

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Pat's grove of maples beyond the hilltop and beside the road-way is recreating before our eyes these days, backing away from the challenging blows of his axe as he gathers a harvest of firewood there. If one chances to walk by, as we did on a recent outing to the corner-store it is to see lengths of these, snugly assembled in heaps, and if one is careful to step gently, a man busy at his work. We find it fascinating to look in upon woodsmen, as saws and axes ring out in fragrant and sheltered surroundings. Voices take on a new and unfamiliar timbre, and all is so strange that one might fancy it is not flesh and blood that moves there but a dried or other spirit of the trees about. But as James will declare, our steps are not so light as once. And "Now will you tell me — where are ye off to... and it none too war-m, at all?" Pat stayed his axe and rested a foot on a smooth gray bole. "To the store!" we called against the stiff wind of afternoon. And not sure that he had heard, in a raised voice we repeated "to the store" — James is nearly out of tobacco!"

"Well there it is now" Pat chuckled "What a curse it is! And yet, 'ow swate! And ain't that the worst av it? 'Tis too swate! An' tell me now" he asked "does he be after fussin' now, supposin' he's clane out av it?" "Fussin'!" we giggled so heartily over this that Pat joined in, and a squirrel that had been eavesdropping on a sunny branch of a spruce close by, uttered a startled: "Chir-r-r!" and disappeared in the greenery. "How about yourself?" we queried. "Well" Pat plied "I'm sayin' that when I'm out av it, Ellen, the world doesn't be nearly so good a place to be in — forlor — lak it is. Quare, when you come to think on it... an' no wonder 'tis spoke about as 'the Weed'!" Pat is big and broad-shouldered, hair now threaded with silver, with twinkling blue eyes... and his pipe. A sizable pockish lad, experienced in his farming, philosophical and kindly. "Sure an' no one is put in this world to fret an' worry over it at all, but just to do their work, an' live their life as best they know how. What more can the Good Man above — or anyone expect of us cratures, I'm askin'?" he will say.

And so back go the maples, to cause a housewife at Alderlea, odd pangs of regret over their going. Springs always came to meet us there, we remember, out of April's smiles and her tears. Came rolling while the winter-washed fields about were awakening; Summer too, we found amid their green branches, on a still hot day when a warm lazy heat simmered over the land. There too, we caught a glimpse of Autumn — only vague at first to be sure, yet the un-

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow THE current reign of honors, distinction, prestige and enhanced popularity may take on a more detailed and tangible aspect, with possible festivity, social and romantic expression of a more objective phase of celebration, in professional, cultural, benevolent or even ecclesiastical functions or programs. All angles of expansion enhanced scope and prospects are emphasized in concrete form, with highlights of a romantic, perhaps dramatic, climax. One note of warning: don't lose your head or good judgment and be guilty of some sort of social error or blunder.

It Is Your Birthday Those whose birthday it is could possibly find themselves "a bit heady," in the overwhelming grandeur of many forms of appreciation, honors material as well as social, public and spiritual, in token of some outstanding performance, talent, benevolent or cultural deed, precipitating the blinding glow of the limelight. While practical and objective aspects are not neglected, the inner gratifications could be an over-expansive stimulus to a false move. A child born on this day is so bounteously endowed with talents, resources, gifts and graces as to be at moments top-heavy with extravagant praise and honors for its faculties, powers.

mistakable markings of the season dawn. And winter as now in bare trunks and graceful traceries against a silver or coral-hued sky. "I see" James said casually to "C. C." from the house on the hill when he stopped by a minute tonight, and they discussed seasonal endeavours. "Pat's doing quite a bit of cutting in the grove out-

So the season for it is definitely here. And today in a gesture of spring, granddaughter discarded her "row" coat and red bonnet in favor of a kim suit of navy blue, which goes very well with her fair hair and coloring. She slipped into it and tugged a belt into place, then queried of the dog, her favorite companion. "How do you like it? And how do I look?" "Well" James observed over her head "doesn't that beat bars? Where did she learn it — or are the sex born that way?" And it was he who replied: "It's pretty and warm and becoming, dear!" to answer the inquiring light in her eyes.

And a raw night is upon us. The wind is strong and gusty and a cold frost patterns the panes. The old house crackles at the seams. "Winter's not over yet, Ellen!" James hearing, looks up from his reading to say. Until tomorrow — — Diary — — Good-night. . . .

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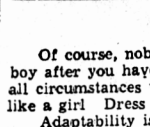
Holding A Man

Femininity, Adaptability, Simplicity Best Tactics

DEAR MISS DIX: We are three girls who have no trouble in attracting boys, but we don't know how to hold them and keep them interested after we get them.

