

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

MENINGITIS INFLAMMATION OF THE BRAIN NEARLY ALWAYS CURABLE

During the flu epidemic of 1918-19, a number of cases of meningitis (inflammation of the brain) were sent to our base hospital. Despite all forms of treatment, including removal of some of the fluid from the spinal column, only one of our patients recovered. Two chums from a field hospital arrived at our hospital a week later, one dead and the other fully recovered. It is not to be wondered at that physicians and nurses dread the flu and its consequences.

Fortunately, today meningitis is not the dread foe of 1918-19. In the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Hattie E. Alexander, New York, states: "As a result of extraordinary progress in the development of antibacterial agents (drugs which destroy harmful organisms), it has been possible for several years to obtain a cure in almost all cases of the most frequently occurring varieties of meningitis. Clearly the death rate has been greatly reduced; few children die now of meningitis, usually leaving brain uninjured. When damage or injury does occur, it is because of late diagnosis, not recognition of the disease soon enough."

"Rapid recognition of the organisms causing meningitis is essential for best results, especially in those patients who are victims of severe infections and therefore have the greatest need for early treatment. It is possible to discover the organism causing the infection and estimate the severity of infection within 30 minutes after the spinal fluid reaches the laboratory." When organism is not recognized early, the infectious agent can

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Acid Stains

If an acid, such as lemon juice or vinegar, has changed the color of a fabric, the original color can often be restored by sponging with ammonia and water and then with glycerol.

Angel Cake

To preserve its delicacy of texture, divide angel cake by pulling it apart with two forks, instead of using a knife. Sponge cake may be similarly divided.

Black Leather

To renovate black leather articles, such as belts, bags, portfolios, etc., beat the yolks of two eggs and the white of one with one tablespoon alcohol and one teaspoon sugar. Stir in enough powdered ivory black (obtainable at paint store) to make a thick paste. Rub well into surface of article to be renovated.

usually be grown and identified within 12 to 18 hours. While most hospitals are not equipped to make such a rapid diagnosis, if the 100-per-cent-recovery rate is to be approached this service must be made available in the future by all hospitals.

As soon as the causative organism is discovered, it must be removed in the shortest possible time. Dr. Alexander gives a list of some of the multiple drugs effective against organisms that are common causes of meningitis—rabbit serum, aureomycin, streptomycin, penicillin, sulfonamide, polymyxin and others.

When I remember our almost complete lack of success in treating meningitis in 1918-1919, and see how the death rate is now almost nothing, I realize how grateful we should all be to our patient physicians and research workers.

McKenzie - MacDonald Wedding At St. Dunstan's Basilica



—Craswell Photo

Standards of multi-colored gladioli formed the background in St. Dunstan's Basilica, Charlottetown, on Monday, October 12, for the marriage at 9:00 o'clock of Joyce Sophia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis MacDonald, to Mr. Merlin J. McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKenzie, all of Charlottetown. Monsignor Patrick McMahon officiated at the Nuptial Mass while Mrs. Joseph Dougan played the organ and accompanied Mr. James Flannigan, soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Isabel MacDonald as maid of honor and Misses Doris MacDonald, sister of the bride, and Phyllis Tulle, cousin of the bride as bridesmaids. Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, acted as best man for his brother. The ushers were Mr. Donald MacDonald, brother of the bride, and Mr. Leigh McNally.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of imported Chantilly lace over slipper satin, the long sleeve bodice having a scalloped neckline with a net insert, featuring tiny buttons to the waist. The bouffant

skirt, worn over crinoline, swept into a cathedral train. Her fingertip veil of tulle illusion was held by a tiara of matching lace with tiny seed pearls. She carried a cascade of Pink Delight roses and Stephanotis with Maiden Hair fern.

The maid of honor wore a strapless frock of white net and lace over yellow taffeta with a bolera jacket of lace ending in three quarter sleeves. She wore a Juliette cap of matching lace and net and carried a nosegay of Towne Gold roses, Maiden Hair fern and tied with rainbow ribbon. The bridesmaids wore similar frocks in mauve.

Mrs. MacDonald, mother of the bride, wore a beige frock with autumn green accessories and a corsage of Golden Sceptre roses. Mrs. McKenzie, mother of the groom, gown in navy blue, wore navy and pink accessories and a corsage of pink roses. The bride's grandmother wore a corsage of pink carnations.

