

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What type of writing paper should a man use for his personal correspondence?

A. It should always be conservative. Plain white or cream, or gray or granite, or a deep blue paper of medium or larger size, and stamped with his address or his initials or, for social correspondence, with his crest, is in good taste.

Q. Is it all right to send a Christmas card to someone who is in deep mourning?

A. Yes, if its picture in some way illustrated the birth of Christ or the promise of peace, or if its message be of loving friendly thought. Don't send a gay card shouting "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Q. When buttering a piece of bread at the dinner table, should one hold it in one hand or keep it on the plate?

A. It is better to hold the bread against the plate while buttering it.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

To Prepare Javelle Water

Dissolve one pound of washing soda in one quart of boiling water, and 1/2-pound of chloride of lime in two quarts of cold water. Pour the clear portion of the lime solution into the soda solution and allow to stand for settling. Decant the clear liquid into bottles, cork tightly, and keep in a dark place.

Painting Blackboards

First paint the blackboard with ordinary glossy black paint. Then, when this is dry, apply a coat of black paint mixed with turpentine instead of oil; this will dry a dead black.

A Little Paraffin

It has been said that if a few drops of pure paraffin are applied to a cut, it will give instant relief and also assist it to heal.

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"No mistake is possible," replied the doctor, stiffly. "Perhaps you do not know where your appendix is?"

"Yes, I do," came the answer, readily. "It's in a bottle of spirit in the hospital laboratory."



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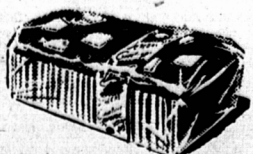
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By an Island Farmer's Wife

Now December continues to spin the wheel of fortune of the year and all too soon in days which have a desire to lengthen, it will come to a stop. Then the old tired weeks and months, bearing with them many a disappointment, many a deferred hope and many a dream come true will lie in the past and a new stretch of time ever fresh and hopeful shall beckon towards the future.

"To look ahead to Christmas even from the summer seemed a long time but it finally comes!" Jamie commented yesterday, with a smile of anticipation. The family from the house "in the road" had dropped by to make a pleasant break in our quiet afternoon and remained to join us at supper. . . . A pot-luck meal it was. Carolyn contributed an apple pie towards it, and Jeanie a share of the chicken that had lost its head at week-end, and was being served roasted and cold according to a preference of the younger farmer, who fancies it better that way.

We looked into this and that jar and cupboard and were surprised to find that even as another woman's store of old, ours which we had supposed was sadly diminished, also helped to make adequate fare. "I think" grand-daughter remarked with conviction to Gage, her chosen companion, "grandmothers' supplies never run out!" And the two, blue-eyed and fair and the pink-cheeked and dark, laughed merrily together, glad perhaps to believe that such a thing could be true. She had brought the offering of food from the house across the lane and now well pleased with the company, decided to stay and dine with them. The three occupy seats along one side of the table and to us are interesting guests.

Jamie, turning ten shortly, is a quiet thoughtful lad inclined to be studious and now is of much assistance to his father about the farm. We remember that on that evening which had taken his mother away to her folks in town for a much needed rest, he put his head on his arms on the table beside which he sat, and cried very quietly as might one many years older; bearing the thought of parting. Until we said: "Now, however are we going to get this sleeping lad into his pyjamas and bed?" And he forgot his present grief in helping us.

That is Jamie — a helpful fellow, a patient and affectionate brother. He is perhaps not so much taken up with the farming as is grand-daughter or Gage, but he admires and is kind to the stock and takes care that none of them, least of all the three pained round of choring. But unlike two white cats, is overlooked in the halter or lead out a calf for the boys we knew, he is not one to joy of it, nor has he ever shown the least inclination to bridle a horse.

But grand-daughter, given a year or two will bridle a horse. One finds her in a stable lost in the admiration of these, and just to be allowed to stroke a velvet muzzle gives obvious pleasure to her. And what of Gage, turning five? Because he devotes his time to following his father, he is well acquainted with the ins and outs of the choring. He is merry and quick — the one of all to propose: "What do you say to filling her woodbox?" and tackles the work with a will. And what of Mack, past two — our hope of this place? He is little and dear and as blissfully unaware of our hopes for him as he is over the coming of Christmas. And which is best loved? We have discussed this with James to find that none dominates our affection or esteem, but all have their separate and equal place in our hearts. Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I restore flannels that have been badly washed, and are hard and shrunken?

