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

Q. I wish to sell a Singer sewing machine, electric, which was purchased new in 1933 for $170. It is a table model in very good condition. How much may I charge for it?

A. The maximum price you would be allowed to charge is 75% of the price of a similar new machine sold during the basic period. In order to charge this amount the machine must be in good condition and guaranteed for 90 days.

Q. I am having my furniture stored for some time and the rates asked seem to be exorbitant. Is there no price ceiling on such services,

A. Storage rates are governed by the amount charged by the same firm for the same amount of space during the basic period. No firm is allowed to increase rates above those charged at that time.

HOW CAN I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I revive the colors in wash goods that have become faded by using strong soaps or washing soda?

A. The colors can be revived by adding a spoonful of vinegar to each quart of rinsing water.

Q. How can I remove fresh paint odor from a room?

A. By slicing three or four onions and putting them in a bucket of cold water. Leave the bucket in the center of the room for several hours.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"Another dreary day!" Judy said, placing the tea-kettle directly over the heat and ranging the cereal-pot beside it. She spoke with such emphasis and next-to-despair in her tones, I felt at once, she would have no difficulty in finding an entry for her diary tonight. But then, not so dreary for her or any other, able to go vigorously about her tasks. Cold and damp, I found out, as I made my way to the wood-house. Two of Jeanie's sitting hens blinked comfortably at me, as I opened the door there, to pick up chips to hurry the morning-fire. Chips—now, for as James remarks: "It's a caution, how much wood, you women-kind can get clear of." We have, of course, an abundance in the wood-pile but to select suitable sticks thereform to make a quick fire needs as much discernment as is required in choosing a Minister's wife! Thus, frequently we are obliged to supplement its use with the remnants of dry from the wood-house. So, Judy and I, who failed to save when "the barrel was full" are taught a lesson, which in the prevailing coldness should make us remember, to save not now but always from an abundance. Jeanie's sitting hens, are here, reconciled to an interval of waiting, with nothing in the world to disturb them, and for relaxation their beguiling dreams. I envied those still—plump—matrons, white and dark—collared on thier seats of straw this morning. If one might sit undisturbed for even a day's length what might — or might not! —come from one's musings or fingers! At such a time, James is bound to call sternly: "Now, where did you put that . . . . Ellen and how do you mix it?" and Judy demurely yet suggestively: "Shall I use white or brown sugar in that?" Or I might bother myself wondering if "that girl," has the oven (to which I alone hold the key) hot enough for her cake; has she held the heated milk at the proper temperature for the weaning small pigs or oh, dear, has it scalded! And are my best pillow-slips rubbing their bloom away on the old maple tree? Presently, I suspect my sitting- duties would be neglected and I would need small coaxing to be away to the kitchen, or perhaps following after James to a stable "to see how you think (they're doing." Not so, Jeanie's hens. They sat there snugly, keeping securely to a pre-fixed purpose. Others too at Alderlea worked toward a goal.

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Jeanie's painted a brand new hall way off a carefully constructed staging and if I did elevate my eyebrows and if my heart yearned just a little, when I observed James carrying boards in the direction of the house across the

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Living & Leisure

THE WOMAN'S REALM

How sweet it was in youth's shy giving-time
Finding the sudden friend whose thoughts ran out
With yours in natural chime;
Who knew before speech what the lips would tell!
No need, to excuse, to hide or defend
From him, in whom your dearest thought shone new
And not a fancy stirred for him in vain.

—Laurence Binyon

RIVALS WORK TOGETHER

The danger from flying particles of glass as revealed in wartime makes it probably that glass will be largely replaced by pastic sheets of synthetic resin in a few years. However, new uses are being found for glass which will enable it more than to hold its own. One of the uses, curiously enough, is to reinforce plastics, so that already we find glass and its substitute, synthetic resin ,working together.

Spun-glass fibres are being used to reinforce plastic materials in much the same way as steel reinforces concrete. A material is produced in this way which has astonishing strength for its weight; it is being used in aeroplane construction, and in making light luggage.

The glass fibres are formed by gathering together a hundred or more fine filaments of glass as they emerge from as many, tiny holes in the melting chamber. The strands are wound together at a high speed into fibres. So strong can these fibres be made that with a diameter of only 230 hundred-thousandths of an inch they will have a tensile strength of a quarter of a million pounds per square inch.