The reception was held at the Charlottetown Hotel where the bride's table was tastefully decorated with white gladioli and chrysanthemums and centered with

a three tier wedding cake. The toast to the bride was proposed by Dr. J. P. Sweeney and responded to by the groom. Rev. Father Corcoran also spoke a few words about the bride and groom. Kenneth McKenzie read the telegrams congratulating the couple.

The groom's gift to the bride was a set of luggage. The maid of honor and bridesmaids received jewellery sets, and the ushers lighters.

The couple left by car on their wedding trip to the mainland. The bride chose for travelling a Wisteria suit with navy and white accessories and a corsage of tall-man roses.

Out-of-town guests included, Mr. and Mrs. John L. MacDonald, Mr. Russell MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. William MacDonald, Mr. Harry MacDonald, Miss Marion MacDonald, all of Pictou; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Mitchell, Newcastle, N. B.; Mrs. Nellie Sullivan, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Carver, Imperoyal, N. S.; Mr. and Mrs. Kari Keddy Imperoyal, N. S.; Mr. and Mrs. George Sumarah, Newcastle, N. B.; Mrs. Kenneth Tulle of Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Seven Days A Week

(By Anne Shannon)

1. MONDAY: There is an ancient and honorable society in the City of New York called the Silurians. They called themselves this prehistoric name because the members are all veteran newspaper men. A few months ago when they dined together many stories were exchanged about their young lives. One was told by First Vice President William J. Brede. When Bill Brede was a small boy he sold newspapers at the spot where today Grand Central Terminal stands, surrounded with its ornate modern hotels. A newsboy had to fight to keep his corner and be able to lick any tough guy who wanted to take over.

By the time Bill was 10 years old he had had a lot of hard knocks and was well on his way to becoming a cynic. First his mother died, then his father, leaving seven orphans. Relatives took Bill, the orphanage took the rest and Bill had to earn his keep, sunshine or blizzard regardless. One late Spring afternoon Bill sold several newspapers to folks on a halted trolley car. Just as the trolley car pulled away, a fat red-faced man, standing on the rear platform said, "Two papers, son." Bill tossed the papers safely to his customer. But the fat man began to guffaw as he held a nickel teasingly in his fingers, and kept shouting "Jump on board sonny, and you'll get your money". Bill, with his heavy load of papers tried to hop on, but missed and fell sprawling to the cobblestones. As he scrambled to his feet he suddenly heard a woman's voice. Beside him was a carriage and shiny black horses. The coachman had a gleaming top hat and braided uniform. Seated in the carriage was a beautiful lady, roses in her arms, tears in her eyes, and unladylike language in her mouth. "That blankety-blank good-for-nothing skunk! I saw what he did. Listen kid, wait for us!"

"Mike," she whirled on the Continued on page 14

Better English

By D. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We had ought to get these privileges free gratis."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "finale"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Mistrust, millennium, miniature, miscellaneous.
4. What does the word "gratuitous" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "n" or "t" that means "correct spelling"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "We should get those privileges gratis (omit 'free')." 2. Pronounce fe-na-la, e as in fee unstressed, first a as in ah, second a as in lay unstressed, accent second syllable. 3. Millennium. 4. Given without recompense or pay; free. "We should be more appreciative of the gratuitous blessings of God's Orthography."
5. Orthography.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Would it be all right for the sister of a bride-elect to give a party for her, or would that imply that gifts are expected?
A. This is all right if it is emphasized that the party is not to be a shower. Or, give the party in the evening and invite men, too.
Q. When a man has taken a girl out to a movie and refreshments later on, should she thank him at the end of the evening?
A. She should not thank him but she should tell him how much she has enjoyed the evening.
Q. When a man is dining with a woman in a restaurant, and another man stops at their table to chat for a minute, what should the woman's escort do?
A. He should rise and remain standing until the other man leaves.



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By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow
DO not magnify trifles this day. Just because you encounter minor obstacles or your plans meet with delay, there is no cause to fret. Instead, think matters over calmly and set about, as expeditiously as possible, to right them. The present tendency to dramatize unimportant events also applies where personal relationships are concerned, so avoid even the smallest arguments lest they develop into full-scale clashes.

