

Canadians See Only About 12 Of 15,000 Orchid Species

By Joan Barberis Canadian Press Staff Writer Any young man who has emptied his wallet to buy an orchid...

Dr. R. H. Manske, research chemist for the Dominion Rubber Company, at Guelph, Ont., showed a "Great-grandchild" of this costly Brazilian plant.

Wide Price Range

Most Canadians can see about 12 species of orchids in flower shops across the country. They come in many different colors and range from 25 cents to \$20 a bloom.

full of water and sealed with rubber to keep the air from the bottom of the stem.

"If flowers are taken out of water, air sometimes goes into the stem," he said. "It is then sealed in when the flower is returned to water, creating an air bubble and weakening the stem."

Asked why orchids don't have fancy names as do roses, Dr. De Volder said, "The orchid is queen of flowers and doesn't need gilding with fancy names."

February is the large production month for most orchids here and it is possible to get a couple of labiate or trianae for \$2.00 or even less at that time.



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelly are pictured above following their wedding at St. Anne's Church, Lot 65. From left to right are Mr. Alfred Kelly, usher; Mr. Arnold McIvor, best man; the groom and his bride; Mrs. Arnold McIvor, matron of honor; Mr. Francis Campbell, usher.



QUEEN HOLDS FIRST INVESTITURE OUTSIDE BRITAIN - At Kingston, Jamaica, Queen Elizabeth receives a basket of flowers from Miss Austin Clarke, a university student. During the day she conferred honors on 14 Jamaicans, the first investiture she has held outside Britain.

Bringing Up Baby



Hints Collected by Mrs. Ann Coker (Mother of 5) Grab-bag gaiety. An old pillow or sturdy shopping bag filled with inexpensive toys makes a magic grab-bag when other toddlers come to visit your tot.

A tip-top appetite. You'll love the way baby's appetite grows when you give him good-tasting foods he likes and needs. Like Gerber's Strained Fruits, Vegetables, Meat-Soups and Desserts.

Very often babies at the six or seven months old stage show a definite inclination to shy away from the sandman. Parents who face this predicament might profitably induce sleep by remembering these pointers:

- 1. Soft lullabies (on or off key) are relaxing, do encourage sleep. 2. A well-satisfied tummy does much to help close little eyes. 3. Non-restricting sleeping garments are a must. Excitement is taboo. 4. Cuddling a favorite soft toy often works magic.

Share and share alike. If you've any tips you'd like to share with other mothers, send them to me; Box 17, Toronto 18, Canada.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"We've a pig in there," Mack the only lad of the House across the Lane at Alderlea nodded toward the back of the truck as on our way to town we mounted the rise by the House on the Hill this morning.

"We mostly always take a fat one or two—or a lamb, in to..." and he mentioned glibly the destination. "We have to," he explained earnestly, "because haven't we to bring home feed and stuff? And, "he added, "we have to have money to pay for that!"

"That is a lesson in economics learned," Jeanie chuckled over his head. "And how long did you say I must cook these?" Rob had asked touching the potato-pot. "And this one, does it require the same time?" he queried of that which contained the second vegetable.

James hovered in the background, a desolate expression on his face. "Granddaddy will feel dreadful when you die," Granddaughter confided one day on a like occasion. "I know he will," she said, "because he always gets that sad look when you go away even for a little while—especially," she smiled "if he thinks he has to get his own meal!"

"Now you tell him all about it, Ellen—exactly where to find the food and all." James had reminded us solemnly, "because we can't spend a half day over making a dinner! We may not get such a day as this again this year... Do you consider there was any occasion for your going to town this morning, Ellen?"

"We reasoned the question in mind. The good progress of the farming is of necessity the main interest of the farmwife. But as it was, and as James himself had commented, we now have the farm-work "pretty well straightened away." There was the probability of winter suddenly closing in without hope of stabling ready for the young herd that still grazes along our hills. But thus far... all along the years, none, not even a little orphan-lamb has suffered from cold or hunger with James aware of its plight."

And "Come!" the morning, as mild and pleasant as one of early autumn coaxed. And "Go!" Rob said, heartily. "We shan't starve at all while you're away." And "Come!" the rest of the Family invited. "There's every occasion!" we laughed to James. "Then you will be back in time to make dinner, Ellen?" James said a pleased smile suddenly dispersing the gloom, "the stores close early today!"

