, rank next to godliness. Indeed, the name used to apply both to the plant and to the washerwoman; when Robert Bruce halted his retreating army to aid a laundress in distress, the old Scotch chronicler makes the charming comment . . .

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Cook's Corner

CORN PUFF

2 egg yolks
1 cup milk
2 cups cream style cor...
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup minced cooked haz
2 egg whites
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Eastern Bakeries'

BUTTERNUT BREAD

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a good egg salad dressing?

A. Use the yolk of one fresh egg, and mix it with 2 tablespoons of olive oil very slowly. Add 1 1/2 spoonfuls of mustard, 2 spoonfuls of salt, 2 spoonfuls of vinegar, and a little pepper. Beat the white of the egg to a stiff froth, and stir it lightly.

Q. How can I remove an ink stain from the finger?

A. It can be removed by dipping the finger and the head of an unburned sulphur match in water, then rubbing the match head over the spot until it disappears.

Q. How can I clean parchment shades?

A. Try using wall paper cleaner. Or, sponging with a cloth moistened in soapy water is often effective.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Furs

If the furs are beginning to look a little shabby and faded, wet them with a hair brush and brush against the nap. Then hang in the air to dry, and follow by beating lightly with a rattan. Then comb the hair out carefully into place.

Easier Cleaning

If one is baking something in the oven that might run over, such as a juicy pie, sticky cinnamon buns, etc., slide the cookie tin into the oven under the pan. This will be much easier to wash off than the bottom of the oven.

Shoes

Leather shoes will not harden after a bad wetting if they are washed with warm water and then rubbed well with castor oil.

Whites. Pour into a greased casserole, place in a pan of hot water and oven-poach in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., for 40 minutes. Yield: six servings.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Wednesday, January 18. BY dint of serious study, reflection, and approach from many angles or points of view, it may be possible to sidestep certain hidden dangers or being caught in the sinister meshes of some sort of involvement. With logic and caution it may be possible to thwart vicious tongues, gossip and other crafty undertones.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may run into a complicated and involved year, in which there may be sinister undertones -- to be sidestepped by serious reflection, sturdy attack on treachery, subtlety, rumor and other form of pernicious attack. Be alert and give profound analysis to all major propositions or suspicious contacts, where may lurk dangerous hidden enemies. A straight forward course may avert curious entanglements, with designing persons.

A child born on this day while serious-minded, studious and laborious in thought and action may become easy victim to snares, peculiar associations or practices of sinister nature.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He found her outside of the house."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Gasoline, kerosene, discipline, maraschino.

4. What does the word "abstemious" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "troublesomely urgent"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit of. 2. Pronounce suddenly, u as in cube. 3. Kerosene. 4. Sparing in use of food and drink (Pronounce the e as in tea). 5. He was abstemious at all times. 5. Importunate.

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