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The HOUSEWIFE and HER ACTIVITIES

A MODERN POSY

Lavender and mint and thyme, Gilly flower and rue, Something there for Grandmother, and something sweet for you.

SALT IN SOUPS

If you have salted the soup too much, cut slices of potatoes and place in the boiling soup for a few minutes.

FRENCH BUSINESS WOMEN

There are upward of 8,000,000 women in France carrying on professional activities. Of these, 3,000,000 are the heads of establishments or of industry.

TABLOID

Loaf cakes will keep moist longer if baked with a paper coming well up above the pan and not removed until the cake is to be used.

BATHROOM CLEANING

After the usual bathroom cleaning, take the soiled towel that is to go into the hamper and dry the enamel of the tub and basin.

DOING WRONG

Do not be laughed into that which you know to be wrong—Lord Beaconsfield.

SELF-APPROVAL

Be willing at length to be approved by yourself; be willing to appear beautiful to God; desire to be in purity with your own pure self and with God—Epicurus.

GOD

"Whatever exists, exists in God; and nothing can exist nor be conceived apart from God."

THE FUTURE

What then remains? Courage



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and patience and simplicity, and all ideas remain; and these are the things to lay hold of and to live with.—A. C. Benson.

TROUBLES

Oftentimes it is not so much the greatness of thy trouble as the littleness of thy spirit that makes thee to complain.—Jeremy Taylor.

EXTRAORDINARY MERIT

The mark of extraordinary Merit is to see those most envious of it constrained to praise.—La Rochefoucauld.

SUCCESS

Success in life does not consist in owning something, but in becoming something.

MERIT

Elevation is to Merit what Dress is to a handsome person.

REPOSE

I have sought repose everywhere and have found it in a little corner with a little book.

COLORS BAGS

No discussion of the spring hand-bag fashions is complete without an early mention of color. Because of the importance of English or Anglo-suedeskins, the use of patent leathers and felt and the general relationship of accessories promoted together, has resulted in a season of color.

COLOR RELIEVES

Prints for the junior and miss are being favorably received in New York. The brilliant colors relieve the simplicity of the dress, and brighten up the whole ensemble.

Costumes of solid color are also being shown, and the young miss offsets any danger of dullness by donning a gayly-colored taffeta jacket, stripes predominating.

WOOLLEN COATS

Fancy woollens, basket-weaves and fleeces are all said to be sharing equal favor in coats, with gray of first importance, navy second, and natural beige coming up rapidly.

CLEANING KITCHEN UTENSILS

Let plenty of hot water and mild soap take care of the easy-to-clean pots and pans. Let good scouring tools and powder soften the rub on the hard-to-clean.

Choose a scouring powder that (1) contains an effective amount of soap or other grease remover; and (2) is not too gritty. Rub the powder between the finger nails or between two pieces of glass. If it scratches either, it will scratch your pans.

Dampen and soap the dishcloth, sprinkle on scouring powder, rub lightly and evenly. Take off burned spots with steel wool combined with soap.

Glass baking dishes will remain clear if you soak them first in hot water, then scrape off the softened food with a flexible spatula. Polish with a fine, scratchless scouring powder, wash in hot soapy water, and rinse in hot water.

Iron skillets should be velvet smooth and free from grease inside. To remove burned-on particles of food and grease, pour hot water into the skillet, add washing soda and allow to boil for a few minutes. Wash and dry thoroughly.

Aluminum pans become discolored after foods or water containing iron or alkali have been cooked in them. To remove stain, boil a solution of vinegar and water in the pan. Allow two tablespoonsful of vinegar for every quart of water used.

Enamel pans—it's the grease that makes cleaning the broiler a messy job. Drain it first, then, with a paper towel, wipe off the grease that remains. Wash next in hot, soapy water, and remove all stains with fine scouring powder.—In McCall's Magazine for March.

BACON MISUNDERSTOOD

That tribute to the nation's morning appetite, the rasher of bacon, is apt to be somewhat overworked at breakfast-time. Perhaps that is why it occasionally comes to table looking rather weary.



MURINE FOR YOUR EYES

Only the leanest rashers contain insufficient fat for their own cooking. And even they need very little outside help.

