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MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. If a man is seated in a street car or bus and a woman is standing, should he give his seat to her?

A. Yes, regardless of present-day observation, it is still the gentlemanly thing to do.

Q. When a young man asks a girl to go to a dance with him, what would be the best way for her to refuse?

A. She may give the excuse of having another engagement.

Q. What beverage could be served to a luncheon guest who does not drink coffee?

A. Chocolate.

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COOK'S CORNER

BANANA CREAM PIE

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BREAD PUDDING

2 cups bread, broken into small pieces.
1 pint milk
4 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Break the bread into small pieces and allow to soak in 1 cup of the milk until soft. Beat the eggs until light and fluffy, add the sugar and flavoring; add the remainder of the milk, pour all the mixture over the bread in a greased casserole. Bake in a pan of hot water at 325 F., until the custard is set.

Dorothy Dix Says—

HIGH-HAT GIRL LONELY

Developing "Regular Guy" Attitude Will Attract Friends

DEAR MISS DIX: It is lunch time again and I am alone as usual. Although I work in an office where many nice girls are employed, I am always alone because I feel that I am not wanted in their company. When two or three of them are talking together they just go silent if I join their group. Being a private secretary and clever at my work and liking it very much, I even had to insist on a transfer to another office because of another girl. It wasn't that she did anything to me, but I just felt that she didn't like me.

I am quite serious and self-conscious and take things seriously. How can I make myself popular and have that pleasant look from everyone and have the girls cling to me?

HELEN

FILLED WITH CONCERN

ANSWER: The only way you can ever make yourself one of the group of girls with whom you work is for you to climb down off your high horse and put yourself on their level. As you are, you are so filled with self-conceit that you think yourself superior to Mamie and Katie and Sallie and get patronized.

Evidently you account it unto yourself for righteousness. You think everything you do and say and think is so important that everyone should stop, look and listen, and when they don't, you read something significant into it. That makes you see insults and snubs where they are not intended.

You will never be popular as long as you have to be handled with gloves. Other people are too busy with their own affairs to take the time and trouble to walk high, wide and handsome around your little peculiarities and vanities. The people we like are the ones who are easy to get along with and who adjust themselves to any situation.

What you lack is a sense of humor. When we can see ourselves as a human joke and can laugh things off, instead of making issues of them, we belong to the gang. Not otherwise.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX:

I am 30 years old, married for 11 years and have two adorable children. My husband is in the Navy and has been overseas for three years. Last month he got a 30-day leave and came home and acted very queer.

Today I received word from him that he is in love with another woman. Also, he says he wants to come back to us, and he wants me to pretend I never got the letter? Or should I start looking for a job?

WORRIED WIFE

ANSWER: I think that many men who have been away from home on the fighting front for several years have gotten so emotionally mixed up that they simply do not know where they stand, nor what they want. For the time being they are neither fish nor fowl nor good red herring. They are neither bound nor free—neither husbands nor fathers nor bachelors, so far as spiritual ties go. Home has become a memory instead of a reality to them. Their wives have faded out of their minds, to a large extent, and they are uncertain whether they love them any longer or not.

When you think of the terrible experiences that these men have gone through, you cannot wonder that they have, for the time being, dimmed every other impression in their minds. All that has gone before has been swept by danger and suffering into the background of their consciousness and it is almost as if it had never been. But the war

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will end. The strain will ease, and men will snap back to normal. So I advise every wife whose husband tells her that he has fallen out of love with her and in love with some other woman to ask him to wait until after the war is over and then they will decide what he is to do. Don't break up your home because a man who is temperamentally swept off his balance asks for a divorce.

DEAR MISS DIX:

What do you think of a wife who gives her husband frequent whippings when he fails to do as she desires?

A REGULAR READER

ANSWER: Unless the husband is married to a lady pugilist, I can't understand why he takes it. And, even if he is, why doesn't he join the Army where he would have the protection of his fellow soldiers? But evidently the campaign to improve the physique of women is going too far when it turns them into husband beaters.

Living & Leisure

THE WOMAN'S REALM

He that loves a rosy cheek, Or a coral lip admires, Or from starlike eyes doth seek Fuel to maintain his fires, As old Time makes these decay, So his flames must waste away, But a smooth and steadfast mind, Gentle thoughts and calm desires, Hearts with equal love combined, Kindle never-dying fires; Where these are not, I despise Lovely cheeks or lips or eyes.
—Thomas Carew (1595-1630)

INTERESTING LETTERS

One woman who corresponds with a number of friends has a unique habit that makes her letters of extreme interest to her correspondents. Whenever she reads something that would be of interest to the friend and places the clipping in a pigeon-hole of her desk. When the time comes for writing, many interesting bits of news are ready to be sent out and commented upon.

