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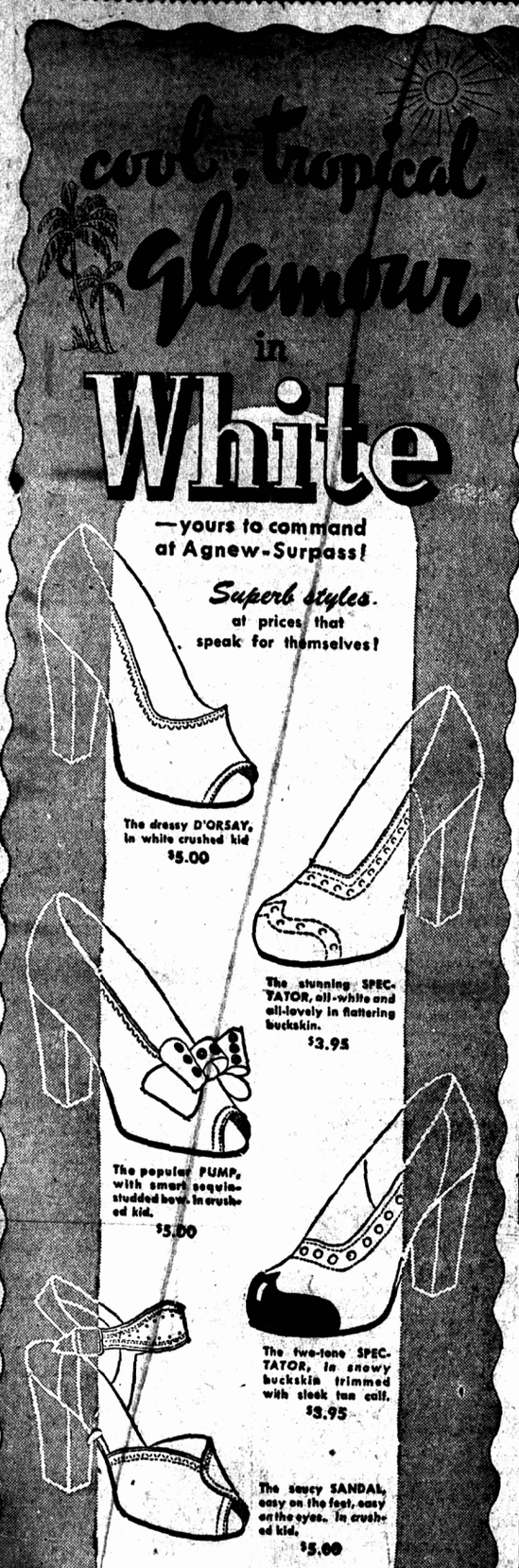

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Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Life at Alderlea settled down today and assumed a measure of its usual order. Jock who had been to the city last evening returned with the word that Jeanie and the new babe are doing fine. James' concerns were visibly reduced by this report but others more petty came at once to fill the vacant place. "We must" he said, as the three of us breakfasted together, Jock having for the moment resumed his former seat at the table, "see to it that our applications for our seed-potato inspection are sent in before the dead-line set". He inspected the leaf on the calendar, but the poor fellow's eyesight is not so keen in some ways, as it once was. "When does the fifteenth of the month come, Ellen?" "Well now" he said "we must see to that at once". James became quite stern when I made light of this matter for he heard tell of a man who completely forgot this part of the ritual of growing seed and as he heard it "he very near lost out on it all, on account of his own carelessness" —"Remember, Ellen" James will say "other people's not going to wait on us nor attend to our affairs for us". There will be no need, so long as the two of our men at Alderlea, man our "ship of state".

