

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. If a bride's family is hard-pressed financially, would it be all right for her fiance's father and mother to offer assistance in defraying the expenses of the wedding?

A. This would not be at all proper. The wedding expenses must be paid by the bride's family, no matter how meager the result. The bridegroom's family may, however, give an elaborate welcoming reception for them on their return from their honeymoon.

Q. Do good manners of today disapprove of tinted stationery for informal correspondence?

A. No; provided the shades are not garish. Men, of course, should stick to white stationery.

Q. For how long a time should the bread and butter plates be left on the dinner table?

A. Until it is time to serve the dessert.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Alligator Skin

To clean and soften the alligator skin bag or shoes, first brush off with a soft brush. Rub well with one teaspoon of petroleum jelly mixed with six drops of glycerine. After it has set for half an hour, wipe off any surplus grease and polish with dry cloth. It will prevent the leather from splitting.

Feather Pillows

When filling a pillow with feathers, crush a small piece of camphor and mix in with the feathers. It will preserve them and the pillow will not have a musty odor for a long time.

Damp Salt

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Whence had it come to adorn some woman's fair or dark crown - this bonnet of the long ago? And where has it been - to what distance near or far? We could only conjecture. Certainly it had not come as a result of scanning the intriguing pages of some mail order catalogue, while weighing considerably as housewives do nowadays, tentative expenditure and present resources, balancing often dreams against stark reality. And sometimes sacrificing the former or maybe only deferring them to that day when some visionary ship comes to harbour.

Oh no, it likely had been bought in the city when it was not the widely spread place or commercial centre of now, but little more than a country town. Where it was not unusual to see residents - or their servants, lead the family cow along the street to some pasture about. And the town pump held a respected role in the economy of living. In a day when horses drew pioneer farm carts and trucks or the rare imported carriage along the unpaved ways. Did even teams of oxen, we wonder, parade where now fit the sleek shining machines of this age of travel?

Or perhaps it was in a later era of the town's history when farm-lands about were commencing to be absorbed by its expansion... While and more imposing homes springing up here and there in token of growth. And she was borne to her spell of shopping in a spanking phaeton behind a matched team, resplendent in silver mounted harness. And at length while pigeons in dark and fascinating pastel shades strutted close by, veritable tokens of satisfied purchases-to-be, did her reinsman draw in to the water-fountain situated on a main thoroughfare and losing any binding checks reins allowed his steeds to quench their thirst gained on the journey, daintily there?

And would she, as we have done in the dim past, alight and taking down the cup secured by its lengthy chain, rinse it carefully (Lawsy chile would yo-all wanna get every disease that's a-go-in?) catch a drink for the very joy of seeing it flow magically from some mysterious nowhere and to savor the taste of that drawn miles from its source? While all the time strange horses, handsome petted creatures beautifully harnessed, or bony animals in indifferent tackle and from many a range between, drew in a drunk and left on noiseless wheels or with a loud clatter we can still hear. We doubt if the country woman would alight but as she waited she would smile with becoming reserve to those about or bow to a chance passing friend or acquaintance. And be set down presently at the door of Mr... 's shop "where we always dealt." And he himself - so courteously they were in the old days! - would greet her and conduct her to the millinery room. With a subtle compliment, we are sure to heighten her color and add lustre to the eyes which presently were to look critically at her likeness in the mirrors there. There was, we believe... Until tomorrow - Diary - Good-night.....

Morning Smile

Hopeful

Miss Prism was not very successful at keeping order in her class, or very popular with the pupils. One day she came into the room to find her class strangely peaceful. All the children were sitting at their desks, hands primly folded. Miss Prism couldn't believe it. Her jaw dropped in surprise and she demanded: "How did this happen?" A small hand went up. "Well," said a little girl, timidly but expectantly, "you told us once that if you ever left the room and came back and found us quiet - you'd drop down dead!"

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I clean windows very well without water?

A. First wipe the windows with a dry dusting cloth; then go over them with a soft rag dipped in kerosene; and finally polish with tissue paper or chamois. Windows cleaned in this manner will not only look unusually bright, but will keep clean longer than washed ones.

