

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What should a person say when another asks, "Guess how old I am?"  
A. It usually would be better to guess a few years younger than you really think, or say, "I am seldom correct in guessing ages." You might say "Fifty" to a woman of forty, and thereby spoil a beautiful friendship.

Q. In a double-ring wedding ceremony, who makes the first presentation of his ring, the bride or the bridegroom?  
A. The bride receives her ring first, then presents the bridegroom with his.

Q. What is the proper time to pass olives, pickles and celery at the dinner table?  
A. During the soup course.

## Better English

By G. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Tomorrow is Thursday, and I shall probably wish to see you worse than ever."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "profuse"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Potassium, posthumus, posterior, potpourri.  
4. What does the word "requiescent" (adjective) mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with "incapable" of being expressed in words?

## ANSWERS

1. Say, "Tomorrow will be Thursday, and I shall probably wish to see you more than ever."  
2. Pronounce the s as in loose, not as in lose. 3. Posthumous. 4. Required by the nature of things; necessary. "He was endowed with the gifts requisite to an orator."  
5. Ineffable.

## Morning Smile

Made a Difference

"What happened after you were thrown out of the side exit on your face?"  
"I told the fellow I belonged to a very important family."  
"And then?"  
"He begged my pardon, asked me in again, and threw me out of the front door."

## Figured Out

Two modern youngsters were discussing money-boxes.  
"I think it's childish to save money that way," little Mary opined.

"I do too," Annie replied, "and I believe also that it encourages children to become misers."  
"And that's not the worst of it," Mary exclaimed. "It turns parents into bank robbers."

## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

### Ink Stains

If there are ink stains on a rug saturate the spot with vinegar, then sprinkle salt over it. Take a large spoon and dip up all possible. Repeat several times and then rinse in cold water.

### Potatoes

When storing potatoes discard all that show signs of decay or sprout. Pile the potatoes in the basement and cover well with straw or with burlap.

### Brass Fixtures

It will be easy to clean outdoor brass fixtures if the scouring soap is mixed with kerosene. Apply with a flannel cloth and rub well.

## ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"Oh, yes, I knew it would come," Jamie returned with a smile this morning when we talked of this new month which bears us further into the spring. "No matter how far away a day may seem when you look ahead to it," he offered, "the time between slips away, and before you realize it, it's here. . . . After school, if I should forget, remind me will you to put that new line on my fishing rod so that I'll have it ready for the opening?"  
As Jamie says, he is "bustier and bustier," as the days turn. The little flock of ewes are his especial care; the fowls look to him for rations and there is more than one calf now to be fed. And the sands of the hours drop away, into months and years.

"Fifty years. . . . Yes, I suppose it is a long time," a housewife commented the other day when we talked of their approaching Wedding Anniversary. "But," she smiled, "not to me! It all seems like a dream, when I think of it. I can scarcely believe we've been together so long. I guess it was because we were always so busy, the years sped 'by. Or maybe," she laughed happily, "it was because of John himself!"  
"The perpetual lover?" we teased.

"Oh, I wouldn't say that Ellen," she replied, "though I do believe there are such things as affinities; for each, somewhere about, a perfect mate — or at least it seems so to me. . . . and he was and is always the best of men. No complainer, or never one to find fault with me or the children; kind and sympathetic and never stingy where praise is due."  
"So hopeful too," she went on and we wished every woman in the world could see the light of affection in her eyes. "If the hay was a poor crop, well, it would 'be better next year'; if we lost an animal — you know how things like that will happen on farms in spite of every care and kindness? he'd say, 'I reckon it was meant to be like this. We'll just have to forget our disappointment and go on from here. There'll be good days ahead.'"  
"And," she nodded, "there were. Yes, I guess fifty years with any one else would have been a long time. But dear me, to look back it seems as though it was only the other September we were married. . . . Just the other September!"

There was time today to discover a tight-curling promising bud on Karolyn's indoor rose; to number with satisfaction the house plants that survived our winter care; to find fresh green shoots on ferns and a new color deepening in other leaves and blossoms. What lovely surprises these days of April offer! Items as old to us as the hills about: swelling buds, greening grass, seasonally never failing to return to us the same exquisite wonderment and charm, wings — songs — leaves — blossoms, firsts of things even the first tiny bedraggled dandelion of season, to us "an Eldorado in the grass is found."  
"Could you — would you ask me my spellings?" a little lad who has made remarkable progress in the sometimes interrupted months of his schooling calls up the stairway. We fancy the words convey a plea for more company in the kitchen.  
"How many are there?" we query as though we do not know.  
"Two," he replies soberly, "and they're a pair of hard ones."  
Until tomorrow . . . Diary — Good-night . . .

ens a good color.

Q. How can I get rid of roaches?  
A. Dampness, bits of food, and trash of all kinds are the things that attract roaches. Eliminate these attractions, and there will be no roaches.



