

Mid-Morning Coffee

Looking back into Charlottetown's history it seemed at times to be very gay. Preparing and arranging for Balls and dances was a specialty for the City Fathers in 1858 when the popular Governor Dundas and his wife led the town's social life.

"In the evening at 9 o'clock the guests were escorted by the Mayor of the City to the Council Chamber, which had been tastefully furnished as a drawing room, and were received by the Governor and Mrs. Dundas.

The Assembly room where the ball was held was superbly decorated with bunting and evergreens, festooned and richly interwoven with flowers. A large transparency, representing the Arms and Motto of the Island was placed over the Speaker's canopy.

"The Legislative Library was appropriated as a refreshment room where tea, coffee, and cake were served in abundance, while sherry, port, champagne, and other beverages were liberally supplied for those who preferred the more exhilarating fluids.

"The Court Room below was the place selected for the supper room to which the party repaired a little after 12 o'clock, where a light repast was abundantly provided. Toasts were given and responded to, in brilliant speeches.

Which prompts me to question, has the Inkeepers' Association offered a trophy for the hotel, restaurant, or seaside inn that presents the most interesting, palatable, and nourishing set of menus for festive week?

I was surprised though, to read about the mammoths. This should arouse a great deal of curiosity among the National Zoological Society who thought this animal was extinct around the time Eve got into the orchard.

Just to get away from Festive Week, I would like to acknowledge a letter received and to say thank you for the recipe enclosed. Dear E.M.D.— Found this recipe for Irish Soda Bread. Am sending it along hoping it might be the one you are looking for.

IRISH SODA BREAD This bread, made with butter-milk and baking soda, sweetened

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Have there been other Mays more lovely than this one? Shall we ever have one as pleasant again? We wondered about this as we washed a milk pail in the freshness of this rain-washed morning, hanging it then over a picket to dry.

The Irish Touch Turn dough onto floured, cloth-covered board; knead lightly till smooth; shape into ball. Place in greased 2-qt. casserole. With sharp knife, make 4" cross, 1/2" deep, in center (folklore says this keeps the leprechauns away). Brush with milk beaten with fork, or use cream. Bake at 375° F. 1 hr. 10 min., or till done. Cool before cutting.

Quick Irish Soda Bread 6 tablespoons shortening. 2 cups packaged biscuit mix (it contains baking powder). 1 tablespoon granulated sugar. 1/2 cup seedless raisins. 1/2 cup milk. Heat oven to 375° F. (moderately hot). Cut shortening into biscuit mix with 2 knives or pastry blender until like coarse corn meal. Stir in sugar, raisins, caraway seeds; slowly stir in milk with fork until blended. Turn into greased 9" pie plate; spread smooth. Bake at 375° F. 30 min., or until done. Makes 6 pie-shaped servings. 3/4" thick, instead of the slices as above much.—E.M.D. (Copyright Serial No. 91238, Ottawa, 1951)

Better English

By B. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "All of us do not think we will succeed." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "irrevocable"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Animosity, annihilate, anonymous, analog. 4. What does the word "jocund" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with ag that means "quality of being nimble"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Not all of us think we shall succeed." 2. Pronounce i-ree-vo-ka-b'l, e as in red, accent second syllable, not the third. 3. Annihilate. 4. Merry; gay. (Preferred pronunciation is jok-und, o as in on, accent first syllable). "Every-one joined in the merriment of the jocund festivities." 5. Agility.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Silent Fiancee

Girl Takes Brutal Method Of Breaking Engagement



DEAR MISS DIX: I take it for granted that my fiancee has called these things off because she has passed into silence and I haven't been able to get a word out of her for the last four weeks. There is no reason for her change of attitude toward me as we have had no disagreement. I still write to her every day and every week-end I send her a little gift of some sort, as I have done ever since we became engaged. These are accepted but not acknowledged. She hangs on to the diamond that I slipped on her finger with so much pride, although she knows darn good and well that I still owe a hundred bucks on it, and she lets the silence of the grave descend upon her. One is that she has fallen out of love with you and in love with some other man and she is ashamed to tell you of her fickleness. But the main reason is that she means to keep that diamond ring and she doesn't intend to enter into any argument about it.

ANSWER: Well, I'd say that the lady has waited you out into the air and that you are standing in the great open spaces, romantically speaking. Also, I deduce that there are two reasons why your sweetie has suddenly ceased to answer your letters and let the silence of the grave descend upon her. One is that she has fallen out of love with you and in love with some other man and she is ashamed to tell you of her fickleness. But the main reason is that she means to keep that diamond ring and she doesn't intend to enter into any argument about it.

