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THE WOMAN'S REALM

The Future Queen of England Turns Twenty-One

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Trial Separation

Wife Must Sever All Relations During Experimental Period

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My husband and I are making human guinea pigs of ourselves. We are experimenting with a trial separation. He feels that life has never given him a fair show because he has never had any freedom. He says that when he was a boy, his father had him tied down; then the war came along and the government tied him down; then I came into the picture and I tied him down; and our little six-week-old baby caps the climax by tying him down worse than ever.



He says he loves me, but he just can't stand to be able to run around with his old buddies and have girl friends, and go about and do as he pleases, without having a wife hanging around his neck and asking him where he has been and what he did, and feeling aggrieved if he doesn't get home except with the milkman.

He thinks that if he could have from six months to a year of freedom, he might get this craving for liberty out of his system and be ready to settle down and be a good husband and father. I have agreed to this plan and have taken the baby and gone back to my people and have been separated from him one week ago today. How do you think the plan will work?

BREAK ALL RELATIONS

ANSWER: I think the chances are that it will work out fine if you have enough backbone to carry out your end of the bargain and to force him to live up to his. By that I mean for you to break off all relationship with your husband for the duration of your contract. Don't let your husband come to see you. Don't write to him. Don't let him see the baby. Give him so much rope that he will hang himself with it.

But if you are going to be so weak as to take him on as a sort of part-time husband and let him come back and forth whenever he gets lonesome, hungry or in need of money, your experiment will fail. You have got to make your husband realize that there is something in life that is worth more than being a playboy and philandering around with strange girls, and that is having a good wife, a settled home, and shouldering his responsibilities.

I have long contended in this column that trial divorces would prevent the great majority of legal divorces. Men and women both got fed up with domesticity and need a rest from it every now and then.

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Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Monday brought a resumption of our workaday tasks to the folks at Alderica and to the men especially it returned the chore of the potato grading. It is indeed in the nature of a chore to James, for of all farm work, this is one in which he can find little either to entertain or please. For "growing potatoes" he asserts "is not farming at all. They are grown" he points out "not that it is in any way a labor of love but only for the cash return they may bring." However, refreshed by the Sabbath's rest, it was like coming to a fresh, new scene. There were several helpers today: our old friend Mack, who farms in the neighborhood; Mr. C. from the house on the hill; a bravey farmer from down the river road and Rob and Jamie, so that for all of them the afternoon slipped away quickly and so effectively that I was told at supper time: "they can fix that old pump for you now, Missis!" which was perhaps the best news I have heard for days.

Yesterday there had been a brisk walk in the coolness prevailing to the morning service in the old Kirk at the corner, where the Minister who is a widely read and much learned man, and most familiar with the Book of Books "opened up to us The Scriptures." At evening, James and I had a stroll along the fields, a bit disturbing when we came to bare meadows roughened by the frost where "there won't be a pick of inclined to act from strange impulses or quibotic ideas, being subject to snares and intrigue, to its detriment and personal loss or sorrow.



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1926
Birth of Elizabeth, Princess of Wales, brought family joy, little excitement. Three lives were between her and the throne.



1932
On her sixth birthday, people of Wales gave her a girl-sized cottage, beautifully furnished in scale, for a playhouse.



1936
It seems prophetic now that her uncle, then King Edward VIII, called her "Queenie" from birth.

Today Princess Elizabeth (for her mother) Alexandra (for her great-grandmother) Mary (for her grandmother) Windsor is 21 years old. Born the daughter of the Duke of York, second son of King George V, and the Duchess, the former Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, she would have grown up as the politically unimportant Princess of York—except for the unprecedented accident of King Edward VIII's abdication. Today she is a figure of world importance because she is heiress presumptive to the throne of Great Britain, the future Queen Elizabeth II, ruler of the empire on which "the sun never sets."



1947
With the rugged mountains of South Africa as a backdrop, Princess Elizabeth poses for her 21st birthday picture in Natal National Park. Photo by NEA Correspondent Sydney Galger.



1944
By British law, she officially came of age at 18—a Royal Personage and heiress presumptive to the Crown.



1945
In wartime, despite the King's ruling to the contrary, "Betty" joined the ATS, driving and servicing army trucks and cars.



