

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. On what occasions is a cut-away (morning coat) with striped trousers worn?
A. At a morning or afternoon wedding. On Sunday for church (in the city). On all daytime occasions of ceremony, such as taking part in a dedication, unveiling, review of a parade. As usher at a wedding. As pallbearer.
Q. Is it necessary for a man who habitually carries a pipe in his mouth to remove the pipe when speaking to a woman?
A. Most certainly he should remove the pipe.
Q. May candles be used on the dinner table even if they are not to be lighted?
A. Yes; candles are always correct on the dinner or supper table.

Morning Smile

Encore

"I come on business, Dad," said the recent bride.
"You don't say?" inquired her fond father. "Nothing wrong at the store, I hope?"
"Oh, no, John appreciates the fact you gave him the shop and so do I. But we were wondering if you wouldn't like to buy a half interest in it now."
Strategy
"We doubled our son's allowance before he left for college," said the first woman. "But we didn't tell him."
"Why not?" inquired the second mama.
"Well," replied the first budgeter, "my husband said it would be a with-holding plan. Jerry would always be writing for more anyhow."

Better English

By V. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I can't seem to understand this problem; it's mighty difficult."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "oppugn?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Glossery, nersure, efrontery, dysentery.
4. What does the word "admonish" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with v that means "easily rolling or turning"?

ANSWERS

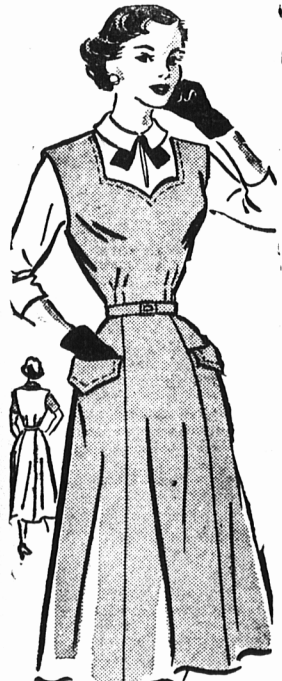
1. Say, "I seem unable to understand this problem; it's very (or exceedingly) difficult."
2. Pronounce o-pun, o as in odd, u as in use, accent second syllable.
3. Glossary.
4. To reprove gently, but seriously. "He was admonished for his failure to bring the necessary papers with him."
5. Voluble.

How Can I ...

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I preserve photographic prints that are framed without glass?
A. In this case it is a good idea to give them a coating of transparent, protective varnish, in order to prolong their life. A simple solution of white shellac has been found suitable for this purpose.
Q. How can I prepare candied apples?
A. Make a syrup by cooking one cup of water and one cup of sugar together. Select small apples and let them cook slowly in the syrup until soft. Drain, sprinkle with sugar, and leave to dry.
Q. How can I relieve the pain of chapped hands?
A. Vinegar applied to chapped hands will afford relief.
Q. How can I keep mice away?
A. Cayenne pepper sprinkled around places where mice frequently will keep them away.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee
Stopping Leak
If there is a small leak in a pan or bucket, turn the receptacle upside down, cover the leak with a little powdered sulphur, heat an old knife blade until it is very hot and spread the sulphur around the leak.
Cleaning Candles
Decorative candles that have become soiled can be cleaned to look as pretty as when new by sponging with a piece of absorbent cotton dampened with alcohol.
Cranberry Stains
Cranberry stain can be removed from linen by washing with warm water and soap.

"Suffer The Little Children To Come Unto Me"



As traditional as Santa's reindeer and the gaily-bedecked Yuletide tree is the Nativity play, a highlight of Christmas pageants, childhood is strikingly apparent in the faces of white-clad "angels" welcoming the Little Child of Bethlehem.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

And now it is the day before Christmas. Tonight will be its Eve. Indoors then last touches will have been given to the tree in the room—the shining star atop set more securely, a bright ornament rearranged to show better its charm against the fetching background of evergreen. The smaller parcels, gaily ribbioned, will be tucked here and there in the branches; the more imposing heaped about the base, presents made or bought with much thought and affectionate regard for the loved ones of family. And now before we turn away we shall stop a moment to enjoy its perfection and the clean tangy scent of fir or spruce which lingers so pleasantly about.
And then in the quiet which obtains after the children have gone to bed, since stockings are filled and Santa's gifts on display, we farmwives shall come to take up such labors of love as yet remain for us, in order to make the Christmas Day to come more perfect for the family. We shall mix the dressing for the fowl and at least assemble the ingredients for the traditional pudding which follows. Because Christmas mornings are extremely short and there are so many items we on farms must crowd into their all too brief hours.

