Women's realm

Happenings of The Week

Mrs. Heber Large entertained at luncheon bridge at the Charlottetown Hotel on Monday and Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Gordon Hughes have as their guests Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wells of Alberton, who are visiting here before leaving to spend the winter in Pictou, Montreal and Ottawa.

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Mrs. J. Donald Seaman entertained at bridge Thursday evening in honour of Miss Avis Higgins, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Higgins.

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Judge J. Elliott Hudson of Halifax was a guest at the Charlottetown Hotel this week.

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Mrs. W. W. MacLaren of Georgetown is visiting with friends in Charlottetown.

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Friends here will be interested to learn of the engagement of Helen Cutcliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cutcliffe, to Allan Neville, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neville, Birtle, Manitoba. The marriage will take place in London, Ont.

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The Ladies' Branch of the Charlottetown Curling Club entertained the players from Alberton, Summerside, Montague and Charlottetown, who were competing for the Gaboury Trophy, at dinner in the Winchester banquet hall at Curling Club Wednesday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Suddaby of Montreal are guests at the Charlottetown Hotel.

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Mrs. A. J. Haslam entertained last evening at a miscellaneous shower in honour of Miss Dilys Owen, whose marriage to Mr. Colin Quinn of Toronto takes place on December 29th. Pouring was Mrs. George Ives, sister of the bride-to-be.

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Miss Doris MacKinnon, R.N., of Earnscliffe, is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacCannell, for three weeks.

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James C. Wood, A.B., R.C.N., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Wood. Able Seaman Wood, whose ship, H.M.C.S. Magnificent, recently docked at Halifax, will remain on leave until January 5th, when he will return to H.M.C.S. Stadacona in Halifax.

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Mrs. Hiram Osborne and young son Fred are returning to their home at Cape Ray, Newfoundland today, after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Osborne, Central Royalty. While here, Fred underwent an operation in the P. E. I. Hospital, from which he is making a satisfactory recovery.

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Guests at the Charlottetown Hotel this week included Mr. and Mrs. J. Collie of New Glasgow, N. S.

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Miss Barbara G. Rogers has returned following a holiday in Montreal.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson, Hunter River, are leaving this morning for Miami, Florida. En route they will stop off in Washington, D.C., to visit Mrs. Patterson's brother, Dr. W. M. Silliphant and family.

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Mrs. J. M. MacFadyen, Ritz Apartments, entertained on Wednesday for friends at afternoon tea.

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Dr. T. E. E. Robins is leaving this morning by plane for Toronto where he will join a number of friends and motor to Miami, Florida, for Christmas. Dr. Robins will then go on to Lexington, Kentucky, where he will spend the New Year's holiday before returning home.

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The executive and group leaders of the Women's Auxiliary of the Kirk of S. James entertained Miss E. Lillian McKenzie, Mus. B., F.M.C.M., and the members of her Girls' Gallery Choir Thursday night in the church hall at a delicious turkey dinner.

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Miss Eileen Hughes, a December bride-to-be, was the guest of honour Thursday evening at a miscellaneous shower given by Miss Mary MacInnis at her apartment, 333 Euston St. Miss Carrie MacCormack assisted Miss Hughes in opening the gifts and the verses were read by Miss Marion Langille.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Barry Bugden entertained Tuesday evening for the executive of the Little Theatre Guild and the directors and casts of the plays presented that evening. A presentation was made to Mr. Fred Jones, who has left for Halifax.

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The Rev. W. J. Phillips, who has recently returned from Germany where he spent the past year, and Mrs. Phillips, of Alberton, will arrive in Summerside today to spend the week-end with the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Phillips.

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Mrs. J. LeRoy Holman entertained on Monday evening at her home in Summerside when three tables of bridge were in play.

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Mrs. Ray Lockerby of Hamilton is visiting in Summerside the guest of Mrs. W. P. Callaghan.

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Mrs. F. J. E. Wright of Summerside was hostess at bridge on Monday evening.

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Mrs. L. A. Moore has returned to her home in Dartmouth, N. S., after spending some time in Summerside, the guest of Miss Carrie Holman.

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Mrs. J. K. Beer and Mrs. B. F. Hunter of Summerside entertained at the former's home on Friday evening of last week for Mrs. J. B. Downing when three tables of bridge were in play.

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Mr. and Mrs. Murray S. Willet and Mr. and Mrs. Brenton MacLean of Summerside are visiting in Halifax, N. S., this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tabor of Moncton, N. B., spent the week-end in Summerside, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Dunning.