A. These flannels can be restored to their former softness by soaking them in gasoline for a few hours, then washing in soft soap suds as usual, following with a rinse in clear water of the same temperature.

Q. How can I sweeten the earth around my house plants?

A. Working some coffee grounds frequently into the earth around the house plants will sweeten it and cause the plants to thrive.

Q. How can I mix a good linoleum polish?

A. Mix 1 cup of melted paraffin, 2 cups of kerosene, and 3 table-spoons of turpentine.

Gossip

"My wife never runs round to the neighbours talking scandal." "You're on the phone, eh?"

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Overburdened Wife

Her Lot All Chores, Plus Support Of Husband And Spoiled Stepson



fault-finding? Is it her duty to put up with all this at home and go to work too?

My husband says yes; I don't agree. I think he was looking for a good thing; he wants a home but none of the expense involved; a mother for his boy but no responsibility. And I'm tired of it!

ANSWER: I should think you would be tired of it; to continue the questioning trend. "Have you a backbone or not?" You are very definitely being used as a soft touch and whether you continue in that role or not is up to you. Your husband and his son sound like a couple of first-class heels and I can't see what you get out of your marriage at all.

YOUR JOB IMPOSSIBLE

You can scarcely be expected to discipline a boy who has been as thoroughly ruined as your stepson. To be expected to handle such an impossible job besides going out to earn the family's comforts and luxuries is too much! Adding on the impossible task of catering to a husband lacking all concept of consideration or co-operation makes your whole situation one that only an arch-angel could handle.

It is impossible to change two men of such undesirable and fixed habits, so you must be the one to change. Stop being a doormat. Either be a wage earner or a homemaker; in this case don't try to be both. Let hubby work for his own drinking and gambling money; spend your earnings for your own comfort—and better put some away for the rainy day that looms just around the corner.

To salvage any peace or happiness from this almost hopeless marital wreck requires the utmost firmness on your part. You must decide when a definite statement of what you expect your husband and stepson to do in maintaining the home, if they fail to co-operate, lessen your own efforts. Give up your job, if necessary, but don't let the men put all the burden of maintaining the home on your shoulders. Remember, nothing will accomplish a change except firmness and resolute determination.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am 20 years old and planning to become engaged to a boy three months younger than I. We want to be married next summer, but our problem is that he is of a different nationality and insists that at the wedding both his family and mine should be dressed as he wishes (in evening clothes). My family thinks it silly to wear them. Also, at the reception he wants his style of cooking, and my family disagrees on that because they don't like it. This is leading to constant arguments every time we bring up the subject of the wedding.

ANSWER: It is customary for the bride and her family to set the pattern for a wedding and the reception, with, of course, as much consideration for the wishes of the groom's family as can be accorded. When differences as varied as those existing in your case occur, it is practically impossible to compromise. Since your family is paying for the entire affair, they should be the ones to decide what food is to be served, and what the wedding party should wear. Naturally, guests will come attired as they wish, but your people should wear what they wish.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My mother and father have told me I could follow your advice on this problem. I am 17 and very much in love with a boy 21. We have gone together for a year, are engaged and plan to get married soon. Do you think we are too young? DOROTHY JEAN

ANSWER: Yes, I do think you are both too young to marry. If you follow my advice, you'll wait at least a year before going ahead with the wedding plans. Of course, there are other things to consider which you haven't mentioned. Can your fiancée support you, for instance? These considerations are important, you know, but in any event, wait the year.

Cook's Corner

BRAZIL NUT FRUITCAKE STICKS

Ingredients: 1 one-pound loaf dark fruitcake made with Brazil nuts (baked in 6x3x2-inch pan), 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup light corn syrup, 1/2 cup orange juice, 1 table-spoon rum flavoring.

Method: Cut cake into 8 slices; cut each slice in half. Place sticks upright into two wide-necked pint jars. Put sugar, corn syrup and orange juice in saucepan; cook over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a boil and cook 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in rum flavoring. Pour over fruitcake sticks; cover jars.