How busy even we shall be on this night before Christmas! But not too busy we are sure to come out doors to see the magic spread there. Before lights-out we shall come as is our custom, to a doorway or it may be to some vantage point in the yard, there in the exquisite peace—and mystery—of the occasion to picture again an old touching scene. How silent it will be, yet how expectant! The old stars of ages keeping watch overhead.
Above the now dim hills we shall choose one especially brilliant, to be our beacon. And in fancy we shall follow its light along the crisp white-spread fields. On, and ever on, to a far land we shall go as those others of the long ago "bearing gifts" fared... to a stable. And past their shoulders, or touching them, we shall look upon a Babe in a manger... shall if we may, talk with that mother, appreciating as only a woman can all those longings and wonderings she "kept" and "pondered in her heart."
And for a gift what would this Island farmwife offer? Insignificant indeed we fancy ours would be in comparison with those which had been brought. But not scorned, we are confident, no matter how small... blessed even then. And should it not be a loyal heart we would bear to this little Prince of Peace? And lingering there should we not perhaps catch again the notes of that chorus of the skies to echo in the depths of our being as "turn within" Glory to God in the highest" the angels sang, "and on earth, peace, good will toward men."
Once more at this hallowed season, it is our privilege to send out on behalf of the Alderia Family, sincere thanks for many a kindness received in it; and to those who may read these lines we offer from them and ourself, the old seasonal wish—there is none more heart-warming we are sure—
A MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Until Friday... Diary... Good-night.....

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Unsettled At 21

Daughter's Many Beaux Worry Her Mother

DEAR MISS DIX: My problem concerns my oldest daughter. She is 21, pretty, has a good character and code of morals. All her friends are very fine. She is popular with boys and girls, is always free to bring friends home and knows they will be well treated. We have a reputation among her boy friends for being very strict about places we permit her to go, hours of home-coming, etc., but I have often told her our strictness has brought her more dates than anything else. Any boy who has dated her since high school days has always come back and kept coming.
Now for the crux of the matter. Several of her boy friends are in service. From the incoming mail and gifts I am afraid each thinks she is "his girl." I have told her if she has no real interest in these boys to let them know as I don't want hurt feelings either before or after they come back. Don't you think she is old enough to stop dating those boys whom she knows are not matrimonial material for her?
O. O.