1946
Top question: "Who will Princess Elizabeth marry?" Best bet today: Prince Philip of Greece.

GOD CAN AFFORD TO WAIT

God's ways seem dark, but soon or late, They touch the shining hills of day; The evil cannot brook delay. The good can well afford to wait, Ye have the future grand and great, The safe appeal of truth to time.

BLUE IS FAVORITE COLOR OF SEASON

PARIS — Blue is one of this season's most popular colors. Just as it played a major part in many of the leading couture collections, so it is shown by the modistes, in all the soft subtle shades ranging from aqua to turquoise, from sky blue to navy for town wear.

Other colors are also subdued, greige, soft cinnamon, champagne, spice brown, orchid, mauve and faded pink. White hats are in the news, often combined with black, beige, or forget-me-not blue. They are even shown with tailored ensembles, sometimes with soft chiffon draping.

Materials are extremely varied: Velvet, bako straw, cellophane straws, taffeta and silk, all have a place this season in one of the most varied showings Paris has seen in years.

ASK HOUSEWIFE WHAT SHE LIKES

In Britain a group of people are working to find out just what the ordinary housewife wants in her home... whether she likes her saucepans round or square, the type of chair she prefers, the best shape for a cup or cooker. They are the Council of Industrial Design and a number of women's organizations, who are working together in the Women's Group for Social Welfare, representing many thousands of women in Britain. They are setting up Consumers' Committees to tell manufacturers just what women like and not what other people think they should be like.

Miss Lucy Butcher, a member of the Women's Group, said there had never been a time when manufacturers were so interested in the ideas of the housewife... nor has there ever been a time when so many home-makers in Britain knew so well what they wanted. In these days of shortages, she added, women simply cannot afford to buy cheap, shoddy things.

STORE IN DRY CELLAR

Maple syrup can be kept several months without affecting the colour if it is stored in a cool, dry cellar.

BEAUTY TAKES TO THE BATH

You can turn your tub into a one-gal beauty salon and use the time taken out for a bath to double up on many routines which have to be polished off anyway.

The best time, for instance, to push back cuticles and probe soiled tips is while nails are being soaped and soaked.

If you need to pamper tired eyes, the ideal time to coax back sparkle is while you are floating in a relaxing bath. To treat your eyes to damp heat—cue of the best-known coddling tricks—to restore sparkle—wring out a fresh facecloth in steaming water, and use it as a hot compress over closed lids.

The tub is the best place for running up ringlets, many girls claim. They say hair dampened by the steam of a hot bath draws up just the right amount of moisture for setting pin curls.

To make your bath give you the equivalent of a massage, use a scrub brush to create friction. Use it before you dunk bristles or wet your skin. Then send the scrub brush on its rounds again when you slather on soap.

To turn a prosy bath into an enchanting interlude, use extra-creamy, extra-fragrant soap. Toss in some bubbling bath oil or bank your tub with fragrant bath foam. If you'll use a hard-water district use a perfumed water softener to coax more action out of soap.

Hints on Etiquette

It is not good manners to continually bore people by telling the story of plays or movies or your dreams.

DON'T BUY A HAT WHILE SITTING DOWN

New York—This year, more than ever, don't buy a hat sitting down. Millinery departments everywhere have full length mirrors. Use them to check the hat with your outline. Your skirts are longer, your shoulders probably not so wide. Your hats must not be too heavy, too over-powering, but it must do its part to complete a smart and attractive silhouette.

The 1947 fashion trend in hats is youthful, smallish and sleek. Hats are worn back on the head, with a slight movement to the side. There is width at the sides and crowns the head. Make sure that your new hat follows this general line. From there on in, the choice is widely varied, with the size and shape of your face and the needs of your wardrobe important factors.

TEACH GOOD HABITS

It is more important to teach children proper living habits than to train them to be careful crossing a busy street. Wise parents also have their children vaccinated and inoculated.

SAVE YOUR EYES

Gray water dyes force you to spend more hours working at close-seeing tasks by lamplight, which brings us up to the subject of proper illumination. First rule is to make allowance for the lack of natural light by flooding your entire workroom—not merely your desk or sewing table—with more artificial light. Enough

Cook's Corner

ICE-BOX COOKIES

Keep refrigerator cookie dough on hand for emergencies. You can make it up whenever you have moments to spare in the kitchen. Then it is ready to be sliced and baked "on the double."

