

## Better English

By S. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I have proof of this being correct."  
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Carnegie"?  
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Generality, generalize, generalismo, Genesis.  
 4. What does the word "novitiate" mean?  
 5. What is a word beginning with dr that means "extreme in effect"?

### ANSWERS

1. Say, "I have proof that this is correct." 2. Pronounce kar-naj-ee, first a as in car, second a as in nay, e as in me, accent second syllable. 3. Generalize, generalismo, Genesis. 4. State or time of being a novice; apprenticeship. "The boy has served his novitiate." 5. Drastic.

## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

### Resizing Axminster Rug

Stretch the rug tight and tack face down on the floor. Sprinkle with a solution made by dissolving 1/4-pound of flake glue in 1/2-gallon of water. Allow to dry at least one day. Care should be taken not to put on so much glue that it will show on the right side.

### Blisters

Sew a piece of chamois on the inside of the heel of the shoe, and this will prevent the shoe from rubbing the stocking. A new shoe will not be so apt to blister the heel.

### Dog Nuisance

The dog nuisance is an exasperating problem of the average home gardener. A spray of one of the nicotine products is usually effective. This should be renewed after rains.

## Cook's Corner

### HOMEMADE FRENCH DRESSING

(That Does Not Separate)

In a bowl combine 1/4 cup vinegar, 1 tablespoon paprika, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, dash of red pepper, 1 finely cut clove garlic or 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt, 3 tablespoons sugar, and 1 egg. Beat with rotary or electric beater until well-mixed—about 2 minutes. Now very slowly drip in 1 cup cold salad oil. Unless the oil is added slowly, especially at first, it will not emulsify. It must be beaten hard all of the time. This keeps well in a covered jar in refrigerator.

### MEME'S SALAD

One-half medium-sized head iceberg lettuce, 1 1/2 cups well-packed shredded new cabbage (shred this in hair-like shreds with very sharp knife), 1 firm tomato cut into water thin slices, about 1/4 cup either fine slices of cucumber or green pepper, 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped green onion or tips from sprouted cooking onion), and about 1/4 to 1/2 cup homemade French dressing. Toss lightly with fork and serve at once. Salads should be prepared at the last minute, just before announcing "dinner is served" to retain their full vitamin content.

## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

### POSTPONING REMOVAL OF TONSILS, ADENOIDS TILL AFTER THE POLIO SEASON.

Some months ago we wrote about the great number of cases of the severe or bulbar form of infantile paralysis (polio) that followed when tonsils and adenoids had recently been removed. After this announcement, a number of physicians and surgeons wrote to medical journals stating that they had not noticed that more cases of the severe type of infantile paralysis followed removal of tonsils and adenoids. In fact, these physicians and surgeons stated that removal of infected tonsils and adenoids should be done at once as more harm could come to the body if infected tonsils and adenoids were not removed than if removed during the polio season or just before it.

Then came a great many letters from physicians and surgeons advising that removal of tonsils and adenoids should be delayed till after the polio season, as their figures showed that the severe type polio with paralysis and crippling occurred more often following the operation for removal of tonsils and adenoids.

However, the United States Public Health Association had the final say, and their advice was to postpone removal of infected tonsils and adenoids until polio season was well over.

### Morning Smile

Friendly Party

An impending law was up for consideration and about half the residents of the town were for it and about half against it. During the campaign a candidate made his speech and then someone yelled from the audience: "Yeah? Tell us how you stand on this new law?"

### The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

### For Tomorrow

UNDER the impetus of a very active Lunar transit, great things may be expected to happen, with very progressive and telling effect on promoting objectives in co-operation with influential and high-powered associates. Ideas, plans and propositions of more than passive value should find capital and enthusiastic endorsement, with enhanced personal popularity and prestige. But take such benefits in stride, and do not try to force issues.

### For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is are encouraged to forge ahead on projecting their most ambitious and cherished plans, hopes and objectives, particularly if ideas and propositions have genuine merit and vital significance for collaboration of those in influential positions. These should be approached with the conviction of merit and enduring worth, and with no endeavor to force, overact or rush into impulsive clamor. Pause for forethought with calm expectancy to win.

A child born on this day has abundant ideas, initiative and ambitions, and is likely to obtain support from high places. It could benefit from training in calm and restrained conduct.

## Seven Days A Week

(By Anne Shannon)

1. Monday: Did you know that Pearl Buck, authoress of many widely read novels, such as *God's Men*, *The Hidden Flower*, etc., calls her home Welcome House? Here, she and her husband care for eighteen orphans, from the toddler stage to teen-agers. Five of these waifs have been adopted by Miss Buck and her husband Richard J. Walsh. "A child is a child to be loved and cared for regardless of its color or creed," says Miss Buck, and so among her five adopted kiddies, are Chinese and Japanese "representatives."

