# Woman's Realm/Social and Personal/Fashions/Literature

## Happenings of The Week

In two of London's dress salons, seamstresses are busy stitching the fashions of a bygone day. They are making two long, flowing, formal court gowns, the like of which has seldom been seen in Britain since the reign of Queen Victoria. But their work doesn't represent a revival of formal court gowns, for the dresses are bound for the United States and probably never will be shown in this country. The gowns are being designed and made at the request of an American fashion group, to go on show at the "Symphony of Fashion" to be held at St. Louis Feb. 10, 11, 12. The designers are two of London's Big Ten—Norman Hartnell and Worth. The dresses will be completely traditional with long train coming from the shoulder, Prince of Wales feather headdress and attached hip-length veil. Hartnell's dress is a full crinoline with waist-to-hip skirt embroidery. Worth's is a heavy satin with full pannier skirt. When the formal trappings are removed, both dresses will make a "grand occasion" ball gown. It is the first time in 11 years that London fashion houses have been called on to make formal court year. The evolution in court dress has been slow, but steady, since the time of Queen Victoria.

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In Queen Victoria's day fewer women were presented at court and there was room for the long, sweeping train that was then a tradition. King George V cut the train length to a formal 18 inches to accommodate the larger number to be found at his courts. At the post-war courts of King George VI, the train, feathers and veil have disappeared. Afternoon dress now is worn. Whether the formal pageantry of the courts will ever return is an open question—and not entirely an economic one. Although the King would have to consider possible economic embarrassment were he to bring back court pageantry, the greatest problem is the increasing number of people who wish to be presented at court. Only by giving afternoon presentation parties can the King and Queen hope to meet the occasion. Three courts were held in 1948 but only two were held last year owing to the King's illness. As more courts are not possible due to Royal public engagements, the afternoon presentation parties will continue indefinitely and the formal court dresses will be just a memory.

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Princess Elizabeth, like many a young wife, is looking for a house. The lease on her country home at Windlesham Moor, Sunningdale, Berkshire, ends Dec. 31. After that date, unless an alternative residence can be found, Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will have no permanent retreat from their London home, Clarence House, St. James's Park. The princess's specification is exacting. The house must be within an hour of London, within calling distance of Windsor Castle, large enough for entertaining, yet small enough to be run easily. Above all it must be sufficiently secluded to be hidden from prying eyes. Two country residences have been offered—and turned down.

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Mrs. J. A. Bernard on Tuesday afternoon entertained at a luncheon bridge at Government House.

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The Principal of Prince of Wales College and Mrs. MacKinnon entertained on Thursday evening at a buffet reception in honor of Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Mrs. Massey, and the members and staff of the Royal Commission on Natural Development in Arts, Letters, and Sciences. Mrs. J. Walter Jones poured coffee and Mrs. F. A. Large cut the ices. Mrs. G. L. Bennett and Miss Frances Johnston assisted in serving.

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Charlottetown friends of Mrs. S. A. Bent, Madrid, Spain, will be interested to hear that she intends to live permanently in Madrid. This year she spent Christmas in Tangiers going later for a New Year holiday in Casablanca.

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Mrs. Simon Paoli and Mrs. John F. Connolly entertained at the former's home at bridge on Wednesday evening.

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Dr. G. D. Steel, former principal of Prince of Wales College and Mrs. Steel were at home to the members of the staff, former staff members and their wives on Sunday afternoon at the tea hour. Mrs. S. N. Robertson and Miss Lily Seaman presided at the tea table which was centred with an attractive arrangement of daffodil flanked by yellow tapers. Miss Catherine Bethune attended the door and Miss Eleanor Lowe, ushered. Those serving were Mrs. Warren Duchemin, Miss Mildred Harrington, Miss Helen Yeo, Miss Theresa Murphy and Miss Helen Ramsay.

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Mrs. R. C. Parent on Thursday afternoon entertained at "Ravenwood" at three tables of bridge. Daffodils and tulips were arranged as decoration for the tea table which was covered with a handmade lace cloth. Spring flowers were placed in the reception and dining rooms.

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Mrs. Ronald Norman, Rochford Street, this week was hostess at a series of luncheon bridges.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Borden have left for their home at North River after having spent the holiday season in Montreal and New York.

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On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons Mrs. J. P. Gordon, Longworth Avenue, entertained at bridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rogers, Jr., entertained friends at a buffet supper on Wednesday evening before the Gotshalks Ballet.

