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## DUETS by JoFischer

## Morning Smile

**PASTORAL DUTY**

The 4-year-old daughter of a clergyman was put to bed early one night because she was sick. As her mother was about to leave her, the child called her back.

"Mama," she said, "I want to see papa."

"No, dear," her mother replied. "Your papa is busy and must not be disturbed."

Then the little one came back with a clincher: "Mama," she declared solemnly, "I am a sick woman and I want to see my minister."

**DIRECT ACTION**

At the meeting of a local council there had been some discussion regarding the type of milk which should be provided for the school children.

To conclude the debate, the chairman rose portentously to his feet. "Gentlemen," he declared, "what this town needs is a supply of clean, fresh milk, and the council should take the bull by the horns and demand it."

When darning use a fine needle and short thread as long thread pulled back and forth across a tear or hole tends to stretch the darn out of shape.

**WEAR YOUR OLD CLOTHES BUT PEP THEM UP FOR NEW CHARM**

Some timely advice on how to adapt last year's wardrobe to this season's needs, is contained in an interesting article in "Fashion" this month.

Of course if you were a millionaire, you'd be able to throw out last year's dresses and skirts and sweaters and start fresh every season. But things being as they are, last year's clothes have to help out this season again as usual. But they can be wonderfully perked up with a little thought and ingenuity.

Your cardigan sweater [illegible] Spring before last, is it hanging unworn in the cupboard? Here's a second chance for it; dye it black, get some white crochet cotton and crochet a two-inch ruffle down the [illegible] round the neck and cuffs, and wear it with a black crepe [illegible]. You will have something much dressier, which you can wear [illegible] late afternoon parties and on movie dates.

A plain dirndl skirt which is as good as ever, but becoming a bit of a bore after all this time, can be tooled up for another season by adding bright appliques around the hem. Get a yard of splashy cretonne, and cut the motifs out, then stitch them on the sewing machine all around the hemline.

And — back to sweaters again — a thin black wool pullover is a "must" in this season's wardrobe. Wash and press it, and go to the notion counter, where they sell gold sequin trims. Pick up a large applique for the shoulder, a smaller one for the right wrist and stitch them on. There's an evening blouse, which can go on your smartest dates.

Somewhere in the back of the cupboard is probably an old model two-piece wool dress. Good, but you're sick and tired of it. Try this: Get some matching or contrasting satin ribbon, and stitch it all around the two fronts and around the bottom of the jacket. If it has pockets, pipe the pockets too. Satin is smart this year and you'll feel as good as new.

Maybe all that last year's clothes need is fresh accessories. Last Spring's black suit worn with black accessories can come out again if you invest in a yellow hat and yellow gloves. Your grey flannel, which was worn with white blouses, can team with bright red sweater, a red bag. The date dress with the jet trim will come up to date, if you invest in one of the cute jetted beanies.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When room at the dinner table is limited, would it be all right to allow about 16 inches for each person?

A. No: this would be entirely too crowded. The minimum space to allow is 20 inches, while 30 inches is much better.

Q. Should a girl wear a ring other than the engagement ring on the third finger of the left hand?

A. No; it should be worn on the right hand, or some other finger of the left hand.

Q. Is it necessary to offer a cigaret to another each time you have one, when you know the person doesn't smoke?

A. No.

## Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The apple is cut in half."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "scion"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Furlow, furlong, fulcrum.
4. What does the word "convivial" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with bi that means "a lover of books"?

**ANSWERS**

1. Say, "The apple is cut in halves." 2. Pronounce si-un, i as in sigh, u as in run unstressed, accent first syllable. 3. Furlough. 4. Characterized by eating and drinking in jovial fellowship. "I understood that it was to be a festive and convivial occasion." — Oliver Wendell Holmes. 5. Bibliophile.

## Dorothy Dix Says—

### Dull Wives and Men

#### Why Men Wed Dumb Women Instead Of Intelligent Is Mystery

One of the profound mysteries of life is why brains appear to be a handicap to girls in acquiring husbands, and why men seem to prefer the beautiful but dumb to the beautiful but clever.

There is no use in denying this and saying it isn't true because it just happens that way. Statistics show that 60 per cent of the college women are old maids. You never hear of boys rushing the shining lights among the feminine intelligentsia. It is the semi-morons who have dates to burn, and any little nitwit can marry three times to a highbrow's none.

This is before marriage. After marriage it is a different story. A man may be fascinated by an artless little sweetie who asks him imbecile questions, but he wants a wife who has plenty of good, hard, horse sense; who can take matrimony on the chin without squawking, and who is capable of being a helpmate and a companion to him.

