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Needlecraft

FOR THE HOME



How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I keep the house ventilated in cold weather?

A. The house should be well aired, opening every window for a time each day. Open the windows in the bedrooms at night. Proper ventilation is necessary if one wishes to avoid the prevalent winter colds.

Q. How can I keep blankets soft and fluffy?

A. Both blankets and flannels will keep that soft new feeling, if a teaspoon of glycerine is added to each pint of rinsing water when laundering them.

Q. How can I add flavor to cocoa?

A. A pinch of salt, a few drops of vanilla, or a dash of cinnamon or nutmeg will add to the flavor of cocoa.

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Should one ever hurry through the simple formality of introducing two persons?

A. No. Haste is undignified, and mistakes and embarrassment often result from hurrying through introductions. Take plenty of time and pronounce the names slowly and distinctly.

Q. Is it considered proper to send wedding invitations to friends who live so far away that one knows they will be unable to attend the wedding?

A. Certainly. Distance has nothing to do with thoughtfulness.

Q. If your wife is telling a story to a group of friends and has an important fact wrong, is it all right to interrupt and correct her?

A. This is quite often done, and is extremely rude. It is much better to let it pass.

Cook's Corner

SNOW BALLS

Three egg whites, 2 1/2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla, 1 1/4 cups milk. Method: Beat the egg whites until stiff; gradually add the powdered sugar, beating whites continuously. Heat the milk; add the vanilla. When milk has reached the boiling point, drop heaping tablespoons of the egg mixture into the spoons of the egg mixture into the milk. Cover and turn off the heat. Allow to stand for 10 minutes. Remove snowballs from milk and serve with custard sauce made as follows: Mix 1 tablespoon of sugar with 1/2 tablespoon of cornstarch; stir in 2 tablespoons of cold milk, and add 2 tablespoons of cold milk, and add to the milk in which the snowballs

were cooked. Bring to a boil and cook until mixture thickens. Beat 3 egg yolks; pour some of the hot liquid over the egg yolks, stirring constantly. Return to the double boiler and cook for one minute. Flavor with 1/4 teaspoon vanilla.

SAVES CHILDREN IN FIRE

SUBSBURY, Ont., Nov. 29 (CP) — Mathias Laviolette, three his two children out of a second-story window, when fire gutted their home. The trio landed uninjured in a snowbank. Three young children, boarding with the Laviolette's, were in an adjoining room. All escaped injury.

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HUMBLE

ANSWER: Pop the question to your timorous lover. Sell him the idea that these children lack a mother's love and a mother's guidance and a mother's care and that you are the one and only person in the world to supply the need.

Tell him that because there have been harsh and cruel stepmothers that is no reason for believing that all stepmothers are fiends that is no reason for concluding that all apples are rotten because there is one rotten apple in a barrel. Impress upon him that you are marrying him for the children and not for himself.

There will be a lot of happy marriages when women summon up the courage to go after the men they want and have the nerve to point out to what a good wife they would make. All that many a dumb man needs is just to have some woman show him a good cook and housekeeper she is and how comfortable she could make him or what a good time they could have playing golf together or how happy they might be trotting around the world together.

DEAR MISS DIX: What advice would you give this otherwise happily married couple? The husband insists on growing a mustache, much against the wishes of the wife. The family peace has been shattered by their arguments, but we have agreed that we will abide by your decision in the matter.

X. R.

ANSWER: Primarily, whether a man should wear a mustache or not depends upon the kind of mouth he has. If it is a pretty mouth, a mustache is highly desirable to hide it, but if it is a pretty mouth, why not give the world a treat by exhibiting it?

Of course, it may be said that a man has a right to wear any kind of facial adornment he chooses, but inasmuch as the wife has to look at him and he seldom sees himself, I think that he should be guided by her desires in the matter. But a woman who has no fault to find with her husband save his mustache is so blessed that she could well overlook the flaw in him.

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Saturday, December 3

ALTHOUGH new plans and projects, having the element of novelty and originality seem to have promising indications, yet there are hazards, probably lack of capital or other cooperation. While some encouragement is shown, with an inner emotional urge to undertake experimental work or propositions, yet the uncertainty of success should be taken into account. It might be as well to permit the ideas or plans to "simmer" for a while until more hopeful auspices.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may be filled with a definite drive to put over new deals, innovations or original experimental projects, yet there is likelihood that in the long run the game may not be worth the candle. Funds for development, or other collaboration, are indefinite. It might be advantageous to permit the matter to incubate for a time while the desired support be more certain. It might be as well to find outlet for adventure to take on some romantic form.

A child born on this day is adventurous and daring, with new ideas or ideals, but may find the way difficult.

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

FALSE PLEURISY (PLEURODYNIA)

When pain occurs anywhere in the chest, the first thought is likely to be that heart disease is present, particularly if pain is in the front where in the chest, the first thought may be that it is caused by pleurisy or pleurisy. What we forget is that heart disease, pneumonia and pleurisy all occur behind or inside the ribs.