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Mr. Bruce MacDonald of the R. C. A. F. Legal Department with Mrs. MacDonald and family have arrived in Summerside from Ottawa this week. After the Christmas season Mr. MacDonald leaves to spend a year in Japan, to which place he has been posted.

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The Rev. and Mrs. J. Donald MacKay of Summerside have had as their guests for the past two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr, who have been visiting their son, Pilot Officer Alistair Kerr, who has been seriously ill in Prince County Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr left on Thursday on return to Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland.

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Miss Aileen Annear of Montague was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Callbeck in Summerside on Tuesday.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"What have we done with our week? Where has it gone?" This is what James queried today when with surprise he found it had all but slipped away. At this place "in the road" it sped in days which came to us lamp-lit at morning and ended with the lights-out of retiring . . . And presently as we went about the pleasant chore of spreading the breakfast for our hungry and appreciative household beyond panes that had been dusky we saw the rose of dawn spread in rich colours above a hilltop, and at day's end enjoyed the exquisite hush and tranquility of early winter nights.

December thus far has presented our farmers with good weather, such as allows them to come unhindered to their work—to the varied haulings of season: bedding-straw for the livestock from a barn at the other farm . . gift of the threshing there, replete with gold and blue of those days and bound about with the threnody of crickets; hay from a buying was brought in, in this considered convenient season to provide acceptable fare for the and the small flock of sheep that of late choose to remain within reach of the yards?

"Is it because meadows are bare? Or that there is a storm in the offing?" Jamie regarding them asked.

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Only odd flurries of snow we have had thus far but enough to indicate the season and hurry the farmers to put in order their barns for the winter. James' spare minutes go now to strengthening a door-fastener, replacing a broken hinge, glazing a stable window, banking a building. And today new axe handles were brought from the store in anticipation of another harvest of farm, a healthful endeavour to come . . . "You had better see to that cold," we advised a member of the staff recently.

He laughed. "There's no need," he returned. "We intend to be off to the woods one of these days!"

To the woods of our farmlands, to enjoy again the ring of biting axes; the singing notes of the saws; the warning creak and swish of a "giant" of forest falling; in the frosty fragrance to gather harvest of fuel-wood for the home-fires, lumber for such projects of carpentry as may appear and stakes for the spring fencing-to-be.

Jamie, his misery of mumps past, was back to his classes in recent days; Gage too, with no sign of infection, and both to the joys and disappointments of their trap-line in the stillness of dawn. And as the days which bridge the short interval between are checked and relinquished one by one, thoughts of young and older turn with more frequency to the Christmas Season ahead. "What do you know, Ellen," a young friend exclaimed anxiously the other day, "Jackie's mother says there's no Santa Claus! Did you ever hear worse than that?" He laughed scornfully. "That's all she knows," he commented.

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There is a Santa Claus as truly as there is elf or roguish pixy or others of that fanciful kin. For does he not weave his gay magic on the Eve of Christmas? But above all make-believe, past the tinsel and glitter of any earthly observance is a hallowed manger and a Babe—at the end of one of Bethlehem's roads. How then shall we come to that spot?

"You may go to Bethlehem,
From your desert dull and far,
If you're not afraid to start,
Following a star;
You may hear the angels sing,
Out across the mystic bar,
If you only dare to go,
Where the angels are!

Should you know a crowded inn,
Or a cottage low,
Sore oppressed with human need,
Bitter with its woe,
There in service, you would find
Angel song and star aglow,
Royal road to Bethlehem,
If you choose to go."

Until Monday - - - Diary - - Good-night . . . .

Morning Smile

Where?

"I wish I knew where George was," remarked the young wife.

"I presume, my dear," said her mother-in-law, "that you mean you wish you knew where he is?"

"Oh, no. I don't," was the firm reply. "I know where he is. He's in bed with a black eye and a headache. I want to know where he was."

Ill-Timed

The buxom woman was applying for a separation from her small spouse.

"Your Lordship," she said, "he broke every dish in the house over my head and treated me cruelly."

"Did your husband apologize or express any regret for his actions at the time?" asked the judge patiently.

"No, your lordship. The ambulance took him away before he could speak to me."

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DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

You Can't Do Both!

Teen-Ager Would Go Steady And Have Other Dates, Too

DEAR MISS DIX: At 17, I am just beginning to date. At present I am going with a fine boy who says he wants to marry me when I finish school. I like him, but I feel I should have more of a teen-age life for a while. I'd like to date other boys occasionally, yet go steady with my present beau. He says it isn't done. Is he right? S. T.