ECONOMY GALA OUTFIT—This is an economy gala outfit designed by Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker. It is so-called because the aquamarine and white grosgrain coat styled on the lines of the new Coronation robe, can be worn over both dresses. The white net starred in diamante has a cummerbund of aquamarine grosgrain, and the white grosgrain dress beneath the coat has aquamarine straps and embroidery.—(CP Photo).

## DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

### Husband Works Nights

#### Complaining Wife Is Advised To Readjust Home Schedule

DEAR MISS DIX: My husband says I'm foolish to let this problem worry me, but it does! My husband is a wonderful person, a steady worker, and devoted to me and our three children.

Our difficulties revolve around his working hours. He's on the night shift, which leaves me alone every night. I am very nervous when I'm alone, can't sleep, then get cross and take it out on the family. I know I'm turning into a nagging shrew, but if only he'd change his job our lives wouldn't be so topsy-turvy.

L. H. W.  
ANSWER: Your first step in adjusting to a schedule that is so upsetting to you is to realize that a man's job isn't something that can be changed at will. A man who has a wife and three children to support can't follow his every whim, or of his wife's. He would be an irresponsible father to do so, and if you think you have troubles now, consider what you'd be up against with an unemployed man.

Your husband is doubtless as unhappy about his hours as you are, but he doesn't give into his discontent by nagging, shouting and losing his temper. You should learn the same control.

### REMEDIAL WAYS

There are at least two courses open to you to make an adjustment for better domesticity. When you put the children to bed at night, go with them. You'll have a few hours sleep before your husband comes home, then you can get up, give him his meal, and join him at it. It will be difficult at first to awake, cheerful and bright after a short sleep, but it's merely a matter of adjustment. Go back to bed, and when the children awake in the morning, get up with them for the day. This schedule would give you the maximum of waking time with your husband and children.

Or, if you prefer, become acquainted with other women whose husbands are on the same shift. Arrange get-togethers with them in the evening, or swap services as baby-sitters so you can go out occasionally in groups.  
Whatever you do decide to do, make sure it's something beside the present nag-and-berate system. Your husband is doing an adequate job of supporting his brood, so make up your mind to do an equally good job of keeping the home fires burning.

DEAR MISS DIX: My problem is loneliness. I am 25 years old, and happily married, but neither my husband nor I has any family. We are both shy, and find it difficult to make friends. We have no children, so I have too much time on my hands. My husband doesn't want me to return to work.

C. O.  
ANSWER: You could be a most welcome angel in many institutions that are woefully short-handed. I'm sure if you will go to a nearby hospital, especially one with a large children's ward, and offer your services, you'll soon find plenty to do. Foundling homes and orphanages, too, can always use a pair of willing hands. Feeding babies, dressing small children, reading to youngsters of any age, or playing games with them, are all tasks that you could perform admirably.

DEAR MISS DIX: I would like to drive the family car, but since I am only 16 my parents object. All my friends are permitted to drive.

H. J.  
ANSWER: Your parents are certainly the ones to make the

## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

### ELECTRIC SHOCK TREATMENT RESTORING MENTAL CASES TO NORMAL

As a patient and the patient's family may know of some mental cases that were helped by the shock treatment, it would reassure them and others if they learned about the electric shock treatment — now the most popular of the three methods — insulin, metrazol, and electric — as described in Dr. Louis G. Moench's book, "Office Psychiatry."

"The technique is rather simple. To prevent vomiting, patient refrains from eating for four hours before treatment. The bladder is emptied. He is placed on a bed with a firm hard mattress (or a wooden stretcher or even the floor). Dentures are removed. Tight clothing is removed from around the neck and chest. A controlled charge of electricity is applied for 1/8 to 1/2 second. The tonic convulsion lasts about 30 or more seconds. If sufficient current is applied, the patient becomes unconscious."

The patient feels nothing from the treatment; he loses consciousness immediately and remains unconscious for 10 to 30 minutes, then may continue in a natural sleep or awaken gradually. Confusion is pronounced when he awakens. He seldom knows who or where he is, what has been done or the identity of the persons around him. He first begins to recognize persons he has known the longest time, such as members of his family. If he is told he has had a treatment, he may ask "What treatment?" and deny he has had a treatment. An attendant remains with him to prevent him from getting up too soon. He usually remains down about one hour, then may return to his room (or home with a companion).

As the convulsions put a strain on the muscles, occasionally a very severe strain sufficient to even cause a fracture (although use of curare usually prevents fractures) occurs. There is headache and aches over entire body. Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) usually gives relief; aspirin and caffeine are more effective in relieving these aches. Nausea occurs in about one in ten treatments. Often patients are hungry within an hour and are permitted to eat as soon as they wish.