MARY, BELLE AND SUE

ANSWER: It is always easier to get a man than it is to keep him. A girl may have a pretty face, but if she is dull and tiresome, a man gets tired of looking at her. She may have a keen line, but if she monopolizes all of the conversation he gets tired of listening to her. She may be a good dancer, but if she is never willing to stay put of an evening he drops her because there are times when his feet hurt and he is tired and he doesn't want to be dragged around a dance floor. So you see, it takes more than one thing to hold a man. You just can't flag him down and call it a day. You have to keep on the job.



ACT LIKE A GIRL

Of course, nobody can give you a hard and fast rule for holding a boy after you have caught him, but I should say that always and under all circumstances with any man a woman's best bet is femininity. Look like a girl. Dress like a girl. Act like a girl.

Adaptability is another winning play for a girl to make. Men like girls who fall in with their moods, who are willing to step out if they want to go, or sit at home and look at television.

Men like girls who are simple and natural and who don't put on any airs. Many a girl never has any dates because she is so over-dressed she makes a lad feel that he couldn't ask her to ride in his jalopy or go to the movies with him. Men like girls who have mercy on their pocket-books.

Men like girls who are pleased at their attentions, but who don't gush and gurgie with gratitude. It shows they are not used to men's attention and men like other men's O.K. on a girl. Men like girls who let them do the love-making. They want to be the hunter instead of the hunted.

And, finally, men hate and loathe the girl who has the telephone habit and who calls them up in business hours. Nor can they stand the girl who hounds them over the phone to come and see her and wants to know why they haven't been around.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am grieving myself to death because my husband is in love with my best friend, but he denies it and won't let me discuss the affair. He continues to pretend to love me, but his demonstrations of love seem patronizing. Some months ago I noticed he began finding so much fault with me — my looks and my clothes, and he likes to joke about my being fat. We have been married many years and have fine children whom I do not want to hurt, but when I suspect he has been with this woman it nearly kills me, and I can't help showing him how I feel. I can't go to her and talk to her because I know she will deny it, too. Please help me to a solution to my problem. L.K.

ANSWER: The two things that a woman shouldn't do when she suspects her husband of philandering is to make scenes with him about it, and to humiliate herself by going to the "other woman" and asking her to give him up. Both only serve to make a bad matter worse.

There is nothing like a wife's tears and reproaches to bring an incipient love affair to a head. Many a man who was only amusing himself by a flirtation that would have died of itself if left alone has had his wife literally drive him into the "other woman's" arms by her taking it too seriously and going about with the air of a martyr. Sometimes a wife can laugh off her husband's affairs, but she can never cry them off.

In your particular case you seem to have no real evidence of your husband's infidelity, which makes it a doubly foolish thing for you to do anything except to try to overcome your jealousy and suspicions, and assume that things are as they always were between you and your husband.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I have done something wrong. I don't know why I did it. Just on the impulse of the moment. And I shall spend my life repenting it. I have the dearest mother in the world I have always told her everything but not this, yet I think she senses it, though she never says a word. I think I could stand it better if I told her. Shall I? ONLY CHILD

ANSWER: Yes, tell her. She will understand and forgive and help you find yourself. Remember what the Bible says, "as one whom a mother comforteth." There is no other such healing in the world.

DOROTHY DIX cannot personally reply to readers, but will answer letters of general interest through her column.

Ottawa Girl Teaches School In Arctic Eskimo Village

TUKTOYAUK, N. W. T., Feb. 20 (CP) — Teaching "On top of the World" may have its drawbacks, but trim Dorothy Robinson of Ottawa thinks it is the opportunity of a lifetime. In the bitter cold of this Arctic Eskimo village, 2,500 miles from home, the persevering 40-year-old teacher is finding the sense of freedom and fulfillment she has been searching in 14 years' work in northern schools.

Fighting influenza, frost and ignorance, she has taken charge of the Federal Resources Department's most northerly school — a one-room affair at the mouth of the MacKenzie River, more than 1,400 miles north of Edmonton.

As Canada's most northern teacher, Miss Robinson is faced with many problems — she is mentor, nurse, and cook and even Boy Scout leader to her Eskimo charges.

The youngsters are great students, says Miss Robinson, but the older ones are more difficult. They can't understand how reading, writing and arithmetic will help them catch more fish.

When a bout of influenza hits the settlement, Miss Robinson turns the school into a hospital. She is ready for anything. She holds a certificate in wood-work-

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

HOME TREATMENT MAY PROLONG COURSE OF SKIN ALLMENTS

There is one thing about a skin disease, the patient sees it, when it starts and immediately decides to do something about it. This early treatment may be helpful or what is more important, may be harmful, as the patient doesn't know the nature of the ailment. Because some ointment or paste is already in the house and has helped another member of the family, it is applied to the skin eruption, although it was prescribed for an entirely different ailment.

In the Boston issue, Medical Clinician of North America, Drs. Chester M. Frazier and Roy W. Leeper, Massachusetts General Hospital, state that it is these factors that cause skin ailments to be treated with unwarranted and inappropriate vigor. "How desirable a campaign would be to educate the lay public and physicians alike against using a home or general treatment, as has been successfully conducted by the surgeons against the use of cathartics in the presence of the vague symptoms of early appendicitis."

