Women's Realm/Social and Personal/Fashions/Literature

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

The Royal Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose received the most pleasant surprise of their Christmas vacation when the King and Queen told them that they did not have to return to Balmoral, where they have been staying since they were taken out of London in the general evacuation before the war, but will go to the Royal Lodge at Windsor Park. The Princesses before Christmas had flooded their parents with letters pleading to come home because Balmoral was too quiet and because they missed their parents and friends. The King and Queen discussed the matter at great length because they both hold very strong views on the point of keeping all persons evacuated in the country. However, it was decided eventually that the Princesses might be brought closer to home. Concrete bomb shelters were ordered built at the Royal lodge and when these were ready they told the girls. At the Royal lodge, which is the King's peacetime week-end residence, the Princesses will have all their toys and pets and it will be possible for their parents to visit them week-ends.

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Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose returned to Buckingham Palace Tuesday for the first time since before the war. They came from Sandringham House with their father and mother.

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Mrs. H.E. Miller was hostess yesterday afternoon at a pretty tea given at her home 283 Fitzroy Street for numerous friends. Mrs. Miller was assisted in her pleasant duties by Miss Nan Brow, Miss Helen Grant, Miss Janet Hegan, Mrs. Arthur P. Bruce, Mrs. Noel DeBlois and Miss Joan Miller. Mrs. E.R. Brow presided over the tea-table, gay with spring flowers.

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Mrs. McCready is remaining for a few weeks in Saint John, a guest at the Admiral Beatty.

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The continued serious illness of Mr. H. A. C. Scarth is deeply regretted.

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Mrs. (Dr.) Garth Toombs who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Clifford Montgomery has returned to her home in Summerside.

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Mrs. George D. DeBlois entertained at the luncheon hour on Wednesday at the Charlottetown Hotel, her guest of honour being Mrs. Gardiner, wife of Rev. A. LeDrew Gardiner, who recently arrived as rector of St. Paul's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner are being most cordially welcomed.

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Department store shoppers in King's Lynn ancient Norfolk seaport had a surprise Saturday when they found the Queen, with Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, making purchases beside them. The Royal party motored from Sandringham and spent nearly an hour shopping at a sale. The Queen bought furniture, drapery and millinery, while the Princesses helped make the selections. A crowd cheered them as they left the store for the return trip to Sandringham House.

Mrs. (Dr.) W.J.P. MacMillan was hostesses yesterday afternoon at a very much enjoyed bridge party at her home.

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Mrs. H.V. Haslam left Thursday by plane on return to her home in Port Washington, Long Island.

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Mrs. W.E. Hyndman entertained for the Thursday afternoon bridge club this week.

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While in the city, Miss Elaine Burns of the Staff of the Halifax Conservatory of Music, was the guest of Col. and Mrs. K. S. Rogers. Miss Burns' recital under the auspices of the Women's Music Club was greatly enjoyed. Col. and Mrs. Rogers are leaving today on a short visit to Montreal.

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Mrs. Arthur Duvar entertained very pleasantly at bridge last Saturday evening.

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Mrs. Haslam arrived in Saint John on Monday to join her husband Rev. Canon R.H.A. Haslam, M.A., D.D., of Toronto, who is acting rector of the congregation of St. John's (Stone) Church. Next Monday the congregation will hold a supper gathernig and a reception in honor of Canon and Mrs. Haslaf who have a host of friends in this city.

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Mrs. Llewelyn Rogers, Summerside, entertained for her bridge club very pleasantly on Tuesday.

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Mrs. James Murchison and Miss Joan Winchester were entertained at the Charlottetown last Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Fred Moore and Miss Jean Grant, the occasion being a farewell gathering of intimate friends. Bridge was played until the tea hour when other guests came in.

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Mrs. George Hogg, Summerside, was hostess at a two-table mixed bridge on Wednesday evening.

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Mrs. Murchison and children, and Miss Winchester who are leaving today enroute to Buenos Aires are followed by many good wishes for a safe journey to their far away home in South America.