Q. How can I prevent milk from curdling in tomatoes and causing indigestion?

A. This can be avoided by putting a pinch of bicarbonate of soda in with the tomatoes before adding the milk.

Q. How can I clean old soiled photographs?

A. Rub over their surface with some soft, white bread. They will clean very nicely.

ST. ELEANOR'S SCHOOL

Report for the month of February: Grade X-1. Jean MacIsaac; 2. Eleanor Anderson; 3. Betty Compton. Grade IX-1. Wilfred Barlow; 2. Eleanor Haywood; 3. Shirley MacIsaac. Grade VIII-1. Edwin McNevin; 2. Shirley Ferrish; 3. Edwin Moase. Principal, Mary N. Reid.

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Cook's Corner

PRUNE-APPLE SPONGE

Yield-six servings. 1 tablespoon plain gelatine 1/2 cup syrup from sweetened stewed prunes 1 1/4 cups sliced, sweetened apple-sauce Few grains salt 2 eggs, separated Fine granulated sugar 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind 1/2 cup cut up, drained, sweetened, stewed prunes 2 tablespoons desiccated coconut or finely cut shredded coconut. Combine the gelatine and one-quarter cup syrup from prunes and let stand about five minutes. Measure applesauce into upper pan of double boiler and add the salt. Heat over low direct heat just to boiling point. Beat egg yolks slightly. Gradually stir in hot applesauce. Pour back into pan and cook over simmering water, stirring constantly, until no raw flavor of egg remains - about two minutes. Remove from heat, add softened gelatine and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Sweeten to taste with fine granulated sugar (about three tablespoons). Stir in lemon rind. Fold in the cut up prunes and coconut. Chill the mixture, stirring occasionally, until beginning to thicken. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in two tablespoons fine granulated sugar, beating well after each addition. Add meringue to prune mixture and fold lightly to combine. Turn into six individual dessert moulds which have been rinsed with cold water or brushed very lightly with salad oil. Chill until set. Loosen desserts from moulds and turn out carefully. Serve with custard sauce or cream.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

A HIGH note of romantic adventure, gaiety, enjoyment and fulfilled desires, hopes and wishes dominates on this day. Growth expansion, progress and satisfaction are all along the line, but especially in the realm of the intimate romantic and social. Bright spots in the home as well as in public and political places spell growth, perhaps fame, honors, marks of appreciation or affection. It's a propitious time for reaching high goals in recognition and emoluments from high places. Romance and rewards uplift.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may anticipate a year of riches, rewards and heart's desires and fulfillments. Personal and emotional aspirations manifest in themselves festivity in the home as well as in public or institutional scenes. The accent may be on gratification of romantic, social or professional rewards or tokens of distinction. Growth, honors, fame, preferment, are in sight for the taking. The more sordid expression may be inflationary-increased funds, gambles, popularity and good will all they round. A child born on this day has opulent talents and aspirations for a rich, rewarding and emotionally full life.

Better English

By V. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I calculate on going tomorrow, although I cannot help but think that I will be too early."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Arsenal, arrogance aristocracy, argument.

4. What does the word "indomitable" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ant that means "opposition in feeling"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I think I shall go tomorrow, although I cannot help thinking that I shall be too early." 2. Pronounce the u as in unit, and accent last syllable. 3. Argument. 4. Not to be subdued; unconquerable "He has an indomitable will." 5. Antipathy.

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DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Summer Romance

Girl Should Forget This Neglectful Sweetheart

DEAR MISS DIX: Last summer, when I was 18, I spent part of my vacation in Washington, where I met a very nice young man, Douglas. He asked me out quite a few times and I became very fond of him. He offered to drive me home, when it was time for me to return here, and I accepted. Mother and father both thought he was very nice. We wrote each other for a while, and soon I realized I was in love with him, and he told me - by letter and on the telephone - that he loved me, too.

He came to New York to see me, and called a few times - then I didn't hear from him for a month. My mother told me to try to forget him, but I couldn't. I didn't even enjoy going out on week ends. Then when I was beginning to forget him a little, he called, saying he was in New York and wanted to see me. So everything came back - all the feelings I had for him that I tried to subdue. He asked me if I loved him, and though I tried to evade the subject, I finally admitted it did. He went back to Washington, and I haven't heard from him since. Should I give up hope completely, or write and ask why I haven't heard from him? He says he's not much of a letter-writer.