Jock and I went to the set-cutting this afternoon, when James preferred to do the last of the grain sowing—on last year's potato ground—which when completed ends that part of the seeding for the year. It is a singular coincidence, not at all planned, that this date last year saw the last of the grain in the ground. James would have finished the entire field which contains "near to a dozen acres" if the grain had not come to delay him. This is another of the areas to be seeded down and the last of the tweedsy-colored hay seed was taken to the field along with the grain. Jock might have gone to the potato-seed cutting earlier but he too suffered several delays. The grain had first to be taken out and the sacks dropped at intervals beside the dividing fence so as to be convenient to the sower; there was then a grist of crushing to be taken to the mill "and could you come a minute and hold the sacks for me?" I had scarcely commenced the preparations for dinner, on my return for James seems to be becoming more punctual to meals each day, when he decided to enclose a fresh paddock, with brand new boards for the brood sows use, an "Could you spare just a few minutes to herd them while I get the calves? —they may as well go in there too". And presently these young animals that had never before known the feel of earth beneath their feet nor tasted the luscious grass, with eyes that were full of wonder were led there and like small boys who shed boots on a warm Spring day, they raced wildly about the pasture. And then when the strangeness of it wore away it left them well content to nibble the juicy grass. By day, now, there is little left in their barn except Tabby's two kit-cats. Sad to relate, these have no manners at all, but arch their backs and actually spit and then run very fast to hide themselves when anyone comes near their snug home in a mow. There are swallows above along the rafters. They swoop and rise on rustling wings and tend to their nesting there. And down in a dark corner of the root cellar that is lit only rarely by a stray afternoon sunbeam a matronly grey hen has stolen her nest since Jeanie went away.

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Susie looked lonesomely through her pen of wire today, I suspect missing the various tid-bits that Jeane was wont to carry her. I fear she was on short rations for hurry as I will it seems as though I barely get one care attended to when a second one comes to mind. Chicks have chosen this week to leave their shells but Mattie the Muscovey duck has done me the favor of stealing her nest to the fastness of an area beneath a barn. There she has assumed full charge of her own affairs—for which I am grateful. And now, the day's work is at an end. The milk cows are in their stable and the young calves returned to their stalls. For rain came this evening. It streams down the panes of a Southern window; it patters on the roof and descends in a steady stream to the rain barrel below. It may be that there I shall find an abundance of water, enough for the wool-washing which comes presently. This spell of dampness will bring fresh growth to the grain, which James was inclined to think he had sowed too thinly or perhaps for one never knows, too thickly. In any event, it is fast concealing the red of the field below the lane, covering it with a gown that is soft and pretty and green.

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Even James is satisfied with its appearance. "Struck it pretty good this year" he acknowledged to me with pride this morning. 30 years of practical experience has not been for naught, as I very well knew at the time of the sowing—if I did sympathetically mount to sit with him on an anxious seat. Now if that matter of the potato application were cleared away, but James is not forgetting it not even as he steals forty winks while awaiting "a bit of something—I'm not particular, Ellen". And if concerns come to bother this James of mine if Summer skies be overcast and the rain continues and there is no friendly light beaming from the wee house across the lane—for Jock is kaleying over with the bachelors in the house on the hill—All's well tonight at Alderlea.

Until tomorrow . . . Diary. . . Good-night. . . .

Leard-Proude Bridal Party

Mr. and Mrs. Hylson W. Proude with their wedding attendants, Miss Dorothy Leard, Miss Joan Hunter-Duvar, and Mr. Lloyd McNevin. Their marriage took place in Trinity Church on May 22nd.

Dorothy Dix Says—

Environment and Children

Parents Accord Nice Homes But Children Require Happiness

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings proceedeth wisdom. A girl, who at the tender age of 18 is getting her first divorce, said to me the other day: "If our parents wish to keep us teen-agers from marrying too young, they should make our homes happy so that we will want to stay in them. We know that we are not old enough to really know what love is. We know we are not fitted for the responsibilities of marriage, and we would like to wait and see something of the world and have some fun playing about, but we just get so fed up on being nagged by our parents, and being spied upon and denied all freedom, that we rush into marriage in the hope that it will be a way out.

"Some of us live in homes where our fathers and mothers are always fighting and screaming at each other, so that we are ashamed to have anyone come to our houses. Some of us are never permitted to have any company, and if anyone does come to see us our parents sit where they can eavesdrop all the conversation, and they twist what they overhear into jokes with which to ridicule us.

PRYING MOTHERS

"Some of us have mothers who open our letters and read them before we ever see them, and they listen in on our telephone calls. And just myriads of us have parents who won't let us have boy friends, or go to parties, or even to the movies unless they go with us, and who force us to keep our dates at the drug stores and lie about where we have been.

"Sociologists are always asking why girls leave home, and parents think their daughters are crazy when they leave their big, comfortable houses to go and live with some other girl in a little two-by-four, miserable flat, and nobody can understand why the bobby-sockers can't even wait to get out of the school room to get married. But the answer is that they are trying to break out of homes that are jails. You never hear of girls who have peaceful, cheerful homes and co-operative parents who are not content to stay at home."