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The critical illness of Mrs. (Dr.) C.H. Beer in the P.E.I. Hospital is causing her family and friends deepest concern.

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Mrs. Ralph Parker who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A.B.L. Horne is returning this morning to her home in Sydney. While here Mrs. Parker was very pleasantly entertained by her Summerside friends.

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The Duchesses of Gloucester and Kent are as busy as ever, although the functions which they normally attend in peacetime have been curtailed drastically. Both are doing war work of various kinds, and carry out during the day semi-private engagements connected with war charities and similar activities. While her husband is in France on the staff of Viscouunt Gort, the Duchess of Gloucester spends much time at her home in Northamptonshire, where she takes a leading part in most women's war organizations in the country. As all male members of the household are engaged in war duties of various kinds, the Duchess to a considerable extent attends personally to a large daily correspondence and other secretarial duties, aided by a lady-in-waiting. On her few visits to London she stayed at Buckingham Palace, as York House, the Duke and Duchess's residence at St. James's Palace, is closed.

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The Duchess of Kent also is an active member of various committees and associations, but unlike the Duchess of Gloucester she has so far not been separated from her husband by the war. When the Duke received an appointment as Rear Admiral in Scotland the Royal couple took a house near his headquarters and have lived there ever since. They have been separated, however, from their two children, Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra, who are living in a "safe" area. Although the house which they have rented is small, the Duchess has been able to add to her other activities the role of hostess for many of the Duke's brother officers and their wives during leave periods. The Duke and Duchess have no town house for the present.

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Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

A Wife Can Divert and Amuse Her Husband Without Being a Combination Fan Dancer and Singer — All She Has to do is Keep Him From Being Bored

Dear Dorothy Dix—In a recent article you spoke of a wife keeping her husband nailed to his own fireside and from philandering with other women by entertaining and amusing him. In what way can she do this? If you can answer that, you know what you are talking about. If you can't, you don't. Don't duck this question. A READER.

Answer:

I won't. And it doesn't require any I. Q. shark to answer it, either. Nor does it demand that the wife shall be a vaudeville artist with a repertoire of thrilling, amazing, amusing, colossal, side-splitting stunts that she can put on in order to keep her lord and master diverted. Nor does she have to be a fan dancer like Sally Rand, nor a wisecracker like Dorothy Parker, nor a singer like Grace Moore.

All that a wife needs to keep her husband entertained and amused at home is to use the same technique after marriage that she used before, and what that is. She every woman who has got her man knows exactly knows what went over big with him when he was courting her and, unless she is a moron, she is perfectly aware that it will still get the glad hand from him if she will only put on her act. Only she gets too lazy, or too indifferent, or too overconfident to do it. Now it is a matter of common knowledge that the No. 1 enemy of marriage is boredom. It incites husbands and wives to quarreling. It makes them yawn in each other's faces. It starts them out to hunt for someoody more amusing to talk to than the scooge across the table. It is at the bottom of nearly every divorce. Yet not one married couple in a thousand ever even thinks that if they want to keep their husbands and wives in love with them they must keep them entertained.

Especially must a woman make her home a cheerful and a pleasant place for her husband to spend his evenings if she wants him to stay in it, and she must be good company if she wants him to talk to her instead of some other woman. In the old days, when matrimony was a more stable affair than it is now and when husbands were more inclined to stay put, a woman might risk being a dumb cluck or a tear jug, and get away with it. But not now when there are too many places to go and too many jolly women just waiting for a bored husband for an audience.

I am not implying that every wife should be a spellbinder and carry a scintillating line of conversation. Quite the contrary. A tired man doesn't want to have to spend his evenings arguing politics or religion or philosophy with a wife who has boned up on them for the occasion, but he does want a wife who can talk pleasantly and intelligently about the topics of the day and who is full of cheery little small talk about the neighbors and what she has done and what she has seen.

Stevenson rated being a good gossip as among the most desirable qualities that a wife could possess, and most men secretly agree with him. At any rate, no matter how our husbands berate us for talking scandal, there isn't a wife who can't testify that her husband never stops her until she has told the last salacious detail.