CHARGE IT TO EXPERIENCE So just charge it up to educational expense and forget it. And in this particular case I think your experience will be worth all it costs in the pangs of unrequited love and hard cash. For a man is lucky to find out before marriage, instead of afterward, whether a girl is a grafter, and whether she is marrying him because she loves him or because she thinks she can get luxuries out of him. He is more than lucky if a girl who is changeable and liable to shift the objects of her affections does it on the safe side of the altar and thus saves him alimony.

Any engagement that can be broken should be broken, and if either a man or a woman doubt their love or their suitability for each other before marriage, not only the honest thing but also the kind thing is for either him or her to break a promise whose keeping would wreck their lives. But the method your ex-fiancee has taken of breaking the engagement by just going dumb is so brutal as to have no justification.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Some years ago my sister and I had a quarrel in which she said bitter things that hurt my feelings and I cried and vowed I would never speak to her again. My husband sided with me. Within a few months my sister and I patched the matter up and have been friends ever since, but my husband has never forgiven her. He will not permit me to go to see her or let her come in our house or let our children mingle. When my son and I do see my sister and her children, he accuses us of double-crossing him and plotting against him. We could be a very happy family, for my husband is a good man and is generous and kind to us, if he would only just forget and forgive. Is there any way that I can make him understand this?

ANSWER: Evidently your husband is one of the stubborn men who have a lot of foolish pride that makes them stick to a position once they have taken it, and so your best chance of getting him to drop the old feud is just to let the issue die. Don't argue with him about it. Don't discuss it. Don't plead with him to let you go to your sister's. Just cover the whole matter with a pall of silence and in time his old grievance will grow dim even in his own mind. And it would help a lot if you would be unusually affectionate and attentive to your husband and make him understand that you and the boy are not siding with your sister against him. What feeds the flame of his hate is jealousy. He can't bear to think that you don't approve of him and consider that he is being mean and little about the matter.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I have been married twenty-five years to a wonderful husband. Our trouble is his mother, who has been with us for fifteen years. She is 75 years old, is constantly nagging our 14-year-old daughter and is always interfering in our affairs. We can't have a five-minute conversation alone. She has three other children. Don't you think she should spend part of her time with them?

ANSWER: No matter how much we love our elderly relatives, they can't be trying at times. Having no activity of their own, they take vicarious pleasure in minding everyone else's business and without being tactless it is very difficult to indicate that the family would occasionally like some privacy. Since Grandma has three other children, I should think she'd enjoy visiting with them for a change.

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

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHY YOUR PHYSICIAN ASKS SO MANY QUESTIONS

What many patients cannot understand is why the physician asks them so many questions instead of spending all his time making an examination. What they forget is that there are two sides to a physical examination: first, what the physician finds out by examining the patient's heart, lungs and other organs, which is called the objective side of the examination, and, second, the subjective part in which the patient tells about his various symptoms. Both objective and subjective symptoms are equally important.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

IT is urged that some very shrewd thinking be instituted, based on logic and a reasonable insight into stubborn obstacles, frustrations, lack of cooperation from essential quarters. It could be that a flash of spectacular genius could initiate unusual action to break up opposition or a stubborn obstacle. An exceptional move or bright thought could break down resistance and switch affairs into constructive channels, with definite growth.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may be able to break up some unprofitable or frustrating situation, or possibly the lack of necessary support from those in financial or important positions. While the mentality is shrewd and objective at the same time a sudden and emotional idea or gesture could upset desired hopes and wishes. This critical situation calls for reflection and new techniques in smashing a stubborn impasse.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Castor Oil

The taste of castor oil can be disguised by first putting a small amount of orange juice into a glass, then the oil; add more orange juice, and finish by stirring in a pinch of soda. Drink while it is effervescent.

Saving Fuel

Do not try to shine the bottoms of the pans. Of course they should be cleaned thoroughly, but don't try to make them glossy. A dull surface will absorb more heat than a shiny one.

Medicine Stains

Stains that have resulted from spilled medicine can usually be removed from fabric with alcohol.

A Country Garden

Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

BLOSSOM TIME

This is the time for laughter, This is the time for song; Sorrow may follow after, Beauty is not for long; But there are pinks on the mountain, And cowslip gold in the lane. The soft refrain of the fountain, The lilting song of the rain; This is the day for pleasure, For reading a merry rhyme, For dancing a joyous measure, For this is blossom time.