To prepare the shelled Brazil nuts for the cake cover them with cold water and bring slowly to a boil; boil for three minutes, or until the nuts may be sliced easily. Drain and cut in thin lengthwise pieces so they'll show in creamy slices in the fruitcake sticks and right through the jars.

Better English

By G. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "There aren't but five books on the shelf, and I can't seem to find the right one." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "nucleus"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Antenna, antecedent, antiseptic, antecessor. 4. What does the word "rotundity" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with cr that means "inclined to believe, especially on slight evidence"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "There are but five books on the shelf, and it seems I can't find the right one." 2. Pronounce first u as in use, not as in nurse. 3. Antiseptic. 4. Roundness; of speech, full and flowing. "The boldness and rotundity of his speech held his audience spell-bound." 5. Credulous.

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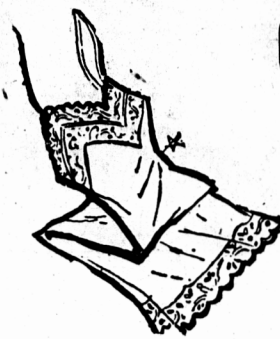
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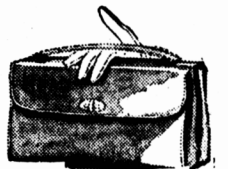
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The Birthday Murder

By Lange Lewis

CHAPTER THIRTY-SIX

Part Two

She opened the glove compartment to see whether he might have left in it anything of importance, but found only a map, a pair of shabby pigskin gloves and a magazine. After she had returned her car to the garage she went up the steps of the house looking at the magazine. It was the New Yorker, the last issue by one. It was opened halfway through; the first thing her eyes fell on was a Tiffany ad. With a start, she recognized her ring.

"Flanked by eight flawless diamonds, this perfect two-carat sap- phire were so costly. Then came a surge of pleasure, not because something she had always guessed of Albert had been confirmed. This brought him somehow close to her. Under the lack of ostentation which he imposed on himself, there had been a boyish enthusiasm for the lavish things, for making big gestures. All that he told her of the poverty of his youth in Chicago explained that tendency; that he usually masked it was a part of the self-discipline which had gone to make him a successful man. This had shown itself in the enormous boxes of chocolates he brought so often, in his choice of big, colorful bouquets of flowers. And now it had shown itself once again.

She saw now the pattern that had underlain that late telegram. Albert had seen this ad she was looking at, he had thought of the ring on her hand. Later, reminded of her almost forgotten birthday, he had ordered it, although it had cost a great deal, more than another man might have felt he could afford for a wife who would have been content with much less. Grief for Albert took charge of her heart.

She was not allowed this luxury for long, Bernice came. Bernice was upset again, although next to the frightful panic which had gripped her during that other visit she could be considered calm, except that now, as then, she forgot the usual gesture of removing her gloves. "It's Stan!" she burst out as she flung herself onto the sofa. Her posture was unlike the sleek, ungraceful pose of which she had been unconscious that other time. She sat like a woman on stage, remembering how to arrange her feet. "He's being a nuisance! He keeps calling."

"Don't go to the phone," said Victor, taking a cigarette from the box on the coffee table. Bernice

Morning Smile

Difficult

He was in the habit of opening his Bible at random and taking the first thing upon which his eyes alighted as something that would be helpful to him.

One day the verse he read was, "Judas went out and hanged himself," and not thinking this quite suitable, he shut the book and opened it again at another place. The verse his eyes fell upon was, "Go thou and do likewise." He tried again, and this time he read, "What thou doest, do quickly."

took one, too, and lighted it. "I don't, I always have Mrs. Bruxton say I'm not in, but he keeps on calling. So far it hasn't happened while 'Walter's' been home, but if it does it'll just be a red rag to a bull, and everything's been going so nicely!"

"Stan's taking it harder than I thought he would," said Victoria candidly.

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The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

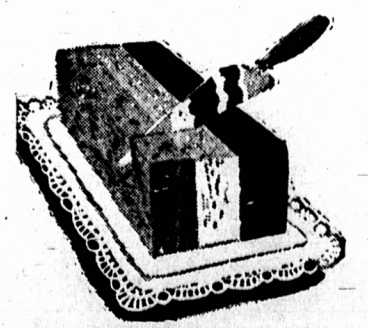
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