Before marriage a girl's best play is always talking to a man about the things in which he is interested. She listens with rapt attention while he discourses about his business, his hobbies, his car. She laughs at his jokes. She begs him to repeat his funny stories. And one of the main reasons he leads her to the altar is to get a good listener.

But, how many wives do you know who even make a pretense of listening to their husbands when they talk? A wife will glance over a paper while her husband is trying to explain his hopes and plans to her. She will say: "For heaven's sake, don't tell that old joke again." She will interrupt him in the midst of his best story to say: "Look at the kitten!" Many a husband has to go away from home to get any one to lend him their ears.

There is no mystery about amusing and entertaining husbands. It is just saying to a man the things he would like to have said to him. Listenings to him when he wants to talk. And being good company. It is as simple as that.

Marriage Requires Broad-Mindedness

Dear Miss Dix—I am a divorcee, aged 28, with a child 4 years old. I am about to marry again, but my fiance has told me that he loves children and wants some of his own, and I have told him that I will not have another child because I feel that my boy would be neglected if I had other children. I feel that if this man really loves me he will be satisfied with my boy and me. Don't you think I am right? MISS.

Answer:

Certainly not. Your position is utterly preposterous. For how could you expect this man who loves children and has the paternal instinct to feel to another man's child as if it were his own, or to be willing to deny himself the joy of his own flesh and blood children in order that a stepchild may have no rival? Unless you can be more broad-minded and unselfish than that, you had best stay single.

The Bible Has a Phrase for it

Dear Miss Dix—My husband is one of the finest characters I have ever known. He teaches a Bible class; works in church and any organization that is for the uplift of humanity; is charitable to a fault; seems to detest anything immoral; is regarded as one of the finest Christians and is much esteemed. We have been married more than twenty years and he has been devotion itself to me. Takes me with him to most places he goes and when he is away writes each day telling how lonely he is without me and how anxious he is to get back. BUT he has had many affairs with women. Recently when he was away and writing me these letters he had another woman with him. What do you think of him? DISTRESSED WIFE.

Answer:

The Bible calls a man like that a "whited sepulchre" and I don't think you can improve on the description. DOROTHY DIX.

THE COOK'S CORNER

SPICY SALMON SALAD MOLDS

1 pkg. lime-flavored jelly powder
1 cup boiling water
3-4 cup cold water
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon onion juice
1 lb. canned salmon flaked
1 cup chopped celery
1-2 cup mayonnaise.

Method: Dissolve the jelly powder in the boiling water and add the cold water, vinegar, salt, and onion juice. Chill until partially set and then fold in the flaked salmon, celery and mayonnaise.

Pour into oiled and rinsed molds and chill until firm. Unmold on lettuce leaves or on a bed of shredded lettuce.

Any of these jellied seafood salads are nice if served with hot rolls or hot tea biscuits. Of course if you can't manage either of these, plain or fancy sandwiches are always an acceptable accompaniment.

MATRIMONIAL CAKE

One and one-quarter cups rolled oats
One and one-quarter cups sifted pastry flour
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup shortening

Sift the flour and measure and then sift several times with the baking powder. Then sift the last time into a bowl and add the rolled oats and mix well. Add the shortening and cut in with a pastry blender. Put half of the mixture in a pan. Spread with the date mixture. Then cover with the remainder of the crumb mixture. Press lightly to firm it. Sprinkle sparingly with cold water. Bake at 350 degrees F. till browned.

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A pity to miss the fun, to be avoided by good dancers, when smart steps can so easily be learned in home lessons.

See how well you can do the Rumba Square from our diagram. Just remember that hips act as shock absorbers. As weight is transferred to stepping foot, hips sway to that side. Now begin!

1—Step quickly to side on left foot. AND—Quickly close with right. 2—Step slowly forward on left. 3—Quickly place right foot a short distance to side of left foot. AND—Quickly close with left. 4—Slowly step forward on right.

In the same way you learn other rumba steps, other dances—are at ease no matter what lively rhythm the orchestra plays!

