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FOR THE WOMAN READER

A NEIGHBOR

Suppose a neighbor should desire to light a candle at your fire. Would it deprive your flame of light?

Because another profits by it? —Lloyd.

SHADOW PICTURES

Have you ever tried making shadows on the wall? It's great fun. Of course you must wait until the gas has been lit or the electric light switched on. Find the wall on which your shadow is thrown, then put your hands together and move your fingers about. You'll scream with laughter at the outline you can make. I can do a swan, a dog barking, and a rabbit with ears that move. One clever friend of mine makes a lovely fox but she won't tell me how to do it! Just see if you can discover some funny shadows, as well.

BABIES' SHAWLS

Babies' shawls which are made of Shetland wool are rather a nuisance owing to the fact that a large quantity of the fluff comes off on articles of clothing. This defect may, however, be remedied during the washing process in the following manner. To a final rinsing water of about one pint add two teaspoonsful of borax. Dissolve the borax before putting in the shawl and then rinse well in this water. Pin the shawl into shape on pieces of newspaper and leave out of doors to dry. No fluff will come off on the clothes after this process.

CLINGING VINES

Vines which cling to stone, brick and stucco walls by means of stem roots are often difficult to start on their upward journey. Strips of adhesive plaster laid across the ends fastened to the wall, will help hold the tender vines snug and safe from wind and hard rain. These tapes may be removed when the vine has established itself firmly on the wall.

CLEANING COPPER

Vinegar and salt or lemon juice and salt are among the most effective of cleaners for the copper pieces. The proportions are, two tablespoons salt in the cup of vinegar and enough flour or cornstarch to make a thin paste. You will find the latter not really necessary, if you are using the cleaner at once.

For the chromium lined pieces, heating the utensil partly filled with water and a few soap chips will often remove an obstinate stain.

SIMPLE THINGS TRIP UP MANY A COOK

The simplest things are sometimes the most difficult for the woman who is learning to cook. Indeed, many experienced cooks have their greatest troubles with recipes for foods it is generally believed everyone knows how to make.

You undoubtedly have heard many women say they couldn't make good gravy, that they always had bad luck with their coffee, and so on through a long list of things which sound very simple.

The subject of good coffee is probably the most widely-discussed of the food problems. Your success at home entertaining may depend to some extent on the kind of coffee you serve.

High Price No Guarantee

First, the fact that a coffee is expensive doesn't necessarily mean you'll have good coffee if you use it. The price you pay is not all-important. It is essential that you use fresh coffee, however.

Know approximately how many cups of the beverage you are going to need for the meal. Then allow one full cup of water to each cup of coffee required. Use cold water. Allow one heaping tablespoon of coffee for each cup—one extra tablespoon for the pot. This formula always applies whether you use a percolator or make boiled coffee.

Let the water come to a boil. The minute the coffee begins coming up through the top of the percolator, notice the time. When the coffee has percolated six minutes (no more, no less) remove the pot from the fire.

Be sure to use a clean percolator. Don't use left-over coffee. It isn't good at all and will ruin the flavor of the freshly made coffee.

Gravy Minus Lumps

Gravy is another ome to many cooks. As a matter of fact, it requires no particular amount of skill—only a little patience.

Assuming you have the actual gravy stock in a pan, add enough cold water to make the amount of gravy you require. Now put some flour in a bowl and add enough water to make a smooth paste. Beat the mixture with a fork or a spoon until not a lump remains. Stir it into the cold water in the pan. Place the pan over the fire and stir constantly until the gravy becomes thick.

It takes about two heaping tablespoons of flour to thicken two cups of gravy sufficiently. Always salt and pepper your gravy before you take it to the table. Milk, instead of cold water, may be used if you prefer.

THE COOK'S CORNER

CHEESE AND PEA ROAST

2 1-2 cups cooked green peas
1-2 cup Canadian (or pimento) cheese
5 hard cooked eggs, chopped
2 tablespoons minced onion
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup bread crumbs
Salt and pepper to taste
Run the peas and the cheese through a food chopper. Heat the butter in a frying pan, add the onions and simmer for five minutes. Combine all the ingredients and turn into a greased loaf pan. Bake one half hour in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.)

PEAS BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

3 cups fresh canned peas with their cooking liquor
1 tablespoon butter
1-4 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 tablespoon peanut butter
2 tablespoons minced parsley
Heat the peas and add the butter and seasoning. Dot the peanut butter over the top and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the peanut butter is completely melted. Add the parsley and serve very hot.

PUREE OF PEAS

In a saucepan combine one pint of peas, a piece of fat ham or bacon, two carrots, an onion, a leek, a bay leaf, a sprig of parsley, seasoning of salt and pepper, with three pints of water. Bring quickly to the boiling point and then allow to simmer slowly about two hours, stirring occasionally. Press the peas and onions through a fine sieve and add again to the liquid which has been strained. Bring again to the boiling point, add a little mint, and serve immediately.