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By Roberta Lee

Stains
Stains should be removed as soon as possible. An old stain is harder to remove and frequently combines with the fiber and cannot be removed without injuring the material.

Embossments
When buying enamelware ask how many coats of enamel are on it. The cheaper ware has only one additional coat and will chip readily, while the best variety has more coats.

Clean Chimneys
The chimneys and flues should be cleaned before any paper hanging is done, otherwise the new paper will have to be cleaned much sooner.

HOW CAN I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I improve homemade bread?

A. If one cup of thick cream is used when mixing bread, it improves the bread, makes the crust beautiful, and avoids the necessity of buttering the bread when taken from the oven.

Q. How can I hang out all the wash if the yard is very small?

A. Try using coat hangers for the larger garments. They will take up less space, as they can be hooked sideways on the line, and they will also dry in better shape.

Q. How can I remove indelible ink stains?

A. Indelible ink marks can sometimes be removed from fabrics by sponging with equal parts of ammonia and turpentine.

BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He lit into the child."
ANSWER: "Lit" is the correct pronunciation of "demise".

2. Which one of these words is a personality?
ANSWER: "Personality" is the word beginning with "st" that means "something that rouses the mind of spirits".

3. Say, "He scolded (or reprimanded) the child." 2. Pronounce "scold" as in "unscolded", 1 as in "scold" and syllable 3. Prescribe. 4. Act of bringing into intimate or incriminating connection. "Your implication is that Charles is guilty." 5. Stimulus.

MORNING SMILE

"Aye," exclaimed Sandy to his best London acquaintance, "Scotland's the finest place on earth!"

"Then what made you leave it?" asked a disgusted voice, "since you like it so much?"

Sandy chuckled: "Aweel, it was like this. In Scotland everybody says 'aye' as clever as mine," and couldn't me a muckle progress. But here—" he chuckled again, "here I'm gettin' on vera weel!"

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Judy was at the piano—in the dusk, playing the cradle song. Odd false notes creeping in were not allowed to remain. Then over again slowly. Doing better this time. Lovely though, with a measure of disappointment, with a measure of well aware of its poignance. At the time I was upstairs, getting ready to attend a shower for one of the recent brides, the young couple's honeymoon spent with relatives in the U. S. Judy wanted to accompany me. But her cold, most apparent in the form of a business, which had suspended all song and had almost all conversation, had prompted me to advise her: "Now Judy, for your own good, you had better content yourself at home tonight. James was to take care of the piano. He will be here, offering an excuse for seldom attending such affairs: 'They keep me up too late.' And then I may return from one to find him, perhaps coming from the stables as chipper as a robin at dawn; say, sheepishly: 'I may as well have gone with you.' Tonight was different. He was staying here, with Jamie. Because of this, I doubt if Mr. Churchill had come to town—much as he admires him—when James could have been enticed far from our own kitchen this evening. I was taming my time at my dressing table as Judy fresh from a spell of waiting to go with them to the last community-show, you're going with Rob? Rob has a way of working 'till the latest minute. That is what made Judy judge me not so long ago, when at my dressing table, waiting for the Minister to arrive—a visiting Minister it was, with a surname similar to cur's. She said when I changed to look inquiringly from the Chancel-

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window beside me: "You ought to know, Mrs. Ellen, if he's anything like Bob or James he won't be along for awhile." I was almost ready to do down, when I heard their car come to the yard. Then another with concealed power in its rhythm ceased to a stop beside it. It was Mr. and Mrs. L. from the river-road—he a relative of James. His grandmother, reared at the mill beside us was James' aunt—there you have it, a cousin, he is. They had called to have us go with them in their car. Judy gasped this out when she rushed upstairs to say sympathetically James says it won't be long before she'll be home. I'll get no more cold if I wrap up well. I think now Judy has one of the requisites of a good nurse about her, she can get ready so quickly. She was all set, if breathless, before I had smoothed the last strand into an assemblage of readiness. With others of the Kirk again a young couple set out under the most pleasant and favorable circumstances to walk the highway together. It's a great time to begin such an adventure. Judy has taken her bed-lamp and after nodding a husky but alert nod—night has gone to her room. I hope the morning will disclose no ill-effects, from her outing. I see, significantly to James, for the previous smuggled down on the couch in the warmth of the kitchen.

The fencing at the other farm (Continued on Page 3)

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