This is the time for folding The joy of life to our heart, Robin and jay are holding themselves to the builders art; Bees in the orchard sipping From cups that are nectar sweet, Brooks through the rushes slipping, Laving the willow's feet; This is the day for smiling, These are the hours sublime, Sorrow and grief beguiling, For this is blossom time.

This is the time for laughter, This is the time for praise, Sounding from ill to rafter, Ringing through orchard ways; For there are buds on the willow, And violets in the wild, And every woodland pillow Is studded with pink and gold. This is the time for bringing (Here in a northern clime) Tribute of prayer and singing; For this is blossom time.

Throughout May and into June the Tulips lift elegantly slim and delicately reflexed chalices to the strengthening sun, from a floor that for its blueness might be a reflection of the Heaven above.

A letter has been received asking the name of an old fashioned perennial called "Bee Balm". She writes that "The bees loved it in her mother's garden and that it grows about two feet high and is quite bushy; the flower is a reddish brown cockle with scarlet tubes. The bees just love to find them because they emit a pleasing fragrance. Do you know of it? If so, where may I obtain it?" I am sure that it is Monarda that she is describing in her letter. I was given a root of the old variety some years ago and loved the fragrance.

This spring a new hybrid was planted in the garden, and they are described in the catalogue under the name of (Bergamot). Color variations in this new hybrid Bergamot, a sweetly aromatic herb, are truly amazing, white, through pink to purple, lavender, violet, and rich scarlet. Flower heads are well filled and they seem to present an irresistible attraction to humming-birds.

The curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew in his book gives us the several names: (Bee's Balm, Horse Mint, Oswego Tea, Red Sage, or Bergamot.) A favorite old fragrant perennial. If the writer of this letter wishes the names of several Canadian seed houses that list Bergamot I shall be glad to send them to her.

The humming birds have come again to the garden. Francis Bain describes this small bird in his book "Birds of Prince Edward Island". Our Humming-Bird is the Ruby-throated (Trochilus colubris), the only one that wanders so far from the floral riches of the tropics. Its upper parts are golden-green, sides green, a metallic gorget on its throat reflecting rich ruby red, wings and forked tail purplish, below white. It comes in May, dashing, like an emerald meteor, through the early garden walks, and staying while the late September blossoms distill nectar along the faded borders.

The tiny nest, with two diminutive white eggs, is placed on the upper side of a naked limb, and formed of the snowy down of the prairie willow, but stuccoed outside with the lichens peculiar to the limb on which it is built, so as to completely conceal it from observation.

This jewelled mite, so nervous and delicate that if merely taken in the hand it may die of fear, defends its nest with the utmost

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Our Trip To Europe

By Helen M. Jack (Continued)

The subway (Metro) in Paris, although not as modern as in London, is a very cheap way of travelling in the city but naturally no way of viewing it. There are two classes of accommodation on the buses, there being an open section at the back where people may stand and only pay half the regular fare. Many people take advantage of this and buses that have an overloaded appearance are actually empty inside.

Nothing could be more complicated than trying to telephone in Paris, unless by some chance we were enlightened on some simpler means. There are a few public telephones throughout the city but they do not use coins at these phones. Instead, one must obtain a "slug" worth about 20 francs and the only place to get these are at "Post Office and Telephone" buildings, as far as we could find out, and the big trouble is to find these buildings.

The telephones in Paris, as in London, are equipped with buttons A and B—in order that the party on the other end of the line may hear you, you must press button A and if you don't get your party you must press button B in order that your "slug" will be returned. The first time I phoned I was quite puzzled that my party hung up, only to realize after that I hadn't pressed button A.

We were looking forward to seeing the Parisian styles which are so famous. To us, the styles seemed rather extreme, but more noticeable than their dress, was the heavy odor of colognes on both men and women alike. Intermingled with the odor of garlic, this created a rather nauseating sensation in crowds. Most of the younger boys wear the baggy

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I destroy red ants? A. Turpentine sprinkled in the crevices will destroy red ants. Sprinkle cayenne pepper into crevices of shelves, drawers and other haunts of ants. Q. How can I lessen the danger of woollens shrinking when being washed? A. Hang the woollens on the dripping wet, and they will not be so liable to shrink as those wrung out before drying. Q. How can I impart extra height and width to a small window? A. Fix the curtain rods beyond the casing at the top and the sides, and use a kind of material through which the casement cannot be seen.



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