2. Tuesday: From an old, old book on good health, come these messages: No. 1—"Do not, on any account, take an extra warm bath more than once a week, and if you are nervous, not even once a month. Not only is magnetism wasted, but the ends of the nerves are thrown into a state of excitement." No. 2 says: "Children's hair should be washed only once a month and then use green soap dissolved in alcohol." How Bath-less Groggins would have loved hint No. 1!

3. Wednesday: In the Helpful Hint department we offer these two suggestions: When making cup cakes, place paper baking cups in your muffin pans. There is nothing to wash up then! Save steps and collect your thoughts as well as your belongings. Keep two baskets handy, one upstairs and one downstairs. Drop the "out-of-place" items in the nearest basket and when you're going upstairs carry your downstairs basket up and your upstairs basket down and put the things away. Sounds like "up the chimney up and down the chimney down," doesn't it?

4. Thursday: Mark Twain was a born borrower, especially of books. One of his neighbors undertook to cure him. When Twain asked for the loan of a book, his neighbor said, "Certainly. But I've made a rule that any volume taken from my library must be read on the premises." A week later the neighbor came to borrow Twain's lawn mower. "Of course you may have it," said Twain. "But I've made a rule that any lawn mower of mine, must be used only on my lawn!"

5. Friday: Dessert for Friday might include Apple Crisp—goes like this: Beat two eggs well and gradually add 1 cup sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Sift together two-thirds cup of flour, 1-4 tsp. salt and 2 1/2 tps. baking powder. Add the dry ingredients to the egg mixture. Mix well. Fold in one cup chopped apples which have been peeled and cored, one cup chopped walnuts, and 2 tps. vanilla. Pour into a greased glass baking dish. Sprinkle top with 1-2 cup shredded coconut. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes. Cut into squares and serve with heavy or whipped cream.

6. Saturday: How about this recipe to top off Saturday's baking spree? It's called Walnut Clusters: 1-2 cup soft butter or shortening, 1-2 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 1/4 tps. vanilla, 1 1/2 squares unsweetened melted chocolate, 1-2 cup sifted flour, 1-4 tsp. baking powder, 1-2 tsp. salt. Mix as usual, adding walnuts last. Drop by spoonfuls on greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) 10 minutes.

7. Sunday: Said St. Augustine, "Be always displeased at what thou art, for thou desirest to attain to what thou art not, and where thou hast pleased thyself, there thou abidest." A good thought to remember and so is this one: "The time to make friends is before you need them!"

## First Flower Seed To Sow Is Petunia In A Seed Box



Transplanting Tiny Plants Goes Fast

A flower which should be started in a seed box under protection is the petunia. Though one of the most vigorous of garden flowers, with amazing productiveness, its seed are so tiny that great care is required to bring a seedling plant safely through its infancy.

Florists have developed a method by which practically all seed can be grown into plants, and while this requires a greenhouse for best results, it can be used with much success in a sunny window of your home. The same method can be applied to other plants, where it is important that a maximum number of seeds be grown into plants, without loss due to thinning out crowded plants.

Begin by sowing a packet of seeds in a flat. If only one variety is sown, the seed can be broadcast. If different varieties are sown in the same box, sow in drills, labeling each drill. A critical time with the petunia is the 20 day interval between sowing and germination of the seed. During this period the soil must not be allowed to dry out, nor should it be so wet as to encourage the growth of moulds and fungi. By sowing the seed in a layer of sphagnum moss, placed on top of the soil danger of disease will be minimized. Germination requires a higher temperature than does the growth of plants. A range between 60 and 70 degrees is best, and no light is needed until the seeds break through the soil. As soon as this occurs, the box should be placed near a sunny window, but never on top of a radiator. To make the plants grow

## ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

"Do I hear a gull?" James stopped a moment at the door before entering a stable this morning. "Yes, I fancied I did," he continued. "Yes," he nodded, "there's one above the pond . . . in for a spell of unsettled weather, we are. Oh well, better to have it now than in the middle of take away the rest of the snow!" But merry little streamlets were impatient to trickle off from the lessening heaps in the barnyard, bound now by a night-scum of ice. Granddaughter stoops to hear better the inkle of music in their flow and we see, remember that once upon a time lads we knew built miniature dams and were pleased to sail tiny craft on these springtime ponds.

These busy mornings, we join one or another of the farmers at the milking while indoors a steaming tea-kettle awaits our return. We come to enjoy at close hand the hush and charm of the unlivid day; to see the sun flood in a gilded stream into the valley or to find the lowering skies of a day which broods, not unlovely; to mark the gentle tread of morning wind on the pond—there it is that before this James has taken his bearings . . . found there his "signs and portents" of the hours ahead.

