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Dorothy Dix Says—

OLD IN-LAW IMBROGLIO EVER NEW War Wife And Husband's Mother Should Try To Overcome Mutual Antipathy

The mother-in-law—daughter-in-law imbroglio, which has caused more casualties on the home front than have taken place on the field of battle, is at its height just now when so many in-laws, who have nothing in common except mutual antipathy, are being forced to live together.

Oceans of tears have been shed about John's wife and John's mother, and thousands of poor Johns have acquired nervous prostration trying to figure out why two noble, Christian women, who can get along peacefully with everybody else, can't get along with each other.

Yet the answer is simple. Their trouble stems back to exactly the same cause in both of them. It is because each wants to monopolize John, and because the mother-in-law is sure she is wisdom personified because she is old, and because the daughter-in-law is certain she knows all the answers because she is young.

SPLIT BLAME

Hence when two lady Solomons, who also have a streak of Hitlerism in their make-up, come in close contact, they are more than likely to get into each other's hair, and which one is the more to blame, it is hard to say.

Generally speaking, it is the mother-in-law, not because she is the offending party, but because she is older and has had more experience of life than the bride has and should know how to handle a difficult situation more diplomatically than a young girl does. And also because she knows something that no young wife even suspects, and that is, a man's happiness in marriage largely depends upon his wife and mother being friends.

So the mother-in-law should be the one to hold out the olive branch to the newcomer in the family and do everything in her power to propitiate her and convince her that she is not trying to steal her husband away from her and break up her home. No matter how much she should tremble for her son's life when she sees the messes his bride is feeding him on, she should offer no criticism, and she should bite her tongue off before she makes a suggestion.

MOTHERS OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD

Unfortunately, however, not all mothers-in-law are overburdened with tact, so often John's mother offends her son's wife when she is really breaking her neck trying to please her. An interesting example of this has just been offered me. A young wife writes me that her mother-in-law is breaking up her marriage, wrecking her home, and alienating her husband from her.

It seems the crime that the wicked mother-in-law has committed was to present the young married couple with a beautiful home, fully furnished, when they returned from their bridal tour. The bride says she will never forgive her for this because she wanted a simple little cottage, such as she had always lived in, and to use the dollies she had monogrammed herself for her hope chest, instead of being smothered in imported linens.

She further adds that her husband's mother has him so under her thumb that he thinks it was actually NOICE of his mother to set them up to housekeeping in such a grand style, instead of seeing that she was just an old butchinsky who had no business meddling in their affairs. Undoubtedly mothers-in-law have a hard problem to settle, and it is no wonder so many of them fall to solve it.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

This was the morning, James insisted that I leave my work, in order that I might accompany him to Rob's to bring Jamie back with us to Alderlea. Rob and Carolyn went to town today. Not entirely by the road out crossing their own fields by a winter trail to another road that further on joins our highway on its way to the mill. The trip was made with a team of horses in a team-sleigh for various purposes in a room-tye burning.

Rob's farm is located some distance further "in" on the Alderlea road on a rise that extends beyond the spot where pioneer-settlers placed the buildings. The former owner retired to a snug-home in a neighboring village there to spend the evening of his life, quietly, on the rewards of his labor. It is an irony of life that when such fruits are wrested from the soil, one is usually too old to enjoy them. Not so this good man and his wife who wisely retired before any of age's infirmities crept up on them. I was sorry when they left our road. I'm always sorry when farms that have been in one name for generations pass to other hands. Of course even on our Island such changes must be. But there's such a stability in generations on the land. Braeside is most fortunate in this respect. Down to the fifth, I can count. There may be others longer-settled. At Rob's life at this

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HOW CAN I !!!

By Anne Astley

Q. How can I make better window shades?
A. Some persons prefer cloth window shades to cretonne as it keeps out the sun better. All necessary is to cut the cloth to the required width and tack it to the rollers. Stitch a hem at the bottom to hold the stick, or make scallops if preferred, though the stick holds the shade better.

Q. I keep the food chopper from sliding around the table when using it?
A. Slip a pot holder under the clamps of the grinder and then screw until tight. The soft pot holder will also protect the table.

Q. How can I remove rust from the kitchen stove?
A. Rubbing the stove thoroughly with sandpaper.

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"Yes," was the gratifying reply. "And what do they say about it?"

"They don't say anything," was the reply, "they just laugh."

FAIR COMPARISON

A Scot holding an important job in London was always being twitted by an English friend about his nationality. By a curious chance the two met on holiday.

"Hallo," chaffed the Englishman, "how on earth is your office managing without you?"

"Fairly well," answered the Scot cautiously. "You see, I left two Englishmen and four Welshmen in my place."—"Tl-Bits."

MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

Q. Must every first call be returned by a woman who has recently moved into a new neighborhood, whether she likes some particular person or not?
A. Yes; all first calls should be returned within two weeks. Of course it is not necessary to form a friendship that seems undesirable.

Q. What are a few of the more common dishes that one should eat with a spoon?
A. Soup, soft-boiled eggs, grape-fruit, soft desserts, custards, puddings, all fruits served with cream.

Q. What would be a minimum length of time for a guest to remain at a large reception?
A. For at least a half hour.

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I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey-work of the stars.

And the plume is equally perfect, and a grain of sand, and the egg of the wren.

