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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. I bought a meat chopper for my home and paid $4 for it. I think this price was very high. Please advise if I was overcharged?

A. We have checked at the store where you made this purchase and find that the price charged was within the ceiling price. The type of food chopper which you bought is of very good quality and sells at a much higher price than some other makes which are on the market.

Q. I would like to buy a new electric stove. Where can I obtain a permit?

A. You do not need a permit to purchase a new stove . . . all restrictions on the production and delivery of electric stoves have been removed. Materials and trained labor are still very scarce and for that reason it might be some time before dealers have adequate supplies. Most dealers are taking orders for delivery as soon as possible so would suggest that you go to your nearest dealer and have your name placed on this order list.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a man is at the theater, and wishes to go out between acts, should he turn his face or his back to the stage?

A. When passing the members of his own party he should face them, but in passing strangers he should face the stage.

Q. What does it indicate, in conversation, when a girl uses a man's name frequently, such as, "Yes, Mr. Allen, I agree with you," "Don't you think so too, Mr. Allen."

A. It indicates good breeding and proper training.

Q. What might be called the most enjoyable kind of dinner?

A. When four or six guests are served in a simple and only semi-formal way.

Dorothy Dix Says—

Reading Husbands Dull

Book Habit is Most Griping Of All to Wives

You would never guess, unless you are a woman yourself, what is the fault that wives complain of in their husbands more than almost any other thing. It is the reading habit. Apparently they rate it along with drunkenness, skirt-chasing and failure to provide. Perhaps they give it a few more red points than either, because they can understand a man's taste for liquor, or his getting a kick out of thinking he is a wolf; or his being allergic to work; but they can't comprehend why he wants to read when he might be gabbing.

You might think that a taste for reading is a vice that leans to virtue's side and that a woman who is married to a bookworm has her consolations. She, at least, knows where he is when he spends his evenings planted by the reading light in the living room. Assuredly she must realize that it is better for him to take his romance vicariously in a novel than to stage love affairs of his own, and that the heroine of the latest best seller is a safer companion than some little cutie in the office in which he works. Also, that it saves friction for friend husband to expend his criticisms on the things he reads in the newspapers rather than on the way she keeps house.

PREFERS CONVERSATION

So it would seem that a man who was wedded to the book shelf and the evening paper would be the answer to a maiden's prayer for an ideal husband, but such is not the case, unless the wife is also addicted to printers' ink. The average wife craves conversation. Preferably she would rather furnish it herself. But not even a woman can get any kick out of monologuing along to a man who has to be dragged out of a history of the Middle Ages, or a whodunit murder story when he is asked for an opinion on whether Johnny should have his tonsils out, or if Sally should encourage that Jones boy or show him the door.

Of course, to the man who has worn his own vocal cords to a frazzle by arguing, explaining, cajoling and lambasting customers and clients, all day it seems very silly and unreasonable for his wife to begrudge him the peace and rest he can find in reading. But she has her side of the controversy as well as he has. Ordinarily she has been shut up all day in the house, with no more stimulating conversation than the baby's da-da, and she is bottled up with things she wants to talk about.

She is hungry for companionship. She wants to swap gossip with her husband. She wants to know whom he has seen, what he has done, what he had for lunch, how the business went, what funny stories he has heard, if any. And she is simply dying to talk about any news she has picked up over the telephone, and how prices have gone up at the market, and that Johnny has lost his front tooth; but she can't do this if her husband is so immersed in his magazine that he only grunts by way of comment, and she knows he hasn't heard a word she was saying.

So it is no wonder that the women who are married to men with a reading complex feel that they have a just grievance against their husbands. Their idea of a pleasant evening at home isn't spending it with a stuffed shirt with a book, out of whom they can get no response, no matter how hard they work to get it going. They feel it is just as much their husbands' duty to provide them with a little of their society as it is to provide them with bread and butter.