ANSWER: The answer to Douglas's behavior is simple enough to fathom: but the solution to your personal problem is not so easy. Douglas, it would appear, has a heart that wanders, rather than grows fonder, with absence. His last visit to your city was probably made in the hope that he would find you no longer in love with him, and with his conscience salvaged, could return to Washington to take up whatever heart interest he has acquired there. This is not a pleasant outlook for you to face, but it would be foolish to fool yourself into believing that he may possibly come back.

MAY HAVE GIRL AT HOME

After all, Douglas is far more likely to find a sweetheart on home grounds; in fact, he may even have had one before he met you. While his interest in you was undoubtedly genuine while you were around, it wasn't strong enough to outlast separation. Isn't it better to know a man's inconsistencies before it's too late to do anything about them? You'll have a heartache for quite a while, but hearts at 18 mend much faster than you think. There'll be other boys along, and one, at least, will be fascinating enough to cast all thoughts of Douglas from your mind.

He would have been much more honest had he told you exactly why he stopped writing and calling, but, being gallant at heart, I guess the easiest course for him was departure and evasion.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a widow past 50 years of age. For several months I have been working in an office and have gotten attached to two men who also work there. They are both nice to me and I can't decide which one I would like to go out with. I don't want to hurt either one of them.

ANSWER: When it comes to a delicate point of choosing between two friends, only you can decide. After all, you are the one who knows their personalities, habits, characteristics. You must figure out which man is more congenial to you. Surely they can't be so evenly matched that it's a tie. Don't worry about hurting anyone's feelings, either. Office friendships usually are not on so high an emotional level that they result in that much disturbance. Go out with the first one who asks you, and if the other asks also, let him wait his

Economical Meals

DIVISION OF NUTRITION Department of Health and Welfare

Liver Loaf (serves 6) 1 1/2 pound liver 1 1/2 cups boiling water 1/2 pound salt pork or 4 sausages 1 medium onion 2 cups rolled oats 2 eggs lightly beaten 1/2 cup parsley, cut up salt, pepper to taste 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Cover liver with boiling water. Let stand 10 minutes. Drain and keep liquid for gravy. Grind liver with salt pork, onions and rolled oats. Mix this thoroughly with eggs, lemon juice and seasonings. Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees for one hour until browned.

"Use liver frequently." Liver is the only food given this special mention in Canada's Food Rules. It has outstanding food value. First of all liver has more vitamin A than any other food. Vitamin A is needed to keep the lining of our nose, throat, and lungs in good condition. These linings are our first line of defence against harmful germs. Liver can help to strengthen this defence.

Secondly liver contains more iron than any other food. Many women and teen age girls eat too little iron and are often anemic.

Thirdly, liver contains a great deal of riboflavin. Riboflavin is especially needed for growing children, and it helps our body resist infection. It is needed every day so that most of it must be obtained in milk. However, whenever you eat liver you may be sure that you are having plenty of this valuable substance.

In these three ways liver especially helps to keep healthy. It also has the same protein as meat. Use liver frequently and help your family enjoy it by using new and tasty

turn. Closer acquaintance with both men should easily supply the clues for a solution to your mystery.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been going with a man for three years. We are very much in love and he wants to marry me. We have both had an unhappy marriage in the past. We like to do the same things and so far have been able to work out any problem that has arisen. I have a small child whom he adores. In fact, the whole situation is perfect except for our ages - I am 24 and he is 43. Do you think we could be happy?

ANSWER: The difference in your ages is not such a barrier if all other conditions are as favorable as you say. If you are sure you're both in love, and he can provide for you and your child - go ahead and ring the wedding bells.

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

recipes. Beef, veal or lamb is very tasty fried with bacon, onions or mushrooms. Pork liver may be braised with tomatoes and onion. Other interesting combinations are: liver browned in fat, then simmered in chicken soup; puffs made of ground liver mixed with egg, cracker crumbs and seasoning, and fried as patties in hot fat; croquettes made with ground liver, cooked rice or mashed potato and lemon juice and fried in deep fat; sandwich filling made of ground liver, chili sauce, chopped celery or minced onion and lemon juice. Fork, beef and calves liver have about the same food value, but pork liver is much cheaper. One pound will serve four persons. It should be used when very fresh for the best flavor. Do not scald or soak unless it is to be ground. Cooking does not affect the food value.

Ask your grocer to supply you with liver once a week, compare the price with that of other meats, check over all the virtues of liver, then rest assured that you are getting a great deal for your money when you buy liver.

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