

The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

FOR those who are intuitive and those with a sense of humor, the auguries for today are particularly favorable. Without either, you may find yourself worrying needlessly or preoccupied with "troubles" that amount to nothing. It's a good day for following routine schedules. If you are employed, listen to instructions carefully and do not deviate from them. If you are engaged in business negotiations, use gentle persuasion — not force — in putting over your ideas. Intuitive decisions are likely to work out surprisingly well. It is one of those days when your own efforts to promote harmony will largely influence those with whom you have to deal.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you may look ahead to a year in which, little by little, your dreams come closer to realization. Many beneficial influences prevail in your horoscope. Uranus favors progress. Saturn, enduring gains. This means that all you accomplish during the next months will bring permanent benefit. Do not be disturbed by minor setbacks, however, and do not rush impulsively into new projects. This is your year to build for the future on a constructive basis — but build slowly.

A child born on this day will be extremely energetic but inclined to start too many things at one time — finishing none of them.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

It was a light wind that moved today in the branches of the lawn trees, crooning to them softly, while at times snowflakes drifted solemnly down... white-capping the fence posts, laying a clean coverlet on the fields and leaving us to wonder if perhaps the moon of month presently appearing might not after all bring in its train more wintery weather.

"We could do with a nice fall of snow," James offered at breakfast when eyes rested a moment on the window. "Oh yes, porridge we have always, except that time when a forgetful cook failed to include cereal in her list of needed supplies. That was a dour morning. Faces were doleful and we fancied accusing. And despite ample ration set before them, the French agreed to a man when they ate this, without any "breakfast" this morning!"

"There were as well today, rashes of bacon, the appearance no indication of the goodly number of calories contained therein... and James saying, "I guess it would be just as well to keep all our young sows since the prospects along that line are, well, not at all discouraging at the moment, although that could be only temporary — a fellow never knows. There may be a dollar in pork yet that will be hard to come by in some other line of the farming."

"Yes," James said, "if we got enough snow to make sleighing we could straighten away two items now pressing us: we could haul home the rest of the firewood to have it in place for the sawing, and get those logs to the mill. But," he smiled, "we must complain — we've had ideal weather for the chopping... it couldn't have been better."

In the yard we hear the echoes of the woods' work as we gather the wash or carry their afternoon meal to Jamie's fowls... the sound of biting axes, and sometimes that of voices, clear on the quiet air.

And then from the same direction, since when walking they prefer to return by way of a short-cut field which takes them across the children's home from school... eyes bright, cheeks flushed from the exercise and the congenial companionship they enjoy along the way. To relate with pride this afternoon how well the structure of balsam poles of their hewing and placing had withstood the rush of the recent February thaw even though marks indicated that the waters had been much swollen and had risen well above it at their height.

"You set it on a good foundation," we commented to the two, the oft-repeated words of a schoolmaster of the past returning to mind... ("How, I ask you, do you expect to learn what is ahead, when you refuse to master the lesson of today?" he would remind his somewhat indifferent class, adding, "It's impossible to build lastingly without a good foundation, you should know that yourselves!")

"Yes," Gage agreed, "she should stand up to it; we set her on stone!"

Today? A light wind in the branches of the lawn trees, odd drifts of snowflakes — and February quiet over the countryside.

Until tomorrow — — — Diary — — — Good-night...

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Wall Paper Cleaning

If one's wall paper is of the washable variety, go over it gently with a mild soap and water; never scrub. Otherwise, dry clean with a soft brush or a porous rubber sponge, using some cleaning paste. Be sure not to apply pressure, but remove the dirt with light strokes.

Medicines

Do not save bottles of medicine if they bear no label. Don't try to trust the memory, but throw it away immediately. This precaution may prevent a tragedy.

Percolator Top

Temper the new percolator top before using it by placing in cold water, letting it boil slowly, and then allowing to cool slowly.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Call Me Mom

Daughter-In-Law Hurt Because Mother-In-Law Is Too Formal

DEAR MISS DIX: Though I have been married six months, my mother-in-law has never suggested my calling her "Mother." I would like to know whose place it is to mention this. I had believed it to be hers, but it has been so long now that I'm beginning to wonder. My parents asked my husband to call them "Mother" and "Dad" soon after the wedding, and on the wedding day my father-in-law told me to call him "Dad." My mother-in-law has been very kind to me and I'm sure she likes me.



Muriel Nissen

ANSWER: Your mother-in-law should have made the suggestion at the same time the rest of the family did. Her failure to do so doubtless was due to the emotional strain—however slight—that usually exists between a woman and her newly acquired daughter-in-law. Since the matter has assumed embarrassing proportions, to you at least, it should be settled as soon as possible. Why not ask her if she minds being called "Mother" by you? Get your husband's opinion first, then on the next propitious occasion, say you feel much too close to her to continue the formality of "Mrs.," I'm sure she'll be pleased with your attitude.

HUSBAND 70 AND MOODY

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a woman of 50; my husband is 70. We have been married 15 years. I don't know that having married an older man has made me a wiser woman. I knew my husband very well when we were married and I was sure things would turn out well for us. What a sad awakening I have experienced! He is very domineering, not a bit co-operative and doesn't appreciate a thing I do in the house. I know he works hard and is tired at night, but is that a reason for him to be so moody?

