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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Are there any kinds of invitations that do not require an acceptance?

A. Yes. Invitations to teas, those to large receptions, cards to "At home" days, do not require an acceptance, provided they do not bear "R. s. v. p." But when unable to attend a tea or reception, one should send a card to the hostess on the appointed day.

Q. Please name six things that are included among the "finger" foods?

A. Olives, celery, radishes, corn on the cob, cookies, and bon bons.

Q. Is it obligatory to send a wedding gift when one is invited only to the church?

A. No.

Morning Smile

As the master of the house smoked his pipe the old gardener was busy at his diggin.

Suddenly the old chap straightened up with a jerk seemed to think hard for a minute, then gave the spade a vicious kick.

"What's the trouble, Mac?" asked his employer.

"Weel, sir, ye mind that Annie, who was maid here about twenty years ago?" replied Mac, angrily. "I was standing at the back door wi' her one nicht and she said she was her one nicht and she said she was cault: so I gied her my muffler. Whiles, she said she was still cault, so I gi'ed her my coat. An, it's just struck me that lass wanted me to cuddler her. I'm that mad I didn't think of it before!"

THREATENED

He was the terror of all the kids in the neighborhod — except one. So far his fierce threats and clenched fists had failed to daunt young Clarence, who was a professor's son. Now he was having another go at it.

"You tallow-faced slob!" he snarled. "For two pins I'd knock your head off!"

But Clarence was unmoved.

"I shall go and consult the lexicons in the library," he replied, "with reference to the word slob." If I find it has an opprobrious significance I shall return and chastise you as becomes the son of a gentleman bound to uphold the family honor."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A primrose is not a rose but a member of the herb family.

Dorothy Dix Says—

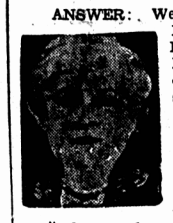
Popularity

Unhappy Girl Bemoans Inability To Make Friend

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a very unhappy girl of 20. The trouble is my total inability to make friends. I have been told to join clubs. I did this and have stood alone. I have gone halfway towards making friends, but no one came to meet me.

I suppose that personality is what attracts others to you, but if you are born without it, what can you do?

DEPRESSED GIRL.



ANSWER: Well, in just what the secret of popularity consists, I do not know, but I have observed these things: First, that the selfish have no friends. Nobody loves the self-centered individual who thinks only of himself, of his own convenience and pleasure, and who grabs the best of everything for himself.

UNADAPTABLE UNPOPULAR

I have also noticed that the unadaptable have few friends. Nobody wants to bother with anybody who won't fit in. Especially with a girl who is always a round peg in a square hole, the girl who can't dance, who can't play cards, who can't swim, who can't do anything that other young people are doing. Likewise, I have noticed that blunt-spoken people have few friends. You know the ones who always say that they speak the truth and always say what they think, which is apparently always something unpleasant and that you would rather die than hear.

So, my dear child, if you want people to seek your society, go out of your way to make life pleasanter for someone else. Do not insist on having your own way in everything. Learn how to play games and do the things that the other girls and boys do. Put honey on your lips instead of gall. Say agreeable things to people and they will eat it up and ask for more, and love you for it.

Be cheerful. Nobody hunts up a grouch or a gloom for a companion. And be tactful and respect other people's keep-off-the grass signs. Be human and sympathetic. If you will practice these homely bromidic virtues, you will find yourself well-liked. The whole art of making friends is summed up in the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I have a son whom I adore. He ran away and got married when he was 17 years old. His wife was a beautiful little girl only 16 years old. We gave them a home and did everything to make them happy, but now after five years they seem to have fallen completely out of love and want to part. They don't even seem to care for their little baby girl. He was in the Navy for two years, but the separation didn't help any. In fact, it only seemed to widen the breach.

I have tried so hard to reconcile the children, but have failed. Is there anything that you can suggest?

MRS. X.

ANSWER: When a boy of 17 and a girl of 16 marry, it is sheer luck if they develop along together and if they do not lose their taste for each other. Apparently this good fortune has not befallen your son and his wife. They are growing up and they do not like the kind of man and woman they have become. They have nothing in common. They are antagonistic instead of congenial.