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Mrs. W. J. MacLeod of New Glasgow was the guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Campbell.

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Mrs. Edward Blair of Moncton is in Charlottetown and will spend several weeks visiting with her parents Senator and Mrs. J. P. MacIntyre.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hartlen are holidaying in Toronto and New York.

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The Board of the Arts and the Crafts Guild entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Lantz, Brighton Road, for the ballet artists Irene and Jury Gotshalks, and their accompanist Mr. Alfred Strombergs, following their recital on Wednesday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacDonald are enjoying a holiday and business trip in Toronto and Montreal.

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Mrs. Elmer MacDonald entertained at bridge on Tuesday night at her home, Fitzroy Street.

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On Thursday evening Mrs. Wendall Barbour, Upper Prince Street, was hostess at a supper bridge.

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Mr. W. Lowe has returned from Nitro, Quebec, where he visited with his niece, Mrs. Edwin Bagnall and Mr. Bagnall.

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On Monday evening the staff of the Provincial Building entertained for Miss S. M. Acorn whose marriage to Mr. J. E. Phillips took place this week, and presented her with a chest of silver. Miss Acorn had worked formerly in the Department of Education.

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Later in the evening Miss Acorn was honoured at a dinner given for her at the Queen Hotel by a group of friends.

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Brig. and Mrs. W. W. Reid and Mrs. Acorn's co-workers of the Travel Bureau entertained on Monday night at the former's home and presented Miss Acorn with a silver tray. Others who entertained for her, were the members of the Rebekah bowling team and Miss Beverley Pound.

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Mrs. John Cobb, Summerside, was in Charlottetown, Wednesday attending the marriage of her brother Mr. J. Everet Phillips and Miss Sadie Margaret Acorn.

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Miss Joyce McCarville left yesterday for Goose Bay, Labrador, where she has accepted a position with the air base there. Prior to her departure she was guest of honor of her knitting club at the home of Miss Frances Hennessey where she was presented with luggage.

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On Tuesday last Miss Constance Gaudet was hostess at a farewell party in honour of Miss McCarville. She was the recipient of a suitable gift presented by her friends.

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The Misses Carrie and Gladys Holman and Miss May Arbuckle were joint hostesses at the Holman Homestead at a dinner party recently in honor of Mrs. L. A. Moore, the occasion being the anniversary of her birth. The candle-lighted room with its artisically arranged table centred with cut flowers made a cosy setting. The guest of honour received a lovely gift from her friends and, although completely taken by surprise, graciously expressed her appreciation.

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Mrs. W. A. Allen was hostess at her home in Summerside on Monday evening when three tables of bridge were in play.

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Mrs. J. F. E. Wright left Summerside on Tuesday morning for Toronto where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Osborne.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hopkins, Summerside, entertained at their home on Wednesday evening at mixed bridge, when four tables were in play.

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Mrs. George C. Walker, Summerside, has the sympathy of her friends in the recent passing of her father, Captain H. S. Hansen, in Coldbrook, N.S.

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Mrs. J. Lloyd Gorrill entertained recently at her home in Summerside when three tables of bridge were in play.

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Mrs. Donald Hobbs, with her young son David, returned to her home in Toronto on Monday morning after a month's vacation in Summerside, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. MacCallum.

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Mr. and Mrs T. D. Carruthers had an enjoyable party at their home in Summerside on Tuesday evening when four tables of cards were in play.

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Miss Helen Mills returned on Sunday to Moncton, N.B., after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mills in Summerside.

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Mrs. J. Garth Toombs, Summerside, was hostess at her home this week when she entertained a number of friends at bridge.

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Miss Pauline Todd of Summerside has left for Chalk River, Ontario, where she has accepted a position with the National Research Council.

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Mrs. J. Lorne Driscoll entertained a number of friends at her home in Summerside at a dinner party on Tuesday evening.

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Mrs. Harry Dickie, Summerside, entertained a number of her friends at bridge on Thursday evening.

## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

### THE CORNEAL GRAFT TO RESTORE EYESIGHT

When the family of a blind person read that several individuals who have been blind for years have recovered their eyesight by operation, hope naturally arises within them, and they consult their physician regarding their case.

