

Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature

Happenings of The Week

Buckingham Palace sources said this week that the date for an announcement of the engagement of Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten would be set soon at a dinner party conference of the young couple and their families.

Court circles said the announcement was possible this month, but certainly would be made before the end of June, barring unforeseen developments.

Princess Elizabeth returned to London after her South African tour with the other members of the Royal Family. While she was in Africa she reached her 21st birthday anniversary.

Viscountess Alexander, honorary president of the IODE, will be an honored guest at the formal opening ceremonies of the 47th annual meeting of the National Chapter of Canada, IODE, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, today, May 24.

Miss Mary Lowther, R. N., whose marriage is taking place next Wednesday to Dr. P. Wendell Dismarck, is being widely entertained. Mrs. Douglas, wife of Mr. Lester Douglas, M. P., was hostess at a delightful variety show for the popular bride-to-be and Miss Lowther received a wealth of lovely gifts.

The Who-He-Lo club had a dinner for Miss Lowther at the Charlottetown, with a dainty gift of remembrance.

The Fancy Work Group of Trinity King's Daughters expressed their appreciation for Miss Lowther by presenting her with a lovely Kenwood blanket at a most enjoyable evening party at Mrs. Arthur Henry's home.

Mrs. (Dr.) V. L. Goodwill will have the sympathy of her friends in the death of her brother, Mr. John M. Reid, which occurred at the home of his daughter Mrs. (Dr.) Whitelock in Niagara Falls on May 13th, at the advanced age of 84.

A cordial welcome is being given to the members of the Maritime Art Club and the Kinsmen who are at present in session here. Combining business and pleasure is a most enjoyable holiday being had with many happy reunions of friendship.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. A. Bernard, wife of the Lieutenant Governor in the death of her brother, Mr. Charles Chasson of Somerville, Mass. Mrs. Bernard is with the family in their bereavement.

Miss Lowther who has been one of the active staff of the P. E. I. Hospital, where she was loved by nurses and patients, received a happy good-bye on her return to the student nurses presented her with an exquisite picture as a remembrance gift. At an afternoon tea of her fellow nurses prior to leaving the Hospital Miss Lowther was presented with a handsome Tri-Lamp to adorn her new home.

Dr. and Mrs. David MacKenzie of Montreal are being welcomed as early annual summer visitors.

Mrs. B. Earle MacDonald, accompanied by Mrs. Arnett Howatt, motored to Halifax during the week and later went on to Wolfville, N. S., and were accompanied home Thursday by Miss Beryl MacDonald who has completed her second year at Acadia and will spend the summer with her parents, Mayor and Mrs. MacDonald.

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Mrs. I. J. Yeo and Miss Irene Horne have returned over the weekend from a visit to New York and Boston. The illness of Mr. Yeo, now in the P.E.I. Hospital, is deeply regretted by his wide circle of friends.

Mrs. W. A. Stewart is being welcomed home from an extended holiday visit to the Coast. She was accompanied back from Owen Sound, Ont., by her young grandson, Alan Stewart.

Two former Charlottetown young ladies, Miss Eileen MacPhee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. MacPhee, and Miss Mary Ramsay, are at present doing field work in connection with the Family Welfare Association in Saint John, N.B., after completing their studies at the Maritime School of Social Work in Halifax, and are very happy in their chosen activities.

Her friends will hear with pleasure that Miss Norma McDonald Thompson, B. A., daughter of Mr. W. D. Gillis, has just received her Bachelor of Library Science at McGill University.

Miss Emily Lou Douglas who has been attending Acadia, Wolfville, has gone to Halifax to visit friends, before returning home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coffin motored over to Wolfville, N. S., during the weekend and were accompanied home by their daughter, Miss Phyllis and her friend, Miss Mary Hill of Wolfville, who will be their house guest. Both young people are students of Horton Academy.

