

Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it permissible to pour water from a glass over the fingers after eating?
 A. No; if no finger bowl is served and the hands must be washed, go into the dressing room to freshen up.
 Q. Does the bride take part in the wedding rehearsal?
 A. No; she directs it, but in line with tradition she seldom takes part in it.
 Q. Which is correct, "My Dear Sir," or "My dear Sir"?
 A. "My dear Sir." Do not capitalize "dear."

Cook's Corner

MINCEMEAT

(Without Meat)

- 3 pounds raisins
- 1/2 pound chopped mixed peel
- 2 pounds apples
- 1 pound suet
- 1 pound sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 ounce of 2 lemons

METHOD: Wash the raisins thoroughly and then dry well between towels. If you happen to have some currants tucked away somewhere, you could substitute a pound of these for one pound of the raisins. Currants, if used, should be thoroughly washed and dried, too.
 Pare and core the apples. Now put the raisins, mixed peel and the prepared apples through the food chopper. Add the sugar, spices and lemon juice. Mix well and store in a small crock or in sealers, in a cold place, until to be used.

MINCEMEAT

(With Meat)

- 2 pounds lean beef
- 1 pound suet
- 7 pounds apples
- 3 pounds raisins
- 6 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon cloves
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup fruit juice
- 1/2 cup light molasses
- 2 cups beef stock
- 2 oranges

METHOD: Cook the meat in water to cover until tender, then drain, reserving the liquid in which it was cooked, and then put the meat through a fine blade of the food chopper, or, if more convenient, put through the medium blade twice.

Combine the chopped meat and the suet. Then add the sugar spices and vinegar fruit juice (and you



How Can I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove paper that has stuck to the top of a table?
 A. My putting a few drops of sweet oil on the paper and rubbing lightly with a soft cloth. Then polish with furniture polish.

S. How can I make a warm robe for baby's carriage?
 A. An old fur coat, that can be no longer worn on the street, will make a good warm and serviceable robe for baby's carriage.

Q. How can I keep meringue from falling?
 A. Add one-fourth teaspoonful of baking powder.

may use apple, grape, or any kind you happen to have on hand for this), the molasses, and 2 cups of the liquid in which the meat was cooked.
 Grate the rind from 1 of the oranges and 1 of the lemons and squeeze the juice from both the lemons and oranges then add to the rest of the mixture.
 Pare, core and chop the apples. Wash the raisins thoroughly. Add these to the first mixture.
 Place in a preserving kettle and heat just to the boiling point and pack in sterilized jars and cover with melted paraffin. When the first coat hardens add another layer, and then cover the jars with lids or the paper over them. Store in a cool, dry place.

The next is a recipe for a simply made marmalade. No meat is used in it, and it isn't necessary to cook it before storing.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Marital Cross-Currents

Wives Bare Heart To Tell Why Husbands Married Them

Recently in this column I suggested that, now and then, every wife should sit down and ask herself the question: Why did my husband marry me? with a view to frepping up the sales technique with which she caught him, in case it had gone a little flat.

The idea didn't arouse any popular response in wifely breasts, but it did cause a number of married ladies to go into reverse action and tell why they thought their husbands married them. Said one woman:

"After giving this subject profound consideration during the 20 years I have been married to my husband, I am convinced that the reason that he married me was to get an iron-clad alibi for all of his mistakes and blunders. He blames me for everything that has ever happened to us, from the weather going sour to our children being girls instead of boys.

"But for me, he would be a millionaire. It is because I have not been an inspiration that his golf game is so bad. If I had been a booster, instead of a handicap, he would have been elected president long ago. It is my lack of knowledge of dietetics that has given him stomach ulcers. And the only reason he ever goes on a binge is because I have driven him to drink. And he philanders only because I don't understand him."

SPARRING PARTNER

Said Woman Number Two: "I think my husband married me to get a sparring partner. He just dearly loves a fight. He couldn't stand a Patient Griselda type of wife who would yes-yes him about everything and let him walk over her. So he picked me out for a wife because I had a red head and a temper hung on a hair-trigger, and any word is there is never a dull moment in our house. And while we are always on the verge of divorce, we never go over the brink."

Said Woman Number Three: "My husband married me because I am an escape valve for all his nerves and temper that he has to keep bottled up in business, but that he can let go at home. He dare not call his boss names, or tell his customers or clients what he thinks of them, but he doesn't feel that he has to be polite to a mere wife, and he says things to me that he wouldn't dream of saying to any other woman who had an able-bodied brother. A lot of men would blow up and burst if they didn't have wives they could swear at."

Said Woman Number Four: "My husband married me to get a good cook who couldn't give notice and quit. I baited my hook with a lemon pie and dangled it before the poor fish's eyes and he bit. That is the find a man who is sick and tired of knocking around hotels and clubs and boarding houses and having to order his own dinners. Make him a comfortable home and feed him on food the way he likes it, and you can't lose him. When God made men's stomachs bigger than their hearts, he handed wives a tip that they can play all across the board."

Said Woman Number Five: "My husband married me because I am a love him and baby him and tell him how wonderful he is and to build up his ego, and I took on the job. And, as the old fairy story says "we got married and lived happily ever after."
 So here are the reasons that five women give for their husbands marrying them. What was your charm?