When we remember that shock treatment has helped thousands of cases who had been in mental hospitals for months and even years, most families are willing and anxious to have their loved one given this opportunity of becoming normal again.

### The Stars Say . . .

By Genevieve Kemble

#### For Tomorrow

Do not let your emotions rule your decisions this day and, in forming opinions or attempting the solution of personal problems, do not permit yourself to be swayed by the biased arguments of others. You can accomplish a great deal, but you'll have to go ahead "on your own." Where incomplete plans are concerned — especially financial — avoid discussion with others, since you may find yourself the recipient of much uncalculated advice and interference.

#### For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you should now be entering a period auguring well for security in the future. Constructive ideas give a firmer foundation to your endeavors, and you are aided still further by the co-operation of superiors and business associates. Midsummer should find you in the throes of most interesting enterprises, both social and financial, and there is even the possibility of news regarding an inheritance or the satisfactory conclusion of some long-pending property matter.

Social and domestic affairs should be unusually harmonious during 1953, but be on guard

decision in your case. When they feel that you are responsible enough to take care of the car, they will doubtless grant permission. A car is no toy, but a powerful machine to be handled skillfully and carefully.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of general interest through this column.



## Wins Baking Prizes at '52 Bear River Fair

There's plenty of friendly competition in the home-baking section of the Digby County Fair at Bear River, N.S., and a consistent winner is Miss Helen L. Woodworth, of Bear River. In yeast-raised baking especially it's been nip and tuck, and Miss Woodworth credits her yeast with giving her the edge. "Ingredients are so important—and I'm extra careful about the yeast I use," says Miss Woodworth. "For years I've been baking with Fleischmann's. I always find Fleischmann's Yeast is good and lively. I know I can depend on it."  
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### Cook's Corner

#### REFRIGERATOR DOUGH

(for hot rolls)

(This is the dough from which refrigerator bread rolls are made.)  
One cup hot water, 1 teaspoon salt, 6 tablespoons shortening, 1/2 cup white sugar, 1 cake fresh or dry granular yeast, 2 tablespoons lukewarm water, 1 well-beaten egg; 3 1/2 to 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour.

Mix together hot water, salt, shortening and sugar in large warm bowl. Cool to lukewarm, add yeast softened in lukewarm water 5 minutes. Add the egg, half of the flour, and beat until smooth. Stir in more flour—enough to make an easily handled dough.

Grease top of dough in bowl, cover very well and store in refrigerator; it will keep 4 or 5 days. Cut off dough as needed. Shape into rolls and place on greased pan. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled in size. Bake at 425 about 12 or 15 minutes.

against emotional tensions during November. The circumstances causing them are only temporary, so relax.

A child born on this day will be enterprising, alert but inclined to overoptimism.



7291 by Alice Brooks



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## Needlecraft News

by Pauline Roy

WARM WEATHER WILL SOON be upon us making us think of summer clothing, and holiday planning. When choosing a summer wardrobe it is a good thing to choose a basic color or group of colors that blend and harmonize together. For when you start to think of your holiday wardrobe, you'll want plenty of clothing that will mix and match so that you may have many costumes that require a minimum of packing space.



### Choose Easy-to-Care-For Clothing in Summer

Fortunately this year we do not have to worry about packing those crumpled petticoats for the silhouettes in summer and softer. However, there is plenty of room in your summer wardrobe for full skirts because they are so pretty and feminine for hot weather wear. Separate skirts can be worn for spectator sports wear or for dancing in the evening depending on your choice of accessories, and you'll have a place for at least one of these versatile skirts. Blouses too are important for summer, and because you want to look fresh at all times why not take advantage of some materials that are a favorite material for that requires little or no ironing in summer. Nylon is just this practical fabric. Cotton sermucker is another popular summer choice and can be used for dresses, skirts, blouses, shorts, halters and beach coats. Another smart material to use for summer wear is tery cloth. From this material you can make all types of beach wear, sweater-blouses and housecoats. Smart jackets and cardigans can also be made from this material. White terry cloth is always popular and you'll find there is also a choice of many beautiful colors as well as an assortment of prints.

### Vacation Hat

When making your summer accessories, you'll find an ideal hat for vacation travel is the crocheted cotton cap that fits well down on the head and packs compactly. This style has a deep crown and tiny brim that frames the face. Scarves of different colors and patterns can be laced through the openings in the crown. If you would like to have a leaflet with directions for crocheting the WHITE HAT, just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper requesting Leaflet No. PC-4981.

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### How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I keep paint from blistering?  
A. Be sure never to apply new paint over blistered paint. Always scrape or burn off the surface until a smooth finish is acquired. Otherwise, the new paint will blister just where the old did.

Q. How can I give linens a good color?  
A. A coat of blue enamel paint on the shelves of the linen closet will not only make the closet more attractive, but will keep the lin-



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