Following the graduation exercises of the Charlottetown Hospital class of 1947, a reception was given by the Junior League of the Charlottetown Hospital by the Sisters' Residence to the graduating nurses, families and friends. In the reception room, where the guests were received by Mother Paula and the Sisters of the Hospital, spring flowers and lighted candles formed the charming decoration. Refreshments were served in the adjoining room where a beautiful centerpiece of anemones and daffodils in the class colors of pink and gold and tall taper holders adorned the table. Flowers and tapers carried out the colors scheme throughout the rooms. Tea was poured by the President of the Junior League, Mrs. J. A. McMillan and Past President Mrs. William McDougall. Those assisting in serving were: Mrs. Simon Paoli, Mrs. Howard McInnis, Mrs. Ray Praught, Mrs. Edward Gallant, Mrs. George Chandler, Mrs. Jack McEachern, Mrs. Walter Lawlor, Mrs. Pierce Doyle, Mrs. Arthur Conway, Mrs. Ivan Hughes, Mrs. Linn Farish, Misses Edith Bernard, Rita McInyre, Blanche Conway, Helen Conway, Mrs. John Connolly and Mrs. Fred McMillan ushered the guests.

Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Creelman accompanied by Miss Erma Tall arrived back in Charlottetown this week after attending the Canadian Tuberculosis Association annual meeting held at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City. Previous to the meeting Miss Tall had a pleasant visit with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Black, Belmont, Mass.

The reassuring news has come to her friends that Mrs. Somers, wife of Rev. T. H. B. Somers, who was operated on in Toronto this week, expects to leave the Hospital over the week-end to spend a short time with her mother before returning to the Kirk House. Mr. Somers will be home on Wednesday.

Miss May Tweedy has arrived from Vancouver and will spend the summer the guest of Mrs. A. B. Fisher, Brighton Avenue.

King George and the Royal Family are home at last from their 10,000-mile jaunt through South Africa. The public is already speculating about a Royal marriage. But in Downing Street, and no doubt in Capetown, too, the results of the King's Mission are still being carefully weighed says the New York Times. To the general observer it must seem a smashing success. Certainly it has linked these southern Dominions more firmly in the British Commonwealth than they have ever been.

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton M. D.

THE PLACEBO, MEDICINE TO PLEASE THE PATIENT

Some years ago during an epidemic of a mild form of influenza, a busy city physician stated that he had visited 60 patients the previous day. I asked him what treatment he had given for this illness which, while causing some prostration, apparently was not dangerous. "I see that the patient is comfortable, that a good nurse or attendant is present. If they are my regular patients, I give them no medicine because they know I would give it if it were needed. Where the patient is a stranger, I see that the nursing is efficient and prescribe a pill or powder to be taken regularly, the said pill or powder being just a placebo."

What is a placebo? "A placebo is an epithet given to any medicine adopted more to please than benefit the patient." While it is recognized that medicine should not be prescribed to relieve symptoms until the patient has been examined (except the pain of a severe burn or cancer), it is sometimes necessary to raise the patient's morale because he "demands" attention be given to relieve his real or imaginary symptoms.

In the "Transactions of the College of Physicians," Philadelphia, Dr. O. H. Pepper, Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, states that often a physician is forced to prescribe some medicine for a patient before any diagnosis has been reached. This is done especially when the patient is ignorant and does not understand that the nature of the illness must be found before treatment can be given. Other patients are displeased if no medicine is given on the first visit.

Also, while making necessary tests—blood, urine, sputum, X-rays and others—no medicine can be given lest it interfere with the test. Yet the patient must be encouraged by treatment. "None of this is necessary if the patient and family are sufficiently intelligent." The physician may quite properly give a placebo to a high-strung, nervous patient where the examination increases blood pressure and heart rate. The placebo reduces tension.

Better English

D. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence: "The event which transpired yesterday did not help matters." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "derivative"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Withstand, windshield, withhold. 4. What does the word "petulance" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with pl that means "disposed to forgive"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "The event which happened (or, took place) yesterday." 2. Pronounce der-iv-iv, first i as in fight, s as in so. 3. Withhold. 4. Temporary petuliveness; ill-humor. (Pronounce the u as in picture, accent first syllable. "The child's petulance was due to illness.") 5. Placable.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Leo

Dark Kid Gloves If you will shake a little fuller's earth into the black or dark-colored kid gloves after each wearing, they will never have a heavy odor from the action of perspiration on the kid. The fuller's earth will dry clean them.