GARDENING

There seems to be a growing appreciation of flowering hedges, such shrubs as spiraea, lilacs and Japanese quince being used. These hedges need to be trimmed back very soon after the flowering season had passed, and rather hard cutting is necessary if they are to be kept in good condition. Next year's flowers are made, of course, from the buds started this summer, and if the trimming is not done until the buds have begun to form there will be few flowers next year. Usually the lilac, like the other shrubs, is grown for flowering effects, but it sometimes happens that such a hedge is kept low and is trimmed like privet. It cannot be expected to flower when treated this way, and two cuttings a year will not be too many, whereas hedges, which are grown for flowers, are cut back only once. If a lilac hedge is to be clipped to produce a formal effect, it must be cut at least twice a year or it will lose its lower branches and become unsightly. To tell the truth, a lilac hedge is not nearly so desirable when used in this manner as a hedge of privet.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

Moral Laws, Being Founded on Common Sense, Are Unalterable—Travel Will Help Girl to Forget. Boys Are Conceited Because Girls Make Them So.

Dear Miss Dix—Is there any way to impress upon young people the fact that moral laws are the regulations formed by generations of experience to enable society to function and permit us to get along with other people with as little friction as possible? That right is common sense, that wrong is stupidity is the greatest sin? Every one of our actions has at least two reactions, the one on ourselves and the other on those about us. If a man steals, there is the strong probability that he will go to jail, and escaping that, he will get a reputation as a thief so that nobody will trust him. Being an honest man is not just something to be proud of. It is a handy reputation to have in getting on in the world. Surround these laws with any brand of religion, say them in any language and they still hold good. They are as old as the universe and you can't get away with breaking them.

Marriage supplies the solution to all the most serious problems in the relationship between the sexes. It guarantees the man the right to the sole enjoyment of his wife's affections. It gives the woman a man to stand between her and the world, and a home in which to rear her family. No arrangement between men and women can take place of marriage, and those who make a failure of it would fall in any other arrangement. What a pity the young will not accept these aged-old truths.

H. G. H.

It is indeed for they would save themselves much of the suffering they are destined to go through while proving for themselves that the great fundamental facts of life do not change. They are like the immovable mountains. They are for all time.

I get thousands of letters from boys and girls telling me that everything is changed, that the old moralities are a dead letter, and that the younger generation refuse to be bound by them. They scoff at purity in women and laugh at decency in conduct and dress. They openly scorn their parents and old people. They consider it a weakness to cultivate good manners, and they say it is not honesty and industry and sobriety that get you anywhere in these times. It is outsmarting other people.

And you cannot make them believe that all of these theories have been tried out a thousand times and have failed, and that through the wisdom learned by these failures we have built up the code of conduct that we have today. They do not understand that what we call morals is just the best taste of the best people through thousands of generations.

What they call modernity is as old as the hills. They think they have discovered sex because it is new to them, but Adam and Eve knew all there was to know about that and there hasn't been a new temptation devised since the serpent triangle in the Garden of Eden.

Girls think that they can live in a free relationship with men and that the men will be true and tender and faithful to them. Thousands of women have tried out that theory and found that it left them cast-out, broken and forsaken when their allure was gone, with little nameless children clinging to their skirts.

Girls think they can drink and carouse and get away with it because it is 1933 and not the age of Queen Victoria, but Nature hasn't changed her laws and dissipation wrecks a woman's looks and nerves and ages her before her time now just as it always has done.

Boys think that they can drink until they wallow in the gutter; that they can work or loaf as they feel like it; that they can throw their money away if they have any, or live on borrowed money if they can get it, but the rewards still go to the industrious apprentice. The sober, moral, upright lads who kept pegging away at their jobs, who saved their money, and whose minds were on their work instead of their golf scores, are the ones who will sit in the seats of the mighty, while the drunkards and ne'er-do-wells are in the gutters or the bread lines.

Nothing has ever been found to take the place of the old-fashioned code of conduct. The eternal verities will still stand.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—Is there any formula for forgetting? I have been trying to forget some one for nearly two years, but have had no success. Can you suggest anything?

Of course, it is not possible really to forget any one for whom you have cared deeply or who has had a big share in your life, but certainly we can do much to turn our thoughts away from one whom we would like to blot out from our memory.

The sovereign remedy for forgetting a sorrow is travel. As long as you remain in an environment where everything you see and every circumstance of your life and every individual you meet is associated with the one you wish to forget, you are bound to remember. Everything brings him back to your mind. Every street has some association with him. Every one talks to you about him.

