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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Lime in Tea Kettle

Sometimes a furry lime deposit forms on the inside of the tea kettle, and in this event, fill the kettle with warm water, add a large spoonful of salt ammoniac, and bring to a boil. Empty the kettle and allow to stand over the fire until very hot, and then the furry deposit will peel off. Afterwards fill with some water containing sal soda, boil, and rinse thoroughly.

The Bird Bath

Always keep clean water in the bird bath if you wish to keep the birds around your yard. If you do not supply them with this necessity during a dry summer they will seek another home.

Egg Stain

Egg tarnish on the table silver can be easily removed by rubbing with moist table salt.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When dinner is announced, which arm should a man offer to his dinner partner to escort her to the dining room?

A. He should offer his right arm.

Q. Is it thoughtful for a friend, who lives at a great distance and cannot attend a wedding, to send a telegram expressing good wishes?

A. Yes.

Q. What color stationery should a man use?

A. Only white.

If we could know how little others care to hear our tales;
If they could know how what they say upon our hearing stales.
If such a state of circumstances we shall ever see;
Oh, what a very quiet place this noisy world will be!—Anon.

The pursuit of archaeology never will be lost as long as dentists have a magazine table.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

The wee grand-daughter to James and me arrived fully named. Her parents had settled that, I believe to the satisfaction of those most concerned, some time during the past Winter. My friend the brown squirrel, bright and chatty and obviously with time on her paws, asked me all about it this morning. She was sitting in the sunlight, near the end of a lacey over-hanging branch of one of the big hemlocks in the woodlands across the road. I sat comfortably on a mossy bank below, nursing my knees, and awaited the mailman's coming. I might have returned to various neglected tasks up at the house, instead of idling my time there—in plain sight of James too. He was harrowing at the time, making the potato ground neat and smooth, ready for the fertilizer spreading when the wind should calm in the evening. "Good morning, Ellen!" the brown squirrel called, and I was secretly glad that she had spoken, to recall me from my musing. "What a stranger you are!" she exclaimed and then went on to ask me the question: "and has the new baby been named yet?—was it ever a surprise!" she giggled "not but that I" and here she bent low, so that not even a sand piper who strutted at the edge of the nearby pond could overhear us "sort of had my own suspicions of late".

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"Then when I saw the Doctor's car turn in there" and she nodded towards the end of the lane "the other evening, why then, I put two and two together. I heard the news the first of the week—that bold blue jay from the orchard you know. I suppose James is delighted? And yourself as well? You must be fairly busy now— and like myself not growing any younger. And males, I always think are sort of short-sighted creatures when you come to depend on them to help. They never seem to be able to see anything to be done unless you tell them and pon my word, Ellen, I'd as lief do it myself as bother with them" The thought of the numerous duties that were waiting to be done even then, came to my mind and I answered: "There's plenty to do this time of year — and the men so busy—and hearty" I laughed "even that grey cat of Mr C 's from the house on the hill is imposing on me, now that her two masters are so taken up with their potato-planting She joins our two at separating time "Woof" Pard will bark, catching sight of her as she comes with certain intent up the short-cut through the field of grain Then without one sign of apology, not even to remark: "I guess I'll have to be like the beggars, Ellen" she

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Uncompanionable Husbands

Smug Spouses Unwittingly Drive Wives to Natural Indiscretions

When the average man brings home the bacon and spends his evenings at his own fireside safely entrenched behind his newspaper, he feels that he rates in the super-duper husband class and that his wife should be thankful for her blessings and ask for no more. He recognizes his obligation to provide her with food and clothes, but he does not consider it any part of his duty to keep her entertained. That is something else yet again.

In effect, most men feel that marriage emancipates them from having to be gay companions. They expect their wives to have a perfectly hilarious time doing the housework and taking care of the children, and to get all the excitement they crave waiting for them to return from the office at night. They have had all the conversation they want during the day, and they do not want to talk themselves, or even listen to their wives 'talk; so most married couples spend their evenings at home in a silence which you could cut with a knife.

UNINTENTIONAL FALSE PHILOSOPHY

This is not because the husbands are intentionally unkind, or because they do not love their wives and do not wish to make them happy. It is simply because men are sold beyond redemption on the theory that women have a different scale of values from theirs, and that they have different tastes and desires, and that they enjoy different things in different ways from them.

A boy husband, for instance, knows that there was nothing in the marriage ceremony that automatically changed him from a gay youth into a doddering ancient. He still wants to go places and do things and dance and have good times. But he expects his wife to be perfectly happy staying at home and never stepping out. Any father knows that taking care of the baby on a Sunday afternoon wrecks him, but he thinks his wife desires no livelier amusement than just pushing Junior's pram when she goes to the butcher's.

Husbands make no greater mistake than in believing that just being married to them is all the picnic their wives crave. Human nature is human nature, whether it be male or female. All work and no play makes Jane a dull girl just as surely as it makes Jack a dull boy, and nine-tenths of the faults that husbands complain of in their wives are the direct result of the way the men they are married to treat them.