A rasher, having been trimmed of its rind, should be placed in a pan which is hot without being red, hot, and allowed to complete its cooking gently in the fat which oozes out of it. An occasional turn will be all that it requires.

The same modernizing should be employed when the bacon is cooked under the gas-grill.

The person who probably gets the very best out of a rasher is the tramp whose equipment does not run to a frying-pan.

Impaling his rasher upon the point of his knife, he primitively frizzles it before an open fire. Try this method with a fork in your own home, but take steps to prevent any fat falling upon the cat or the carpet.

Apart from the damage which may be done to them, it is criminal to waste good bacon fat. As well as its value in frying other things, it makes an excellent substitute for butter in mixing into a delivied paste for chicken's legs and other deviled dishes.

All odd lumps of boiled fat bacon should be melted down and strained for frying and basting purposes. The same thing applies to the considerable layer of fat which sometimes forms on the top of the water in which a piece of bacon has been boiled.

A substantial dish for a mid-day meal on a cold day is the old country favorite known as rasher pudding, but far too little known.

Mix half a pound of flour and three ounces of suet into a crust with a pinch of salt and about a quarter of a pint of water.

Roll it out rather thinly into an oblong strip and cover it with rashers of streaky bacon, a medium-sized onion finely and layer it over the rashers. Season well with pepper, roll it up in the form of a roly-poly pudding, pinch the ends, tie in a cloth and boil from 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

WITH MACARONI Bacon with macaroni or spaghetti makes a good lunch or supper dish. After boiling the broken-up macaroni for a few minutes in a saucepan of boiling salted water, you strain off the water and add stock in which the macaroni is simmered until tender.

Cut rashers of bacon into strips, fry them for a few minutes, then add them to the macaroni with a seasoning of pepper and a little tomato sauce. Chop a few onions which have been sliced and previously fried. Stir together and serve very hot.

Rashers of bacon can be used for making various small dishes which are interchangeable as breakfast dishes or savories.

BACON OLIVES For bacon olives mix 2 oz. of chopped liver with 1 oz. of bread crumbs, add a little finely chopped onion and chopped mushroom, season with pepper and salt, and bind with beaten egg. Lay the mixture on rashers of bacon, roll up, tie with thread, and bake in a moderate oven for a quarter of an hour. Serve on rounds of fried bread.

A last word about bacon's invariable accompaniment—the mustard. Always make it with warm water. If you have never done so, try it, and note the great improvement.

ARE YOU Miserable? WOMEN who suffer periodically, who may have side-ache or a headache, and those about to become mothers, will find Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a dependable tonic.

Read what Mrs. Amy Taylor of McAlpine St., Toronto, Ont., said: "I was so miserable some years ago during motherhood. I seemed to feel all over and suffered from pains and headache day after day. My stomach was upset and I was all unstrung. I used three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it built me right up so that I came through with very little pain or discomfort. Buy now! New size, tablets or six, liquid \$1.00. Large size, tabs. or liquid, \$1.25.

Marriage Education in Schools Advocated Dorothy Dix Says That Such Step Will Stop Divorces

It is Encouraging to Learn That Marriage Some Day Will be Taken Out of the Nitwit Class and Enrolled Among the Professions, With a Proper Educational Background

A famous divorcee Judge, who probably holds the world's record for severing the bonds of the unhappily mated, is a firm believer that the science of how to be happy though married should be taught in all schools.



He says that he is convinced that it is possible to increase the number of successful marriages by leaps and bounds by a well-organized system of marriage education that will compare favorably with engineering or medical or legal or any other form of education.

Whether anything but the grace of God, which works miracles, can fit any one to deal with the complex problems of matrimony is a moot one, but certainly any experiment in education that even promises an improved brand of marriage will meet a long-felt want and is worth trying.

Hitherto we have seemed to think that a knowledge of how to be a good husband or wife came by nature, as a beautiful but dumb; otherwise, sane girls marry drunkards and rouse and ne'er-do-wells just because they have a way with them, and aged millionaires espouse bathing beauties.

But perhaps it is just here that the course in marriage will do its great and perfect work by teaching its bright young pupils to be better pickers. Perhaps boys will be taught to regard what is inside of a girl's skull more than the golden locks on the outside of it.