Stevenson rated being a good gossip as one of the most desirable qualities in a wife. This goes double for husbands.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

The old silver birches' quiet branches were etched against a clear and beautiful sky this morning, in shades of coral-pink and amber-yellow and the sheen of the colors reflected on the snow made the countryside into a lovely fairy land of white. But Jamie had gone. He was "fine" so Karolyn said, when at James' bidding, I called her to make certain "that child hadn't picked up a cold" while visiting here or perhaps on the way home in last night's fitful weather. James listened to our conversation, in a silence on his part, that admitted much interest, before he broke a trail for me through the new-fallen snow, to the barns. "There now" he remarked, opening the door to the milk-cows' stable and pausing to admit the two cats—sleek and smart in Winter furs—to the building ahead of him, "this is a better day for everything—yesterday was so cold and dreary." The smoke from the early fires ascended so straight I had smiled secretly a minute before, when James had lingered, testing them with his eyes to find out the wind's fancy. At the time the sun was binding hill and slope and valley into a pleasing design the darkness of the evergreens alone breaking into the sparkling expanse of white. Each twig and shrub and tree on the lawn hung motionless as if these too awaited a small breeze to presently set them to dancing in tune to the morning's loveliness.

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This day was passed more leisurely than yesterday when in order to do the chores, farm folk worked against the handicap of lowering skies, snow flurries and piercing wind. The trek across the fields today, on stable-cleaning excursions came, I would say, by way of entertainment for I heard a distinct and tuneful whistle, when Jock had returned from one and because he had detoured in the direction of the road, he tossed the mail to a verandah. It's a funny thing at Alderlea and of course there are exceptions to it, but when James is not occupied with work that takes him away from the premises, he reminds me of the cats, who are bound to convene for the milking or Pard to the mailman's travelling. It is sometimes quite difficult to locate James, if he is needed at the 'phone or if I want a few chips from the woodshed to hurry an indifferent blaze, but with the arrival of the mail, James appears, suddenly out of the anywhere "into the here." "The front page, Ellen," he demands, adjusting his glasses "you have all kinds of time to read it when I'm at the barns." But as today when he assisted Jock at the hauling, his reading was interrupted when frequently his glance was centred on the barn-yard to be certain that nothing there demanded his immediate presence.

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The wood-splitting, which came by various steps from the first walk of the woodsmen to the woodlands and is a fitting ending to the labor of it all began this afternoon at

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How Can I !!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I repair a tear in a lace curtain?

A. A piece of lace, or net, starched and placed under a hole in a lace curtain, then pressed smoothly with a warm iron, will make a repair that can scarcely be noticed.

Q. How can I remove vaseline stains from fabrics?

A. Rub with kerosene. If the stains have been allowed to remain for a long time, soak in kerosene, then rub and wash with soapsuds.

Q. What is a good formula for furniture polish?

A. A recommended formula is: Two parts of vinegar to one part of olive oil. Put a small amount of this mixture on a soft cloth and rub it into the wood. The effect is a fresh, bright polish.

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I shall wait on you at the door."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "gunwale"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Sesession, sequicentennial, seminary.
4. What does the word "ludicrouse" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with te that means "to end"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I shall wait for you at the door." 2. Pronounce gun-el, e as in bell unstressed, accent first syllabel. 3. Secession. 4. Adapted to excite laughter; ridiculous. "I was excite laughter; ridiculius. "I was in a ludicrous predicament." 5. Terminate.

Morning Smile

The golfer leaped up and down and let out triumphant yells and his drive dropped near the green and rolled neatly into the cup.

"What on earth is the matter with you, Sam?" asked his wife, who was getting her first introduction to golf.

"Why, dear, I've just hit the ball for a hole in one", exclaimed her husband.

"But isn't that what you're supposed to try to do?" demanded the unimpressed wife.

NOW

"Now" is the constant syllable ticking from the clock of time. "Now" is the watchword of the wise. "Now" is the banner of the prudent. Let us keep this little word always in mind.

Living & Leisure

THE WOMAN'S REALM

HOW MUCH

(From Country Road, by Leonce Rice Grelle; Macmillan)

How much am I bid for a proud old wall
That a forefather built in the long ago?
And how much for the acres, the reaching rods
That climb the way that the tall winds blow?

And what will they give for the rambling barn
That brought and sheltered the new-born things
That knew his love, in their helplessness?
And what is the price his silence brings?

And who will offer a worth-while sum
For a house that was never a house to me,
But a home? And what for a pasture gate
And a spring; and the soul of a hemlock tree?

And how much for the road that reached the hill
And let his feet to the setting sun
When his work was finished, his great hands still?
And what for a heart when the sale is done?...

UNEXPECTED GUESTS

Guests, like thunder showers, are apt to appear suddenly over long weekends. It behooves the housewife who stays at home to see that the larder is fortified against sudden invasions. A good supply of salad greens, refrigerator cookie dough, refrigerator rolls, sandwich spreads, and fresh fruits all add up to a pleasant weekend with or without company.