While there are no exact figures, Dr. R. Townley Paton, New York City, in "The Sight Saving Review," states that it is estimated 10,000 to 15,000 blind people in the United States could have their sight improved through the operation of corneal grafting. The cornea is the window of the eye, and just as scum or other substance on a window can prevent us from seeing an object outside, so can scum, sear, or cataract in which the cornea is clouded, prevent the individual from seeing clearly, if at all. If the window or cornea is cleaned or a new window or cornea placed in the front part of the eye, eyesight can be restored, providing the rest of the eye, and the optic nerve carrying the image to the brain are normal.

While removal of a cataract in which the tissue of the lens of the eye becomes hardened and obstructs vision helps one type of blindness, operation to replace a damaged cornea has only recently come into use. Formerly, trying to get a fresh or "living" cornea has been almost impossible but this difficulty has been overcome by the establishment of the Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., in New York City.

There are three surgical methods of removing scars or other conditions which prevent the patient seeing through the cornea. (1) total removal of the whole cornea and putting in a cornea from some other eye; (2) putting in just a part of a cornea to replace the removed blurred parts and (3) complete penetration or removal of a portion of the cornea and replacing with healthy living corneal tissues. Dr. Paton states that the third method of operation is most effective. "The cutting of the window out of the healthy cornea and the transplanting to a similarly cut hole in the cornea of the patient's damaged eye, may be done in twenty minutes."

Remember, it is only where the cornea is damaged, the rest of the eye being normal, that this operation—corneal grafting—is effective in restoring eyesight.

## How Can I ! ! !

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prevent the colors of delicate materials from fading?

A. Dissolve one teaspoonful of Epsom salts in each gallon of water, then washing and rinsing delicate colored materials, and it is claimed that the most delicate shades will neither fade or run.

Q. How can I remove fat from the hot soup?

A. Pour the soup through a cloth that has been wrung out of cold water, and practically all the fat will adhere to the cloth.

Q. How can I keep books in good condition?

A. Sprinkle a little powdered camphor over the shelves occasionally.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. If riding in someone else's car and he stops for refreshments, whose place is it to pay the bill?

A. If the host suggests stopping, he more than likely expects to pay. However, the proper thing for the guest to do is to offer to pay (and with sincerity), or at least to suggest "dutch treat."

Q. When a hostess has arranged for some kind of game or entertainment, is it permissible for a guest to ask to be excused?

A. Never; it is very discourteous to do so.

Q. Is there any occasion when a hostess should wear a hat in her own home, such as a formal reception?

A. No. The hostess and those who preside at the tea table, do not wear hats.

## DOROTHY DIX SAYS-

### Warning To Parents

#### Too Much Protection May Spoil Daughter's Chances

"Miss Sally," said a woman with more curiosity than tact to an old maid, "Why did you never marry? You are so good looking, you are so gay and cheerful and entertaining, you are so affectionate and sympathetic, you are so domestic and so fond of children that I just don't see why some man didn't grab you up and rush you to the altar."

"Oh," replied Miss Sally with a smile and a sigh," "the reason I never married was because I had too much parents. My father and mother were the kind of people who are determined, no matter what others do, to protect their children, and especially their daughters, against all the dangers and temptations of life. So, to all intents and purposes, I was kept locked up during all of my youth in a jail, with two fierce guards standing at the door, where there wasn't the slightest chance of any man ever breaking in and bearing me off to his home.

"Of course, my parents didn't intend to wish old maidenhood upon me. They wanted me to marry, but how they thought I was to do this when they never let me get acquainted with a boy, and isolated me from all the other young people, I don't know.

**SHOULD HAVE HAD BEAUX**

"I was a pretty girl, very light-hearted and fond of amusements, a good dancer, and so there was no reason why I should not have had lots of beaux and plenty of dates, but when a young man called my father always sat within earshot reading his paper, a grim, disapproving critical figure who froze out all natural conversation between us. We hadn't the slightest intention or desire of doing or saying anything of which the sternest moralist could have disapproved, but with a third party listening in we were so self-conscious we couldn't laugh or sing or even play tiddledewinks.

"My father did not consider it proper for a young girl to go out alone with a boy so he insisted on escorting me when I was invited to a party, where I was naturally a wallflower as no young man had brought me or felt responsible for me. And he always came for me promptly at 12 o'clock as he did not approve of late hours for young girls.

"I was never permitted to do the things that other girls and boys did. I couldn't go buggy riding. I couldn't go to jolly little picnics. I couldn't go off with a crowd on a hay ride. I couldn't go swimming in a mixed crowd. I couldn't even have new-fashioned clothes, but had to have my dresses the length that mother used to wear when she was a girl.