Our 32-page booklet diagrams the basic steps and variations of the tango, rumba, conga, fox trot, Westchester, samba, waltz and shag, also the Castle Walk, Waltz and Maxixe. Shows how to combine steps, lead and follow, be a really superb dancer.

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Helpful Hints For The Women Folk

RULES FOR THE ROAD

Stand straight:
Step firmly, throw your weight:
The heaven is high above your head,
The good gray road is faithful to your tread.

Be strong:
Sing to our heart a battle song:
Though hidden foeman lie in wait,
Something is in you that can smile at fate.

Press through:
Nothing can harm if you are true,
And when the night comes, rest:
The earth is friendly as a mother's breast.

—Edwin Markham.

Never salt fresh meats when frying. Salt tends to extract the juices and hardens these meals.

Police dogs do not have a tendency to become cross with old age any more than do dogs of other breeds.

AFTER SCHOOL LUNCH

Graham cracker sandwiches are good after-school snacks. Spread with cream cheese and chopped nuts, dates or raisins.

CABBAGE IS GOOD

Cabbage is no better any time of year than in winter. Vary coleslaw by adding chopped celery.

FLUSH-TYPE DOORS GIVE MODERN TONE

The flush type door, which presents a plain unbroken surface without panelling, first became popular when associated with homes of modern design. Because they harmonize with almost every type of interior decoration, these doors are being widely used to bring a modern appearance to many older homes.

One of the outstanding advantages of the flush door, in addition to its distinctive appearance, is that dust cannot lodge on its plain smooth surfaces. This makes the door sanitary and easy to clean or paint.

Regular styles of hardware may be used with doors of the flush type.

TWO STEPS SAFER

When renovating a home and creating different floor levels between rooms, it is always advisable to have two or more steps rather than just one. One step is so often unnoticed and the cause of accidents while two or more steps will cause a person to be more careful about ascending or decending.

HINTS FOR KNITTERS

Although thousands of women started knitting as soon as war was declared, it took the arrival of wintery blasts to make thousands more realize how much the fighting forces needed the articles that came from the clicking needles.

The need is still urgent, say Canadian Red Cross officials; and so, just in case there are women who would like to do their bit and don't know what is needed, here are some of the things recommended by this organization.

More detailed instructions may be obtained from local Red Cross groups or from Toronto headquarters. Women are urged to follow all knitting instructions carefully; to use the right size needles, the correct weight of wool, and always to try the number of stitches to the inch to have the tension correct.

Do you favor the Army, the Air Force or the Navy? This is what each force needs:

ARMY:—Socks may be of any suitable colour. The new regulation length is 16 inches maximum from top of cuff to under heel. Sweaters are acceptable in all suitable colours.

Wristlets, four inches long, minimum. Scarves, 12 inches wide and 46 inches long. Helmets and mitts half mitts and rifle mitts. Ribbing should be done loosely on half mitts and rifle mitts to ensure perfect circulation in fingers. Khaki is preferred colour for all these articles.

AIR FORCE:— The airmen need socks of the regular size in light blue, blue heather or black. Sweaters, air force blue or grey. Scarves, same length as those for the army, in air force blue or gray. Aero caps, gloves and wristlets, all air force blue.

NAVY:— Seamen's stockings and scarves are needed badly. The stockings, which are worn over regular socks, are from 18 1-2 inches to 26 inches from top of cuff to under heel; grey; should be loosely ribbed at top, for the stockings are drawn up over the trousers.

Scarves, in navy blue or grey, 14 inches wide and 66 inches to 72 inches long. These scarves are wrapped around the sailors' bodies and are sometimes put over their heads to act as helmets. Ordinary socks for the sailors are needed in grey. Sweaters, navy blue or grey.