And in the coziness of the new stable where the stock have come through the confinement of winter so well, we chat of our seasonal interests. "Well, there's this about it, Ellen," James offered this morning, his thoughts obviously on the seedtime ahead. "The tractor will make short work of the cultivating once we come to it, but dear me, the quantity of manure that's first to be spread. And we'll be liming some, too. But we'll not worry about it—just meet the days as they come."

And the milk beats a happy tune into the pails—milk drawn and fed presently, warm and whole, to the calves about after a fashion of recent years at Alderlea. And James made mention of the grain destined for cleaning and wondered aloud. "If we have enough timothy seed to do—perhaps some for Rob" in the sacks of home-grown already gone to the cleaning plant "in" the road. And the stable is warm and sweet with the breath of the animals and scent of hay which in a heap waits to be fed. No hay, grain or straw is ever sold off these farms but the latter as well as "store-feed" in quantity is brought in to help maintain the health and comfort of the animals about.

Jamie is gone from us, returning home last night through the starlit dark. By tractor, a popular rural conveyance at present, offered a gathering here which covered all the family. And granddaughter, lonely, found this day long. We saw her visit favorite haunts of play to linger only briefly there then come to lift the white cord on the porch, survey its length and turn away. Her indulgent playmate of recent days was gone . . . she walked slowly away to watch the farmers at the wood-splitting. That is the interest-on-the-side at present, spare time being devoted to its progress.

And the lone seagull inland at morning. It brought us as James had forecast, a day of unsettled weather.

Until tomorrow—Diary—Good-night . . .

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## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When it is impossible for a man's mother to pay the conventional visit upon her son's new fiancée, what kind of a letter can she write?

A. "Dear Ruth: Jim has told us of his great happiness which, of course, brings joy to us. Our one regret is that we are so far away (or whatever it is that prevents the visit) that we cannot immediately welcome you in person. We do, however, send you our love and good wishes. Margaret Wilson."

Q. Is it all right for a hostess to serve two or three dishes at a time, if she must do all the serving alone?

A. Of course. Considerate guests would not criticize her for this, and of course she would not be serving if the dinner were formal.

Q. Is it all right for a man to use only his initials when signing social correspondence?

A. No; he should sign his full name.

## How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. What can I do when mahogany furniture has acquired a blue, smeary look and is difficult to polish satisfactorily?

A. Wash the hands in hot water, dry, and then rub a little olive oil into them. Make this application before retting, so that the oil can remain on as long as possible.

Q. How can I launder flannels to make them soft?

A. Half a teaspoonful of powdered borax to a quart of rinsing water used for flannels will make them delightfully soft.

## DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

### Inveterate Student

Thirst For Knowledge May Conceal Reluctance To Earn A Living

DEAR MISS DIX: After supporting my husband for the first six years of our married life, is it unreasonable for me to ask him to take some kind of paying position, rather than continue with several more years of graduate work?

He is now 35, and has turned down several jobs in order to continue medical research. I have been caring for a baby and working full time with no help whatsoever from him. I am now at the point of complete exhaustion. However, he feels that his work comes before his family, my health, or his son's security.

How can I convince him that he has an obligation to his wife and child? I tried a separation once, hoping it would jolt him into getting a job, but he scarcely seemed to notice I was gone. During that time his only letter to me was a bill he wished me to pay for equipment. I love him still, but am afraid I am nothing to him but a "meal ticket."

T. A. I. ANSWER: Your husband is, to put it bluntly, scared stiff to face the practical conditions of a modern working world, and is taking refuge in the laboratory. Here, in his medical holy of holies, he is safe from intrusion, safe from responsibility. He doesn't have to battle crowds each morning to get on a bus, or at nighttime to grab a meal in a crowded restaurant. No clock-punching, no salary to collect. All that work is left to you, while hubby, in the guise of a struggling scientist searching for formulae that will enrich the world, lives his placid existence surrounded by test tubes and books.

HE'S IMMATURE

The reason for his attitude is, of course, that he never grew up. Even though he may be a brilliant scientist—though I strongly doubt it—he retains the need for protection characteristic of very young children. He must have been aware of this weakness (and so, I think, must you) before he married. His marriage, therefore, was a deliberate, purposeful project to get, as you put it, a "meal ticket."

If, by chance, his work is of major importance, he would find no difficulty in getting assistance in his research from a college, hospital, or scientific organization. If you want to ascertain the value of his present experimentation, consult someone with whom he works.

For a man of 35 who has never earned a nickel in his life to undertake the role of breadwinner will now be a formidable task. Certainly he must do it if you are to continue as any sort of a family. Withdrawing your support entirely—even to the refusal to pay equipment bills—is about the only way to bring him to his senses. You needn't go to the extent of separation to do it, simply announce that you are too ill to continue working outside as well as inside the home. Your nerves have reached a point where they will crack if you don't get relief from the double tension, and hubby must face the fact that his schooldays are over, and he is now grown up.

There is no question but that many people honestly have so high

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