Using a remedy for a skin ailment that is meant to soothe the ailment when what is needed, particularly in chronic cases, is something to irritate it into more activity, an increase in the symptoms, means that the soothing ointment only prolongs the course of the skin ailment present.

Another point now fully recognized is that the course of an ailment may differ with the personality, or physical, mental and emotional make-up, of the patient. Thus the treatment may vary for the same disease.

After discussing the common diseases of the skin — acne, psoriasis, eczema due to contact with various substances, fungus eruptions, head and body lice, athlete's foot, poison ivy and other plants and pollen — Drs. Frazier and Leeper conclude: "In the treatment of the common diseases of the skin, the physician is confronted with the necessity of recognizing the particular disease present, as it may be due to contact with various substances or due to some infection. Treatment must be directed against the cause, once the cause is recognized. The first thought then is to follow the wide general principle — first, do no harm.

Try Festive Crab And Noodle Ring

Consider individual egg noodle rings with a crab meat filling for a festive spring luncheon. The rings are made quickly by spooning cooked noodles onto individual serving plates. The filling made just as easily with the aid of canned mushroom soup and crab meat. It's all done on top of the stove and in only two pans.

For a family meal, the same combination could be served from a large casserole. Simply line a greased casserole with cooked egg noodles, then fill the center with the crab meat sauce. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.), until heated through, about 15 to 20 minutes, and it's ready to bring to the table.

CRAB AND NOODLE RINGS

- (Serves four) 1 tablespoon salt 3 quarts boiling water 8 ounces egg noodles 2 tablespoons butter or margarine 1-4 cup celery 1 10-2 ounce can condensed mushroom soup 1-2 cup milk 2 6-1 2 ounce cans crab meat Add salt to rapidly boiling water and gradually add egg noodles so that water continues to boil. Cook until tender, stirring occasionally; drain. Dot with butter, if desired. Melt butter or margarine in skillet. Add onion and celery and saute until tender. Gradually stir in soup and milk. Drain crab meat, remove cartilage, and add to soup mixture. Heat thoroughly. Arrange noodles in rings on individual serving plates. Fill centers with crab meat mixture. Garnish with watercress in carrot curls, if desired. Serve immediately.

Morning Smile

Restricted "Mr. Chairman I propose numbers be restricted at the annual dinner," said a member of the angling club. "For what reason, Mr. Bitt?" asked the chairman. "Well, there wasn't enough elbow room to talk last year."

Clean People

Mistress: "You place a finger bowl at each corner of the table. Mary, I suppose they used finger bowls at your last place?" Mary: "Oh, no, mum! They always washed before they came to the table."

Patterns Cutting

If you use the dining room table for cutting out garments from patterns, spread the table mat on the table before cutting. You will not scratch the table and the scissors will slide along much easier.

Rugs

If done carefully, rugs may be dyed successfully. But, you can expect one-fourth to one-half inch shrinkage per foot.



MARRIED IN "ARABIAN NIGHTS" SPLENDOR

Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, shah of Iran, is seen proudly posing with his 19-year-old commoner wife, Soraya Esfandiari, after their wedding in Tehran, which was reminiscent of the glitter and pomp of former Persian royal weddings, and like something out of "Arabian Nights." Soraya, whom the 32-year-old king of kings met at a party in Paris two years ago, is the daughter of Khalil Esfandiari, wealthy son of the Bakhtiari tribal chief, who once revolted against the shah's father.

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Better English By D. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence "I have never seen such an interesting play." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "predecessor"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Destructable, desultoriness, despondency, dissatisfied. 4. What does the word "virago" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with "b" that means "to whine away"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "I have never seen so interesting a play." 2. Pronounce pred-e-see-er, first and third e's as in egg, second e as in me unstressed, fourth e as in her unstressed, principal accent on third syllable. 3. Destructible. 4. A turbulent, quarrelsome woman. (Pronounce vir-a-go, i as in in, a as in ray, o as in go, accent second syllable). Her reputation as a virago did not win her many friends. 5. Beguile.



Consistent Bakery Winner at Stanley Fair

Over the years at Stanley's century-old fair, a goodly crop of top awards for baking has come to Mrs. Frank Good, of Stanley, N.B. In 1950 she received the further honor of being named "Most Worthy Settler" for the year, in recognition of her services to the community. "Certainly it takes experience to be a good cook," says Mrs. Good, "but it also takes the best ingredients. For example, you have to use a good reliable yeast to get top results for rolls and bread. I myself use Fleischmann's Yeast... Fleischmann's is so active and dependable."

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Butterscotch Crunch Pie

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberts Lee

Squeaky Shoes

The annoying squeaks can be removed from shoes by rubbing a little oil well into the soles. Then stand the shoes over night in cold salt water, using just enough water to cover the soles.

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