

WOMEN

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A COUNTRY GARDEN

Spring comes early in the garden. The calendar, and though its precision may get a snubbing there always the comforting assurance that it must ultimately triumph over the reluctance of winter. It is the bravery and triumph of the spring flowers that is so appealing. The miracle of the snowdrop from the earth's most chilled and dormant hour is the source of that primate which has won for it universal regard.

When the snow left a corner of the garden there was a lovely purple crocus in bloom. It was a very sight and daffodils are several inches high so they know on under a covering of snow when spring has come; there is a Chinese proverb which says, "Spring is sooner recognized than winter." The crocus is the closest thing to earth that they first feel the sun: so violets blue and the soft star-like pansies are the happiest of the first flowers there is such gladness and such untroubled light for days when we long for sunny days and flowery gardens. Light your candles, shadowy earth give respite from the long dark night of wintertime when no flowers bloom. Set snowdrop tapers, waxen, white to gleam with light, and crocus and pansies, one by one light to show at winter's done. Let the crocus's gold globe shine on lawns where thrushes probe for worms at sense the loosening hold of winter's grip so cruel and cold. Let primroses with moonlight rays on the year's night into day.

IRIS OF GREEN
Returning warmth has lifted ease to wind, driving their wedge against the northern arc: out of the snow the furrows push toward ring, and ridges of earth, steaming and moisture dark, steam in sudden quietude shall come curls of green for quivering shade and leaf. In the first brown rows pushing through the snow, there is no scene more full of hope than these patches of the good earth after the long winter. It is in a country that we are aware of the spring. For steaming loam is chest ambergris wherefrom the perfumes of the seasons flow, there is no lyric with a gladder than the first song of brooks above the ice before the willows hidden each bank and winter of these spring signs marks the countman, there can be neither silence or grief where furrows lie, springing blade and leaf.

THE GARDEN ROOM
In the garden room the plants are almost pushing through the earth because of the large number of them squeezed into the small space, and the growth of each one since the spring sun has come. A lovely Theodora Petunia with beautifully fringed blooms of warm pink with golden centers filling the blue bowl with beauty and fragrance. This was potted up from the garden last fall from the same border where the seed was sown in spring. I have seen some lovely petunias in other homes where the gardeners had used the same culture and this annual is especially fine used in this manner. They are also beautiful as cut flower arrangements.

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THE FLATS ARE FILLED
The large geraniums have been divided and after living in the cellar all winter are being brought up to the light as well as the large uschias and other plants. Some of the tuberous begonias have been growing so well that they have been potted up for blooming in a few weeks. Other flats are filled with the begonias needed for outdoor planting and with the boxes filled with seeds of snapdragon, ageratum and petunias it is difficult to move about. Very soon it will be possible to move them to another place and in the meantime many plans are being made for our too short summer season. It is pleasant reading about summer gardens and sunny days in this long wintry season and the sundials that were used so many years ago. Up until Pope Sylvester II in 998 A.D. invented the first clock, the simple sundial shouldered the laborious daily task of keeping the human family advised of the time of day and the nights took care of themselves. The mention of the sundial in the Bible is thought to be referred to in Isaiah chapter thirty eight, verse eight—Behold, I will bring the shadow of the degrees which is gone down in the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returns ten degrees by which degrees it was gone down. A similar reference to the sundial is found in 1 Kings, chap-



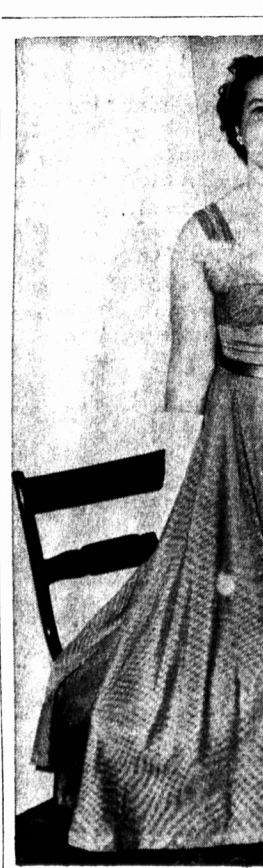
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COOK'S CORNER



PEANUT BUTTER AND DATE LOGS
1 cup peanut butter
1 cup icing sugar
1 cup chopped dates
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. butter
Mix all ingredients together. Form into balls and roll into logs. Melt 4 squares unsweetened chocolate and 1-3 square paraffin wax dip logs into this and let cool. Keep in refrigerator.