Perhaps they will be taught to put more stress on a girl's disposition than on the way she dances. Perhaps boys will not be taught in such a convincing fashion that they will believe it, that marriage doesn't change a girl, only makes her more so.

And perhaps girls will be taught that they are false alarms as reformatory agents, and to pick out a man for a husband who has already made good, instead of marrying a wastrel and trying to make him over into what they want him to be.

Perhaps they will be taught to try to find out on the safe side of the altar whether a man expects his wife to be a companion to him or a slave for him. Perhaps girls will be taught that the chief thing to look for in a husband is congeniality and that if they can get men who like to do the things they do and who have the same taste in cooking, nothing else matters much.

And think how many tears would be saved and how many quarrels avoided if girls were taught to cook before marriage instead of learning how on their poor defenseless husbands! And, oh, boy, how it would make for peace if every boy in the matrimonial class had to begin the day's lessons by reciting: Rent bills. Grocery bills. Crockery bills. Servants' bills. Beauty-shop bills. Dress bills. Hat bills. Sheila bills. Bills, bills, bills, instead of assuming that every wife grew her own fine feathers and could run a house on air!

And how many divorces it would save if students were taught that marriage should not be slavery; that even husbands and wives had some of the rights of an ordinary human being, and that they should be treated with the tact and courtesy one shows a stranger. Oh, there is a great future for the Marriage School, for there is no other subject in the world that the average man and woman know so little how to be a good husband or wife.

DOROTHY DIX

MY LADY MELODY

By ARTHUR HARDY Author of "The Merry Masquerade," "Love Song," etc., etc.

LISTENING EARS She found it impossible to approach this frozen and antagonistic personality.

She had never seen Mario in such a happy mood, and Sheila was more than ever struck by the truly remarkable change in him. He welcomed her with both hands outstretched, then motioned Mita away, who stayed frowning at the door of the music room until he shut her out.

"We are not going to work this morning," he told her gaily. "You have earned a rest, Sheila. Let us sit down and talk."

He had made plans and considered the advisability of her making a star appearance at the Albert Hall, or, failing that, at Queen's Hall.

"We must make it a great occasion," he said. "You have arrived. The thing is to aim at the highest."

He had already been in communication with old friends in Paris and Berlin, for later Sheila must make her bow abroad, Mario said.

She spoke with almost boyish enthusiasm, and then suddenly his manner changed and he became nervously agitated.

"My dear young pupil," he said, as he leaned towards her, "I have something very important to ask."

"If I were to go off like a damp squib I should not be able to face it," she had said.

But she had triumphed, and that night they talked over a celebration dinner and the next day invitations were sent out to Mario Casini, Max Maurice, Mdm. Martilla, Forsetti, Garner Owen and Eddie Hales. Howard and his father and mother were included as a matter of course and were invited by telephone.

In the morning a great number of letters arrived for Sheila. With sparkling eyes she read the congratulations that her friends showered upon her.

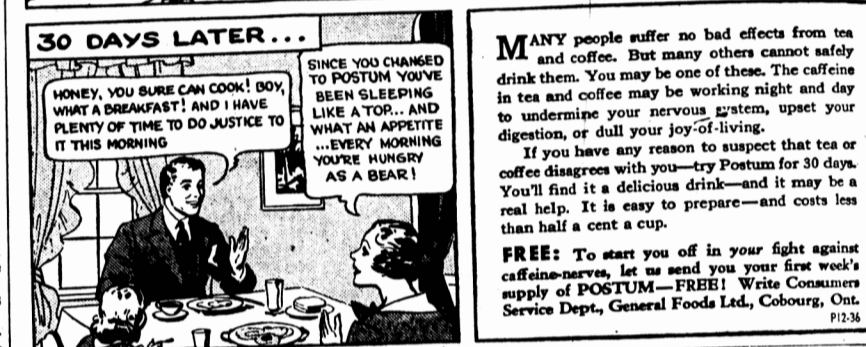
She had arranged with a press cutting agency to have all notices of the concert sent on to Pleasant Place, and the first batch of criticisms arrived that night. To Sheila's delight there was hardly a dissentient note amidst the general chorus of praise.

