

# WOMEN

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## A COUNTRY GARDEN

APRIL  
Sang the sunrise on an amber morn  
"Earth be glad! An April day is  
born."  
Winter's done, and April's in the  
skies  
Earth look up with laughter in  
your eyes.

G.D. Roberts.  
Today I saw the catkins blow,  
altho the hills are white with snow.  
This spring the snow is protecting  
the garden until all danger from  
late frosts is past. This is the only  
happy part of this long wintry sea-  
son for gardeners, certainly spring  
will be doubly welcome this year.  
A letter received from a friend en-  
closed a poem about the forget-me-  
not. She writes: "Now that we can  
look forward with some hope of  
spring and all the lovely flowers  
that it brings, I felt that you might  
like to have this poem which was  
given to me by my Mother many  
years ago. To me the forget-me-  
not is one of the loveliest of flow-  
ers. Coming early after the long  
stage of winter. It is joy to see its  
colors springing up in the most un-  
expected places.

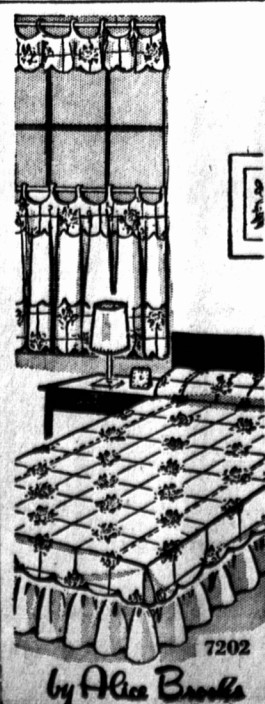
FORGET-ME-NOT  
When to the flowers so beautiful  
The Father gave a name.  
Back came a little blue eyed one,  
All tremblingly it came,  
And standing by the Father's side  
And gazing in his face  
It spoke in low and trembling tones,  
With shy and timid grace.  
"Dear Lord, the name Thou gavest  
me  
Alas, I have forgot."  
Then kindly looked the Father down  
And said, "Forget-me-not  
The letters I receive are very  
welcome, and I am always amazed  
at the number of folk who love  
gardens and gardening. It was a  
pleasure for me to visit at two lov-  
ely homes where the owners had  
won prizes in the Rural Beautifica-  
tion Competition last year. What  
"good conversation" we had! One  
evening was spent at a small new  
home where wonders had been done  
in about twelve months by the two  
who had worked together to achieve  
the attractive home and surround-  
ings. What impressed me was the  
sunlight coming in the large win-  
dows and the number of them, mak-  
ing a wonderful place for the color-  
ing and cheering all who passed  
by. Fuschias also were in bloom  
and the most lovely ivy which  
twined all around the room. All  
of the home could be used for  
growing plants and they had an ad-  
ditional space in a well lit base-  
ment. I am sure all the folk  
who wish for sunlight and places  
for flowers through the long winter  
would be very pleased to have a  
home like this. Wonders had been  
done for the garden in the few  
months and all their spare time  
had gone into this achievement.

TRANSFORMATION  
The other home was a different  
sort of achievement as it was an  
old farm home remodelled by the  
owners working together. The trans-  
formation was wonderful. Large  
wide windows had been built fac-  
ing the south making good win-  
dows for blooming flowers, gerani-  
ums and a lovely penumia with  
primroses filled the windows and it  
is amazing what can be done when  
we let the sunshine in to dark  
rooms. Outside the garden had  
been made with the orchard trees  
nearby and when the bright newly  
painted home was seen through the  
trees it was a cheery sight. Where-  
ever these folk live there will al-  
ways be gardening and working for  
improving of surroundings so that  
we were not surprised when these  
two homes won in the Rural Beauti-  
fication Competition as this is the  
aim of this Society in our Provin-  
ce. Now is the time to be plan-  
ning for the coming year and what  
we can accomplish in our very lim-  
ited time and resources in the  
country homes.