ANSWER: You seem to have a double concern—one for the boys who will be hurt when they realize your daughter does not entertain serious intentions toward them, and one for the girl whom you feel should cease indiscriminate dating and get down to the business of choosing a husband.
It is most probable, since these boys all know her quite well, that each realizes he hasn't exclusive rights to her dating. They seem to accept her quite naturally as a pal, and, if they are willing to continue along that line, it's good for all concerned. The boys who are going overseas know they have at least one girl who will keep them supplied with hometown news. If the girl has any principles at all—and with the fine upbringing she has had there can scarcely be any question on that score—she'll be careful to avoid leading any one of the boys to believe her interest in him is other than friendly.
DELAY IS NOT UNUSUAL
The second aspect of your problem will be solved with the first. They are intertwined and will eventually resolve themselves together. No age can be set on emotional maturity, and until a girl reaches the condition, rather than the age, she isn't old enough to settle down to one boy. While most of today's lassies do have their affections signed, sealed and delivered by 21, it is by no means unusual to find one who delays the process.
Until your daughter finds the "one and only", it is much better for her to go along as she is. Don't fuss about the situation, and don't let her know you are worried over it. Keep a careful eye on her male companions, and try to weed out those you consider less desirable. Perhaps she'll select a mate from one of the current crop of swains, but more likely it will be someone new. Do emphasize the fact that all servicemen on her corresponding list should know exactly what the situation is at all times.
DEAR MISS DIX: I am very fond of a nice boy who lives on the other side of town. I don't see him often, and when I do it seems all he talks about are the cute girls in his neighborhood.
LEE.
ANSWER: It's barely possible that the boy is actually hard up for conversational topics and simply lacks the wisdom to realize the one he does select is objectionable to you—as it would be to any other girl.
When he calls, be prepared with some choice gambits yourself
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The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble
For Tomorrow
A PARTICULARLY lively day, with all the energies and emotions aflame with the holiday spirit. And while it is probable that excitement and last-minute rush may carry on, it is well to remember that there may be subtle dangers and temptations in exertions beyond reasonable strength. While the spirit of generosity and indulgence may drive to excess in expenditures, there are tricky incidents to keep alert to. Peculiar losses could put a damper on festivities.
For the Birthday
Those whose birthday it is may find their energies and emotions keyed to unusual activity, with perhaps stress and strain overtaxing to an unwise degree. Sociability and conventional indulgences are under splendid stimuli for a memorable occasion, although there may be some peculiar or intriguing contacts to keep alert to. Extravagance, strange hazards or improvident purchases, are incited by an urge to gamble. Beware accidents, also unconventional or "half-fellow" tie-ups with strangers.
A child born on this day, while having many talents and worthy ambitions, may be careless and over-emotional in its behavior patterns unless it receives proper training.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.
HERPES ZOSTER (SHINGLES) OF NERVES OF HEAD AND NECK
Because herpes zoster (shingles) lasts only from two to six weeks and does not cause death, it may be considered as more of a nuisance than a disease by other members of the family, but the patient suffers with severe pain and itching to the extent that he would gladly trade his symptoms for those of a more serious or dangerous disease.
Herpes zoster is believed to result from an emotional disturbance with an underlying virus infection causing groups of patches of tiny vesicles (pimples) which break down and cause some oozing. The course of these groups follows the distribution of a nerve or nerves coming out from inside of the spinal column, most frequently on the trunk or body but often also from the nerves of the spinal column of the neck (cranial nerves); thus extending over one side of head, face and neck.
While shingles runs a self-limited course of 2 to 6 weeks, complications may arise with severe pain lasting for months. In the Virginia Medical Monthly, Richmond, Drs. F. H. McGovern and G. S. Fitzhugh discuss herpes zoster of the neck or cranial nerves. These physicians state that when the disease affects the eye (herpes zoster, ophthalmicus) it is always diagnosed but when other nerves of the face and neck are affected, many go undiagnosed because some of the usual symptoms are not present.
Although an attack of herpes zoster runs its course with or without treatment and like other self-limited diseases (scarlet fever, measles, chickenpox) is supposed to occur only once, Drs. McGovern and Fitzhugh remind us that an attack of herpes zoster does not confer "permanent immunity" and that a second attack sometimes does occur.
Further, in elderly or run-down patients, a troublesome, painful neuritis may persist long after the eruption, itching and other symptoms have disappeared. As this painful neuritis is often stubborn, powerful pain-killers may be used and they may become habit-forming.
Attempt should be made to control pain with such analgesics (pain-killers) as the salicylates, with codeine or demerol in severe cases.
"Caution is necessary in the use of opiates, particularly cases with persistent neuralgia following herpes zoster (shingles)."
Beat thoroughly. Spread on Lubkuchen while glaze is still warm. These cookies are characteristically hard and chewy. They develop a better flavor upon storage and should be stored two weeks or longer.

Cook's Corner

LUBKUCHEN

Lubkuchen is a honey cookie recipe that you will want to add to your collection.
4 cups sifted cake flour, 1/4 teaspoon soda, 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 1/8 teaspoon cloves, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg, 2/3 cup (1/2 pound) strained honey, 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed, 2 tablespoons water, 1 egg, slightly beaten, 3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded candied orange peel, 3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded candied citron, 1 cup almonds blanched and shredded.
Sift flour once, measure, add soda and spices, and sift together three times. Combine honey, sugar and water and boil 5 minutes. Cool and flour, egg, fruits and nuts press dough into a cake, wrap in waxed paper, and store in refrigerator 2 or 3 days to ripen.
Roll 1/4-inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut in 1 x 3-inch strips. Bake on greased baking sheet in moderate oven (350 F.) 15 minutes. When cool, spread with transparent glaze. Store at least one day before serving. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.
To make transparent glaze, combine 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar and 1-1 1/2 tablespoons boiling water. Add 1/4 teaspoon vanilla.

