

Untrained Fiji Choirs Are Wonders Of World

(By Eric Nichol, Citizen Special Correspondent)

SUVA, FIJI ISLANDS—Almost certainly the Queen will remember Fiji as the singing islands. The program of her visit moves here from choir to choir of native voices, which in Fiji are one of the untrained wonders of the world.

songs, caress the optic nerve even while the ear is being enchanted by the melody. My own reaction to the Lakalaka is to roll over on my back, like a goofy dog, with my feet in the air.

The men's voices are deep and resonant. In these islands Ezilo Pinza would qualify as a boy soprano despite his experience in "South Pacific." When a Fijian greets you for instance, he says mbula, hitting a bass note that can boost you half-way up a coconut tree.

This may be due to the fact that Fijians are nearly all built like buuks. They stand solidly as brown barrels on their sturdy legs. When they swing into a dance in which each man spins a young telephone pole as though it were a badminton racket, they utter a grunt that comes right from the boots of time.

The Queen will also see and hear the spear dance, in which squatting dancers excite dancers to leaps, whirrs and stabs that make it easy to see why Captain Bligh and his crew, seeking land in their open lifeboat, made no attempt to land on Fiji when they saw what was waiting on the beach. A Fijian brandishing a spear is nobody's notion of the welcome wagon.

The royal party will see and hear the cream of Fiji's singers and dancers. But Britshers of the colony are indignant about one party of hula dancers who have been chosen to entertain the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and 850 guests to be squeezed into the lobby of the Grand Pacific Hotel. Not only is the hula not a Fijian dance—a hula skirt is worn but the hips are not allowed to wander so far—but also the dancers are a mixed group of Polynesian girls, professional whose characters have been called into question by wives of the colony's officials. Especially by those wives who have not been invited to the ball.

But the phoney part will be forgotten when the Queen steps out on the balcony—if possible under a sky clear of all but an eager crush of stars—and listens to the great massed choir of Fijian voices. The gifts the royal party are receiving from Fiji—the magnificent grey pearl for the Queen, the coconut wood walking stick for His Highness, the pintsize outrigger canoe for Prince Charles, the Fijian princess doll for Anne—all these are very handsome, but the present they will probably cherish most will be the affection wrapped in the songs of this melodious land.

Better English

By D. G. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He searched everywhere for his watch, and at long last found it."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "vegetable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Chiffoniere, chinchilla, chivalrous, chicanery.
4. What does the word "impotence" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "threatening to occur soon"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "He searched everywhere for his watch, and finally found it." 2. Pronounce vegetable with four syllables, and not vegetable. 3. Chiffoniere. 4. A fraud; deception. "This impotence was revealed at the trial." 5. Impending.

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

WHILE CHRISTMAS LOGS ARE BLAZING AND CHRISTMAS CANDLES GLOW, MAY YOU REJOICE IN GOD'S GOOD GIFTS OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

Flowers associated with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, are deeply intertwined with ancient lore that can be traced back beyond the Christmas era. In heathen mythology almost every common plant was the emblem of a god; every tree was the abode of a nymph.

When Christianity spread from land to land and from nation to nation, its early missionaries soon discovered that it was far easier not to attempt to eliminate entirely all the customs and rites of the pagan religions which they were attempting to supplant, but rather to take over and adopt such of these as were not incompatible with their own faith.

It was a new meaning to the world. It was a turning point in civilization—a miracle that brought new faith, hope and courage. As gardeners we know what miracles are. To us they are familiar, for we are conscious of the marvels of plant life as we watch the development of a tiny seedling. It thrusts its way through the soil to grow, frowns, set seed and die only to be reunited with the soil from a child-like kind of wonder, and the fascination of it never seems to lessen.

Our struggles with wind and weather, bugs and blights are a few of the forces that challenge us and sometimes make us doubt. But when the plants we have worked with finally mature and produce flowers, they are like beams of light which have come from the darkness. They are the answer to the faith we held in the tiny seeds which we planted months previously.

Faith is one of those human attributes that manifests itself in curious ways. In the Middle Ages in various professions expressed their abiding faith and devotion by adopting Saints to serve as patrons for their chosen fields of endeavor. It was only natural that gardeners should have a special patron and, curiously enough, they chose St. Flaccus, who is always portrayed with a spade in his hand.

In recent years, our native American holly (I. opaca) has received considerable attention from gardeners. The formation of the American Holly Society has helped considerably in assembling information about the large number of named varieties of this outstanding broad-leaved evergreen, found in native stands in almost every American state and some parts of Canada.