New Wax The cake mixture will not stick to the new cake tins if they are well greased with lard and baked for a few hours in the oven, before using.

Burning Fat When fat is burning, do not pour water on it, as water will spread the flames. Smother it with an old carpet or flour.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

Q. Is it all right to say, "It doesn't make any difference" if the hostess asks whether you prefer light or dark meat, when attending a chicken dinner? A. No; tell your hostess which kind you prefer.

Q. What should be said if one happens to be in the back of a crowded elevator and wishes to get out? A. Say, "Excuse me, please," and do not try to push your way out.

Q. Should one applaud when sacred music is sung outside a church? A. No. Sacred music is a form of worship.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Kids "Going Steady"

Custom Is Unfair To Both Parties And Interferes With Normal Developments

A group of teen-agers of both sexes ask me why I am so opposed to the "going steady" custom in which kids, who know nothing of the world, love or even themselves, pair off in a relationship that can be just as hampering and blight their lives as much as marriage can. Well, my grouch against the "going steady" practice is because it is so unfair to both parties. It is forcing maturity upon them before their time. It is setting problems for them which even their elders find hard to solve. It is interfering with their education and normal development, and makes sappy romances substitute for worthwhile ambitions.

It is a fine thing for boys and girls to be friends; to play together, and study together; to read the same books, and enjoy the same sports. It is a good experience for them both, but when love takes the place of palship, trouble begins. Then the youngsters' minds are not concerned with what they are learning, or what they dream of doing some day. They are experimenting with passions too dangerous for them to handle. They are filled with rivalries and jealousies, and their poor little hearts are torn with griefs that they should not know for another 10 years.

LIMITS ACTIVITY

There is no other one thing that so unfits both men and women for marriage as the "keeping company" custom, because it prevents them from really getting acquainted with members of the opposite sex. In the callow days, chance, bashfulness, or the mere accident of living next door to each other, throws a girl and boy together and he drifts into becoming "her steady" and she "his girl," and their fates are sealed. Neither one ever gets the opportunity to shop around and find something more to his or her adult taste than the choice he or she made in the seventh grade.

Many and many a man is married to a wife who bores him to tears, because the girl he had gone with since he put on long trousers was dumb and he thought all women were stupid. Many a woman marries a man she does not love, because she has been "going steady" with him so long that she has driven all other men away, and he is her last chance. And many and many a girl who is an odd maid because she wasted her youth and beauty waiting in vain for the man who went with her "steady," but who never proposed.

Another thing that makes the "going steady" custom so dangerous for both boys and girls is that it does not take into consideration the fact that at their age they are growing and changing so that their tastes and their desires alter day from day, and that the lads and lassies they were madly in love with yesterday they are tired to death of today. Hence, it is worse than foolish for them to tie themselves down into a relationship for which they may have lost all desire and which will rasp their nerves, yet out of which they cannot get without tears and recriminations and being made to feel like heels.

Girls, of course, are the chief sufferers in the "going steady" racket, for when a boy gets tired of a girl he can always transfer his attentions to some newer fancy; whereas the girl whose faithless lover kisses and rides away is left on the shelf, and she finds it hard to get into circulation again. She is Tommy's or Johnny's ex-girl friend, and it adds nothing to her value. So wise is the maiden who never lets herself be put in that position.

And so, children, it is because the "going steady" custom is a losing game from every angle that I am opposed to it.

Masters Of The Parachute Mail

By Peter Benedict

She nodded. Her nerve was good for the rest of the way, though it was probable that there would be a reaction later. She knew what he did not, she whispered into his ear very softly. "I sent mother to tell Superintendent Barker to come on here. They may be here any minute now." "Good girl!" said Peter, aloud. "Sit down and take it easy for a bit."

She sat, placing her chair back against the wall at his side. They waited and there was silence; they were too tired to make any more polite conversation tonight; and as for the captives they were still thought Peggy, expending a little hope upon the extreme improbability that Chacquard would turn up, and create a diversion which might well be turned to account.

