

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Islands Farmer's Wife

And there with the June sun warm on us and a light wind of day moving gently the grasses and meadow — flowers at our feet, we repeated the intriguing rhyme for the lad: "One — I love, two — I love, three — I love, I say; four — I love with all my heart, five — I cast away; six — he loves, seven — she loves, eight — they both love; nine — HE COMES! ten — he taries, eleven — he courts, and twelve — they marry". He chuckled a boy's chuckle, the dimple deep in a cheek. "Ha" he said, "it sounds silly!" There she stars in Granddaughter's eyes this morning, laughing, fetching, happy glints of light. The children eagerly grasp every opportunity to catch rides between places though their stay may be brief at any. And James stopping the truck to pick the mup has commented: "The pleasure and privileges the youngsters have nowadays to what they once had! I wonder if they are any happier for it."

Do they enjoy being better than the child of the past, riding jauntily or perhaps smartly in a carriage? Does Jamie up on a tractor, taken up with "Shifts" and whatnot, find more enjoyment in it than the barefoot lad after team and harrow in the long ago? And is there as much delight in riding a wheel, as a knowing, companionable old mare of those unharmed years?

"They came!" she announced. "And would you believe it — of all places to have them! Beneath one of the maners in the horse-stable. Now wouldn't you think she'd have known better! I guess" she twinkled, "I'd better start at the beginning and tell you about it." She settled herself on a chair and took up the enchanting tale.

"We were out about the yard this morning — Mack and I, and all of a sudden we decided to go to the barn to see if there just might happen to be any kittens. And there! she recounted, the magic of the moment came to mind. "I heard a sound — a faint little mew. And we followed it — and there they were! Not in the new loft like you expected, but in a tiny dark corner (Mack was frightened to put his hand into the darkness) below a manger in the stable. . . . Five of them and one with little flecks of color in its coat just like the old Tabby cat! And one exactly like meeltoo — I guess something must have happened to her because I never have found her. I have an idea" she turned to Gage proudly, "your white kitten won't be nother to so many. Oh, she may"

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Garden Topics

By GORDON LINDSAY SMITH

FOR ANOTHER YEAR

It's an excellent idea to keep a note-book and list certain jobs we are going to do for sure next year. We should also jot down such items as color and season of bloom height, resistance to disease and drought and, of course, the name of any flower or shrub we see growing in a neighbour's garden that we hope to have in our own.

With certain lines of nursery stock, most shrubs, trees, vines, etc., one can buy and plant in the fall just as well as next spring. By doing this we get these established earlier and save time for other tasks next year.

CAN STILL PLANT

Aside from things like grass, sweet peas and nursery stock, which should get established before the really hot weather, one can go on planting regularly right up to early July in most parts of the country. Expert gardeners who want to get the most out of their land, indeed, make a regular practice of sowing a few rows of beets, carrots, beans, corn, and such things every fortnight up to the end of June or even into July. If we give these late gardens a little extra cultivation, a little watering and possibly some quick-acting commercial fertilizer they will come along fast and mature in plenty of time before frost.

With flowers we can do later planting too and provided stock is available there is no reason for not planting bedding plants, like petunias, pansies, phlox, etc. right up to mid-June.

WARM WEATHER CARE

A burning sun is not appreciated by plants or a tender skin, and the results in both cases may be painful. The wise gardener will change his methods a bit when the days turn hot. With the lawn he will cut less frequently, certainly no oftener than once a week, and he will usually let the clippings lie where they fall to form a bit of protecting mulch. He will also set his mower a little higher so that the grass is not cut so short.

In the flower and vegetable garden, even if no weeds have been allowed to grow, he will continue a light cultivation once a week or every ten days, to create what is known as a dust mulch which will prevent evaporation of moisture from the soil.

Before going on holidays it is an excellent plan to go over flower and vegetable gardens lightly with a cultivator then, if possible, mulch lightly with grass clippings or similar material to conserve the moisture. If necessary and possible one should water thoroughly the night before this final pre-holiday cultivation.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Peanuts

To salt peanuts in the shell boil them in salt water and then allow them to dry.

Butter

Many fruit stains, and also those from tea and coffee, will disappear if they are thoroughly buttered before being washed in hot water with plenty of soap.

Pretty June Wedding At Cascumpec



—Photo by Heckbert.
LAC and Mrs. Murphy (above) with their attendants. From left to right, back row: Clair Bryan, junior usher; LAC, Vernon Naugler, best man; the groom and bride; Miss Sue Hudson, bridesmaid; and Leigh Hudson, also a junior usher. Front row: left to right, are Miss Gloria Hudson, junior bridesmaid; Miss Lois McLennan, flower girl; and Miss Judith Harrison, junior bridesmaid.