JUGGLING MOLECULES

Rings around the bathtub, the bane of housewives since families on this continent stopped scrubbing themselves in galvanized tubs—will be banished by a post-war soap that isn't soap at all. Chemists call their new product a synthetic detergent, or "soapless soap" .In hard, soft or salt water, the soap—result of 10 years' research—cleans, but leaves no tell-tale rings. Soap experts said it was done by juggling molecules.

WHERE NYLON GOES

The silk and nylon for 136 pairs of stockings are required for one umbrella and the shroud lines of a parachute.

Noises in factories from industrial operations such as riveting can be absorbed in part by walls of sound absorbent materials thus increasing the efficiency of many workers who suffer from jangled nerves caused by them.

There is someting in animals besides the power of motion. They are not machines: they feel.—E.B. de Condillac.

Animals are such agreeable friends .They ask no questions; they pay no criticisms.—George Eliot.

CURVE CONTROL

Spring fashions from Paris dictate a return to the Victorian style of accentuated waistline and British women are worried .There are still only "utility" corsets in the shops and they are neither strong nor well-boned. French corsetieres, on the other hand, are making the old-fashioned corset with busks and whalebones, with lacing at the back to at least three inches above the waist.

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MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

Q. When passing an acquaintance on the street or in a public place and one speaks to him, is it improper to call his name?

A. It would be preferable merely to say "How do you do." Some persons do not like their names to be called publicly.

Q. Is it correct for one to close a social letter to a friend with "Respectfully yours"?

A. No; this phrase should be reserved for business correspondence.

Q. What would be the correct dress for a woman to wear to an informal dinner?

A. Semi-evening or afternoon dress.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

By Roberta Lee

Cinder in the Eyes

To remove a cinder from the eye, use an eye dropper and put one or two drops of water in the eye. Then hold dropper directly over the cinder, release the bulb and the cinder will be withdrawn.

Pie Crust

Soft lard should never be used in making pie crust. Whatever shortening is used should be hard and cold, thus making a lighter pie crust.

Flannels

Never soak flannels before washing them. It hardens the fabric. Wash quickly in warm, soapy water.

BETTER ENGLISH

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Never mind what he says."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inimitable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Baricade, barometer, baroness.
4. What does the word "alliteration" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ar that means "haughty"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Don't mind what he says." 2 Pronounce in-im-i-ta-b'l, all i's a sin it, a unstressed, accent second syllable. 3. Barricade. 4. Repetition of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words succeeding each other. 5. Arrogant.

MORNING SMILE

THE GIVE-AWAY

The class had been given a rather difficult sum to do for homework and, strange to relate, Tommy, the dunce of the class, was the only one with the correct answer.

"Did your big brother help you with this, Tommy?" asked the teacher.

"No, sir," truthfully replied Tommy. "He did it alone."

Mrs. Meeker (at the play) "I do wish you'd pay more attention to the play, George; it's as good as a sermon."

Mr. Meeker (dozing): "It certainly is, my dear, but the orchestra wakes me up between acts."

COOK'S CORNER

SUGARLESS CAKE

1 cup molasses
½ cup shortening
1 egg
¾ cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
2½ cups flour

Mix molasses and egg, sift flour, soda, baking powder, salt and spices, add these to molasses and egg alternately with milk, then add shortening and bake quickly in moderate oven.

WARTIME CAKE

1½ cups of cake flour
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
2-3 cup of sugar
¼ cup of shortening
1 well-beaten egg
½ cup of milk
½ teaspoon of vanilla extract

Sift dry ingredients 3 times; add shortening, add egg combined with milk and vanilla, and beat vigorously 1 minute. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 40 minutes.

Dorothy Dix Says—

HUNTING FOR SECOND WIFE

Warm-Hearted Women Hanker To Attempt Stepmothering

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a man in my thirties. My wife died fo years ago, leaving me with three small children. I have been trying find a girl who would marry me and be a good mother and companio for them. I meet a number of women who would ideally fill the bi They seem to be attracted to me and are very friendly, but as soon they find out about my children they give me the cold shoulder a have no time for me.