It was nice to come to town again—good to enjoy a laugh and chuckle with Jeanie over our shopping; nice too to buy from those clerks who so capably and kindly serve. Rob did creditably as cook in our absence. We found evidence of it in the pots and pans about the fire. If due to an omission on our part in not attending to a detail of the meal, a carefully laundered white apron, a humbly checked one of everyday. It would of course add to the appearance of the table and make the food more tasteful for the farmers and help.

"And who did you see in town, Ellen?" James asked, when past dusk he came to his day's end and the comfort of the old armchair. And we told him of the... but 'Till tomorrow ——— Diary ——— Good-night. . . ."

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Does a woman who is marrying for the second time wear white? A. She does not wear white, nor does she wear a veil. And the simpler the ceremony, the better taste it displays.

Q. Is it all right for a hostess to serve her guests with the same dish she has served them on a former occasion? A. This is quite all right, and particularly if she knows they enjoyed it.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Smelling Salts A good smelling salts can be made by taking one ounce of ammonia, or rock volatile, breaking it into small pieces, putting in a bottle and covering with eau-de-cologne. Let it stand for 4 or 5 days before using.

Salty Soup If the soup has been made too salty, put a few slices of raw potato into it and boil for a few minutes. This will freshen the soup and take away the salty taste.

Grease Spots on Carpet Make a paste of boiling water poured on equal parts of magnesia and fuller's earth. Apply this paste while it is hot, then wipe it off when dry.

Eat A Variety of Food Select Foods Rich in Iron 1. Fruits—dried apricots and peaches, prunes and raisins. 2. Vegetables—beans and peas, dried, canned or fresh; and dark leafy green vegetables including in some areas dandelion greens, fiddleheads and lamb's quarters.

3. Cereals and Bread—whole grain cereals, especially oatmeal, whole grain ready-to-eat cereals, and whole wheat bread. These should be given a definite preference to refined cereal products as the iron content of whole grains is greatly reduced in the milling process.

MEAT Beef is the only meat which, as yet, may be purchased by grade. The grade is indicated by a ribbon-like band (Red for Grade A or Choice, Blue for Grade B or Good) running the full length of the side in such a manner that a section of the grade mark appears on each individual cut.

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Beef flesh should be of a uniform, rich red colour, firm, velvety, fine-grained, well-marbled with fat.

Veal flesh should be pink in colour, firm and fine-grained. Lamb flesh should be dull pink in colour, moist, firm and fine-grained.

Pork flesh should be a light greyish pink, firm and fine-grained.

Price of meat is no indication of food value. Cuts that cost less are just as nourishing as those that cost more. The thrifty housewife is familiar with the various cuts of meat and knows the best ways of using them.

How Can I !!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make stockings last longer? A. Wash them before wearing. Be sure that no soap is left in the hem if they will also be lengthened if they are washed immediately when removed from the feet, as perspiration rots the silk very rapidly.

Q. How can I renovate velvet? A. Put a little water into a tea kettle, tie a piece of cheesecloth over the spout and let it boil vigorously. Hold the velvet in the steam shaking it gently until the pile stands up. Be careful to keep the velvet from the flame.

Q. Is freezing injurious to olive oil? A. Yes, so keep it in a place that is of moderate temperature. Always see that it is in an airtight container.

Better English

By D. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He claimed that he knew nothing of the theft, but his brother-in-laws both said he was implicated."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "pantomime"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Inflexive, inflexible, inflammatory, insurrection.

4. What does the word "prestige" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with I that means "disgrace or dishonor"?

ANSWERS 1. Say, "He maintained (declared or stated) that he knew nothing of the theft, but his brothers-in-law both said he was implicated." 2. Pronounce last syllable as spelled mime, and not mine, often heard.

3. Inflammatory. 4. Influence or importance based on past success or reputation. "Defeat would mean a tremendous blow to his pride and prestige." 5. Ignominy.