When a woman is unfaithful to her husband and gets into a scandal, we hold up our hands in horror and wonder why she did it, when she was married to a man who was a pillar of the church and such a good provider. True. But he did nothing to make her happy. He never showed her any tenderness. He never gave her a kiss that had any warmth in it. She might as well have been married to a cake of ice. And she was warmhearted and affectionate and craved love and she stole what had been denied her as her right.

And the women who are nagging, whining, complaining wives. Did you ever know one wife whose husband flattered and cajoled her, who took her places and showed her in every way that he was trying to make her happy, who wasn't contented and easy to get along with and who didn't boast of her luck?

Many a wife avenges herself for her husband's neglect by her extravagance or her henpecking. So my advice to all youths contemplating matrimony is: Make life pleasant for your wife. Keep her glad she married you. It will pay not only in your happiness, but in dollars and cents.

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Cook's Corner

BANANA CUP PUDDINGS

¼-inch thick slices of ripe banana
1½ cups once-sifted cake flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons shortening
½ cup brown sugar, lightly packed
¼ cup corn syrup
1 egg, well beaten
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
¼ cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla

Grease six individual baking dishes and arrange about 6 slices of banana around the bottom of each.

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

Cream shortening and gradually blend in the brown sugar; blend in the corn syrup. Add the well-beaten egg, a little at a time, beating well after each addition.

Measure the milk and stir in the lemon rind, lemon juice and vanilla.

Add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk mixture, combining lightly after each addition.

Carefully turn batter into the prepared baking dishes.

Bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees, about 30 minutes.

For serving, unmould the hot puddings and pass pouring cream or suitable sauce (such as lemon, custard, orange, etc.)

CHOCOLATE SAUCE

This is the smooth, cooked type of chocolate sauce — not the syrupy sauce which is also very popular.

1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon corn starch
Few grains salt
4 tablespoons cocoa
2 cups boiling water
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon butter

Combine the sugar, corn starch, salt and cocoa in a rather small saucepan. Gradually stir in the boiling water.

Cook over low direct heat, stirring constantly, until smoothly thickened; cover and cook, with occasional stirring, until no raw flavor of starch remains.

Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla; stir in the butter, bit by bit.

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1. What is wrong with this sentence? "A man with less grit would not have succeeded."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "San Juan"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Postmeridian, post-mortum, posthaste.
4. What does the word "divest" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with des that means "state of disuse"?

ANSWERS

1. Firmness or endurance are preferred to grit, which is purely colloquial. 2. Pronounce san hwan, first a as in an, second a as in ah, accent last syllable. 3. Post-mortem. 4. To undclothe; to dispossess. "It is difficult to divest one's self of vanity; because impossible to divest one's self of self-love."—Horace. 5. Desuetude.

WEEP NO MORE

Chloropicrin, the tear gas used in the First Great War, has been found a good preventative of eel-worm damage to several crops.

Morning Smile

Capt. Jevons (introducing an acquaintance to his old aunt) —This is my old friend, Jones. He lives on the Canary Islands.

"How interesting," murmured old auntie, and gathering all her wits, she added: "Then, of course, you sing."

They passed her in the park.

"That's Perry's wife," said Carter. Thinks the world of her husband."

"Does she?"

"Rather. Why, she even believes the parrot taught him to swear."

Living & Leisure

— THE WOMAN'S REALM —

IN MY GARDEN

In my garden, lovely garden,
Where I lie beneath the trees
Listening to the song of the robins
And the drone of honey bees;
Gentle breezes weaving fragrance
Of the flowers that scent the air,
As the sun sips tiny dew drops
From the buds with tender care.

In my garden, lovely garden,
Gold-fish swim around a pool,
Where the water, sparkling crystal
Gurgles laughing, clear and cool;
There are tulips gay in color
Blending with the iris bloom,
Graceful, slender golden lilies
Breathing forth their sweet perfume.

Elsie Reid Hearst.

To prevent hard crust from forming on the top of mayonnaise, pour a few drops of vinegar on the top of the mayonnaise after it is placed in jar.

The messages of seeing elegraphed on the optic nerve to the brain by the eye travel at a speed of more than 200 feet per second.

Amethyst is composed of two Greek words meaning "not to be drunk." The ancients believed this stone would keep the wearer sober.

Hints on Etiquette

There is no particular rule governing what a girl shall order when her escort suggests, "Let's have something to eat before we go home." Order what you like, no matter what your escort takes.

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When dressing a chicken, after removing the feathers and pin feathers and singeing, rub with soda and wash thoroughly and see how much cleaner and white the skin will look.

"Scuttlebutt" is shipboard gossip; the scuttle was the dipper the sailor once used to get drinking water from the butt or water barrel on the deck; when sailors clustered to quench their thirst, they swapped news.

Spiders are not insects—they belong to the class arachnida, which also includes scorpions, mites and ticks.

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a good cold cream?

A. Mix 2 tablespoonfuls of oatmeal, ½ tablespoonful of powdered borax, and ½ pint of rosewatet. Allow this mixture to stand for two or three days, then strain and add ½ ounce of alcohol.

Q. How can I keep meat from scorching while roasting?

A. If it is in danger of becoming too brown, place a dish of water in the oven. The rising steam will prevent scorching and the meat will cook better.

Q. How can I make a good carpet beater?

A. A section cut from an old garden hose makes an effective, flexible beater for rugs and carpets.

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