**CAUSE PHILANDERING**

Babying a child-wife is one of the most wearing chores in the world and not many men have the endurance to stand it. They become the philandering husbands who are so bored at home that they wander away from their own firesides in search of women who are entertaining and amusing companions.

Of course, if only dull men married dull women, it would be easily explained on the ground of like seeking like. The mystery comes in when you see, as you do every day, highly intelligent men picking out as their life partners pretty little cuties whose upper stories are practically vacant.

Why brilliant men so often make these maladjusted marriages has been explained by one who did it in this way. He says: "It isn't that the intellectual man really prefers the unintellectual woman, or that he deliberately picks her out for a wife. It is because the stupid woman having nothing else to interest a man, forces him to interest himself in her. She focusses all of his attention upon herself.

"For instance, when I am with a clever woman, we have a thousand mutual interests. She may be beautiful, charming, feminine, but I lose sight of her personality in what we are talking about. I am not thinking about her eyes, or how the hair grows on the back of her neck, or the curve of her lips. I am thinking of the atomic bomb and world politics and the last new book, any one of a hundred subjects of moment.

"I have lost sight of her as a woman. I am thinking of her as a man. But with the unintelligent woman, who has no conversation to hold me, who doesn't read the books I read nor think the thoughts I think, I am bound to get down to personalities. I am compelled to talk to her about herself because that is all she knows. She has no appeal but the sex appeal, and before a man knows it that gets in its deadly work.

"It is practically impossible to talk to a girl about herself without in the end making love to her, and unless a man's guardian angel is on the job and works a miracle in his behalf he is lost."

All of which goes to show why so many brilliant husbands have unscintillating wives. But it also shows that the Dumb Doras are not as dumb as they seem to be. Anyway, they appear to know the short cuts to the wedding ring counter.

## Cook's Corner

**MACARONI DISHES**

¼ cup of broken macaroni
2 cups of boiling water
½ teaspoon of salt

This may be cooked night before using if desired, and after cooling completely, stored in covered bowl in ice box. Add salt to water, cover pot, bring to rapid boil. Rinse macaroni (or spaghetti or noodles) under cold water. Add very slowly to rapidly boiling water so as not to disturb boiling. Let cook for 20 to 25 minutes, rapidly, until tender but not mushy. Do not stir with a spoon. If necessary to stir, do so with a work, and only gently. Drain and rinse under hot water if using immediately. See suggestion below for use.

**With Cheese:** scald one-third cup of milk in top of double boiler over boiling water; add 2 tablespoons of grated cheese and stir to blend and melt. Add macaroni, a light sprinkle of salt and pepper, and, if desired, 2 or 3 tablespoons of cooked or canned peas, or corn. Heat together over hot water, stirring occasionally, until well blended, very hot, and ready to serve.

**With Tomatoes:** heat ½ cup of canned tomatoes in top of double boiler over boiling water, adding either 1 tablespoon of finely chopped onion, or few drops of onion juice; add also few drops of Worcestershire sauce; when hot, and macaroni is cooked, add to the tomato mixture, blend well, and heat together over hot water until ready for serving.

**With Meat and Vegetable:** if you have had stew or braised meat previously, save a few tablespoonfuls; scald one-third cup milk in top of double boiler over boiling water; add 2 or 3 tablespoons of meat and vegetable stew; add prepared macaroni; add sprinkle of salt and pepper, blend, and heat together in top of double boiler.

**With Cream Soup:** heat ½ cup of canned or home made cream of vegetable soup (mushroom, asparagus, etc.) in top of double boiler over boiling water; add light sprinkle of salt and pepper; add prepared macaroni; if desired add a few tablespoons of flaked cooked or canned salmon. Blend and heat together in top of double boiler until ready for serving.

## How Can I !!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove stains from a mattress?

A. Place the stained mattress in the sun, and cover the spots with a thick paste made of starch and cold water. Allow this mixture to remain an hour or so; then scrape off and repeat the process if necessary. This treatment proves more effective if done while the stain is fresh.

Q. How can I remove a cooking odor that permeates the house?

A. Make a small cushion of pine needles and place it on a heated radiator in one of the rooms. In a short time a faint fragrance will replace the cooking odor.

Q. How can I treat matches that are damp and will not light?

A. Damp matches can be used after they are rubbed back and forth through the bristles of a clothes brush.

CLIFFE, Kent, England — (CP) —A woman who left a sheet hanging on a clothes-line overnight next morning found a £1 ($4.50) note had taken its place.