Comes lunch-box-packing time and you find there is nothing on hand for dessert, reach for a roll of cookie dough. In less than fifteen minutes you can have crisp wafers baked, ready to wrap and send along to work for school. These Ginger Peeps are as spicy and good as the name suggests.

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1 cup molasses or dark corn syrup
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2 cups whole wheat flakes
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
Heat molasses or corn syrup to boiling and add shortening. Remove from heat; cool well. Sift flour, salt, soda and spices together; stir into molasses mixture. Add whole wheat flakes. Blend well. Knead and shape into rolls about 1 1/2 inches in diameter; wrap in waxed paper, covering ends so that dough will not dry out. Store in refrigerator until firm. Cut in thin slices and bake on ungreased cookie sheet in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 8 to 10 minutes. Yield: 8 dozen wafers (2 inches in diameter.)

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it permissible to address a wedding invitation to "Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Family"?

A. No; the words "and family" are no longer used. A separate invitation should be sent to each member of the family other than the husband and wife.

Q. If a man doesn't smoke and is entertaining a woman who does, should he supply her with cigarettes while with her?

A. Yes.
Q. To whom only should one send notes announcing a birth?

A. Only to intimate friends.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Grease

One of the best ways of removing grease spots from wall paper is to cover the stain with fuller's earth and let it remain for several days. Brush off and if necessary repeat the application.

Old Rubber Gloves

If you wear rubber gloves to protect your hands and nails, but find the nails pierce the finger end, just turn the glove inside out and paste a piece of adhesive tape over each finger end.

Mailing Coins

When mailing a coin, fasten it to a piece of cardboard by means of a strip of adhesive tape and it will travel safely through the mail.

How Can I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I soften stiff leather shoes?

A. A little vaseline jelly applied to the shoes will make them soft and pliable. The jelly should be rubbed into the leather with a piece of flannel.

Q. How can I make moist crackers crisp?

A. When crackers absorb moisture, they lose their crispness. Place them on a pie pan or baking sheet, and bake in a hot oven for about ten minutes.

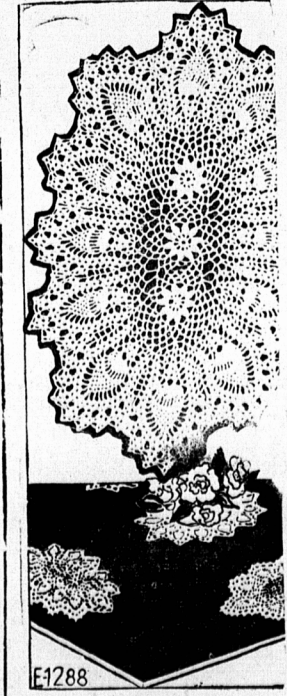
Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "You went back on your promise."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "fiasco" (a complete failure)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Expiable, exquisite, ecstasy.
4. What does the word "improvident" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ce that means "a fact unquestionably established"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "You failed to keep your promise."
2. Pronounce fe-as-ko, e as in me unstressed, a as in at, o as in no, accent second syllable.
3. Ecstasy.
4. Not providing for the future; thriftless. "His improvident life soon swept away his fortune."
5. Certainty.



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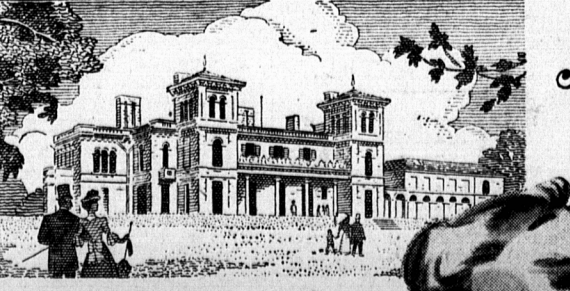
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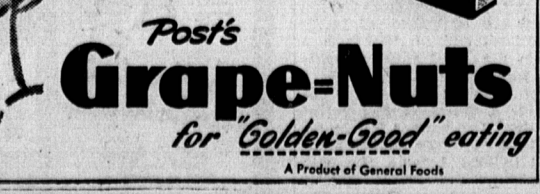
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