Cook's Corner

BUTTERSCOTCH SHORTCAKE 3 cups sifted flour 1 tablespoon granulated sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder 2/3 teaspoon salt 1 cup shortening 2/3 cup milk (about) 1 tablespoon butter 1 cup brown sugar Strawberries or other fruit. Sift together flour, granulated sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening finely. Mix in gradually sufficient milk to make a stiff dough. Roll very thin. (The secret of success). Spread with butter and brown sugar, creamed together. Roll up like jelly roll. Cut in one inch slices, bake cut side down, on greased pan, in moderate oven about 25 minutes. Cover while hot with crushed strawberries, or any fresh (sweetened) or canned fruit; serve with cream. Plain or whipped.

—Mrs. William MacKenzie, South Finette W.I.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow YOUR greatest pleasure this day should come from mental and creative work so, if you earn your living in a line which calls for originality and imagination, you should find in this period an exceptionally stimulating one. If you are a householder, this is an excellent time in which to try out new decorating ideas or to make plans for renovation, refurbishing, any improvements which will enhance the appearance of your home.

During the evening hours you can benefit from promoting congeniality among associates through friendliness and a sense of humor. Hospitality and small-scale entertainment favored.

For the Birthday If tomorrow is your birthday, your horoscope indicates that personal sacrifices you have made in the past will pave the way for unlimited opportunity in the immediate future. Although the progress you have been making recently has seemed slow to you, it has made a definite impression on others and there is a consequent indication of prestige and financial reward early in 1954.

There is a strong possibility that the new year will also bring additional responsibilities. Face them with the assurance that you can handle them with satisfaction and you cannot fail. Extra diplomacy may be needed in domestic situations, but budding tension can be thwarted if you use your innate tact and good judgment. Romance and travel will be under fine aspects during the late spring and early summer.

A child born on this day will be logical, intelligent and extremely diplomatic.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Rural Vs. Urban Life

Girl's Fiance, With Security On Farm, Has Urge To Take Chances In City

DEAR MISS DIX: I expect to be married next year. My fiance lives with his grandparents who own a farm. He works for them, gets his board, clothing, use of a car and a weekly allowance. His brother works in the city. Allen, my fiance, thinks his chances of success are better in the city. I might add that he likes farm work and some day will inherit his grandfather's place. I am 19, Allen is 21, if that will help. RAOCHEL L.

THE FARM'S THE PLACE

ANSWER: I would say, most assuredly, that Allen's best chance for secure economic living would be at the farm. His brother's salary may sound like riches, since he is single and has only a small financial responsibility at home. But for family care, it's not adequate. On the farm, Allen will always be assured of food and a roof over his family's head. You may lack some city comforts, but the essentials of life are at hand, save, of course, in case of grave emergencies such as drought, etc. Furthermore, it's the life to which Allen is accustomed. Don't let a big decision like this hinge on a mere display of green bills. They may look tempting but they are soon gone in these days of high cost of living. Allen should, of course, ascertain just what financial arrangements his grandfather will make with a young couple on the place.

DEAR MISS DIX: I've been invited to my first prom and would like to know what time I should be home. The prom will be over at 11:00, but we have been invited to a party later. Ordinarily, I must be in at 10:30 but I think this occasion deserves special consideration. MARIANNE

ANSWER: I agree that a prom is a special occasion and that you should be given extra privileges. If your mother knows the people who are giving the party, or makes it her business to become acquainted with them before the big event, she should be satisfied to let you stay out later. Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of interest through this column.

Morning Smile

A certain Scottish soldier who had been severely wounded after valiant deeds on the Western Front was lying weak and exhausted in hospital. He had been operated on four times in a praiseworthy endeavor to extract a bullet from the vicinity of his lower ribs. On the last occasion he told the attendant doctors he had a request to make before going under chloroform. Permission having been granted him to make it, he remarked to the surgeon:—"Oh, it's naething much. I just want to suggest that if you are unsuccessful this time, and think you will have to try again, don't sew me up, just put buttons on."

POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT VITAMIN D

All children need Vitamin D for normal growth and development. Children cannot get enough Vitamin D from sunshine or their daily meals. Children need Vitamin D every day—winter and summer. It is most desirable for them to form the habit. Foods, except irradiated evaporated milk, are not dependable sources of Vitamin D. Every day, infants up to two years need 400-800 International Units; all other children need 400 International Units; pregnant women need at least 400 International Units.

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