—Cascumpec United Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, June 4th, when Helen Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Hudson of Cascumpec, was united in marriage to LAC, John Patrick Murphy, son of Mrs. Stephen Murphy and the late Mr. Murphy of Edmonton, Alta. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. A. R. Wallis and the wedding music was played by Mrs. Artemas Cameron. An arch of greenery and spring blossoms formed an attractive setting for the bridal party and the church was decorated with cut flowers and potted plants.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father wore a floor length gown of white satin with Peter Pan collar. Her veil was held in place by a heart shaped headress and she carried a bouquet of red roses. Miss Sue Hudson, who was maid of honour for

her sister, wore a floor length gown of pink satin with bolero jacket, short sleeves and mandarin neckline. Her veil was held in place with a band of flowers and she carried yellow roses.

Junior bridesmaids, nieces of the bride, were Gloria Hudson, who wore yellow taffeta and carried a nosegay of pink flowers, and Judith Harrison, who wore green taffeta and carried a nosegay of yellow flowers. Their gowns were similarly styled with floor length flounced skirts, short puffed sleeves and off the shoulder necklines with full berthas. They wore headresses of flowers.

The little flower girl, Lois McLennan, wore blue taffeta in floor length with full skirt, short puffed sleeves and bertha collar. She carried a basket of mixed flowers and scattered rose petals in the pathway of the bride as she entered the church.

The groom was attended by L.A.

Vernon Naugler. The head usher was Mr. Clayton McLennan; junior ushers were Leigh Hudson and Clair Bryan.

During the signing of the register, Mrs. Ralph McLennan sang "O Perfect Love."

Following the ceremony a reception for relatives of the bride party was held at the home of the bride's parents. A delicious buffet supper was served. The table was covered with a beautiful lace cloth and the centre of attraction was the two-tier wedding cake topped with miniature bride and groom and flanked on either side with tall white tapers in silver holders. The cake was cut in traditional manner.

A brief honeymoon was spent on P. E. I., after which the bride and groom left for Edmonton where they will reside. For going away the bride chose a beige tailored suit with green and white accessories.

Cook's Corner

Foolproof Chocolate Cake

One-quarter cup soft shortening, 1½ cups white sugar, 2 eggs — yolks and whites separated, 4 squares (4 oz.) melted chocolate, 2 cups sifted cake flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 1½ cups milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla, an additional ½ cup sugar; 1 cup chopped nuts is optional. Cream the shortening until very light then beat the sugar into it, and when light and airy beat the egg yolks and melted chocolate in too. Sift the sifted flour, baking powder and salt together. Stir the dry mixture in alternately with the milk and vanilla, about one-third each at a time. Beat the egg white and while beating gradually add the additional ½ cup sugar to them. Fold this meringue into the chocolate cake batter. If nuts are used, fold them in now. Pour into 2 greased and floured layer cake tins. This batter is thin. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 30 to 40 minutes or until cake shrinks from sides of pan. A square or loaf cake requires from 35 to 45 minutes. Do not use glass dish for baking.

How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remedy perspiration?

A. Excessive perspiration may be relieved by sponging the affected area with one teaspoon of powdered alum to a quart of water. Allow to dry, afterward rinsing and dusting with talcum.

Q. How can I skin tomatoes very easily?

A. Place the tomatoes in a basin, pouring boiling water over them, and letting them stand for a minute. You will then find that the skin can be removed without any trouble.

Q. How can I clean a pitcher that has become discolored from iced tea?

A. Let milk stand in it until it sours. The pitcher will look like new when washed.

Morning Smile

More At Stake

Joan—He's teaching me to swim. James—Oh! And are you learning fast?

Joan—Not bad. He's twenty-one, has a good job and is getting a car.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Teen-Age Chores

This Youngster Accepts Cheerfully Major Portion Of The Housework

DEAR MISS DIX: When I read a letter recently about a 15-year-old girl who has no household duties, I shuddered. I am 15 and this is what I do, since my father is dead and my mother works to take care of us. On Saturday I clean my room, then clean the rest of the house while mother washes. I hang the clothes for her, go shopping and in the evening baby-sit for the neighbors.

During the week I clean the house each day, do the family ironing, which runs to about three baskets of clothes, do dishes three times a day and have supper ready when my mother gets home. For keeping the house clean, ironing, and watching over my smaller brother and sister, I get two dollars a week for spending money. I know my mother needs help, and I am glad to give it to her.



CATHY G. ANSWER: I am very proud to have you for a reader, Cathy. To accept so much responsibility with full realization that it is necessary, and to do it without complaint, is a fine thing for a youngster your age. Your mother's life is a hard one, but she must have great consolation in her elder daughter. I hope the younger children also share in home duties. No matter how small they are, some tasks should be allotted to them. It wouldn't be fair for you and mother to shoulder the entire burden alone.