She believed, when the knock came upon the house door half an hour later, that they thought he had come. "Go down and let them in, Peggy," said Peter, with a tired sigh of relief.

She had expected some readable signs of disappointment when she returned with Superintendent Barker and half a dozen policemen at her heels; but there were none. No one spoke except Mere Colibri, with a whimical look at Peggy. "I congratulate you, my dear. You have done very well, very well indeed."

CHAPTER XVII Something To Show

In the car, driving homeward towards Leckingham Top at a speed unwontedly slow, with Sylvia's trunks strapped behind the car, they were both very quiet. Much of Peter's energy, for one thing, was taken up in staying awake. Peggy had frankly slept again; his shoulder for two spells of no more than ten minutes each, during which he had slackened his speed still further, and crawled along the highway as if he had a case of port in the back seat, and must on no account shake it up.

They had had, during the morning, perhaps three hours of sleep each, but that was by no means enough. Peggy awoke from her second doze, straightened Sylvia's hat automatically, and lifted her slight weight from his shoulder.

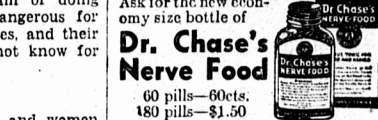
"Peter—" "Darling!" "Joke over!" said Peggy sternly. "I'm Peggy Calder now, not Eleanor Vandeleur, and there's no need to keep up the masquerade any longer."

"Still darling. It's become a habit; anyhow, you called me Peter." "Mr. Milne—" she began again, demurely. "Yes, darling?" She laughed; it was patently no use trying to dissuade Peter. "Oh,



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How Can I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make casseroles easier to clean? A. If casseroles and baking dishes are buttered before putting in the contents, the food will be much easier to serve and the dishes much easier to wash.

Q. How can I keep cut flowers? A. Cut flowers will keep for a long time if a small quantity of camphor or charcoal is dissolved in the vase or receptacle.

Q. What is the best thing to use for shortening corn bread or muffins? A. Bacon fat is much preferred to lard for this purpose.

Q. She looked at him fiercely. "You just don't care a curse what I do, of course. Why should you? I fulfilled my part of the bargain, and you fulfilled yours, and that's finished with."

She was tired, sleepy, and out of temper, because she found her usual self control less reliable than she wished it to be at this moment. They were passing through a copse, which she did not remember seeing before; apparently they were taking a different way. It was very quiet under the trees. She looked steadily away from Peter, and pitied herself desperately out of sheer weariness. "And in spite of the charge against me being withdrawn, people will remember that Peggy Calder was in trouble with the police, and—and I shall have to put up with it." A tear splashed upon Peter's sleeve; there was an inconspicuous breeze blowing which had carried it to the right as it fell.

Peter stopped the car. Surprised, she turned to face him. Her cheeks were still pale from the daily applications of blanching lotion, but they would soon regain their brown; and for the rest, she was Peggy again. He liked her infinitely better that way; he would be glad when even the marring fullness planted by the hand of Lina was expunged from the determined mouth.

"I can only suggest," he said meekly, "that you might charge your same again."

She looked at him, and said nothing.

"What do you say to Mine? Margaret Sherwood Mine? It isn't such a bad sort of name, really. I've had it all my life, and it never did me any harm." A second tear followed the first. Peter laughed, and gathered her to him; she made a feeble attempt to push him away, but abandoned it almost immediately, and clung to him instead. "You have to answer the question, witness. There's no one to object to it for you. Will you, or will you not, go on being partners with me?"

"If you really want me—" said Peggy.

"No ifs or buts. A straight answer is required."

"After all," she said contentedly, "we've proved we can work together, and anything else should be easy after what we've been through. And it would be nice to have you to keep off the newspaper men if they got too bad."

"I submit to being made useful. Now what about it?"

"I shall love it," said the witness simply.

He kissed her. After all, he reflected in his turn. Mere Colibri and her gang had not suffered capture, the Green Scorpion had not been extinguished, Seabel's shop had not put up its shutters, or Jean-Pierre Chacquard and his papers fallen into enemy hands, to no purpose. Someone, at least, had something to show for it.