"And so I became one of those pitiful young girls who look on hungrily at other girls' good times, but who never have any themselves, and who eventually drift into spinsterhood. And that's the reason I never married. Because my parents cut me off from all chances of marrying.

**IS ALONE NOW**

"I am a lonely old woman now. Not a tie on earth, nor any one who belongs to me. I often think that but for my father's and mother's mistaken idea of protecting me I might have had a good husband and children and grandchildren to fill my life with human interests and affection. Better if they had let me take a few risks than the certainty of safety bought at such a price."

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## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

**Care of Dog**

Most large, long-haired dogs are not washed during the winter as a precaution. However, to keep the dog clean and healthy, a good brushing once a week should be substituted.

**Frozen Windows**

When the window sill is inclined to freeze, spread a little salt on the sill. This will keep the window from freezing and it can be opened easily.

**Felt Hats**

Make a habit of brushing the felt hat after each wearing. It accumulates dust very rapidly, and there is nothing so glaring as a dusty hat on a sunshiny day.

## Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It sounds as if it was out of tune."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hurricane, horrify, harrass, barrier

4. What does the word "indemnify" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with la that means 'a' place full of intricate passageways"?

**ANSWERS**

1 Say, "It sounds as though it were out of tune." 2. Pronounce fi-nans, i as in fin (not as in fine), accent last syllable. 3. Harass. 4. To secure against loss or damage. "The merchant was indemnified against any damage by flood waters." 5. Labyrinth.

## May Operate on Siamese Twins

Alberta's Siamese twins now weigh 15 pounds and are home with proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Townsend. Doctors say separation operation may be done in six months.

## ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"Oh not doing too much of anything" a youngish visiting farmer today replied to a query of James, when the two came indoors to a brief chat this afternoon. We felt this was a modest reply with stabled stock to be cared for and the fuel-wood season at hand. He smiled "just managing to do enough to keep the wolf from the door!" "Well, James offered, "a fellow doesn't do too badly when he attends to that."

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The other continued on a wistful note "if a man just had enough money on hand — well, to give him a feeling of security, he could be fairly happy farming." James was quizzical about this. "Oh I don't mean a great lot of money — though that would be the ideal set-up, but just enough he laughed, 'so that he could draw a long breath and enjoy himself, without having to worry about the high price of feeds and fertilizers, or that of pork or beef. A farmer has to be on his toes these days — even to keep the family pot with something cooking. Yes, if a fellow had some money I think he could be pretty happy on a farm."

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"You're astray there, I'm thinking," James observed, 'I suppose money could help some of our problems — but supposing he

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## Cook's Corner

**CHICKEN CURRY AMANDINE**

(For Four)

One 3 pound chicken
4 tablespoons butter or chicken fat
1 green pepper, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 onion, chopped
1½ cups water
1½ teaspoons curry powder, or more, if you like a stronger curry
Pinch ginger
6 peeled fresh tomatoes
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
¼ teaspoon thyme
¼ pound blanched almonds
3 tablespoons dried currants
4 slices crisp bacon.

Dismember chicken — about 12 pieces — and brown for about ten minutes in the butter or chicken fat. Remove fowl to roasting pan. To the fat in which it was browned add pepper, garlic, and onions; cook ten minutes, stirring constantly. Add water in which the curry powder and ginger have been well-mixed, tomatoes, parsley, and thyme. Pour this mixture over the chicken. Cover the pan and bake in the oven until the chicken is very tender (about two hours). Now add the almonds, which have been fried in butter or fat until they are golden brown, and next the currants Place chicken on a platter, pour the sauce over it, and garnish with the bacon.

## The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

**For Sunday, January 29**

OUTSTANDING opportunities for festive and dramatic celebrations for work well done, major ambitions well on their way to rich fruition, together with tangible rewards, promotion, happy promises and prospects for advancement and growth The interest and approbation of employers, officials and friends may call for unsual or spectacular recognition. Capitalize on this.

**If It Is Your Birthday**

Those whose birthday it is may look for promotion, preferment, enhanced opportunity for growth, expansion and increasingly solid returns for work well done or exceptional merit in carrying out important responsibilities and commitments. It is probable that festivities, celebrations, may take on a romantic or social character. Such may take on more than ordinary gaiety.

A child born on this day has an expansive and aspiring nature, with real ability and equipment for important responsibility.

