

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it preferable to write a business letter in short sentences and short paragraphs?

A. Yes. Brevity is preferred in a business letter, though it takes real ability to "tell the story" in a few words. It is often more difficult to write a good short letter than a lengthy one.

Q. At a buffet meal, should the women serve themselves or wait for their escorts to bring them their plates?

A. The women should serve themselves. However, if a woman's escort insists on doing the honors, it is quite all right for her to accept.

Q. If a hostess is giving a cocktail party, and has no husband or maid, how should she serve her drinks?

A. She may ask some male guest, who is experienced, to help make the cocktails.

Cook's Corner

MOIST CHOCOLATE CAKE

Cream together until light and fluffy 2 3/4 cup soft shortening and 1 1/2 cups sugar, then beat in 3 unbeaten eggs. Melt 2 1/4 squares (2 1/2 oz.) unsweetened chocolate and stir them in.

Sift cake flour and measure 2 1/2 cups and sift it with 1 teaspoon each soda and salt. Stir the flour mixture into the first mixture alternately with 1 1/2 cups buttermilk (or sour milk).

Pour into 2 greased layer cake tins or square or oblong pans which have been dusted with flour too. Bake at 350 degrees F. Layers require 30 to 35 minutes; square or oblong 40 to 45 minutes.

Raisin Bread Pudding

Two cups soft breadcrumbs or cubes, 4 cups whole milk (or 2 cups evaporated milk diluted with 2 cups water) or 1 cup (4 oz.) skim milk powder mixed with 3/4 cup water, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 2 or 3 tablespoons melted butter, 1/2 to 3/4 cup raisins.

Scald the milk and add the bread crumbs or cubes to it. Beat the eggs, beat the sugar and salt into them, then gradually stir them into the milk-bread mix. Add vanilla, nutmeg and butter and raisins.

Turn into buttered large baking dish, stand in large pan containing warm water and bake at 350 degrees F. for 1 hour or 1 1/4 hours or until set.

Largest county in Scotland, Inverness-shire covers an area of 4,211 square miles of mountain scenery.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

RESULTS OF TREATMENT OF TIC DOLOREUX—TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA

I write from time to time about tic doloureux, that terrible pain of the face and head that sometimes cannot be relieved by the most powerful sedatives, even morphine. For many years an extensive operation was necessary to give the patient relief.

A few weeks ago I wrote about the medical treatment of trigeminal neuralgia and alcohol injections, making surgical operations sometimes unnecessary. The information regarding treatment of this unbearable pain should be known to sufferers and their families.

In the Journal of Neurosurgery, Springfield, Illinois, Drs. M. M. Peet and R. C. Schneider present information on 689 cases of trigeminal neuralgia that were observed during the ten-year period from 1938 to 1949 inclusive. Of this number, 553 had been treated by rhizotomy (surgical division of nerve roots coming from spine); 49 had been given alcohol injections; and the remaining 87 received no treatment.

A follow-up of the cases was accomplished by questionnaire with 69 per cent response from the patients who had trigeminal rhizotomy, a 55 per cent response from those who had alcohol injections only, and 41 per cent response from the patients who had received no treatment.

Of the 36 who replied who had received no treatment; 4 had complete disappearance of their pain, 20 had return of severe pain, 3 were operated on elsewhere with relief of discomfort, and 9 had received alcohol injections elsewhere with complete relief of discomfort in five.

From the above, Drs. Peet and Schneider gained the impression that trigeminal rhizotomy is a much more satisfactory method of treatment than alcohol injection in the average case of trigeminal neuralgia for there had been complete relief of pain in all but 5.4 per cent of the patients undergoing this operation.

Alcohol injection, on the other hand, relieved the pain of only 15.2 per cent of the patients for longer than one year. However, the various complaints of crawling sensation, 5.6 per cent of burning sensation and numbness (4 per cent) among the patients who had undergone operation is much higher than is usually stated and occurs as often as those after alcohol injections. "Most of the patients, however, are so pleased to have relief of their severe pain that they do not talk or tell about symptoms that mean only discomfort."

The death rate was only 1.6 per cent which is reasonable in a group in which more than a third were over 65 years of age.

Although operation gives the most lasting relief from severe pain, the fact that alcohol injections give relief for periods of weeks and months is worthy knowing. Operation can always be performed if necessary.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We are only just realizing that we have witnessed a remarkable phenomenon."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inchoate"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Reminiscence, remittance, remediable, remonstrate.
4. What does the word "equanimity" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with rel that means "unwillingness"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit "only," and say, "a remarkable phenomenon." "Phenomena" is the plural form. 2. Pronounce in-ko-ite, o as in cone, accent second syllable. 3. Reminiscence. 4. Evenness of mind; calm temper. "His placidity of demeanor arises from true equanimity." 5. Reluctance.

Coronation Pageant



STAFF BEARER

He carries St. Edward's Staff—originally a walking stick—which "guides the new sovereign in the path of righteousness." Colors: Tunic and trousers, dark green, red and gold collar; gold buttons; red cloak trimmed with ermine, lined with white satin; red belt.