I make only a modest income, so all that can offer a woman is my heart, and that does seem to be enough. I am losing hope, but I pr that some day I will be able to find a girl who love me enough to take me, children and all, a makes them the good home they deserve.

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KEEP UP THE HUNT

ANSWER: Keep on hoping and praying, S and you will find her, for there are plenty of warm hearted women, with a maternal complex, who would be glad to marr you and mother your motherless children. Perhaps the reason yo haven't found such a one is because you have looked for the wrong sor of a woman and in the wrong places.

You are still looking for a glamour girl, as you did in the days whe you were a young buck yourself, with no incumbrances, and you ar hunting her in the gay spots; whereas you should be seeking a woma who is about your own age and who is sweet and gentle and unselfish and a lady, but who, for some reason, has been passed over by men.

That type of woman wants to marry. She has a heartful of lov that she is just dying to bestow on a husband. She would be good t your children and make you just the sort of wife you need. And th place to look for her is not in night clubs, but in the homes of you married friends. Probably there isn't a one of them who doesn't know a Miss Lulie or a Miss Sally who would suit you.

Don't be too hard on the girls who don't want to marry a widowe with three children. The role of the stepmother is one of the hardes and most thankless ones in the world, and the wonder is that any wo man is brave enough to undertake it.

DEAR MISS DIX: We have been married for 20 years and hav three children. My husband is a salesman, calling from house to house and is very pleasant to the women to whom he sells. I have never had cause to be jealous, but as we near forty I find myself nervous and unsure of him. Especially of one woman who is about 30. He tells me to think nothing of her but that she is his best paying customer and that he cares nothing for her, only for the money she pays him.

What shall I do? How can I overcome this jealousy? Should I talk to her? Or to her husband? Or to mine? Or should I leave things as they are? My husband is only away from home through the day. He never goes out at night. He makes good money and I know where it goes.

ALICE B.

ANSWER: Probably it is natural that when wives approach thei fortieth birthday and see themselves acquiring the middle-age spread or getting more and more string-beany, that they develop a jealousy complex and see a rival in every female to whom their husbands say even a civil word.

It is a pity, for it is their undoing, because just at the time when they are losing their physical charm they should increase their mental attractions for their husbands by making themselves more agreeable, more flattering, more interesting and amusing, instead of torturing them with their suspicions. Many an old wife keeps her husband against all new comers by just being so pleasant to live with. And many another wife loses hers by nagging him about imaginary rivals.

Certainly any husband who spends all of his evenings at home and who lays all of his earnings on the barrelhead cannot be very much of a Casanova, and it seems to me that his wife might well give him the benefit of the doubt. Also, she might save herself further trouble by not putting ideas in his head about being such a devil among the ladies that he will be tempted to try out his fascinations on them.

Jealousy is a poor counselor, so don't let yours influence you to talk to the woman of whom you are suspicious, or to her husband, or to yours. Just let things rock along and try to quit seeing ghosts.

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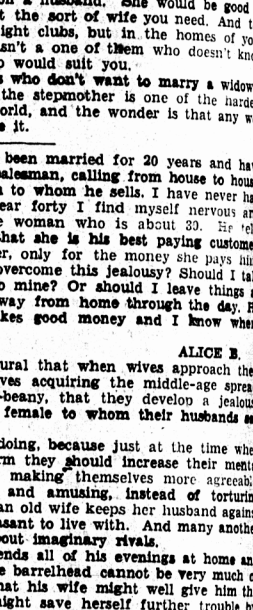

JELLY FROSTING FOR CAKE

1 egg white
⅓ cup jelly
Pinch of salt

Put egg white jelly and salt in bowl, place in hot water and heat until lumps of jelly disappear; remove from fire and beat until thick enough to spread.

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MAGIC Pork Rolls

Sift together	1 cup flour 1 tsp. Magic Baking Powder ¼ tsp. salt
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Grease skillet lightly. Make 6 large thin pancakes about 5 inches across. When brown on both sides, heap in centre a filling made of 1½ cups of chopped cooked pork moistened with 1 cup gravy or white sauce. Roll up, place on hot platter and pour remaining sauce over rolls.

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