The trouble with them is that they were children playing with love, playing at setting up a home, playing at being parents, and now, like children, they have tired of the game and want some new toys with which to amuse themselves. Children of 16 and 17 are incapable of love that lasts, and it is a crime against civilization that we permit them to wreck their lives by marrying and undertaking responsibilities for which they are not fitted.

It is a great pity, but I do not see how it can be helped, nor what morality can be served by forcing them to live together when they hate each other, and when they make a home of strife into which other unfortunate children may be born.

Living & Leisure
—THE WOMAN'S REALM—

If you stop to consider the work you have done
And to boast what your Labor is worth, dear.
Angels may come for you, Willie, my son.
But you'll never be wanted on Earth, dear!

Rudyard Kipling.

WELL POLISHED

Try to give the dining room furniture a weekly rub-up with furniture polish even if some of the other rooms are neglected. There are always fingermarks on the dining room furniture, particularly if there are children in the home, and a regular polishing of this furniture will do wonders towards keeping it in good condition.

The juice of two lemons in hot or cold water, the first thing after arising is a good vitamin boost.

NOT TOO FULL

Do not fill the hot water bottle too full; it only makes it weighty for the patient as is really no hotter than the lighter bottle. After pouring in the water press the sides of the bag and expel the gas and steam before putting in the stopper This will give less strain to the seams of the bag when in use.

Jelly glasses having a smooth edge make fine drinking glasses for the small children. They are easier to handle.

Eye astigmatism is caused by scarred or wrinkled condition of the cornea, the transparent window in the skin of the eye before the lens.

GARDEN NOTES

Start sowing tender vegetables—cucumbers, lima beans, melons and squash. Set out broccoli, Brussels sprouts and start succession crops of peas, carrots, lettuce and radishes.

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If you place near plants rinds of grapefruit and oranges, cutworms and snails will take shelter under them. In the early morning they can be collected and destroyed.

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Delphiniums, phlox and hollyhocks should be sprayed regularly with Bordeaux mixture or dusted with sulpher to check mildews.

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Resist the temptation of the clippers when you approach flowering almonds, cherries and magnolias They should be pruned only sparingly.

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Although nasturtiums are grown mainly for the flowers, the leaves and blossoms can be eaten as salad and the immature seeds pickled like capers.

MOTHERS FEEL SAFER

One Mother writes: "With a family of children constantly getting scratches, cuts, or bruises, I have proved Mecca an invaluable healer. I cannot praise it too highly. I keep a tin of Mecca upstairs and another downstairs." 62

"MECCA" OINTMENT

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It was no one else but him."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Diesel" (engine)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Homage, homliness, homily.
b. What does the word "invincible" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with scr that means "to examine closely"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "It was no one else than he." Else is properly followed by then, and "it was he" is correct, not "it was him." 2. Pronounce dezel, first e as in me, second e as in bell unstressed, accent first syllable. 3. Homeliness. 4. Incapable of being conquered or overcome. "The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution."—Channing. 5. Scrutinize.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Paperhanger's Paste

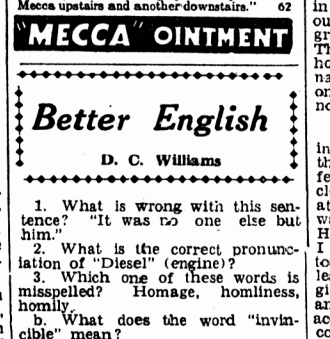
To mix some paste for applying wall paper, add one tablespoonful of powdered alum to one quart of water. Sift some flour into the water, stirring continuously, until it has acquired the consistency of dough. Then pour in boiling water until the paste turns; then dilute to the desired consistency. If a little creosote or carbolic acid is added, it will prevent decomposition.

The Canary

If the canary has lost vitality during the molting period, place a rusty nail in the drinking water. It will supply iron to the bird when he is not so active as usual.