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

This has been one of those quiet days at Alderlea, which when one comes to review the month or the season, will stand out clearly among others as a tranquil day—one in which we were able "to sit and generally" to follow "the even tenor" of our ways. Some days on a farm only begin this way, before petty and greater cares come to distress and bother, while others there are, which bring farm folk, peacefully and quietly through the hours to their day's end. Such a one was this, that is already past the lamp-light time of evening, in farm kitchens at this season of the year. Perhaps the charm of today lay in the weather, rare indeed for the last week of November. "Frosty weather this," James remarked this morning, sitting down to milk the Kelly cow, while I was at the Guernsey heifer in the next stall. "I don't believe I ever saw better," he said, looking back over his four score years. "Yes, I mind one—there was no hard frost till later than this. But it's a good many years back." Through the open door this morning the sky was a warm blue; birds flitted joyfully in the yard; and not a breath of wind stirred the branches. A light mist was retreating, leaving a glow like a day left over from early Autumn—except that trees were bare. Then "did you see that Ellen?" James asked, milking to see me. It was Mattie's ducks in flight. Queer creatures that they are "neither flesh nor fowl" they soared gracefully on light wings over the field above the barn. "I guess we're only going to have a bit of wind" I said.

James wanted this day to remain fine so that the manure, the men folk's latest concern would presently be tucked away safely for the winter. James is not one content to leave this fertilizer, open to every mood of wind and weather preferring always to have it as he says "where you know where it is" plowed down. Jack then went to the field work leaving James to the chore. Now that the winter schedule is being followed at the stables, it left James small time to visit with me. Only briefly, a sort of "I am farrowed" before his duties recalled him to his outdoor post. There was a delay when Link came. The dinner things had been put away, and Link was polishing the stove—not that the new one takes much time other than a quick rub each day to keep it shining, which is one of the good qualities it does, disappoint me at the slimmering. I enjoyed so much with the old one! James had been carrying bedding from a barn to a stable. I saw him almost bowed beneath the load of it.

Then the two came indoors. James invariably brings his company in, and we visit comfortably together. Pipes are lit, but only James' this afternoon. Link never smokes. "No," he said, "I never learned that trick yet." Then he grinned slowly in a way he has "guess there's no need of me learnin' now that the women have taken it up." We have known Link for years. I really suppose James has known him always. He is a kindly pleasant man, nice looking, once I suspect rather handsome in a robust way. His mustaches, fairly long and untamed today, lend an austere air to his expression. He was overruled, smocked, plaid-shirted (like James) and a hat set jauntily toward one ear when leaving. It was doubtless from the males that discerning milliners got the idea of this fascinating way of placing Mildy's chapeau, to link it at a most beguiling angle. Let it

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"Here's to thee Old apple tree! Whence thou mayst bud, And whence thou mayst blow, And whence thou mayst bear Apples now; Hats full, Bushels, bushels, sacks full, And my pocket full too! Huzzah! Huzzah!"

The rendering of this doggerel rhyme, followed by the passing of the elder jug, was a popular feature of Christmas during the middle 19th century at Devonshire.

This completed, the male members of the party discharged guns into a selected apple tree—said to result in bumper apple crops.

The men would then knock at the farm house door, guests as to the kind of roast in the oven. The one who guessed correctly was king for the night.

YULE LOG FIRE ONCE THOUGHT TO WARD OFF EVIL

Centuries ago huge fires were built in the great baronial halls in England on Christmas eve and servants brought in a log that was to burn throughout the Christmas feasting. It was customary to save a brand from each year's fire to light the next one with. If the log was properly burned it was believed that the devil was powerless to do any mischief to the household.

One story has it that stockings were originally hung by fireplaces burning Yule logs in order to absorb the odor of the burning wood and give the wearer protection from evil.

had come up from the mill where nephew to Mr. C. was doing "a few bags of crushin' for the cow, to hold her to her milk swindle longer." "I thought perhaps James" he said after he sat awhile "that if you had any Fall pigs for sale I would buy me a pair—if you priced them right. They're not so high now, I been hearin'." Punny, I thought, how news like that travels! However there is not a sign of a piglet at Alderlea now that care free days have returned to the piggery. Link was obviously disappointed. "Guess I left it a little late" he remarked. But the "kayley" continued. James had to know "what are you feedin' this Winter?" and I, for I had heard rumors of it, inquired if he had "heard anything of a wedding in the community tomorrow?" And James asked "what's the word now about potatoes?" This seems to be a disturbing question among farmers at present for here it is again. Mr. C. chatting with James now turns to ask me: "And did you hear anything about the potato situation when you were away on your trip Ellen?" So, I too am to be drawn into James' and Mr. C.'s "affairs of state".

Until tomorrow. Diary. Good-night.

INDOOR GAMES

Such games as volleyball, badminton, basketball and handball, make it possible for most Canadians to enjoy some form of recreation to every season of the year. Year-round sports activity is recommended to those who would preserve their health. After games under such conditions as obtained indoors, it is suggested that a shower or bathe in a brisk towel pool is wise followed by a brisk outdoor walk to keep healthy.

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MISTAKES DO HAPPEN

A passenger on the Limited, looking under his berth in the morning, found one black shoe and one tan. He called the porter's attention to the error.
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When cleaning the windows in freezing weather, use a cloth moistened with kerosene, instead of water.

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Mary never let on that she was acquainted with Charles."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Genoa" (Italy)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hiacynth, hibiscus, Hlswatha.
4. What does the word "indispensable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "ben" that means "kindly"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Mary gave no intimation that she was acquainted with Charles." 2. Pronounce jeh-no-ah, e as in men, o as in obey, a as in astounded, accent first syllable. 3. Hiacynth. 4. Absolutely necessary. "His services are indispensable." 5. Benignant.

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