The evening hours are excellent for helping others. Visiting shut-ins, showing concern for the problems of elders and giving aid to community enterprises are included among the activities which will not only benefit others but give you much needed peace of mind.

For the Birthday
If tomorrow is your birthday the months ahead should bring a most satisfactory conclusion to those projects upon which you have expended your efforts since the early part of the year. Reward from superiors may come in the form of either a promotion or a bonus, but whatever manner of preferment is shown, it will give you a great sense of achievement.

Your horoscope also forecasts a vast improvement in your financial status, not only as a result of some unexpected monetary gain, but through excellent opportunities to lower expenses and save more money than you have been able to for some time. These good influences carry well into 1954 so make the most of them in the interests of future security. Social and domestic affairs are under stimulating aspects.

A child born on this day will be loyal, sincere and endowed with tremendous will power.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN--

BOTH COLLEGE STUDENTS Youth Asserts Girl's Constant Talk Of Marriage Is Boring To Him

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm a college sophomore, and have been going with a girl for three years. She, too, is a college student, but at a different school. In every conversation we have she introduces the subject of marriage and frankly, the topic bores me. For one thing, I don't think she's the girl I want for a wife. She lacks the intellectual requirements I have in mind, and she's not much of a conversationalist. When we discuss something, it usually winds up as an argument. My friends think she's all right for me, that her opposing views on important matters are a spur to my own thinking, and that she offers a certain amount of security that I need. Sometimes I think I love her, and again the idea strikes me as utterly ridiculous. What's your opinion

ANSWER: One of the chief objects of a college education is to offer intellectual independence. You seem a long way from achieving that object, but since you are still almost three years short of a degree, the defect will doubtless be remedied. Your lady apparently has absorbed a bit more fundamental education than you have and is trying to impress you with the fact of her mental superiority. You seem to be absolutely incompatible. You sacrifice fun for the sheer misery of arguing with each other, and your letter clearly indicates—though you don't say so—that the squabbles are far from friendly in tone. Since the friendship offers absolutely nothing to you except so-called security, you would certainly be wise to give it up. The type of security the girl extends is not good for you; dependence for companionship is not the usual hallmark of a college sophomore, and it is most unbecoming. With your abilities you certainly should be able to make friends easily; if you can't there's no better time to learn than NOW. Don't let the companionship of one girl lead you to a disastrous marriage.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm a young teacher working in a three-teacher school. Ever since the beginning of the term, I have been virtually ignored (Continued on page 11)

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

To do this or that work—this posed a problem to our farmers this morning. Whether it would be better to commence the digging at this place of Rob's, a mile "in the road" from Alderlea, where with him, his two boys and James we now sojourn, or to haul to sheltering roofs "out Home" those parcels of straw baled on Saturday all needed for the winter comfort of the livestock of the farm.

We heard the question discussed at breakfast, a meal to which with nice anticipations the Family gathers in from the earlier choring... Now first tasks are over: cows milked and herded along the farm-lane to pastures of sod and stubble, calves fed and except the mere babes of the herd still stable, all following in the wake of their elders. Pig—papa, mamma, shorts, weanlings all have been cared for; fowls too. And this morning because a little lad was taken with a kindly thought on our behalf, the woodbox in the porch was heaped with a collection of wood, remnants from the summer-carpentry, though in the process fancied ends were set aside, reserved for this and that interest of his own.

And we came, appetites stimulated by our spell in the open to the warmth and fragrances within: scent of oatmeal, of bacon, of tea... and of spruce on the hearthfire. This breakfast table (Continued on page 11)

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I best clean the insides of glass drinking straws?
A. Just by running pipe cleaners through them.

Q. What is the best kind of cloth to use for polishing knives and forks?
A. A cork works better than a cloth. Just grasp the cork by the large end, dip the small end in the polish or powder and rub as usual. The cork gets down between the tines of forks better than a cloth, and the whole job is much easier on you.

Q. How can I renovate oilcloth that is faded badly, but which is not badly worn?
A. Paint it with ordinary enamel. Spread it out flat on the floor, paint and let dry. If you want to be fancy, paint a border stripe around the edge in some contrasting color.

HOW MUCH FRUIT TO MEET VITAMIN C REQUIREMENTS?

The daily need for most children and most adults can be met by using the following amounts of any one of these foods:

- Tomato juice or canned tomatoes, eight ounces
- Orange, one medium size
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