ST. ANDREW'S W.M.S.  
The March meeting of the Wo-  
mens Missionary Society of St.  
Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
Montague, was held at the home  
of Mrs. Margaret MacPherson. The  
president, Mrs. D.A. Campbell,  
presided, and the worship period  
was in charge of Mrs. A.D. Mac-  
Lure who read an interesting ex-  
position on the theme "Witnessing".  
The study period was conducted  
by Mrs. Chester MacLure who read  
an informative story on "Do-We-  
the man of God", and an interest-  
ing Missionary letter was read by  
Mrs. Campbell. At the close of a  
brief business session, the meeting  
closed with the Mizpah Benedic-  
tion, after which lunch was served  
by the hostess, assisted by Mrs.  
Campbell and Mrs. MacLure.

TURIN, Italy (AP) — "Charlie,  
help me hold the bag," a burglar  
told an accomplice after a raid  
Friday night. The man behind, not  
an accomplice but a cop, kindly  
obliged and held both the bag and  
the burglar, Armando Fanni, 43.  
Fanni's accomplice had fled ear-  
lier when he heard a car approach.

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## ELLEN'S DIARY

### Looking Into April

April now! And "What will it  
bring in the way of weather?" is  
the question which these days  
comes to mind and lips. After the  
lengthy winter with its abundant  
snowfall, will April soon give the  
spring-down in truth.

Shall we look out on the cool  
white-spread fields and meadow-  
lands, one day, and the next, rise  
to the sound of a south wind about  
the eaves and rain at the win-  
dows? To see streamlets coursing  
and the pond swollen to a seasonal  
red? And then one morning about  
bare farmlands find the sun smil-  
ing his broadest spring-smile, and  
a wind clean-washed and scented  
with a new and fresh distillation  
of fragrance in from the west? For  
young folks to be pleased, and  
those older remembering say with  
a smile, "Why, this is the earliest  
and most decided breakup since  
the year... Farmers sowed their  
wheat in April that spring."

Whatever the variable April-  
month may give of shower and sun,  
of frost-touch and late gentle snow-  
fall, we know that as in former  
springs, a parcel of crows along  
upland places will at mid-month  
relay the news to a child wearying  
at a school-desk that the trout are  
longing for a taste of angle-worms,  
in some cool stream or brook.  
What a day that will be, when  
"the season" is open again!

This month, which has for its  
flower the sweet pea or the daisy,  
and bids the April-born wear the  
diamond for their lucky stone will  
bring too first flowers to garden-  
shy, fragile snowdrops, grape hy-  
acinths with their strange bloss-  
oms of blue; buds will swell on  
bare branches, in sheltered nooks  
and on sunny slopes the grass will  
green.

In the vanguard of returning  
birds, a wedge of wildgeese will  
fly over, calls not lonely now, for  
they will have no overtones of sad-  
ness like those of the fall days

with their partings, but gay hal-  
lows bright with the nice anticipations  
of returning to their land of prom-  
ise-to-be. And a robin in a new  
vest of red, as handsome a lad  
as ever courted and settled well  
content into his wedlock, will come  
back to sing the spring-song to us  
at Alderlea.

And one April-evening starlit, or  
maybe softly beclouded and sweet  
with the promise of showers, we  
shall hear again the fine music  
of the pond-folks. We fancy that  
James will listen to it with a little  
unease, finding in the tunes a token  
harvest. Its melody will bring back  
of delayed cropping. But we shall  
love it, knowing that all in good  
time there will be the seed time and  
harvest. Its melody will bring back  
to us other "loved and lost" spring-  
times... with this one swinging in-  
to an old pattern of season. "The  
best one yet" we will say and  
know that others equally as fair  
and good, graced with many a  
loveliness lie in their turn around  
the bend of way ahead.

April! How wreathed with en-  
chantment is the word...  
Until tomorrow... Diary —  
Good-night.

MARY HAWORTH

### Once Involved With Married Man, Girl Fears Past

Dear Mary Haworth: Several  
years ago I became involved with  
a married man many years my  
senior. He vowed love for me, even  
though he admitted he could find  
no fault with his wife as a person.  
We saw each other constantly,  
being employed at the same place.  
Since then I have married a won-  
derful man my own age. I haven't

told him of my previous indiscre-  
tion, and am constantly afraid lest  
he find out. I love my husband  
very much and realize that the  
former attachment was just ex-  
citement, not real love.  
As we live in the same town as  
the other man, I fear that my hus-  
band, at some future time, will  
discover my sin. The man's wife  
had even consented to a divorce,  
and I am afraid there were other  
peons besides her who suspected  
we had an affair. Should I have  
disclosed this before we married?  
Should I tell him now?