So, if it is possible, go away among strangers where you will never hear his name mentioned. Go where new scenes will be so different and interesting that they will wrench your thoughts away from him and turn them into new channels. Go to foreign lands if you can, and before you know it the image that was once so vivid will have grown dim and it will finally fade into a blur in your memory.

A Morning Smile

A little girl, returning from a visit to the barber's and alluding to his use of the electric clippers on her remarked to her mother: I know my neck was dirty, 'cause he used the vacuum cleaner on it.

Wife: Every time you see a pretty girl you forget you're married. Husband: You're wrong, my dear. Nothing brings home the fact with so much force.

Bride: Who is the man in the blue coat, darling? Groom: That's the umpire, dear. Bride: Why does he wear that funny wire thing over his face? Groom: To keep from biting the ball players, precious.

A lady ran away from her husband and went to live in a hotel. After several days she went back to him. She said she couldn't stand looking at the sign on the hotel door every time she went out; it troubled her conscience. The sign was: "Think: have you left anything?"

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If it is not possible for you to travel, you will find that a little common sense is a good antidote. Just realize that you are letting a memory ruin your life and consider how idiotic that is. It is as silly as it would be to invest your whole fortune in a sword that you plugged in your heart and kept torturing yourself with. For you know we can cultivate unhappiness just as much as we can cultivate happiness, and about nine-tenths of the misery in the world is sheer morbidity. It is just brooding over unpleasant things that have happened to you, and that you can't change when you might just as well snap out of it and be having a jolly good time.

If death has robbed you of a loved one, you do not want to forget him, but you want to think of him beautifully and tenderly and in a way that will bring you a sort of sacred happiness. You want to think of the joy your love brought you, of how it enriched your life, of the beautiful years you spent together. There is something fine and uplifting in such memories, something strong and courageous, but it is weak and cowardly to spend the balance of your life in making your memory of your dear one a purgatory.

And if the one you wish to forget was a traitor to you and failed you, don't you think that you have been very silly to let the memory of him darken your life? Try to see him for the cad he was and then forget him. He isn't worth remembering.

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Rowena Rides The Rumble

By Ethel Hueston

NINTH INSTALLMENT

When Peter went out for a look around town she hurried away with her share of the wedding presents in search of a pawn-shop, where she left them securely locked away from danger of theft or loss, and stopped for an express money order on her way home.

There wasn't enough money for the suit but she bought a new, frilly collar and cuff set to brighten up the old one which she extravagantly sent down to the hotel cleaners for pressing. She had a small electric iron and a folding board in her big suitcase, but she felt some hesitancy about resorting to such an economy with Peter in the sitting-room.

she had not had it earlier in the day to provide the coveted suit. Mr. Meeker told her confidentially that the only reason he had not told her about the wristwatch was because they had evidently planned it as an afterthought and he hadn't heard of it.

When the reception was over they were driven triumphantly back to the hotel in a procession of Rackruff roadsters, so that a considerable crowd gathered in the streets to cheer them on.

"Peter, don't you love it?" demanded Rowena when they were alone, but with the door noticeably ajar. "Don't you adore being a husband? Aren't you glad we got married? Why, if I had known it was such fun I'd have been married dozens of times before this."

Rowena rose to the occasion. She kissed the gardenia prettily and then flicked it coquettishly on Peter's chin before she tucked it carefully into the lapel of his coat—all this to the beaming delight of Mr. Meeker and the confusion of Peter. Flushing with rosy pride, Mr. Meeker led them down to the reception-room and introduced them once more to all the Rackruff dealers and their wives, and then to the gentlemen of the press—and editors and publishers among them, too, as well as mere reporters. The orchestra struck up the wedding march and Peter and Rowena, flanked by Mr. Meeker one side and the head waiter on the other, led the procession into the ballroom for dinner. The seats designed for them were raised above the others in a royal mound of white roses. This, Mr. Meeker explained in a loud whisper, represented the solitary diamond of an engagement ring, which was typified by the rest of the tables ranging the full extent of the hall in a great circle.

Never had Rowena been so beautiful. Her eyes—the blue of a summer sky—sparkled with pleased excitement. Her lovely lips quivered sensitively. Under the table she felt about with the toe of a silver slipper until she found Peter's foot to press when she wished to call his attention to anything particularly priceless that caught her eye or ear. Peter stared and stared at her. Everyone else did, too, if it comes to that, but no one of all those present

was so amazed and so bewildered by her beauty as Peter himself. Over and over again he had to remind himself that this radiant exquisite creature, the cynosure of all eyes, whose sheer beauty fairly took away one's breath, was the very same crisp and curt Rowena who kept such a stubborn finger on the steering wheel of their trip.

Bragson claims to be born with a gold spoon in his mouth. If he was I'll bet it had somebody else's initials on it.

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