

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

At the lumbering of late our farmers have had helpers. Two axemen—may, three, for Rob too has had help at his woodwork. The scene so far has been set at this farm where this afternoon sturdy spruce that march along a line were felled.

Rob's helper, by good fortune, is a lad of a neighboring farm—a boy with a singing voice received in gift from his forebears. He is quick, willing and experienced in farming. . . such a one as gladdens the heart of any farmer. Such a one as James hopes the grandsons will prove to be one day.

What will they do, Ellen? Why, what else but farm—the best occupation on earth. . . where a man is free and master of his own affairs! With no one to say what you should or shouldn't do. Aye, Ellen, it's a good life—if you have the liking for it in your veins. Drudgery? Some may find it so—but those are the ones that should be off to some other line of work.

And then James is silent and we know that in his mind he is settling them. . . maybe stumping this or that piece of land; perhaps buying a bit more; laying plans for houses and for nesting these along some slope—and keeping all within the neighborhood. So that in his vision where folks never grow older we may walk along fields that we know—as we do to Rob's—to visit with them.

To note the progress of their farming, James to ask, not idly: "How is your grain holding out? Will you have enough for seed? And "Do you think you'll have enough hay to last through 'till grass?" To nod approvingly as we point our steps homeward in the moonlight. Or to offer as we find ourselves doing now at any indication of waywardness about them: "Well, they're certainly not much like ours were, are they?"

And then meeting eyes, we smile and are well content to let the years ahead shape their choice of occupation. . . And again, there was sunlight—and blue in today's sky, a pretty shade to remind us of something. . . a silvery blue.

Until tomorrow—Diary—Good-night. . .

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HE REALLY SLAVED Servants, the 15th century author of "Don Quixote," was held as a slave by the Moors for five years after his capture in a sea battle.

MANY PRODUCTS Famous as an exporter of tea and jute, India also produces a large quantity of tobacco.

VITAL WATERWAY Including its approach channels, the Suez Canal between the Mediterranean and Red Sea is 103 miles long.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Home Needs A Father

Widow Should Consider This Fine Man's Proposal

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a widow in my middle 30's with two fine teen-age children by my deceased husband. I have fallen in love with a man 14 years my senior, whom I have known for one year. He has always been exceedingly understanding, considerate and affectionate, and is the only man in whose company I find real contentment.



Muriel Nissen

He has expressed a desire to meet the children, but I have consistently refused, feeling, perhaps unconsciously, that this might be construed as disrespect to my husband, whose memory I shall always hold in deep devotion.

Recently my friend asked to marry me, and provide the father's care which would be beneficial to my children. However, I felt that our affair had reached complicating proportions and voluntarily terminated our relationship, although we both remain deeply in love. He has objected vehemently, and my friends have questioned my attitude in the matter, so I turn to you for advice.

ALICE B.

ANSWER: You are in a very confused state, Alice. There's no reason why you, as a widow, should feel cut off from any possibility of future marriage and happiness, provided, of course, that your children's happiness is not endangered by a second wedding.

LET YOUNGSTERS MEET HIM

You made a grave error in not letting your youngsters meet the man with whom you are in love. I should think they, too, would have felt a natural curiosity to meet him, as he did in wanting to become acquainted with them. If you detected any indication of antagonism on either side, that would have been your clue to end your friendship, but at least you should have given all parties concerned a chance to know each other.

If your children are normal teen-agers, and your suitor as fine as you depict him, they would have no objection to your re-marriage. In fact, they would welcome a considerate, understanding stepfather. If they had come to know him during the past year, they would have accepted him readily and naturally.

Now, in order to bring things to a logical conclusion, you will have to do some explaining to the youngsters as to why your friend wasn't brought home to meet them before. You have a high sense of duty, but don't be overconscientious in your obligations to a memory. You owe something to the present, to the living—to yourself.

Tell your children that you have met this fine man and would like to have him visit your home. Let them meet him, then tell them, perhaps after a few more visits, or at once, depending upon their reactions, that you are mutually fond of each other. Don't worry from then on—the kids will do their own thinking.

Remember, your children will soon be old enough to marry and you'll face the world alone. If you have a chance to marry well, thank God for your good fortune and don't hesitate.

ELSIE

ANSWER: Better get your status straight! Does your friend consider himself engaged, going steady, or just being friends? Find out and act accordingly. There's certainly no use in your staying home and going to bed with the birds if he's going out for fun. You might as well have some yourself. If he's a boy who hasn't much stamina, the tiredness could be understood, and it's possible that he just runs into these people accidentally, but you're entitled to know if he's avoiding dates with you on purpose.

DEAR MISS DIX: For two years I went with Roy. We were to be engaged at Christmas but had a slight disagreement and split up. Now he has become engaged to a 16-year-old girl (I am 19), and he admits he did it for spite. I think he still loves me and I sure do want him back. Would it be proper for me to ask him to pick me up at work some night so we could talk it over?

MADLINE G.

ANSWER: All's fair in love and war? And even fairer when it comes to breaking up a spite engagement. The young victim of your sweetheart's pique will ultimately appreciate the fact that you saved her from a very unhappy affair. By all means get in touch with your ex-beau, and patch things up.

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

Better English

By G. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "This is the man who I told you about yesterday." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "heroin"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Demitasse, demobilize, demijohn, demerage.

Morning Smile

Dodgers

Dodgin had recently been appointed foreman at the works, but his name was not known to all the men. One day, while on his rounds, he came across a couple of men sitting in a quiet corner having a smoke.