ANSWER: It's too bad, but there's no alchemy that gives a woman wisdom just because she chooses a husband older than herself. In fact, many people would insist that such a marriage marks her as an unwise woman. Your husband was 55 when you were married to him—an age at which most men are quite well set in their dispositions. Since you knew him well, you surely must have been acquainted with his temperament. At 70, he most certainly is past reform. Since he is a hard worker and a good provider, you had better learn to appreciate your blessings instead of expecting flexible behavior in a man old enough to be your father.

DEAR MISS DIX: My name is Dorothy; I am 16 and have been married six months. I really love my husband and he loves me dearly. Last week I met a very nice man in his 30's and like him very much. I don't know if I'd be doing right to go out with him and see just how much I do like him.

DOROTHY

ANSWER: I guess there's a lot of advice a child-bride could use. Fifteen is no age to assume the tremendous responsibility of matrimony, but since you have done it, Dorothy, you just learn how best to discharge the obligations you have acquired. Do you remember what you promised when you were married? If not, borrow a prayer book and read over the marriage service. You'll learn that you promised to love, honor and cherish your husband. You will dishonor both him and yourself by going out with another man, so please, don't do it. You love the man you have, and he loves you. Don't let any childish notions come between you.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 17, and interested in a serviceman who is 20. Recently he asked my girl friend for a date and she refused, because she didn't want to hurt me. Later, under a pretense, he got her to double date with him and his buddy. She called me up to tell me about it. Should I forget him or give him another chance? And should I get mad at my girl friend?

JEAN

ANSWER: You are taking the boy too seriously. Since he wants to date other girls, you go ahead and date other boys. Obviously, this one has no intention of going steady. Your girl friend certainly doesn't deserve your anger.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have become quite interested in a boy in my office who recently married. We are both 18. I go steady with a boy in service, but I find more and more pleasure in being with the married one. Am I just being silly?

T. R.

ANSWER: Your behavior is exceeding the bounds of stupidity; it's becoming downright dangerous. You are letting yourself be carried away on a wave of sentimentality that will not remain static. Unless completely curbed at once, your feelings for the boy will become progressive to the point where you will endanger your own romance, as well as his marriage. If you can't control your emotions, get a new job.

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

Cook's Corner

CORNEB BEEF PATTIES

2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 6 tablespoons shortening, 1 egg yolk, slightly beaten; 1/2 cup milk.

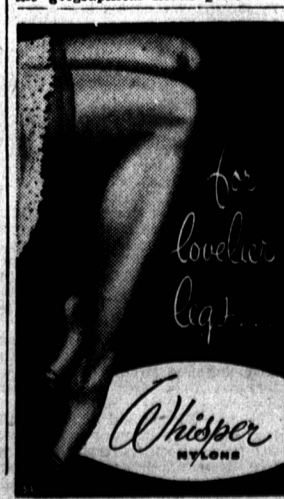
Sift dry ingredients; add shortening and mix in thoroughly with a fork. Add egg to milk, add to dry mixture to make soft dough. Turn out on a floured board and toss lightly until the outside looks smooth. Roll out half the dough 1/2 inch thick; cut into quarters. Fit each into muffin pan; fill with corned-beef mixture and fold the edges of the pastry over to the centre. Pinch the edges together on the top. Repeat with the remaining dough. Bake in a hot oven at 425 degrees F. for about 20 minutes. Serves 8.

CORNEB BEEF FILLING

2 tablespoons butter, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 1/2 cups cooked corned beef, cut in pieces; 1 1/2 cups canned tomatoes, few grains black pepper.

Melt butter, add onion; cook slowly until soft. Add flour; stir until well blended. Add remaining ingredients; bring to boil, stirring constantly until thick and smooth; let simmer about 10 minutes.

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RING FROM BING?

Seen often with Bing Crosby these days is screen actress Mona Freeman and Hollywood rumorists are whispering "Romance!"

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

IN HOME LIGHTING, ILLUMINATION NEEDED, NOT DECORATIVE EFFECTS

In these days when plenty of light is available for all necessary and unnecessary purposes, it would seem that there is little need to learn about lighting the home. However, some simple but valuable advice is given by Edward K. Kraybill, of the Duke University electrical engineering department, in the Bureau of Public Information.

"Home planners too often make a backward approach to the problem of good lighting. Architects and interior decorators frequently think of good lighting in terms of decorative effects rather than good illumination."

Thus instead of considering the decorative effect first, they should work out the details of appropriate decoration after they have obtained the utmost in good illumination. "Cutting out extreme contrasts of light and darkness is the keynote of good illumination. Eyestrain is often brought on by improper balance of lighting."

What are the "tips" or suggestions?

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Anne Adams Patterns

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Better English

By G. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We did not take more than we could help."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Gila monster, gopher, giraffe, gazelle.

4. What does the word "assimilate" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with pro that means "a sign, or symptom"?

ANSWERS

1. Say "than was necessary." 2. The o as in on is preferred to the o as in no. 3. Giraffe. 4. To make similar or alike. "He assimilates his life to that of his father." 5. Prognosticate.

How Can I

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prepare Javelle water?

A. Dissolve one pound of washing soda in one quart of boiling water, and 1/2-pound of chloride of lime in two quarts of cold water. Pour the clear portion of the lime

solution into the soda solution and allow to stand for settling. Decant the clear liquid into bottles, cork tightly, and keep in a dark place.

Q. How can I prevent a cake from falling when baking?

A. Give the cake a few bumps on the table just before putting it into the oven, and it will not fall. The reason for this is that it causes all the air bubbles to come to the top and break.

Q. How can I remove paper that has become stuck to a polished wood surface?

A. Put a few drops of sweet oil on the paper and then rub with a soft cloth. Finish with a good furniture polish.

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