And the tree-toad is a chef-d'oeuvre for the highest. And the running blackberry would adorn the parlors of Heaven. And the narrowest hinge in my hand puts to scorn all machinery.

—Walt Whitman

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

When you must travel, it is a good idea to carry your lunch. After eating, put what is left of the lunch back in the box, cooperating with the train people to help keep things clean and tidy.

Young people should try to be appreciative of the attentions of older people who entertain them as well as those of their own age.

An alloy of copper and aluminum is the strongest non-ferrous metal alloy known.

The guage bean grown in Mexico is richer in protein than soybeans and contains valuable vitamins and minerals as well.

The now widely known insecticide D.D.T. is harmless to man and warm-blooded animals as commonly used, but is poisonous if swallowed in sufficient quantities.

Wild birds fed by the housekeeper require grit as well as food when the ground is covered with ice or snow. The grit is necessary to help digest the food.

Radio beams similar to those used in guiding aircraft are now employed to assist a big ferry boat loaded with railway freight cars across Lake Michigan in fog and darkness.

If your watch crystal becomes loose, paint a thin ring of nail polish around it and then press it into place.

Try sewing rubber jar rings on the corners of small rugs to prevent slipping.

PIPES MATCH GIBBS' ENSEMBLE

CHICAGO—Pipes exclusively for women—with dainty bows, stems, designed with grace and colored plastic mouthpieces interchangeable to complement an ensemble—are a "definite factor" in the trade, says an industry spokesman.

In the last three months, when the cigaret shortage became acute the nation's women smokers have purchased 200,000 pipes. Robby L. Marx told a meeting of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors.

He said colored tobacco pouches are being made to match the various pipes.

DOG ALSO GOES

When Baron Silvercruys, Belgian Ambassador left Ottawa for Washington recently to assume his new post as Ambassador to the United States he was accompanied by "an important member" of his mission—his dog, Denis. Denis became attached to the Belgian mission here on the advice of Prime Minister MacKenzie King, who lives a couple of doors from the Embassy. He advised his fellow bachelor to buy a dog for companionship. "We are wondering how Denis will get along with the White House," an embassy official said with a grin.

WESKIT-BLOUSES WITH SUITS FOR SPRING

NEW YORK—Many spring suits have their own weskit-blouses or sleeves and worn as an important part of the suit because keyed in color of fabric to the ensemble. Extreme and new is the cutaway suit created by Louise Gallagher.

WILL NEED EXPERTS

Help of specially trained people to aid in expanding educational program probably be sought by the Chinese after the war, Miss Annie Ward, United Church missionary to West China, now home on furlough, said in an interview. Miss Ward believes that there will be a tendency of the Chinese to invite these trained people from other countries as China experiences a period of development after the war. Experts would be needed particularly in the field of medicine and foreign languages, and possibly in certain branches of science.

PEARS

Pears are delicious when sliced and served with cream and sugar. But used in equal parts with sliced peaches they are even more delectable.

Baked Tomato and Cheese

2 eggs
2 cups tomato juice
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon minced onion
8 half-inch slices buttered bread, cubes
1 cup cheese, cut in ¼ inch cubes
Beat eggs, add tomato juice, salt, pepper and onion. Place a layer of bread cubes in a greased baking dish, pour on some of the tomato mixture, then add a layer of cheese. Repeat until all ingredients are used, having the top layer of cheese. Set baking dish in a pan of hot water and oven-poach in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., for 40 minutes. Six servings.

EXTRA FUZ ON RUGS

Do not worry when the new rug appears to be shedding like the dog; it is only the excess yarn left from weaving and after a few vacuumings will entirely disappear. Should new rug have a piece of wool standing up above the other strands, cut it off even with the others, never pull it out.



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COOK'S CORNER

Cheese Puffs

12 half-inch slices stale bread
½ lb. cheese sliced
¾ teaspoon salt
2-3 cups milk
4 eggs
Pepper and paprika
Trim crusts from bread. Arrange alternate slices of bread and cheese in a greased baking dish. Beat eggs slightly, add milk and seasonings and pour over the bread. Cover baking dish and allow the mixture to become thoroughly chilled before baking. (This is necessary to make the Puffit puff) Set in a pan of hot water and oven-poach in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., until set, about 46 minutes. Six to eight servings.

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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 week. The questions are those which are received by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from housewives in this region. The answers are provided by the Board's Readers, persons who have intelligent questions to ask on price control and are invited to send them in writing to the Women's Regional Advisory Committee of the War Time Prices and Trade Board.

Q. May anyone purchase sweetened canned fruit put up in 106-oz. containers or larger with the surrender of coupons?
A. Yes, unswweetened size fruit in 106-oz. containers or larger is still the ration for consumers, well as quota users, industrial use and the trade.

Q. Would you please send me lists of dressmaking prices for articles as coats, dresses, etc.
A. The Board has no such charge the same amount as to did in the basic period of the same service. There are scheduled rates for dressmakers and the individual skill of dressmaker has governed charges in the past. No regulations have not interfered with this practice.

Q. How soon will sweater spreads be available in three-quarter containers?
A. There should be small containers of meat and poultry spreads in the stores about April 1.

Q. What should five and ten cent packages of hard soap weigh?
A. Five-cent packages of the hard candy must not weigh less than two ounces and the ten-cent packages not less than four ounces.

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