ANSWER: The naivete of youth! You want to have your cake, eat it, and save enough crumbs for bread-pudding. It can't be done, my dear. What you propose is a contradiction in terms. "Going steady" definitely implies no other dating, so either you continue going steady with Andy, or date other boys—you can't do both at the same time!

Muriel Nissen

SECOND MARRIAGE PROBLEM

DEAR MISS DIX: I have recently remarried after a very unhappy first marriage. I have a six-year-old son whom my present husband wishes to adopt. However, I feel that the financial support contributed by the boy's father will enable my son to have opportunities we could not otherwise afford. I would appreciate your advice. SUSAN T.

ANSWER: There are probably as many "pros" as "cons" to this question; perhaps some of my readers will give their opinions on it.

For the sake of family unity, and the future security of your son, the course of adoption seems to me wiser. His present position as the son of a father, he sees but seldom, presents many problems in adjustment. Acquiring, as legal parent, the father who wields the paternal authority in his life, would probably have advantages far outweighing the financial assistance that would be sacrificed.

DEAR MISS DIX: Several months ago I met a boy of 20 and we became very fond of each other. On the last day of his leave, I promised to meet him at a dance but went with someone else instead. I know I was wrong and would like to explain to him. Should I write, or wait until he comes home? TROUBLED

ANSWER: Even at 16 you should realize that a promise is not to be lightly given, but once given should not be broken. You were guilty of extreme discourtesy as well as heartlessness in your treatment of the boy. You might write, but don't be surprised if your overture is rejected; it should be.

DEAR MISS DIX: Rob and I are very much in love with each other. We've been going together for three years and hope to become engaged soon. However, he has become hesitant about marriage because of a hereditary ailment in my family. Should that make any difference if we love each other? ELSIE

ANSWER: If you and Rob take yourselves to a doctor and have a frank talk with him, I'm sure he will allay all your fears. One reliable source of information will offset a world of hearsay, and the hereditary factors of disease are not as tragic as was once supposed.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been going with a boy for two months and we have just become engaged. I am 18, he is 28. We have much in common, including similar backgrounds and personalities. He is settled, and successful in business. However, my parents object to the age difference. Do you think it's so important? W. D.

ANSWER: In itself, the age factor in marriage is relatively unimportant. More important, in your particular case, is the short time you have known the man. A friendship of two months is not enough to give the assurance of compatibility that you apparently have. Postpone your engagement for another year and you'll be in a much better position to judge the man's qualifications as a husband.

DEAR MISS DIX: My husband gives me a personal allowance of ten dollars a week. Should this cover doctor bills and medicine? I don't think it should, since I pay for my clothes and other incidentals. MRS. C. H. R.

ANSWER: The answer to your question depends upon your family's financial status. Assuming that your husband can afford to pay for medical expenses in addition to giving you the allowance, he should do so.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of general interest through this column.

Cook's Corner

APPLE CRUMB PIE

Pastry for 8-inch pie, 5 to 6 medium tart apples, 2/3 cup sugar, 3 to 4 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons cinnamon candies. Pinch of salt, 2 teapoons butter, 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Make pie crust and line an 8-inch pie plate with pastry. Pare, core and slice apples 1/8 inch thick Lay apple slices carefully to pie plate. When half the apples are in sprinkle with half the combined sugar, flour, and cinnamon candies. Add remainder of apples; sprinkle with the remaining sugar mixture. Dot with butter, add lemon juice. Top with crumb topping.

Crumb Topping: — Cream ¼ cup butter or margarine, softened, and ¼ cup sugar together. Blend ½ cup all-purpose flour, sifted, and 2 teaspoons cinnamon, and add to butter-sugar mixture. Sprinkle over apples in pie. Bake in hot oven of 450 degrees F. for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F. and bake 20 to 25 minutes or until apples are tender.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Table Linen

A little starch should be added after the final rinse, to table linen that is worn and thin. The cloths will last longer and it will also improve the appearance.

Cake

It is better to mix cake in an earthen bowl, that is heated before putting in the ingredients. The warmth will facilitate the mixing.

Hemstitching

Threads can be easily drawn in hemstitching if you will scrub them with a wet brush which has been rubbed over a bar of soap.

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The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

THE astral configurations hold more than a hint of over-indulgence in week-end activities, in which pastimes may be carried to excess and with much outlay or squandering or funds.