Rain Spots

Rain spots on clothes can be removed by pressing with a moderately warm iron through a clean,



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Cook's Corner

FANCY PEANUT COOKIES

If you want to make up this cookie dough without the meringe, which gives it sufficient sweetness, you can work ¼ cup granulated sugar into the shortening before you lend in the corn syrup. We get about 5½ dozen cookies from the following recipe:

For Cookie Mixture

2 cups once-sifted cake flour
¼ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
5 tablespons shortening
¼ cup corn syrup
1 egg, well beaten
1½ teaspoons grated lemon rind
1 teaspon vanilla

For Peanut Meringue

1 egg-white
Few grains salt
¼ cup fine granulated sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 cup blanched salted peanuts, Chopped parsley.

Measure and sift together three times, the flour, baking powder and salt.

Cream shortening and blend in corn syrup.

Add the well-beaten egg, a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in grated lemon rind and vanilla.

Add dry mixture to creamed mixture, about a third at a time, combining well after each addition.

Roll dough out to about 1-6 inch thickness and, using a floured cookie cutter, cut into rather tiny rounds; arrange on a greased baking sheet.

To make peanut meringue, beat the egg-white with the salt until stiff but not dry; gradually beat in the sugar and vanilla. Fold in the chopped peanuts.

Place a spoonful of the peanut meringue on each cookie.

Bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees, until cookies are baked and meringue delicately browned — about 18 minutes.

How Can I ! ! !

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I keep biscuit dough for any length of time?

A. One need not wait until the last minute to mix the biscuit dough. It can be mixed in the morning and kept in the refrigerator until ready to bake. The biscuits will be just as light and delicious as when the dough is mixed immediately before baking.

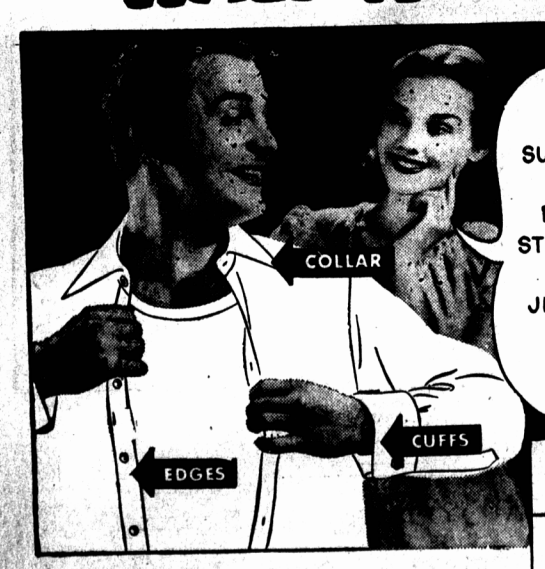
Q. What is a good tonic for plants?

A. The water in which beef has been washed is an excellent tonic treatment for plants and especially for roses and geraniums.

Q. How can I clean a suede jacket?

A. Try cleaning suede articles by going over the entire surface lightly with very fine sandpaper.

PLEASE DO ME A FAVOR— TELL ME WHY YOUR HUSBAND'S SHIRTS NEVER LOOK "HALF-WASHED"



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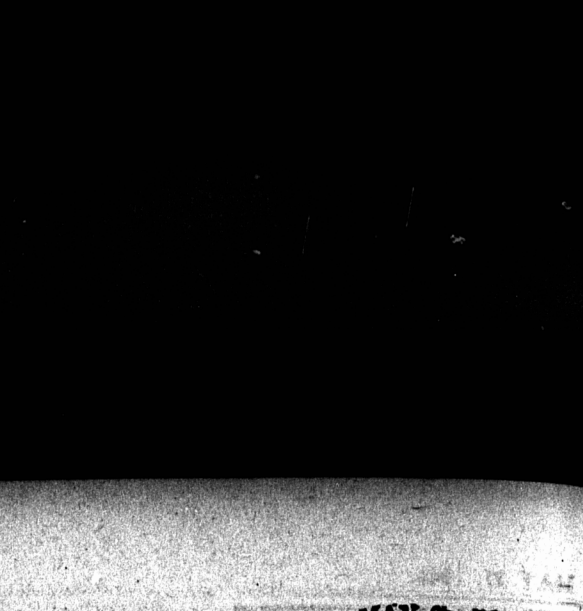

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Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

The quietness which usually accompanies the approach of midnight on Island farms is ours at present at Alderlea. But only very recently has it descended to bless us. James naps now on the kitchen couch, hands already browning and roughened somewhat by the Spring's work clasped loosely and moving perceptibly with each breath he draws. Jamie our one and only Grandchild is asleep upstairs in the old bed, a chubby fist tucked beneath a cheek. A grubby fist, I might say for even if he was clean and shining when Karolyn left him in our keeping, this evening various intriguing interests helped begrime the two of us, since then. The light still shines from the house across the lane. Jock too naps, doubtless as restful as James, on a kitchen couch too his busy day not yet at an end.