## Household Scrapbook

**Weather Stripping**

Sometimes the weather stripping causes the windows to stick and makes them difficult to open and close. When this occurs, rub a cloth dipped in hot paraffin over the stripping. This will leave smooth tracks for the window sash.

**Buying a Mop**

When purchasing a new dry mop, shake it and see if the strings are matter together. If they are, reject it. The strings of a good mop will practically stand alone.

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## Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Last night, in the warm dim stable, in a circle of lantern light, the men of Alderlea, inspected the recent addition to our herd. Strange and forlorn it appeared to be, and will continue, until presently, it will fade in and assume a place in the farm plans of the future. So another pail was added to our collection this morning and a new schedule made, to include the extra feeding. James seemed to be rather puzzled, as he added hot water to cold and cold water to hot in order to arrive at the exact temperature he wanted in an array of pails on the back verandah. "Now, let me see, Ellen, am I forgetting one?" he asked me, checking them off one by one. A North wind, which swept in a mean domineering manner down from the hills, hastened the undertaking. It slammed doors and bent the tree tops in passing and stopped the bird song about the yard.

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Mr. D. guessed it was "too cold to work in that room today" and gave up his floor-laying there to fashion in a tidy pantry-cupboard to please a whim of mine. It was comfortable, in the kitchen and pantry, and with a respect for each others intentions, we were both able to carry out our various duties there with ease. Tonight, I have to pinch myself, and be certain James is in his old armchair and Mr. D. in the flesh, in the rocker beside him, Pard's nose beneath the couch and Tabby in a curl of colors under the stove, when occasionally I raise my eyes from my writing to rest them on a wall in the pantry, to reassure myself that I am sitting in a chair by the kitchen table and not off in some enchanted place, where mortals have but to wish a wish to have it at once come true.

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The wind hindered my steps, when I took the family mailing to the box this morning. But only until I came within the shelter of Mr. S.'s woodlot across the road. Indeed so staunch a shelter from certain winds it provides for our comfort at Alderlea that sometimes when James returns home to its protection from a less sheltered spot, he invariably "don't know, what we'll do, Ellen, when that bush is cut away." However there is a solace in knowing that not likely in our day will all of it fall to the woodsman's axe. To me it would be tragic and as sorrowful as the passing of an old and true friend. Funny too, how down the years, on a farm, ones surroundings become so integral a part of ones life! The old pine—as sturdy almost as the hills; the "cute" Summer trails that are there; the giant hemlocks and the flaming maples; the sunny side of it all, in Winter mornings and the lovely shade which meets the very edge of the mill stream on Summer afternoons. The birds that flit and carol there; and the hopping bob-tailed bunnies; the fetching striped chipmunk and the alert chummy squirrels. She was there this morning, that friend of mine, on a branch of a great mother spruce, which extends well out below the 'phone wires.

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"Well, for the land's sakes, Ellen" she said beaming at me like a nice old friend "Where have you been all along?" That was a funny question, for many a day, I had been there and there was "neither whip nor stitch" of her. But perhaps my cares had been so insistent, I had missed her cheery greeting, and gone unheedingly back to the house. "Br-r-r!" she shivered slightly in her furs, though the sun was brilliant at the time. "Isn't this a chilly morning? Just listen to the noise the wind is making in the trees back there! You know March" she said soberly "she's one of those" and she bent nearer as if to disclose a secret "you never, never can trust. But "she went on "we can talk of the weather some other time. Let's talk about Alderlea. How is James? I just bet he hasn't an idle minute right now! Didn't I hear him, now don't I know well his step? going in along to Rob's one dark night? And Rob's better? Yes, I saw him and Jamie in the cart yesterday—or was it the day before? and that black dog with the big mournful eyes. And how is Karolyn? Quilting! Well the dear bless us! The mailman had a spool of thread—but dear me, how I do run along! And Jamie? And her mother went by 'plane to the mainland—her second trip? No ma'am I wouldn't feel too easy away up there. And Jock? When's he going to saw that heap of wood over in the field? Listen, Ellen? there's the mailman's horse. I must get away out of this. Dear me—Bossy" she panted in concern "I just know I've lingered longer then I should have!" I barely caught the last word. She jumped gracefully to the next branch and presently I lost her among the farther trees.

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Jock was at the wood-cutting this evening but only trimming up the spruces that had fallen in the

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## Living & Leisure

### THE WOMAN'S REALM

**PATIENCE**

Patience! Why 'tis the soul of peace;
Of all the virtues, 'tis the nearest to heaven:
It makes men look like gods. The best of men
That e'er wore earth about him was a sufferer,
A soft, meek, patient humble tranquil spirit:
The first true gentleman that ever breathed.