False Face

By E. C. Buley

CHAPTER XIII Continued

"I am sure that I shall," Smith agreed. "Yet I knew so little of my country, Miss Soames, that I expected to go hunting in the summertime, until your niece kindly set me right."
"I'm not a bit surprised," Miss Deborah replied. "If they hunted here, I suppose they would hunt in mid-summer. At least that is the time of year they choose to decide their important sleep-chases, which is much the same thing."
"Mr. Smith is also very keen on dancing," Marcia went on. "I wondered whether you might not ask him to dine with us this evening. Aunt, they dance a good deal at our hotel, but fortune never seems to send a satisfactory partner my way."
"Is it sweet of Marcia to bring me in, Mr. Smith," Miss Deborah said, using her usual formula. "I did not want you, I should hardly be able to say so. As it happens, I am able to say that I shall be very pleased as she, if you will be my guest."
"You both make me very happy," Henry Smith said.
He did not make the mistake of outstaying his welcome; and bowed over the hands of the two ladies in token of farewell, and walked off, followed by the stares of the people among whom he made his way.
"well, Marcia; what new freak is this?" Miss Deborah asked.
"I thought an Englishman who knows nothing of England might interest you, dear," Marcia said lightly.
"there's nothing English about him, except his name," Miss Deborah said. "He'll find that out, if ever he comes to England."
"oh, he means all that, most sincerely," Marcia insisted. "He has been looking forward to England for years, so he says. It is a little pathetic, don't you think?"
"More than a little," Miss Deborah said. "In Paris a man can go about with a face like that, and excite interest. There is a sound prejudice in my own country against freaks of any kind."
"it is not his fault," Marcia said indignantly.
"it is his fault that he exploits his ugliness," Miss Deborah retorted briskly. "It is courageous of him, I admit; but he is really biding for sympathy, isn't he? And I repeat that such tactics may succeed in Paris, but not in our common-sense country. And he's a fraud of some kind. An Englishman! Stuff and nonsense."
"You are not preparing to be crushing, Aunt?"
"No, my dear; if you like to make a hobby of his ugliness, I will do my part. I'm not too old to take an interest in life; and I confess that I shall be interested to know how he fares, if he really comes to England."
It was Basil Tobin, the fourth of the little dinner party, who asked of Henry Smith the question which both Marcia and her aunt longed to ask. Henry Smith had talked a good deal during the progress of dinner, and at times had revealed an extraordinary ignorance of that world of which he seemed to be part.
"All this is so novel to me," he said frankly, when faced with one of his shortcomings.
"Then where have you been hiding all your life?" Tobin blurted out.

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"Basill!" Marcia exclaimed, in reproach of the hunt question.
"Scry! Mr. Smith," the young fellow said. "But Paris is novel to you, and you don't know England, although you are an Englishman, you see."
"but you were right," Henry Smith said deliberately. "I have been in hiding since I was a young boy. My parents, who are now dead, hid me away from the world. They were not proud of me; perhaps you can guess the reason."
"Look here..." Tobin said, horribly embarrassed. "I must sincerely apologise, I had no right."
"but it has to be explained, at some time," Henry Smith said. "I have been, for many months, in the hands of the famous Doctor Lepine. He has done such wonders for me that I now venture to show myself. One cannot hide all one's life; besides, I have already learned that there is no reason."
To be continued



Merry Christmas



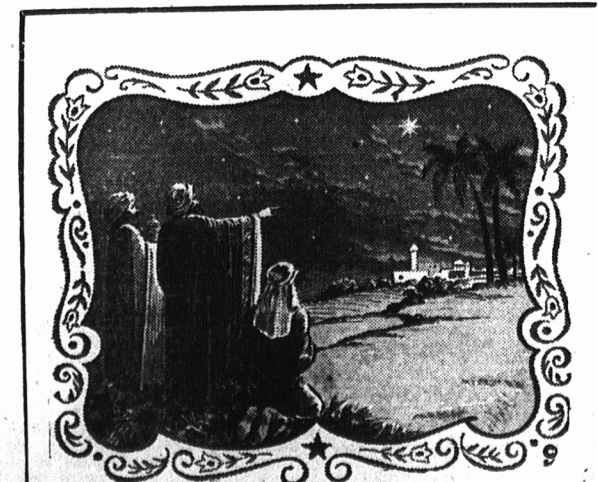
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