ANSWERS 1. Say "This is the man about whom I told you." 2. Pronounce her-o-in, e as in bet, o as in obey unstressed, accent first syllable. 3. Demurrage. 4. Unchangeable. "These rules of living are immutable." 5. Cauterize.

When a month had passed and he hadn't mentioned the name of his brother-in-law, once, his wife expressed her pleasure. "So you've given up the idea of hitting my brother?" "Given up?" he snorted. "I'm saving up!"

WATER FOR PRAIRIES Large-scale irrigation in Western Canada started with the passage of the North West Irrigation Act of 1894.

New Drapes For Your Home



When you are planning your spring sewing during National Sew and Save Week, March 1-8, how about making new drapes for some of your rooms? The lovely set pictured here is easy to do. If you would like to have a direction leaflet telling you how it is done and including HELPFUL HINTS FOR MAKING CURTAINS AND DRAPES, just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper requesting Leaflet No. CN-31.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Clean Flowers If the artificial flower on your coat or dress has become soiled and you are intending to discard it, put it into a jar of cleaning fluid, seal and shake well, and you will find all soil will disappear, and you are saved the expense of a new flower.

Sogginess When making fruit pies that are inclined to be juicy, it is sometimes wise to bake the shell for about five minutes before putting in the fruit. This prevents the lower crust from becoming soggy.

Chiffon Use a pure soap solution when washing chiffon. Rubbing is not required, just rinsing up and down in water that is not too hot.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I stiffen the brushes of a carpet sweeper? A. Take the brushes out of the sweeper and dip them several times into hot water, to which a little common baking soda has been added. Then let the brushes dry in the sun.

Q. How can I revive wilted parsley? A. Place the wilted parsley in ice water for one hour. Then shake thoroughly and put into a glass jar. Cover with a thin cloth and place in the refrigerator. This will restore it.

Q. How can I bleach white linens? A. Cover the white linens with lemon juice and lay them in the sun for a day. Wash out in warm water and soap suds.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. If a woman employee in a business office is on friendly enough relations with her employer, or with another male employee of the office, to call him by his first name, is it proper for her to do this within the hearing of any visitors to the office? A. Never, under any circumstances! She should address him as Mr. Johnson. It lowers the dignity of the office to do otherwise.

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Cook's Corner

NORWEGIAN PRUNE PUDDING

2 cups chopped, cooked prunes, 1 cup prune juice, 1/2 cup sugar, 4 tablespoons cornstarch, dash of salt, prune pits, 2 tablespoons lemon juice. Bring prunes and juice to a boil. Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt; gradually stir into prune mixture and cook 15 minutes, stirring until thickened, then occasionally. Crack about 12 pits, chop kernels and add with lemon juice to pudding mixture. Turn into individual molds or large mold and chill thoroughly. Serve with whipped cream or custard sauce. Makes 4 to 6 portions.

DEEP DISH APPLE PIE

6 large apples, sliced, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/4 cup water, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 cup sugar, 3/4 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 6 tablespoons butter. Pare, core and slice the apples. Add lemon juice and water. Mix cinnamon with 1/4 cup sugar and sprinkle over apples. Combine remaining sugar with flour and salt and work in butter with pastry blender or finger tips until mixture

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

A SONG FOR APRIL

List! list! The buds confer, This noonday they've had news of her; The south bank has had views of her; The thorn shall exact his dues of her; The willows adream By the freshest stream Shall ask what boon they choose of her.

Up! up! The world's astir: The would-be green has word of her; Root and germ have heard of her, Coming to break Their sleep and wake Their hearts with every bird of her.

See! see! How swift concur Sun, wind, and rain at the name of her; A-wondering what became of her; The fields flower at the flame of her; The glad air sings With dancing wings And the silvery shrill acclaim of her.

HELP MAKE OUR ISLAND BEAUTIFUL

If you are interested in purchasing fruit trees, pine trees and shrubs and plants of every kind at small cost, write to FOREST NURSERY, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. R. 5. All bulbs are sold at special prices through the generosity of MR. R. L. COTTON, who made the nursery possible.

A long list of planting material will be sent to you on request and one has been received here this week, giving directions for the planting of trees. Every farmer on Prince Edward Island has a place on his farm where he can start to make a good woodlot by planting pines, or other trees, even if it is only one hundred trees a year. It is a good investment for future lumber purposes, also as a wind break and to help conserve moisture.

We all know that the water levels in our wells are lowering, this being due to the fact that too much of our land has been denuded of trees, allowing all the moisture in the form of snow or rain to evaporate too quickly in the spring.

In planting trees, remove the sod and dig the hole wide and deep enough so that the roots are in the hole, cover with soil and

resembles coarse cornmeal. Sprinkle over apples and pat smooth with back of spoon. Bake in moderate oven 375 degrees F 40 minutes, or until apples are tender and the crust is crisp and lightly browned. Serve warm with cream or, for a special touch, ice cream. Serves 6-8.

Trim For Spring



Polka dot fabric made into a full-skirted dress with becoming neckline sharply outlined in white makes a youthful costume for spring and summer wear. If you would like to have a leaflet that includes the number of this pattern and also A FEW SEWING SECRETS, just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper requesting Leaflet No. CW-33.

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tramp well. If water is available before the hole is filled, pour some water in the hole over the roots so as to settle the soil and avoid air pockets, then fill up to the level of the surrounding ground and tramp it down so as to form a depression; this will allow any rain to run down around the roots. The same procedure applies to the planting of shrubs. Never allow the roots of trees or shrubs to be exposed to the sun or wind during planting operations. Carry them in a bucket or keep them covered with old sacking, and plant as soon as possible in the Spring when the ground is fit to work. In the Nursery we are not as concerned with a large top as we (Continued on Page 3)

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