In the country we have all the makings for a Christmas decorated and children will enjoy making up the lovely evergreen gathering. As a child I remember that every room in the home and garlands of evergreen placed over the doors and windows, and as the Christmas tree came from our own farm it was also necessary to find the trimmings for the tree and much pleasure was derived from these home-fashioned decorations.

There are beautiful, colorful plants grown for the occasion. The Azalea is one of my favorites and I have been successful in growing them for several years. They do not like strong sunlight, and a west or east window is best for them with plenty of water. If a cool place is chosen for them in the spring mine are sunk in the ground in a shady place. Under a shrub does very nicely and keep watered. Before bringing in to the house in the fall they are reported in woody rich soil with cow manure added to good garden soil.

I have a lovely Azalea in rosy bloom now that was given to me several Christmases ago and I am hoping to have it for many more years. Cyclamen are also given as flower gifts at this season and they need almost the same care as the Azalea. Wetting the crown is not good when watering the plant so water from the bottom by placing the pot in a pan of water, this is a good practice.

Last, but not least, is the ever popular African violet and last week we wrote about the care of this lovely flower. The church bells ring out the joy of Christmas in the frosty air while the outdoor garden lies dormant under its blanket of white, but when you have some of these lovely flowers in your home the beauty and fragrance of summer is with you as well as the joyous season of the Winter Wonderland!

Royal Pair To Spend Christmas Amid Summer Climate of N.Z.

By R. A. Kenner

AUCKLAND (Reuters)—The roar of guns firing a salute to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will echo round Auckland's yacht-filled harbor as the royal liner Gothic enters port here Wednesday.

Escorting the Gothic will be the cruiser Black Prince. A close escort of smaller ships of the Royal New Zealand Navy will join the Gothic over the last few miles to the New Zealand coast. At the moment the Queen steps on to New Zealand soil, the first reigning sovereign to do so royal salutes will be fired and after a civic reception the royal party will drive up a tree-bordered avenue to Government House, where the Queen and the Duke will be in residence during their five days here.

In New Zealand, December and January are summer vacation months and to enable the Queen and the Duke to enjoy their 39-day visit, formality is being cut to a minimum.

30,000 Children A major consideration in planning is to make sure that all city and suburban children have an opportunity to see the Queen. Some 30,000 children of school age will be marshalled in a grassy basin on the verge of public gardens.

The royal couple will see amid the decorations the crimson blossoms of the native pohutukawa—New Zealand's Christmas tree. Everywhere multi-colored flowers will splash their color in the great-

to the Christ Child, a poor little girl wept softly for she, too, longed to visit the manger, yet dared not do so because she had no offering to carry. Presently an angel from the heaven came and bid her look on the ground. There her beautiful white flowers. Happily she gathered them and took them to the infant. He smiled as he received them, and at His touch a flush of pink appeared on each weary petal. In this garden one of these lovely Christmas Roses was planted in a sheltered spot in the rock garden with the evergreen hedge as a good background. It did not grow and I believe that it was not planted deeply enough.

Reading about the culture of these winter flowers... deep planting (eighteen inches) is required, and mine were planted too shallow although drainage and good earth was provided. Perhaps sometime there will be another chance to do better.

Like many a plant that has been closely associated with a civilized man over the centuries, holly has a favored place in our traditions and ceremonies. Its use long antedates the Christian era. In fact, it was an integral part of pagan rites at the festival of Saturn held in December when daylight days are short. Folklore and legend are rich in beliefs about the symbolism of holly, and our present-day enthusiasm for this ancient native wood plant stems from that ancient heritage. There are numerous kinds of holly native to many parts of the world, but those of greatest garden interest are to be found in our own country, Great Britain and the Orient.

In recent years, our native American holly (I. opaca) has received considerable attention from gardeners. The formation of the American Holly Society has helped considerably in assembling information about the large number of named varieties of this outstanding broad-leaved evergreen, found in native stands in almost every American state and some parts of Canada.

In the country we have all the makings for a Christmas decorated and children will enjoy making up the lovely evergreen gathering. As a child I remember that every room in the home and garlands of evergreen placed over the doors and windows, and as the Christmas tree came from our own farm it was also necessary to find the trimmings for the tree and much pleasure was derived from these home-fashioned decorations.