NOT WANTED

Lady Astor disclosed one of the reasons for her current trip to the United States—to get her husband, Lord Astor, "restored." She told a press conference she is taking him to her father's home in Mirador, Va., and added: "I told him a year ago that everybody wants to be a young widow — they go like hotcakes — but no one wants to be an old widow."

THE GOLD FISH BOWL

When the gold fish begin to come to the top of the bowl for air it is time to give them fresh water. Only the tiny tropical fish like to be kept in warm water; gold fish as a rule thrive better in cool water.

MENDING TIP

If the boy has torn a hole in his new shirt, clip a piece of material large enough to repair it from the lining of the yoke of the shirt and patch the hole with this. It will match the shirt and the place under the yoke may be mended with plain white material as it will not show.

FISHING SCHOOL

Bostonians answered "which would you druther do or go fishing?" by signing up—60 strong — for the city's first municipal fishing school.

"Women as well as men came to our first night class," said the director, Robert S. Kelley. Kelley, who is principally interested in salt-water fishing, said he is glad to swap yarns with brook or "white water" anglers. He is convinced the new fishing school will be successful.

CEREAL SAGA

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Our breakfast cereals have come a long way since then... and they're not limited to wheat. For hundreds of years, the main energy foods of all types of families were mush, gruel, and porridge. And today our many and varied breakfast cereals can fill the same energy place in our diets.

Most of us thinks of cereals in connection with breakfast... and that's a very fine place for them A good breakfast should contain some energy food...and of course energy is just what cereal offers An active worker or a growing child can have a heartier breakfast by eating both cereal and bread. The whole-grain and enriched cereals offer an extra nutrition prize in B vitamins and minerals.

If you're looking for new ways to serve cereal other than at breakfast, here are a few tips, some of the puffed breakfast cereals, for instance, make interesting crouton variations for soup. Of course you can't serve very much cereal in one plate of soup but a sprinkle adds a nice touch.

Then there's the trick of sauteing slices of leftover cereals in a little fat. You can use oatmeal, corn meal mush or any other cooked cereal. But to slice and brown well, the cereal must be thick and cold. So yesterday's breakfast cereal can make a delightful luncheon special the next day.

For an added attraction, you might like to include some dried fruit in the cereal. Prunes are especially nice. It's a good idea to cook the cereal in water in which you soaked the prunes. In fact, you can cook both the fruit and cereal together.

You can quickly turn the cereal and fruit into a delightful pudding. Just add a little sweetening, some melted fat...and an egg if you like. Stir and cook the pudding for a few minutes longer. Cereal pudding should be served hot with milk.

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Cook's Corner

SALMON LOAF

1 can salmon
4 eggs, beaten light
4 tablespoons melted butter
1½ cups fine bread crumbs
½ teaspoon salt
Pepper and cayenne

Remove bones from fish, picking over carefully, add butter, mixing until smooth. Beat crumbs into eggs and season before working together. Put all into greased mold and steam 1 hour.

Sauce for Salmon Loaf

½ cup butter
Yolks 2 eggs
Juice 1 lemon

Mix all over hot water and add 1 cup boiling water. Turn loaf out on platter and pour sauce around it. Old-fashioned and extravagant, but you can try it. Serves 4 to 6.

STANDARD CORNBREAD

1 cup flour (pastry)
1 cup cornmeal
4 teaspoons baking powder
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 or 2 eggs
¼ cup melted shortening

Mix all dry ingredients and sift together. Beat eggs well, add to the milk, gradually, and the melted shortening.

Grease a shallow pan, turn in the mixture and bake in a hot oven, 400F., for 25to 35 minutes.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Removes Lime Deposit

The lime deposit that sometimes accumulates on the inside of the tea kettle can be removed by putting some vinegar, to which a little salt has been added, into the kettle and allowing it to stand for a while. When bubbles begin appearing, it means that the lime is dissolving. After it has been removed, rinse with clear water.

Spring Tonic

A fine spring tonic is stewed rhubarb and prunes, blended, but cooked separately. This is well stocked with minerals necessary for the blood and is a fine "builder-upper."

Into the Corners

Try trimming an old whiskbroom into a sharp "V" point, and you will then have a handy implement for cleaning out the floor corners and other difficult places to get into.

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