**For Monday, January 30**

MONDAY'S astrological forecast shows a modicum of obstacle, impediment, in the midst of exciting and progressive situations, in which all may seem to be thriving beyond fondest expectations. In all contacts and relations things move at high tempo, with the accent on the social, romantic domestic and the cultural. Perhaps health may be the disturbing factor; be careful in all stimulating activities.

**For the Birthday**

Those whose birthday it is may look for a year of rich fulfillments, with promotion, rewards, and opportunity for advancement, preferment with tangible results of enduring worth and security. Much happiness and pleasure may register in social, domestic, cultural occasions, with romance and personal engagements outstanding Care for the health and property as well.

A child born on this day is bounteously blessed with multiple qualities, talents and aspirations for a successful and productive life, with much enjoyment and possible distinction.

# Living & Leisure

— THE WOMAN'S REALM —

**FARMER IN WINTER**

Each season at this time of year
he thinks
Of the little red fox he trapped,
and how it laid
Fast in the steel and straining at
the links,
Its eyes on fire for all it was afraid.
He kept it for a week, from the
window saw
The amber eyes turned toward the
winter hill,
Alert the while it licked a bloody
paw,
Watching the owl at dusk drift
high and still.

When he loosed it something in
him leaped
Free with the freed; yet knowing
all the while
Himself a prisoner, with the winter heaped
Against his door, and every snowy
mile
To town impassable. He dreams of
spring
As dreamed the fox of his escape,
and knows
April will have him out, and April
bring
Release on the first south wind
that gently blows.
Restless, he paces up and down,
and thinks
Of the fox, and the secret water,
where he drinks.

—By Eleanor Alletta Chaffee in New York Herald Tribune.

**FASHION NOTE**

The latest millinery fashion from England is the black silk jersey stocking cap twisted in elegant style to make a cocktail hat.

For those who must eat most of their meals in restaurants, experts of the health and welfare department say "patronize the eating-places where cleaniness is the by-word." "Unclean service is unhealthy service," they say. "Nothing is more discouraging than to find lipstick on a cup or grease on a knife when you visit a restaurant."

Kids wouldn't be kids if they didn't have a sweet tooth once in a while, and health experts say it isn't fair to turn down their requests for treats all the time. Instead, why not give them a treat that is also a healthful food--such as ice cream. This is a fine source of the B vitamins and one the kids certainly won't object to eating as a substitute for candy. Raisins and dates also make excellent candy substitutes, or even a couple of cookies and a glass of milk.

**LUNCHEON DISH**

Flour patties and brown in a little fat in a skillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, add desired additional seasonings and a small amount of liquid. Cover skillet tightly and cook slowly until tender, 35 to 40 minutes. Below are a list of seasoning suggestions for varying the flavor of the patties:

1. Top browned patties with chopped onions. Use boullion or tomato juice for the liquid in place of water. Add 1-4 teaspoon thyme or marjoram to the liquid if desired.

2. Braise the browned patties in thin mild flavoured barbecue sauce, bottled or homemade (1-2 cup catsup, 1-4 cup water, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce.)

3. Use diluted mushroom or tomato soup for the liquid and add a little chopped onion and a pinch of sage.

4. Use pineapple juice or canned pineapple syrup as the liquid. Add a little allspice.

5. Cook according to basic recipe above then after patties are tender add 1-2 cup sour cream to drippings in pan, thin with a little water, heat, season to taste, and pour over patties to serve.

6. Cover browned patties with thin slices of onion and top each with a tablespoon of chili sauce. Add a little water to the pan before braising.

**Exports Increased**

Expecting a drop in sales demand, wholesalers cut diaper production and turned to full scale export business. Now they find it impossible and unprofitable to switch back again.

Six hundred diapers that could help the shortage are being returned to the United States.

Sent to Mrs. Jay Norris who runs a diaper service in Ilford, Essex, they were paid for in dollars earned by Mrs. Norris while in the United States.

But the Board of Trade have refused an import licence.

"We do not issue import licences for nappies," the board said. "The dollars Mrs. Norris had when about to leave America were officially 'surplus dollars' and should have been turned over to the British treasury."

The U. S. civil servant who sent them, D. Paget, told Mrs. Norris: "I will contact every senator in Washington before I will let the customs confiscate them."

E. Davies, Labor Member of Parliament for Enfield, has told Mrs. Norris he will approach Board of Trade President Harold Wilson on her behalf.

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## Morning Smile

Magnate (to hard-up suitor) — "Young man, do you know how I made my money?"

Young Man — "Yes, but I can't permit that to stand in the way of Muriel's happiness."