Sometimes I hate this man for  
having led me astray. I know now  
that his love was shallow, com-  
pared to what I have. My husband  
is sweet and kind, but I have  
heard him renounce, in very strong  
terms, people who defy the moral  
code. Please help me, G.S.

MARY HAV' SINNED  
Dear G.S.: In regard to your  
past lamented indiscretion with a  
married man, you'll simply have  
to become self-possessed, psycho-  
logically. It isn't appropriate to be  
quaking in your boots, as if the  
power were the keeper of your  
conscience. And as if you are  
the mercy of any possible loose  
talk that might happen to drift  
into your husband's ears.

If you have sinned and fallen  
short of virtuous standards of be-  
havior, well, so (with one excep-  
tion) has everybody who has ever  
lived—we are told by John, the  
"disciple whom Jesus loved." He  
further states that anyone who  
claims he hasn't sinned is a liar,  
and the truth is not in him.  
We must understand, of course,  
that sins of the flesh are by no  
means the whole story. The fields  
of temptation are innumerable,  
and sins of the spirit are, accord-  
ing to some authorities, more di-  
abolical (or more inhuman) than  
those of the flesh. Characteristic  
sins of the spirit include, for ex-  
ample, smugness, pride, self-right-  
eousness, uncharity, envy, malice,  
jealousy, etc.

SHOULDN'T BROOD  
De-pair and anxious remorse,  
entertained long after a wrong  
course has been renounced, are  
likewise sins of the spirit—in-  
as-

### Smith-MacDowell Vows Solemnized

The marriage of Miss Elsie Mac-  
dowell, Knutsford, P.E.I., and Mr.  
Allison Edward Smith, West Point,  
P.E.I. was solemnized at the Unit-  
ed Baptist Church, Parsonage,  
O'Leary, on Saturday, March 24.  
Rev. C.O. Howlett, B.A., B.D. o-  
fificiated. Attending the bridal  
couple were Miss Verna MacDow-  
ell, Knutsford and Mr. Oliver Mac-  
Donald, West Point.

much as they conspire to prevent  
moral progress. They hinder  
growth of faith in, and reliance  
upon, God's loving cooperation  
(viz. His graces) to "deliver us  
from evil."

To prevent a wrong course of ac-  
tion by giving it up, and to achieve  
atonement (i.e., at-one-ment) by  
becoming obedient to moral laws—  
in deference to the good of all—is  
constructive action. But re-  
morseful brooding is destructive.  
It is a downward spiral of dis-  
couraged irreligious self-concern.  
In effect, it assumes that Divine  
Love (which created all things) is  
immovably unforgiving and vindic-  
tative; and, paradoxically, that  
humans are required to be intrin-  
sically sinless in order to "save"  
themselves. Or to merit the friend-  
ship, love and compassion of fellow  
creatures.

DON'T TELL OF "PAST"  
Instead of dwelling in fear about  
the past, you might better invest  
your energies in private praise  
and thanksgiving to God for hav-  
ing brought you, by the right way,  
to your present blessings. If you  
are still entangled in guilt feel-  
ings, you need confessional help,  
from a wise clergyman preferably  
—although a psychological counsel-  
or might give healing insight too.  
But you shouldn't burden your  
husband with the matter, now or  
ever.

# It's 'time' to enter our big local contest

## How long will the 8-day clock run?



CLOCK TO BE WOUND

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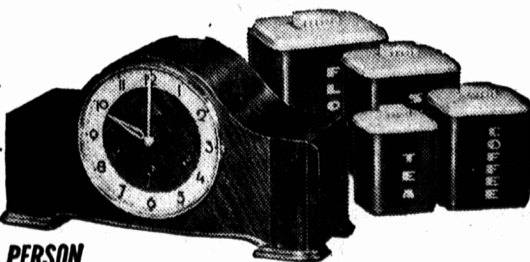
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