There are beautiful, colorful plants grown for the occasion. The Azalea is one of my favorites and I have been successful in growing them for several years. They do not like strong sunlight, and a west or east window is best for them with plenty of water. If a cool place is chosen for them in the spring mine are sunk in the ground in a shady place. Under a shrub does very nicely and keep watered. Before bringing in to the house in the fall they are reported in woody rich soil with cow manure added to good garden soil.

I have a lovely Azalea in rosy bloom now that was given to me several Christmases ago and I am hoping to have it for many more years. Cyclamen are also given as flower gifts at this season and they need almost the same care as the Azalea. Wetting the crown is not good when watering the plant so water from the bottom by placing the pot in a pan of water, this is a good practice.

Last, but not least, is the ever popular African violet and last week we wrote about the care of this lovely flower. The church bells ring out the joy of Christmas in the frosty air while the outdoor garden lies dormant under its blanket of white, but when you have some of these lovely flowers in your home the beauty and fragrance of summer is with you as well as the joyous season of the Winter Wonderland!

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

PRURITIS ANI—ITCHING AT LOWER OPENING OF LARGE BOWEL

One of the most distressing and embarrassing ailments of mankind is pruritis ani—itching of the lower end of the large intestine from which waste is thrown out of the body. Pruritis ani can occur at any age but is found more frequently in older men and women. In mild cases the use of a simple laxative may be sufficient to give relief, and sometimes a suppository at bedtime insures a good night's rest.

However, some cases of pruritis ani are so severe that the physician has to give close study to find the cause of the itching which may be due to some food to which the patient is allergic. In former articles I have mentioned various causes and various forms of treatment; thus in severe pruritis some cases require surgical operation to obtain relief.

Over the years there is one method of treatment of pruritis ani that has given relief to many patients. This is injections of alcohol in the region of the anus (opening of large bowel).

In Proceedings, Royal Society of Medicine, Dr. J. H. L. Ferguson reports on the technique and results of alcohol injections in the treatment of pruritis ani. The injections were given under general anesthesia (as the anus is an unusually sensitive organ) by means of a fine 12 cm. needle attached to a Labat syringe. The needle was inserted to its full length immediately under the skin, parallel with the surface of the skin, and in the subcutaneous tissue. A 40 per cent solution of alcohol was injected slowly as the needle was withdrawn, the subcutaneous tissues being moderately distended in the course of the injection.

Umbrellas will give much longer wear if they are placed in the rack with the handles down. If this is done it will prevent the water from running down and rusting the wires.

Sore Throat A very good remedy for a sore throat is to dampen a piece of woolen cloth in turpentine, just a small quantity, and wrap around the throat.

Garnish A very ornamental garnish can be had by using selected tops of celery. The tips of the stalks can be used in a salad.

How Can I... By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I clean red tiles? A. When the red tiles of the porch or fireplace become dull, try rubbing them with a cut piece of lemon and a little salt. Then wash with warm, soapy water. Q. How can I peel cooking apples easily? A. Pour boiling water over the apples to be cooked. They can be peeled much more readily, and it saves considerable time. Q. How can I make croquets with left-over ham? A. Mince the ham, then mix with chopped cooked spinach, cream sauce, and a little nutmeg. Mold into croquets.

Morning Smile A well-known American author met an old man called Uncle Joe, who was always cheerful in spite of having had more than his share of life's troubles. "How have you managed to retain your calmness and cheerfulness in spite of them all?" asked the author. "Well, sah, Ah'll tell you," replied Uncle Joe. "Ah'ave just learned to co-operate with the inevitable."

The Stars Say... By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow PATIENCE and understanding can do much to keep things running smoothly this day. Think problems out logically and concentrate on one thing at a time. This will not only avoid confusion, but should aid in dispelling possible periods of anxiety. Domestic harmony should prevail. If you cooperate with other members of the family. The aspects are excellent for social and sentimental relationships and, during the evening hours, you should find much pleasure in group activities. A surprise visit from distant relatives or interesting news from abroad is a distinct possibility.

For the Birthday If tomorrow is your birthday, the next six months should find you gradually resolving some of the pressures and conflicting conditions which have beset you during the past year. In forging ahead, however, do not cling to outmoded procedures. Instead, use your vivid imagination to improvise new methods which might prove to be short-cuts to your goal. Important projects started during these last few days of December begin under most auspicious vibrations which will continue for several months. So prepare yourself both mentally and physically for an increasing tempo of activity if you would take advantage of them. Early spring promises a prospect of travel and your sentimental relationships are under excellent aspects.