Words Of The Wise
When there is doubt, supplant it with action.
—(Thomas Carlyle)



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WEDDING PRESENT FOR PRINCE AND GRACE

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LET'S EAT

Purchase Potatoes According To Use
By Ida Bailey Allen
This background, made up of several varieties of potatoes, is surprisingly colorful," remarked the Chef as we reviewed a potato exhibit at the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association Convention. "One would not think that the shades of potato skins could present so much contrast. This design would make an attractive spring print for neckties or dresses, n'est-ce-pas?"
SUITABLE DESIGNS
"Yes, indeed," Chef I replied. "And quite as suitable as designs of strawberries, avocados or coffee berries."
"Let's see, in this exhibit there are four varieties of potatoes: Katahdin and cobbler, which are suited to all methods of cooking. Bliss Triumph, more water and good for salads. Burbank, which contain more starch and less water and are suited to french frying."
CONSULT DEALER
"When buying potatoes, home-makers should consult the vegetable dealer and purchase the variety best suited to their use. Or they can easily home-test the potatoes. A simple test will help determine the cooking characteristics of a good variety."
"For example, all potatoes sink in water because they are heavier than water. By adding 22 ounces of common salt to 5 1/2 quarts of water, the water becomes heavier. Then, when non-meaty potatoes are dropped in, they will float those that sink are the mealy type."
"This day of scientific control," observed the Chef, "it is my opinion that before long potato growers will pretest potatoes before selling. They will determine cooking characteristics and sell them on a basis of performance, just as egg distributors candle eggs for the protection and convenience of the public."
MONDAY DINNER
Fresh Fruit Cocktail
Bacon-Potato Mushroom Platter
Spinach Loaf
Pecan Waffles
Tea
Coffee
Milk
Bacon-Potato Mushroom Platter: Roll 12flaky, boiled potatoes in melted butter. Heap in the center of a large heat-proof platter dust with paprika. Over and around spoon fresh mushrooms a la poulette. Garnish of crisp bacon, tomato wedges and cress.
Mushrooms a la Poulette: Wash and quarter 1 lb. fresh mushrooms. Trim ends from stems. Pour boiling water through mushrooms. Then drop into cold water, drain, and dry on paper towels.
In a large shallow saucepan, melt 4 tbsp. butter. Add the mushrooms. Cook 3 min. Dust with 1/2 tsp. each salt and monosodium glutamate and 1-8 tsp. pepper.
Add 1 tsp. minced parsley and 1/2 tsp. flour. Stir in 1/4 c. chicken broth or chicken consommé or use 1 1/4 c. water and 1 tsp. chicken-flavored broth powder. Simmer 15 min.
Then beat 2 egg yolks with 1/2 tsp. water and 1 tsp. cider vinegar. Stir into the mushrooms. Stir-cook 30 seconds.
Serve on flaky boiled potatoes, or over brown rice or on toast.
THE CHEF MAKES
SOUTHERN PECAN WAFFLES
Prepare waffle batter by one of the standard recipes previously given in this column or use a good waffle mix. Stir in 1/2 c. coarsely-chopped pecans.
Heat the waffle iron as usual. Spoon in the waffle batter and top with pecan halves, then bake as usual. Serve very hot with maple syrup or honey heated with a little butter.

HAPPENINGS

Reverend T.H.B. Somers will be in attendance at meetings in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smith's Falls, Ontario, of the Committee on Revision of the Book of Common Order to which he was appointed by the General Assembly. This Committee has been working for some three years now on the preparation of a new Ordinal and the work will likely continue for at least two years more. Mr. Somers had the responsibility this Spring of preparing the Orders of Worship including one, by request, of the Vesper Services followed in St. James Church. Following the meeting of the Committee Mr. Somers will be joined by Mrs. Somers in Toronto to attend the Graduating Exercises of the Presbyterian Deacons Training School and the Convocation of Knox College, which is Mr. Somers' alma mater. Mr. and Mrs. Somers left Monday by plane for Moncton, and will proceed by train the rest of the journey.

A birthday celebrated recently was that of Mrs. A.J. MacLeod who was ninety-one on April 30. Mrs. MacLeod who was the former Miss Isabella MacDonald of Kilmuir lives in Montague but the birthday party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Schurman, the latter a daughter of Mrs. MacLeod. As many of the family as could be were present and there were numerous remembrances and congratulatory messages. Mrs. MacLeod was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom taught school in this province. Three of her children became nurses, one a minister and one a lawyer. Mrs. MacLeod is in her usual remarkably good health and has all her keen faculties, not the least of which is a wonderfully retentive memory.

Mr. and Mrs. E.M. MacNeve and son David, and Mr. and Mrs. David Cox have returned from St. John, New Brunswick, where they were attending the wedding of Constable Ian MacNeve and Miss Patricia Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Tanton and Mrs. Duncan MacPhail were out-of-town visitors attending the MacNeve-Joyce wedding in St. John, New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Weeks entertained at a small dinner party at their residence recently, at which Miss June Dennis and Mr. William Ives were honored guests. The guests of honor were recipients of gifts, and a pleasant social evening followed.