"I must keep my balance," she told herself, as she rested, for the strain had been greater than she had thought. "I must not let my head swell. Tomorrow I will talk over my plans with Mario, and when we have decided the next move, I shall submit them to Garner Owen."

It was not until the end of the week that she went again to Gloucester Road.

The scur-faced woman, Mita Vascari, admitted her grudgingly.

Mr. CAFFEINE - NERVES . . . he knows when he's licked



30 DAYS LATER... SHELLA, YOU HAVE SO BRIGHTENED MY LIFE, WHICH HAD SEEMED TO HOLD NOTHING FOR ME BUT SOURED LONELINESS AND CRIPPLED MISERY BEFORE YOU CAME. I AM UNHAPPY WHEN YOU ARE AWAY FROM ME. I AM OLD, SOURED AND EMBITTERED, AND WAS A SICK MAN. BUT I AM GROWING STRONGER. I AM SHAKING OFF MY INFIRMITY. I HAVE BEEN AN EMINENT SPECIALIST, WHO ASSURED ME MY HEART IS SOUND AND THAT I MAY LIVE FOR MANY YEARS YET. I HAVE BEEN CAREFUL, AND I HAVE SAVED ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT EARN A PENNY. WILL YOU MARRY ME?"

"Mario!" Sheila could not hide the note of pain in her voice. "I wish you had not asked me that."

"A flicker of a smile curved his lips and his eyes were bright. 'It seems absurd,' he said, drawing his chair nearer and placing a hand on hers. 'I am old enough to be your father. The passing years would make even more plainly the difference in age between us. You are very young and very beautiful. My offer must seem like an impertinence. But I love you. For the first time in my life I realize that I really do love a woman. Is it so impossible, Sheila, that we cannot marry? My only thought would be of you and your career. I could guide you to undreamt of triumphs. You would never regret it. I promise you.'"

She disengaged her hand and took his. She looked very tenderly at him.

"Mario, you must not be hurt if I say no. I could never marry you. I admire you and like you tremendously. I am happy to be with you. Don't spoil it all and make it impossible for us to see each other. I am grateful for all you have done, but you must never ask me that again."

He looked away, his face white and clouded with pain. But in a few moments he was smiling again and the shadows had vanished, leaving his strange expressive face serenely calm.

"You love Howard Ashley. That is it, is it not?"

Sheila smiled in relief. "I am half-engaged to Howard. But I do not think I shall marry him. Lately we have seen little of each other. He is a partner in a big and growing business which occupies most of his time and he is not much concerned about music. I am afraid if I married him that we should be quarrelling constantly and drift apart. No, I do not think I shall marry Howard, Mario."

Casini seemed puzzled. He was thinking about Eddie Hales and how often Sheila had been seen about with him. Could Hales be the chosen man? But as soon as the thought intruded itself Casini set it aside as unworthy of him. Sheila would never marry a man like Eddie Hales.

He passed in quick mental review the rest of Sheila's male friends, lingering for a few moments on Garner Owen as a likely choice, for he could give so much, but in the end he set even Garner Owen aside. The famous amateur musician was not of the marrying type. Indeed, Mario could scarcely conceive what the big house in West-end Gardens would be like with a woman ruling the roost.

(To be Continued)

THE COOK'S CORNER

ROLLED WAFERS

These give that professional touch that costs real money when bought by the dozen.

1/4 cup butter; 1/4 cup fruit sugar; 1/4 cup milk; 1/2 cup bread flour; 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

Cream the butter, add sugar gradually, and milk drop by drop and then flour and flavoring.

Spread very thin with a board, long-bladed knife on a buttered baking sheet. Crease in three-inch squares and bake in a slow oven until well browned. Cut with a sharp knife and roll while still warm into cornucopias. If they get too brittle put them in the oven again to soften them.

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Spring Fashions For Home Dress-Making

The tailored "shirtwaisty" dress is one of the nicest and most popular styles this season.

The model patterned for today is developed in grey linen check. It wears a wide purple suede belt, has a purple button trim and purple scarf.

Another nice suggestion for this season is white crepe silk or men's shirting silk with grey color contrast. You'll wear it for luncheon or afternoon.

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