On the outstanding symptoms of pleurisy is the pain caused when breathing. Painful breathing may readily be called a definite sign of pleurisy. However, as pointed out in previous articles, there is a pleurisy, pleurodynia, the pain arising not under the ribs but in the muscles on the outside of the ribs. Naturally, when the individual breathes in air, these muscles, some of which help raise the ribs, have to move and the movement causes pain just as in true pleurisy.

Some years ago an epidemic of false pleurisy, pleurodynia, occurred in England, Denmark and Norway some 10,000 cases being reported in Denmark alone. (Pleurodynia must be reported to the authorities in Denmark.)

In the summer of 1942, Dr. Tasker Howard, in "The Journal of the American Medical Association," reported 166 cases in Brooklyn and in 1947 Drs. J. J. Finn, T. H. Welles and R. Morgan reported that in Brookline, Mass., 114 patients were admitted to Boston City Hospital.

The symptoms of pleurodynia are: sudden onset of a severe pain across the chest, in abdomen or in shoulder. It was described by patients as "smothering," "stabbing," "knifing" and "like a wire around the lower ribs." The pain was increased by deep breathing, yawning, coughing, and movements of the body. The pain lasted from two to seven days. The X-rays showed lungs to be normal and the diaphragm (roof of abdomen and floor of chest) moved normally up and down.

While the cause of pleurodynia has not yet been discovered, infection by some small organism (a virus), is likely the cause as the ailment was epidemic form. Rest and analgesic pain-relieving drugs is the only treatment necessary.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

The "Firm" bought a sow today, one of a line they much respect, and expected in time to repay them with choice offspring to grade mostly selects. And again in the turn of the seasons, pens are full. "And what's in this pen?" an old friend of ours asked when we were making the rounds of the buildings, as James will have it of us. "Not from any liking of the animals but just by way of getting exercise," on a lovely Autumn afternoon. "Well, I'll be blowed!" she exclaimed, "if it isn't another one of those creatures — and as big as a horse! It's just one sow after another — don't you all grow anything else here?" "Oh yes," we chuckled, "and after all, we haven't so many."

Just seems so when you look in on them like this. But we have a little of everything, accenting dogs at the moment. We have three of those! You remember the old saying: "A rich man can afford only one, but a poor man keeps a number?" "Ellen," she queried when a thought struck her, "have you all got any goats?" "No goats!" we laughed, "but we have sheep." And James says it would be more profitable for the farm if we exchanged the flock of turkeys for a canary! "Well now," she laughed, "if you all had a goat and a canary," and some pea fowl!" We said with some longing, "To heck with pea fowl, they're only for the rich folks, but Ellen with a goat and a canary added to what's here, the place would be 'made up' I'm thinking!"

It was "made up" by the acquisition of another sow this morning, especially James's point of view, because at present James has his doubts of continuing profits to be made along that or indeed, several other lines of farming. We overheard him discuss it with a visiting farmer this afternoon. "We're at a place in farming," he observed, "when it's just hard to say what line is best to stress, even for the year ahead. It's queer when you come to think of it, how farming must change to meet the fads and fancies of the times? That is to be able to make a living — or have a bit over. Not too many years back, there was good money in raising horses — an extra horse each year represented a nice cash income. And now "he smiled "a foal on a farm is a rarity, and as for selling a horse right now — you could hardly give one away. Hay and straw and oats had their seasons and good prices. . . . and foxes had their day. And potatoes — but not this year when there is no spread between cost of production and selling price, no there has been money made in potatoes, and there may be again, but not this year. A man is entitled to some wages for his work and worry over them, don't you think?"

The other potted. "Current prices for turnips are good," he offered, "but you've got to have a perfect vegetable before you can sell them at all — and that's pretty hard this year, when they grew so big." "There's the dairy, too," James commented, "but

look at the work of it, if one has little or no help, and to hire is to throw away most of profit, with wages as they are." "And it's beginning to look as though hogs and beef had their day," the visitor remarked, "though, of course, we don't know." "No we don't know," James agreed, "that's what I say — it leaves a farmer in a dilemma, so to speak. "Either just to sit down" the other chuckled at the thought of it, "or just work so that we get a bit to eat and a rag to our backs and be content to drift along with the rest of the world. . . . But, by heck, or what's worse, be jailed, for debt in no time! For irrespective of prices received or sales, there's got to be buying, for what would the place run on?" And the two went out then chuckling knowingly they should be obliged to plan as best they knew, and take the days as they come, with brave hearts.

James went to banking this house, a responsibility which has been his for "well over forty years." And in the red-brown of the clay which covered our bit of honeysuckle plant and a golden rose, growing at its base, we saw the glint of the pond-water; a haze of drying fields; granddaughter with a handful of dandelions. . . . And Spring's return. . . . Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night. . . .

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Better English

By D. O. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Acoustics are a branch of physics."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Indict"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Coiffure, complexion, colleague, collaborate.
4. What does the word "paramount" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "go" that means "liberal"?

ANSWERS

1. The noun acoustics is plural in form, but singular in construction. Say, "Acoustics is a branch of physics."
2. Pronounce in-dit, second i as in light, accent last syllable. I. Coiffure. 4. Superior to all others; supremely controlling. "The influence of Napoleon became paramount." 5. Generous.

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