The concert given by the pupils Thursday evening of Mrs. Rena Johnstone will feature piano, recorder, and singing numbers. Of special interest is the Recorder or "English Flute" which is the ancestor of the present-day woodwind instruments. It is one of those instruments which, like the harpsichord have again become a part of our musical life. The tone of the Recorder has an incomparable quietness and softness and when the instrument is played properly it displays a beautiful singing quality that has the unspoiled character of a child's voice.

To the musician, the recorder affords one of the authentic tonal colors in the works of the 17th and 18th century masters, Purcell, Handel, and Bach among them. Its soft, slightly reedy timbre was much admired by Bacon, Shakespeare, Milton and other writers. Shakespeare's scene will be recalled in which Hamlet takes a recorder from one of the players and taunts Rosencrantz and Guildenstern: " 'Tis as easy as lying; govern these ventages with your fingers and thumb, give it breath with your mouth, and it will discourse most eloquent music."

"Angel Street" with its suspense and thrills will be presented by the Little Theatre Guild, Thursday, April 26 at the Queen Charlotte High School. This L.T.G. production has been selected as one of the top eight plays in Canada and leaves for Sherbrooke, Quebec, next month to compete for the Dominion Championship.

Spring styles were modelled by Miss Mary Loughlin at a recent fashion show in Nashua, N.H. sponsored by the E and G Club. There is a charming photograph of Miss Loughlin with other models. Miss Loughlin who is a student at the University of New Brunswick, is a daughter of Mrs. Roland Loughlin, Fredericton, and a niece of Miss Lilian Duchemin.

MARY HAWORTH

Boy Grows Bitter As Parents Refuse Use Of Car

Dear Mary Haworth: I am married, with two fine teen-age children—a son 18, and a daughter 13. The problem is my son and the family car.

Dean, let's call him, is a fine intelligent boy who goes to college here, and works part time to help pay his expenses. He has nice friends, gets good marks in school and always has been trustworthy, since he got his drivers licence two months ago. As my husband does not take the car for business, Dean feels he might as well have the use of it. I let him use it two days a week to drive to school; also, he drives for the family on weekends. But the big problem is Saturday nights.

He has absolutely refused to let Dean have the car for dates; and don't expect to for some time. I feel two months' driving experience isn't enough to prepare him for the traffic hazards of Saturday night driving in this big city—no matter how good or competent he may be. My husband agrees with me, but Dean feels we are tyrants and unreasonable, that we don't love or trust him anymore.

His resentment and bitterness are such that my husband and I have seriously considered selling the car, if we could find a buyer. My relationship back. If I am wrong or overly cautious, if he is entitled to at least occasional use of the car on Saturday nights, please tell me. I promise to abide by your opinion.

SON'S TAKE-OFF
DEAR F.E.: No doubt Dean's bitter resentment stems from his accurate (if inarticulate) sense that much of your attitude has to do with stingy sentimentality, that is, the further away from you yourself—rather than with his actual physical safety in date-night traffic.

In a well managed family, sensible mature-minded parents don't have emotional warfare with a nearly grown son, about use of the family car. Mutual respect, consideration and filially responsible terms are developed, as the parties feel out, experimentally, for satisfactory new patterns of accommodation.

Thus the uproar in your situation indicates there is more to the problem than you think; or more than you care to admit to yourself. As you state the case, you are afraid—or at any rate you refuse—to let Dean have the car for dates (any nights, I take it) and that you "don't expect" to grant this privilege "for some time." I think this is the nub of conflict, between your will and desire, and this.

You are afraid that the combination of car and girl on a date may lead him astray; or into far fields of influence beyond your control. And it seems apparent that you wear the pants in the family—and that your husbands contribution to

TO WED IN SUMMERSIDE



BETH J. INMAN, R. N. CHARLES G. SIMMONS
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Inman, North St. Eleanor, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Beth Marlene, R. N., to Charles Gordon Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simmons, Summerside. Marriage will take place June 7th. in Trinity United Church, Summerside.

authority consists in agreeing with you.

As a face-saving device, you don't recognize your "mom"-type fears for what they are. You adopt a more large-hearted guise, by insisting instead that it's traffic conditions, and Deans green driving, that prompt you to refuse him the car for dates.

Motor traffic is dangerous, yes; in fact, it's dangerous to be alive, in almost any circumstances nowadays. But living in fear, making pinched concessions to fear, isn't the answer. I think if you will face the real nature of your fears

about Dean, that you will see the immaturity of your attitude, and will begin to try to make more honest allowance for his viewpoints—which press towards growth.

MORNING SMILE
"Half the council are crooks," said the hometown paper headline.

An apology was demanded and readily granted. Next day's headline read:
"Half the council aren't crooks."



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