"What are you thinking about?" asked Peggy drowsily.

"Nothing at all important," said Peter, and kissed her again.

(The End)

FLOWER-TRIMMED VEILING

NEW YORK — Flower-trimmed lengths of veiling are tied on plain hats to transform these into a dressy affair. The flowered veils can be worn separately as an evening head-dress too.

Morning Smile

Stranger (savagely) — You're sitting on my hat, sir.

Old Gentleman — So I feel, sir! And I hope in the future you will wear soft hats and not these hard-brimmed abominations.

WHAT WOMEN REMEMBER

French actress Sarah Bernhardt and a group of friends were swapping stories from their adventurous lives.

"You have travelled so much, and seen so much," said a friend to the actress. "What is the most unforgettable experience of your life?" "What a foolish question to ask," laughed Bernhardt. "There are two things a woman never forgets—her first kiss and her last."

Living & Leisure THE WOMAN'S REALM

GRACE BEFORE SLEEP

Wherever I may be, on land or sea. On heaving waves or plain or mountain crest. Encradled in the hollow of God's hand. In peace I rest.

—By Arthur Guiterman.

RIBBON-AND-MEDAL VOGUE SPRINGS UP

NEW YORK — The ribbon-plumed vogue has sprung up suddenly, like the crocuses in spring. Frilled jabots also lend interest to their plain suits. And now women are all turned out in crowded ribbons held by gay pins, swung around the neck with a pendant, attached at the waist with an ornament.

They have picked the idea from an era of decorations to the returned heroes who wear strips of service ribbons and who have their medals hidden in a drawer at home. Women of course do not wear military medals, but many of them have found old medals with forgotten meanings, and interesting pins, or have dug sports awards out of an old box, and are making the most of them on new ribbons.

The ways are endless for the wearing of gay ribbons, and orchids go to those who devise new and becoming ways of arranging them. There are displays on many ribbon counters, and there are lovely ribbons from Europe or from our own mills, inviting your skill.

THE STARS SAY—

By GENEVIEVE KEMBLE

For Sunday, May 25 SUNDAY'S horoscope shows an auspicious and happy state of affairs generally, with the emphasis on holidays trips, social and recreational engagements, with sudden developments bringing to a climax many cherished hopes and wishes. Travel change and new relationships may be thrilling and possibly sensational, bringing much joy if not carried to extremes. Needless business activities are also gratifying, but in all contacts keep within bounds of reason, prudence and poise.

If It Is Your Birthday Those whose birthday it is may look for a year of many advantages and openings for a prosperous happy and eventful year, with desired change, new contacts, and kindly support from influential sources, both in business and purely personal associations. Good and surprising news may change plans and environments, with benefit to spirits and morale, but it would be wise to stop short of excesses, fatigue and extravagance of funds and energies.

A child born on this day has fine equipment for a successful and happy life, with energy, ambition and social qualities. Its tendency to extravagance and over-doing might call for early supervision.

THROWS OUT A CHALLENGE FOR REVIVAL OF COURTESY

New Orleans has announced that it is out to win the title of "most courteous city in America." And if its citizens make a try for it, the honour ought to fall right in their laps.

They haven't known competition, says a well-known columnist. Dacourtesy seems to be the order of the day in big towns and small. This is especially apparent to the cross-country traveller who thinks a little courtesy ought to be included in his bill-paying.

But often when he pays for his food and lodging, he doesn't even get a smile or "thank you." Even filling station attendants who courtesy aren't bothering much to speed the tired traveller on his way.

Too often rest rooms are dirty and the motorist who has his tank filled has to ask to have his windshield wiped.

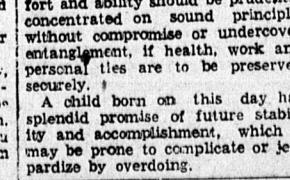
Make It Tough

If the citizens of New Orleans can get other towns and cities interested in trying to outshine them in everyday courtesy, perhaps the sloppy, indifferent service that swept the nation during the war years will be on its way out of the picture.

Here's a good race for every town and city in the country to enter. Why not make the competition tough for New Orleans? comments the writer.

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