Sentimental journeys are more than likely to exact penalties and expenditures far beyond the prudent economy originally calculated. There may be other forms of prodigality and excess to guard against.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may be inclined to be expansive and indulgent in their social, financial and romantic plans and investments for the year, with a schedule far exceeding the original economic quota. Extravagance, splurging and lavishness may react upon cherished home or domestic programs. Some gamble or surprise event may demand more than plans calculated on. Be temperate in all investments or expenses.

A child born on this day may be lavish and imprudent in its social as well as business commitments.

Day After Tomorrow

The horoscope while holding augury of a very lively and stirring day, may not be a particularly constructive or happy one. The particular routine of life should not be subject to commotion or acrimonious upset. In any event, it is advised to hold a staunch grip on tongue and temper should some inflammatory situation provoke or disturb.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is are likely to have a very lively and exciting year, with much energetic and aggressive motion in putting over ambitious plans. The urge for radical change, while in itself constructive, may demand an outlay in excess of that originally estimated. Study carefully ways and means before tackling overambitious projects.

A child born on this day may have an ambitious and adventurous nature, with a propensity for lavish investment of its energies and funds.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

TREATMENT OF CANCER

Although no one has yet discovered a cure for cancer, many forms of treatment are in use, and, as many readers may wonder why health writers do not discuss these new forms of treatment, it would be well to quote a part of an editorial from the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"The treatment of cancer once limited to the use of surgery, X-rays and radium has been expanded considerably in recent years. New anti-cancer drugs have been developed and hormones and radioactive isotopes have been applied to the treatment of malignant disease.

These new drugs and methods of treatment represent valuable additions to the treatment of cancer but the optimistic publicity that has accompanied their use has tended to obscure several facts. In the first place, most of these substances have a very narrow field of usefulness."

Thus drug treatment acts only against the form of cancer (glands). While these agents may prolong life and make it more comfortable, they are, for the most part, palliative (ease the suffering) rather than affect a cure. Permanent cures are still achieved largely with surgery, X-ray and radium when treatment is given early, and when the cancer has not spread to adjoining or distant parts of the body.

"In spite of the many new techniques of treatment, most patients with advanced cancer still die of the disease. The search for truly curative anti-cancer agents with broad ranges of methods of treatment activity continues, but, until such agents are found, surgery, X-ray and radium remain the mainstays of treatment for most types of malignant disease."

The editorial then outlines the great progress made practical by advances in anesthetics, blood replacement, gland substitution, and control of infections.

Also, there are important advancements in the X-ray and radium treatment, many of them by-products of research on atomic energy.

An important point emphasized in the editorial is that the patient as well as the cancer must be treated. The patient's morale must be maintained and general "supportive" treatment must be used

With all the work being done on cancer by research workers throughout the world, supported by governments and philanthropic citizens, certainly no effort is being spared to remove this deadly menace from mankind.

How Can I ! ! !

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I repair casters that persist in dropping out of chair and table legs whenever the furniture is moved?

A. Remove the caster, fill the hole with melted paraffin, and then quickly reinsert the caster. There will be no further trouble.

Q. How can I remove vegetable stains from the hands?

A. The stains will disappear if the hands are held in very strong tea for a few minutes. Then wash with soap and water.

Q. How can I remove rust from bed springs?

A. If the wire and iron bed springs have become rusty, apply a coat of aluminum paint.

Better English

By V. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Who do you think I met on the street today?

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Temperament, tenacity, tenament, tenancy.

4. What does the word "indigent" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with aq that means "hooked"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Whom do you think."
2. Pronounce goor-mand, oo as in foot, a as in man, accent first syllable. 3. Tenement. 4. In dire need; a as inman, accent first syllable. 3. Tenement. 4. In dire need; destitute (accent first syllable). "A new hospital was erected to care for the indigent citizens in our community." 5. Aquiline.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a hostess and three guests are preparing to sit down for a game of bridge, and a fifth friend drops in unexpectedly, what should the hostess do?

A. She should either invite that person to take her place, or suggest some other game, such as hearts or rummy, in which five persons can play.

Q. Does an unmarried girl's visiting card bear the prefix "Miss"?

A. Yes; and the card should bear her real name, never a nickname—"Miss Elizabeth Jones," not "Miss Betty Jones."

Q. What acknowledgement should a young girl make when being introduced to a young man?

A. "How do you do" is sufficient.

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