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD HELP

While households less burdened than yours cannot expect as much from children, all youngsters should have a share in home responsibilities. If these tasks were imposed on even the quite young, they would be accepted as part of daily routine. Naturally, if parents wait until a daughter is 15, then tell her she is expected to help with dishes, there will be a terrific squawk. If the same child had begun to help clear the table at age 6, it would be taken for granted that she had a part to play in after-dinner chores.

Whether children should be paid for jobs that fall naturally within their orbit or not is a decision to be made by parents in individual cases. My opinion is that daily tasks should be accepted as part of their responsibilities toward the home, but extra pocket money could be earned by doing special jobs, especially those for which outside help would be needed. Such work as taking down storm windows, putting up screens, painting, or the like, are worth special appreciation, which may take the form of extra pocket money, a special recreational treat, or whatever appeals most to the child. Children (as well, we must admit, as adults) do their best work when they know it is duly approved and appreciated.

DEAR MISS DIX: After a six-year separation, my ex-husband and I have begun seeing each other again. He comes to my mother's to visit me and our 7-year-old son about three times a week. My mother doesn't approve of these visits. Do you think this is too often for us to see each other? We are very much in love and plan to remarry in the distant future. At present my mother needs my financial assistance.

LIBBY M. ANSWER: How foolish can one get? If you and your ex-husband are so much in love, why not marry now and get it over? Give your child the benefit of a home and father. The poor youngster is going to be in quite a quandary when his schoolmates ask for an explanation of your domestic setup. I'm sure you can figure out a way to render assistance to your mother while complying a little better with the conventions of matrimony.

DEAR MISS DIX: A young man of my acquaintance is urging

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The Stars Say . . .

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

A rather curious and challenging state of affairs may perplex and stimulate. While, innately, a situation may seem hopelessly involved, subtle and complicated, at the same time some strategy, unique drive or instinct could have power to turn the tide, switching the entangled conditions into a gratifying "reverse". It could be a "hunch", an inspiration, attracting the vivid, perhaps sentimental interest of the "opposite sex." Cultivate this.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may not be surprised at a strange and thrilling contact or adventure coming at a crucial moment when the tide of fell circumstance seems overwhelming. Sinister strange, erratic situations or involvements seem to spell "doom", when by force of some sympathetic understanding, perhaps an affectionate urge, an artistic insight, might enlist kindly or loving intervention. Try to be worthy of

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. How is a formal wedding announcement worded?

A. Usually this way: "Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Gaston have the honor to announce the marriage of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Mr. Richard Hoyt Carlson on Saturday, the seventh of June one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two in the City of Cleveland."

Q. How should one govern one's tips to taxicab drivers?

A. On any fares up to 50 cents, a 10 or 15-cent tip is in order. A fare from 50 cents to a dollar warrants 15 to 25 cents. And so on.

Q. How does an unmarried business woman announce herself over a telephone?

A. "This is Miss Johnson (or Miss Ruth Johnson), of such-and-such company."

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

HELPING POLIO PATIENTS WHO LIVE IN AN IRON LUNG

Most of us think that the greatest achievement in medicine is discovering a successful treatment for an "incurable" disease, such as the discovery of Drs. Banting and Best that insulin would control diabetes and allow diabetics to live a normal life, and the discovery of Drs. Minot and Murphy that would build up the blood so that the former fatal disease, pernicious anemia, is now under control.

One of the sad sights today is that of the polio victim who must live, or within an iron lung. This also was a great discovery as it saves or prolongs the life of these victims. It is gratifying now to hear that something further is being done for these iron-lung patients.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis tells us that in the early summer of 1946 a few iron-lung patients were moved into a hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, to be treated together for breathing difficulties resulting from infantile paralysis. There was only a handful of them, and nothing was promised as to their eventual recovery but the idea behind it was a national program bringing new hope to such patients throughout the nation.

Knowledge and experience, gained at the country's first respiratory center in Baltimore Children's Hospital School, led the National Foundation to embark on a broad program of treatment, research and professional training in regional centers throughout the entire United States where respirator patients are grouped together under scientific direction.

Basel O'Connor, president of the Foundation states that grouping of iron lung patients brings relief from the dark feelings of loneliness. Fear and loneliness begin to yield to self-confidence when patients are together and can see each other's progress. Patients suffering from the same difficulties help each other to try breathing without the respirator, if only for brief periods.

"Iron-lung cases are the most tragic of all polio cases," President O'Connor concludes. "If we can wear a few from their mechanical devices it will be worth while."

Better English

By S. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He acts like he would be willing to help us out."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "monarchical"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Demurrage, democracy, dependence, deprecatory.
4. What the word "propriety" means?
5. What is a word beginning with ul that means "farthest"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He acts as if he would be willing to help us (omit out)."
2. Pronounce mon-ar-ki-al, accent on second syllable.
3. Deprecatory.
4. Conforming to established rules or custom. "This is not in accordance with the laws of propriety."
5. Ultima.

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