The wheels of nature are not meant to roll backward; everything presses on toward Eternity —from the birth of Time, an impetuous current has set in which bears all the sons of men toward that interminable ocean.

—Robert Hall.

**FRENCH FASHIONS**

Two of the greatest names in French dressmaking — Lucien Lelong and Elsa Schiaparelli —agree that spring lines will be slim, but beyond that they don't see eye to eye. Schiaparelli, whose establishment was packed to the walls recently with a cosmopolitan crowd which included the Duchess of Windsor, presented a large, colourful collection along lines which she introduced last fall. Lelong's clothes are definitely longer — sometimes suit skirts drop to the mid-calf. Most of his street clothes come well below the knee. Mme. Schiaparelli keeps her skirts at about the spring length, fairly short and about at the bend of the knee.

**OLIVE CROP DOWN**

Italy's 1945 olive crop was insignificant in comparison with normal production.

The jonquil is considered the flower for those born in March. Birthstones are the aquamarine and bloodstone.

**GEMS FOR SPRING**

April's diamond, the emblem of innocence, is most versatile. While best known as a sparkling colourless gem, reflecting all the spectrum colours, it may seem more blue or green, violet or purple, yellow or brown. There is an opaque grey diamond; and red, rose and pink diamonds have been found. May calls for the bright full green emerald, one of the five most valuable gems. "She who wears an emerald all her life, shall be a loved and happy wife." And remember that you don't necessarily have to wear the largest emerald to be found. It will still be your birthstone, if it's only a tiny trim on your wristwatch, a modest-sized stone adorning a pin size won't interfere with its lucky connotations.

**WHY MEN PREFER BRITISH BRIDES**

"She's the most wonderful girl I've ever met. She doesn't chatter all the time the way some American girls do. She lets me do the talking."

So said a happy soldier bridegroom, awaiting the arrival of his British bride, to a New York reporter.

That crack about British girls being content to listen instead of talk has been made so many times by returned servicemen that it is going to be fun to watch what happens to the British brides who are settling in the United States, says a columnist.

Will they keep on listening and, perhaps, even teach American women what a simple, easy ready-made way it is to flatter a man?

Or will they in time become so Americanised that they would rather have their say than spend their lives listening appreciatively and with soft-eyed wonder to the opinions of any man who likes to hold forth?

Only time will tell. But American women probably will place their money on the bet that the British brides will turn into talkers.

**Is More Fun**

Not only is talking an easy habit to acquire, but it is so much more fun than listening. Which is, of course why American men found the British girls who "let them do the talking" so charming.

And besides, once they are safely settled in their husbands' homes and affections there won't be quite so much reason for always lending the flattering ear.

After all, they'll probably reason, if American women can hold their men and hold forth on their opinions too, there is no reason why a British wife turned American can't also enjoy the same emancipation.

Women—no matter where they were born—aren't naturally silent creatures and the only reason they ever pretend to be is when they are willing to pay the price for what they hope to get—the attention of a man.

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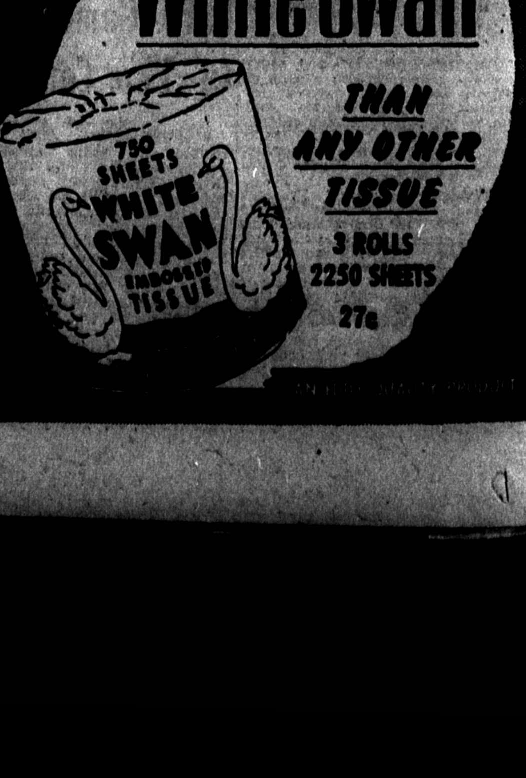
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