So said this girl, and she stated a truth that all too many parents completely ignore, and that is that if they wish to keep their little lambs safe in the fold and protect them from the wolves, they have got to make it a pleasant place in which to abide. It is the only way to keep them from jumping the fence in search of greener fields and pastures newer. It isn't enough to give children a good home. It has to be an entertaining and amusing place that can set up a fair competition with night clubs and bars.

What parents, strangely enough, seem not to appreciate is that their attitude towards family life makes the atmosphere of the home. If a father and mother love each other and are tender and considerate towards each other, it makes a wholesome climate in which the children grow up into being fine men and women. But if the father and mother quarrel like cats and dogs and say mean and cruel things to each other, it makes an air of strife and gloom out of which the children try to escape as soon as possible, or else become delinquents that are the great problem of our day. For it is easier to be good when we are happy.

Certainly for a teen-age girl to rush into marriage with a man she scarcely knows by sight, in order to escape tyrannical parents and get out of an unhappy home, is jumping from the frying pan into the fire; but it is what has brought about the vast number of juvenile marriages and the subsequent divorces with which the courts are wrestling. And the message to fathers and mothers is plain: Make your home a happy one if you want to keep your children in it.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it permissible to use postal cards for social correspondence?

A. No; the postal card should be used for business purposes only, accepting of course the popular greeting, holady and vacation picture and decorative cards.

Q. Isn't it discourteous to reach in front of another person in order to shake hands with someone else?

A. Yes; this should always be avoided.

Q. How should fruit pits be taken from the mouth?

A. Between the thumb and forefinger. Then lay them on the plate.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove ink stains from a rug?

A. Saturate the spot with vinegar, then sprinkle salt over it. Take a large spoon and dip up all possible. Repeat this formula several times and then rinse in cold water.

Q. How can I keep the wires of a piano free from dampness and rust?

A. Tack a small bag of unslacked lime inside the piano, just under the cover; this will absorb all moisture.

Q. Should the oven be very hot when baking cakes?

A. In baking cakes, be careful not to have the oven too hot, or they will scorch, especially if the ingredients are rich. Rich cakes take much longer to bake than plain ones.

Morning Smile

THE TEST

Betty was hesitating between two young men, and at last it struck her that he might get some help from her father.

"Which do you think I should take, Daddy?" she asked. "Joe is awfully handsome, but Sam is a nice, steady chap."

Father did not hesitate.

"My dear," he replied, "if you want a good husband, take Sam. He really loves you."

Betty looked interested.

"How do you know?" she asked.

Father smiled.

"I've been borrowing money from him for the last six months," he said, "and he still comes to see you twice a week."

The vicar was addressing a mothers' meeting.

"It has come to my knowledge," he said, "that a woman who is sitting among you today is not carrying out her duties as a wife should do. Instead of preparing a meal for her husband on his return from a hard day's work, she spends her time gossiping. The consequences are that her husband spends most of his evenings in the Boar's Head. Sooner or later this will lead to domestic strife. So that you will know to whom I refer, I will throw this book at her."

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Heloise Durant.

A sober second thought is always essential and seldom wrong.—Van Buren.

A garment dyed with natural indigo, a vat color, was found in a tomb in Thebec where it has lain since about 3,000 B.C.

Hints on Etiquette

It is customary to speak to people who live in the same apartment you do, even if you do not know them.

GOOD EATING

With haddock in plentiful supply these days, you'll probably have no trouble finding it at your favorite fish counter. So why not choose baked haddock as the feature dish at dinner. Along with it combine crisp grated cold slaw with colorful grated raw carrots. Then for dessert team up tart tangy rhubarb with refreshing diced canned pineapple. Let iced coffee serve as the adult's beverage, and choose tall glasses of milk for the children.

For an easy to fix lunch that should satisfy everyone, have scrambled eggs with taste-teasing chives. To round out the meal, serve whole grain or enriched bread with butter and chocolate pudding for dessert with milk to meet the beverage needs.

If you find there's rhubarb left over from your dinner dessert, serve it at breakfast tomorrow. Follow the rhubarb with generous helpings of oatmeal cooked with raisins. In the beverage department choose milk for the youngsters and steaming cups of coffee for their elders.