A child born on this day will be endowed with extraordinary intelligence, a fine sense of humor and great sincerity.

Sandwich Fillings

(For entertainment during the festive season.)

Meat-Nut Filling Yield—Sufficient filling for 8 double sandwiches (16 slices bread). 1 can (12 ounces) luncheon meat 1/2 cup shredded raw carrot 1/2 cup chopped salted nuts Mayonnaise or thick salad dressing

Salt and pepper. Shred the luncheon meat on a medium shredder, or put through the food chopper. Add the carrot and chopped salted nuts and combine; moisten with mayonnaise or thick salad dressing. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Egg-Salmon Filling Two walnuts come together in this delicate filling. Yield: Sufficient filling for eight double sandwiches (16 slices bread). 2 hard-cooked eggs 1 can (approx. 1/2 pound) salmon 1 tablespoon drained capers or chopped pickle relish 1/2 teaspoon prepared horseradish 1/2 teaspoon pepper 2 teaspoons prepared mustard Mayonnaise or thick salad dressing

Chop the hard-cooked eggs finely. Drain and flake the salmon, crushing the bones. Add salmon to the eggs; add capers or chopped pickle, horseradish, pepper and mustard; combine lightly, moistening with mayonnaise or thick salad dressing. Season with salt, if needed.

Cheese-Ginger Filling Yield: Sufficient filling for four double sandwiches (eight slices bread). 1 package or jar (4 ounces) white cream cheese 1 tablespoon finely chopped candied or preserved ginger 1/2 cup very finely chopped celery. Mayonnaise or thick salad dressing, if needed. Allow cheese to come to room temperature and cream until soft; mix in the ginger and celery. Moistened, if needed, with mayonnaise or thick salad dressing.

ness and tenderness of any disease of the male or female generative organs, gout, kidney disease, constipation and allergy to shellfish or strawberries.

Q. Is it good taste for a man to have his fingernails highly polished? A. There is quite a difference of opinion on this subject. While many men do, some authorities maintain that it is not in good taste. Clean, well-kept nails and hands are all that is really necessary. Q. When eating olives, is it proper to put the entire olive into the mouth and after the meat has been eaten, remove the stone from the mouth? A. No. The olive should be held in the fingers and nibbled off the stone. Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Cook's Corner

WALNUT CAKE

2/3 cup shortening 1 cup white sugar 1/2 cup brown sugar 2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 cup milk 1 cup walnuts (finely chopped), 1 teaspoon almond flavoring 4 egg whites

Cream shortening, gradually add sugar, beat until fluffy. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk; add nuts and flavoring. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into greased pan 8" x 8" x 3 1/2" lined with brown paper. Bake in moderate oven.

—Roma Campbell, Spring Brook W. I.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

Q. Should a woman ever take off her gloves to shake hands? A. This is not done.

DECEMBER COAT SALE COATS SIZE 8-20 CLEARING CASH DISCOUNT 20% DRESSES ALSO CLEARING 20% CASH DISCOUNT IDEAL FOR XMAS GIFTS JUST ARRIVED — WOOL GLOVES All Colors; Small, Medium, Large \$1.00 pair HOSIERY— 51 Gauge 15 Denier Regular to \$1.95— SPECIAL 1.29 ASK FOR COUPONS ON GIANT PANDA The FASHION SHOPPE

Lucky Ticket For Panda Bear No. 10354 if not claimed by this Number then No. 12678 will be the winner. Winner drawn by Robert Lord, 21 Villa St. Our Sale Continues Until Christmas Eve CLOSED ALL DAY SATURDAY, DEC. 26, BOXING DAY. OPEN TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY UNTIL 9:30; THURSDAY NIGHT 8 P. M. Sugar, 10 lbs. . 83c Bacon, lb. .... 69c GEESE Milk, 6 tins .... 83c Bananas, 2 lbs. . 39c Lb. .... 49c 2 lbs. TURKEYS Mixed Nuts ... 69c Oranges ..... 75c Lb. .... 69c PHONE 8580 A. J. ZAKEM FREE DELIVERY The Best Shop To Shop Best

ADD THAT FINAL TOUCH OF Perfection CENTRAL CREAMERIES Limited CHARLOTTETOWN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Whatever you cook—however you serve it. Perfection Butter will improve the delicacy of texture and flavor. The holiday season is a challenge to add the final touches of Perfection