Wristlets for al forces should be cast on or off very loosely. All sweaters are sleeveless. Socks should be washed and pressed or washed and stretched. It is advisable to attach sizes in socks and sweaters

DRAPES BEAUTIFULLY

Because silk jersey drapes so beautifully, it is a favorite evening fabric. At a recent dinner party at the Cocoanut Grove in Hollywood, screen actress Irene Dunne wore a graceful gown of French blue crushable silk jersey. The skirt was very full with a short train; the simple bodice had a squared neckline accented by diamond and sapphire clips, and interesting shirred detail on wide shoulder bands that matched the shirring at the waistline. Over this, Miss Dunne wore a full-length evening wrap of velvet in a darker blue.

Every COLD is DANGEROUS

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A Morning Smile

A bricklayer working on top of a high building carelessly dropped a brick which landed on the head of his negro helper below.

"You-all-bettah be careful up dere," the helper shouted up. "You done made me bite mah tongue."

"Hey, Bill!" yelled the electrician to his helper, "grab hold of one of those wires."

"O.K.," said Bill. "I've got one."

"Feel anything?"

"Nope."

"Good! I wasn't sure which was which. Don't touch the other!"

YOUR INDIVIDUAL HOROSCOPE

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Look in the section your birthday comes in, and find what your outlook is, according to the stars.

For Saturday, Jan, 20, 1940

MARCH 21 to APRIL 20 (Aries)—Your stars smile upon you who are fine, capable, cheerful. But you who are cantankerous, disgruntled or indifferent will miss some of those benefits in store. Think logically.

APRIL 21 to MAY 20 (Taurus)—Contrast is often a good thing—it shows up defects quickly, which we should appreciate, and more so when those defects are our own! Profit by all the criticism going your way — stop to think how you can benefit by it, don't waste valuable time resenting it. Generally favorable vibrations.

MAY 21 to JUNE 21 (Gemini)—Associate with the most progressive, right-thinking ambitions people you know. You and they have much in common and things are accomplished well and quickly when such cooperation works for worthy causes. Today's favorable vibrations especially ask for adaptability.

JUNE 22 to JULY 23 (Cancer)—Unusual gain possible through association and assistance of Capricorn, Aquarius, Virgo, Scorpio natives, Make necessary changes, but only after careful deliberation. Use your intuition

JULY 24 to AUGUST 22 (Leo)—Tip-top day for whatever your duties responsibilities or aims (if they all are worth while). Season the practical with the artistic. Writing particularly favored.

AUGUST 23 to SEPTEMBER 23 (Virgo) — Do mind the minor details, won't you! If you don't, they may cause you considerable delay and retracing of steps. Be sensibly cautious and keen today to detect errors and unwise schemes.

SEPTEMBER 23 to OCTOBER 23 (Libra) — Plenty of opportunity for gain and advancement here. Maybe not in the form you expect, but if you are prepared and alert, you'll discover where the advantages are. Seek favors. Offer your good suggestions wherever you think they'll help.

OCTOBER 24 to NOVEMBER 22 (Scorpio)—Keep the emotional department in order. No hasty words or unnecessarily abrupt acts or answers! You'll suffer most through these mistakes.

NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 22 (Sagittarius) — Day not likely to be stimulating, but you can accomplish nevertheless. Look for and act upon the advice of those who are well read and who reason rather than act upon impulse. Everyday matters can prove very profitable.

DECEMBER 23 to JANUARY 21 (Capricorn) — Saturn, your Sign's planet, advises against needless changes and removals, partiality and overindulging the appetite for rich foods or beverages. Venus cautions against carelessness.

JANUARY 22 to FEBRUARY 20 (Aquarius) — Seek advantages and profit through engineering, building, mechanics, manufacturing, shipping, social contacts that can aid business — for these are most favored by today's stars.

FEBRUARY 21 to MARCH 20 (Pisces) — Benefic vibrations, particularly for affairs of a personal, social, romantic or artistic nature. If your day is to be one of heavy business, try to work the abovementioned in a way in which they can assist.

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CUPID

The young girl had refused the millionaire, who was twice her age. He was very angry. "Even Cupid," said he, "could do nothing with you. You're like an iceberg. Why a hundred Cupids might shoot at you all day long. Not one arrow would make any impression on your stone-cold heart."

"Not if they used an old beau," retorted the girl.