Malaria is an 18th century Italian word meaning "bad air."

Odds against a perfect hand being dealth at a bridge table are 158,000,000 to one.

Telegraph communication between Pittsburgh and the East was first established 100 years ago this year; railroad traffic from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia was opened four years later.

Murals of jungle scenes are to be painted on the walls of a tiger cage; the idea is to make appearances in an Australian zoo, it is reported more realistic for visitors, and more "home-like" for the beasts.

Rubber trees of apparently much greater productivity and disease resistance than the best plantation trees have been found by explorers of the United States Department of Agriculture in the upper regions of the Amazon.

The Royal Greenwich Observatory, soon to be moved from London will be 16 1-2 miles east of the Greenwich meridian, the world standard for measurement of longitude and time; location of the zero meridian will not be changed.

Without the forests of Japan, its agricultural lands would soon wash away; the vast timberlands on the rugged slopes of hills and mountains hold the waters from rain and snow, preventing floods and erosion.

Only about one-third of the wood in a tree is now converted into usable products.

A new mildew killer, or fungicide, can be used in garbage pails, bread boxes, clothing, rugs, furniture, draperies and shower curtains to prevent mildew.

If porcelain tea kettle and coffee pots become stained, rub the stained portion with a cloth dipped in common baking soda until the discoloration is removed. Wash thoroughly.

If more people wanted to get up in the morning, more people might get up in the world.

When a woman speaks of her new suit these days you don't know whether she has bought or brought one.

For the shorts-'n'-slacks season what could be more practical than a one-piece shirt and pantie combination? No shirt-tails to ride up or pull out, and clever construction makes for light laundering.

Notable Link With The Past

The older Persian carpets are, the finer they are, and the best of them are almost priceless. Sir Murdock Smith, a famous antiquary, once said that the floor of the Chehel Situn Palace at Ispahan was covered with a fine carpet which had been in use since the time of Shah Abbas, who resigned at the end of the 16th century. If it is there still it is a notable link with a notable past.

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Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The child's conduct was aggravating."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Santiago"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Comence, comedy, comeliness.

4. What does the word "immaculately" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with let that means "morbidly drowsy."

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The child's conduct was provoking (or, exasperating)." An illness or a misfortune may be aggravated (made worse or more severe.) 2. Pronounce san-te-a-go, both a's as in ah, e as in tea, accent third syllable. 3. Commence. 4. Faultlessly. "He was immaculately attired. 5. Lethargic.

Cook's Corner

CHOCOLATE CREAM PUDDING

For a strong chocolate flavor use 1½ ounces chocolate; for a milder flavor 1 ounce will suffice.

If you fancy using this recipe for chocolate cream tarts, better put it carefully away until the moment when you can rise to making the pastry.

1 to 1½ ounces unsweetened chocolate,
2¼ cups milk
3½ tablespoons corn starch
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1/3 cup corn syrup
1/3 teaspoon vanilla

Cut the chocolate into pieces.

Combine cut-up chocolate and milk in upper pan of double boiler; cover and heat to scalding point over boiling water; beat with a rotary beater until blended.

Combine the granulated sugar, corn starch and salt; gradually stir in part of the hot mixture; stir back into remaining milk in double boiler and cook over low, direct heat, stirring constantly, until smoothly thickened. Cover and cook over boiling water, with occasional stirring, until no raw flavor of starch remains.

Remove from heat and stir in the corn syrup and vanilla.

Turn into individual dessert glasses and chill before serving.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Polishing Mahogany

If one wishes to give a high polish to mahogany, first rub the surface with lemon oil and clean it off. Then use a soft cheesecloth which has been treated with alcohol and patted only until the vapor remains and rub this quickly over the surface of the wood. It will produce clear, lustrous finish.

A Kitchen Convenience

Keep a metal clip at a convenient height over the kitchen table to hold the recipe while the preparing is being done. The recipe will not get soiled and will be out of the way during the process of cooking.

Crackers and Cheese

As an attractive addition to the salad course serve crackers spread with strongly flavored cheese.

RICH FOOD TAKES A TOLL

As men and women approach middle-age, they usually eat too much rich, fatty food and exercise too little. They lose the spring in their step and often feel "so tired" they can't be bothered keeping up with the crowd. This is a danger period, the time when "middle-age" spread sets in.

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