Latest Coronation Portrait Of The Queen



In latest pre-Coronation command portrait by Baron, Queen Elizabeth wears a pale pink evening gown of lace over tulle, topped by a sash of the blue ribbon of the Garter. With it she wears the star of the Garter. Her jewelry consists of a Russian fringe diamond necklace (a wedding present from the city of London), diamond drop earrings, two diamond bracelets and her diamond wedding ring.

The diamond drop brooch at the top of the blue ribbon is a family heirloom that was previously worn by the late Queen Mary. On the Queen's head is a diamond diadem, the headband which is composed of a row of diamonds between two rows of pearls. The diadem, which is of great age, was reset for Queen Victoria. Portrait was taken while Queen Elizabeth was seated in the green drawing room of Buckingham Palace in London.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Thoughtless Young Man

Likes To Get Letters From Girl, But Is Negligent In Replying

DEAR MISS DIX: I have known Jim for five years. While he was at home neither of us was very serious; we just went out in a crowd. Time came for him to leave and he is now in a government job. He asked if I would write to him, which I did, but he almost never answered my letters. Naturally, mine became very few—but still no response. He has just come home after being away for two years, and soon will be off again. He got in touch with me and we went out, but the subject of his failure to write never came up. I cared for him all the time he was away, which marred my chances of meeting or dating anyone else. Now, from our recent date, I feel he does care a little for me, but I can't be too sure. After our last date, he said he wouldn't see me for a week or two since he had some visiting to do. If I don't see him again before he leaves, should I continue to write? SANDRA M.

BOY NOT INTERESTED

ANSWER: To come quickly to the point. I think the boy, by his thoughtlessness, has shown that he is not nearly as interested in you as you are in him. Of course, there's always the consoling possibility that he's restraining his emotions in view of the long absence entailed by his job. Perhaps he doesn't want to keep you tied down to promises while he's unavailable, but at least he should be fair enough to let you know why he's holding back. In view of his long impending absence, and the possibility that it will be wasted time for you if you settle down to awaiting him, I strongly advise that you try to find other interests. Don't wait unless he asks you to. Again, he may just be so sure of you that he feels you'll always be around whether he makes a commitment or not. This, too, is being very unfair to you and you seem like much too fine a person to be subjected to such inconsideration.

DEAR MISS DIX: My problem is a complicated one, but I'll present it as simply as possible. My husband, George, and I have been married for three years. It was a second marriage for both of us, and we never got along too well. He drank quite a bit and was very mean. I worked to help pay the bills, but my efforts were not appreciated, and I never had any money for myself. With all this, I still loved him. Finally, however, after he left me several times, I succumbed to separation and got it. Since then I have had several real dates, and have become interested in one man especially, whose name is Peter. I'm not sure if I love him, though. He doesn't call me very often, and since I hate to be alone, would it be all right for me to accept dates with other men, or stick around waiting for Peter?

ANSWER: It's plain to see that your dislike of being alone has led you into difficulties already, and is well on the way to produce more complications. There are worse things in the world than your own company, as I'm afraid you'll learn to your sorrow. The first

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

So it would seem is life — a briefly tarrying element at best. It comes... pauses... passes, nor can we know when will come the hour of that passing. "In the midst of life" it will be, perhaps at a time that "we think not."

At some evenside it may be when the day is saving the sunset colors, rolling the length of purple and flame and gold, as might a good housewife her winter rugs, putting them away against some other time of use; or at the midnight hour when the silence about has taken on a mysterious quality; or perhaps at the sunrise when the twilight gates of the dawn open magically to reveal tantalizing glimpses of the amber and rose which deepen and spread; or maybe it will come at the noonday when the sunshine is rich on the farmland... Then borne away silently as on a quiet ebb-tide which moves ever toward a far horizon, the spirit of loved ones go.

Leaving to those who remain a strange loneliness and tears of

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prevent dirt from getting under the edges of the fingernails while gardening, or doing other dirty work?

A. Rub the ends of the fingers over some candle wax, taking care to get it well under the nails. When the work is completed and the hands washed, the nail will be as clean as ever.

Q. How can I cook peas without shelling them?

A. Place them with shells on, in a kettle of boiling water. When the pods open, the peas will sink to the bottom and the pods rise to the surface, an indication that they are cooked. It is easy to skim off the pods.

Q. How can I whiten yellowed linen?

A. One teaspoon of cream of tartar to each quart of water will whiten yellowed linen.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

DO NOT let emotions interfere with your decisions tomorrow. Haste and impulsiveness may seem to be the answer where immediate desires are concerned, but long-term benefits depend upon careful analysis and consideration of business plans and expenditures. Be wary, therefore, and do not permit yourself to be rushed into situations by others more emotional than yourself.

With the Moon in Scorpio this day, the auguries are excellent for taking care of the fundamentals — paying or adjusting taxes, conferring on insurance matters, balancing the budget and clearing up correspondence and other bothersome details.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, the year ahead is one in which you may frequently find your individual plans and hopes subordinated to the greater pressures of world affairs or political events. Such situations may be in some way occur, but if you can learn to adjust to these outside influences, you will find that the rewards are great. Each experience can contribute not only substantially and tangibly to your material welfare, but can prove a definite factor in self-development and spiritual growth.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

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Perspiration

Excessive perspiration under the arms can be lessened by dissolving half a teaspoonful of ordinary cooking soda in a small cupful of water, and applying to the parts.

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