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This was a lovely peaceful evening at Alderlea. The men came from their fencing at the other farm fetching with them a load of the cleaned grain they had picked up at the plant on the way. Supper was barely past when Jamie came. His parents were going a distance. I overheard James inquire with a touch of sarcasm because of their leaving, I suspect "And so you're giving up farming!" The milking and calf-feeding which invariably accompanies it on a farm was soon completed then, with a small lad holding a second pail, dividing his time between the calf and the Tabby cat. She replete, because of increased feeding due to Jamie's care, was mounting the ladder to the loft with surprising agility. "Aunt O's new baby's got him's eyes open now" Jamie remarked conversationally, his words influenced by thoughts of the small ones in the loft above. "Yes, wide open —him was out to our house yesterday." Jamie's pronouns trouble me at times. "Let's go up and see the kittens" he suggested But the dusky shadows gathering discouraged the undertaking and when we had set the pails in their places, we went instead to the garden A small tree had been crying out to be transplanted to a wider space. Jamie and I would attend to that this evening.

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James thought it was a little late to be commencing so difficult a task but the outdoors was so pleasant, I wanted some excuse to loiter there. The brightness from the sunset hung above the horizon, lighting up the stream which flows down from the Spruce Grove farms —a silver thread, it was held closely between its wooded banks. "What are you looking at?" Jamie inquired when I stopped digging to lean a minute on the shovel handle. The air was full of the pond chorus. Jamie listened too. "Me saw one of those frogs" Jamie spoke low "but you can't see them from 'way up here". We could hear them, however and could see the "sentinel stars set their watch in the sky", bright and sparkling. "Do you like 'tars?" Jamie asked bending the small tree so that I might more easily locate the binding root. "Mommie says, that God lights them, every one of them when it gets dark". He tugged a little at the tree, "God makes everything" he continued 'the clay 'n the stones an' the trees an' every bird. What does He make hawks an' crows for?" he asked reflectively. Then with obvious longing in the lonesome hour, "dogs too, teeth an' ears an' all." Yes, I thought and precious Spring evenings like this one to make folks forget the weather that was not so fair; and starshine and pond-singers and the fragrance—and hope of the freshly upturned earth for Jamie and me. It was a delightful evening—it had been a good day Busy of course, but presently when Jamie would be in bed, I would have time for quiet reading or if James napped for a radio-drama.

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A number of pastimes I might have had, if "one of those Fall calves" had not been as James said "like a baloon" when he went to close a stable door for the night. There has been much activity since then. Lanterns moved about the yards. Jamie and I were summoned from our tree-planting to be present at the drenching—Jamie round-eyed at a safe distance and I to hold light. It is a privilege at such a time to be able to take even a "walking-on" part Just to display a sympathetic manner; to be at a doorway or even a substantial shadow without. Judging by James' slumber which continues un-interrupted I would say there is a good hope of the heifer's recovery. James would never sleep if the prospects were less favorable. The moon is rising now, bautifully held in small bars of silver. It was never more lovely, caught above the rim of the far-away horizon. James stirs. "Ellen" he asks me drowsily "have I been here long?" He yawns sleepily weary with his day. "What time is it," he asks starting up It's quite time for another dosing at the stable and then even if the men must continue their watch, for me to cuddle down beside Jamie.

Until tomorrow . . Diary . . Good-night

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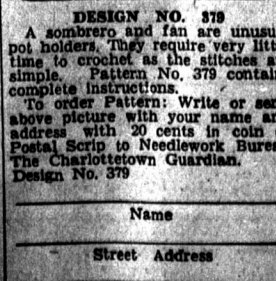

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