

MRS. GORDON MACMILLAN
A COUNTRY GARDEN

JUNE MORNING
In the tangled grass of the sheep pasture, lying prone, I see a grey grasshopper on a twig. A green beetle teetering in a sun-glint. Two ants fighting over a silver of leaf. A small bee swaying on a clover-blossom. And my heart pounds so fitly against the turning earth.

colors the garden is gay when other flowers in the garden.
To waken on a summer morning to a world bright with sunshine and hear through one's open windows the gay chatter of birds; to have flowers nodding in at you; to lie awhile and listen to the music of the bees, borne in on scented air; these are some of the delights that life in the country has to offer.

COMPENSATION

Have you watched long fingers of the dawn reach stealthily across the lawn To stroke the rose that breathes your bedroom window? Have you caught the first faint twittering of a bird And have you heard the grasses and the leaves Whisper their welcome to the perfumed breeze to the Fresh from God's farthest world? Have you seen the shadows that oppressed you so Slowly retreat and finally go before the conquering light? What wakers, then, one sleepless night?

The lovely fragrant creamy yellow rose Agnes is the first to bloom here and reaches up to the bedroom window, wafting out the fragrance and the beauty of this June rose.

The roses make the world so sweet. The bees, the birds have such a tune.

There's such a light and such a heat And such a joy in June.

—Macdonald.

It is true that in this climate next month will bring all the Hybrid Tea Roses and the Rugosas are now showing color and the Polyantus, but the very first rose is so enjoyed.

Agnes is a Canadian origination and very suitable for our climate. Bushes of this Rugosa have been in the garden here for many years and require very little care.

The Tulips have been lifted and heeled in out-of-the-way places and geraniums and other summer blooming plants have been planted in their different borders. Notes were made of the better varieties so that we can profit by our experiences.

The pendula type of tuberous begonias are now in lovely bloom here and will continue for months, which makes them a desirable plant for house or garden. About forty bulbs have been planted out side and are showing color. These have gorgeous color and size so that I am looking forward to their beauty which will last all summer. A shady place has been selected for them as they cannot stand the wind or too much burning sun. Good rich earth with old rotted manure was added as they need a rich porous soil, and moisture to make the best plants.

The orange wallflower has never been so lovely and fragrant. It is possible when weeding nearby to enjoy the fragrance and color. It is biennial in character and more seed should be sown now for bloom next spring. There are so many lovely biennials but it is necessary to plan a year ahead for them. In writing a true story of this garden we must write of the weeds and tall grasses growing up through the perennials and the difficult time it takes to pull and yank them out. The weeding and the moving



Colorful Carrier

BY TRACY ADRIAN

Bright, colorful materials are being used for the new bags styled to go with pretty summer clothes and to see you happily through the hot days ahead. These handbags are encased in clear plastic to keep light-toned prints from soiling and smudging. Even grease, oil, tar and most stubborn chemical stains rub off easily with a damp cloth.

One of the handsomest in this group is a large model done in a new fabric laminate with a charming Oriental print based on Japanese lantern figures. It features two plastic handles and a plastic closing.

It is tough on hands, even if gloves can be worn some of the time; but every gardener knows that the joys far exceed the worries.

He who goes into the garden to look for spiders and cobwebs will doubtless find them; but he who goes out to seek flowers may return to his house with them blooming in his bosom.

There are nettles everywhere. But smooth green grasses are more common still. The blue of heaven is larger than the cloud.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning. To enjoy one's garden thoroughly one should work in it and live in it; and the more one does the more enjoyment is possible. Then the sharing of the garden with others who enjoy these things doubles the joy. Byron writes. . . . Must share it.

Happiness was born a twin. Last week a garden visitor told me of visiting the New York Botanical Gardens in early spring to see the show of spring flowers and how beautiful it was! This visitor photographed many of the flowers in color at the time and experiences like these make the gardener happy. "I have always believed that happiness of mankind may be increased by encouraging that love of a garden, that love of the beautiful,

ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

Catching up the children from the House across the Lane we went this evening with the farmers on an excursion which was to gain them some replacements for the beef animals gone recently from the herd—some to take their stalls when the days of stabling return. On the homeward trek the two youngsters who had seen many a delight of tree and brook, of valley and hill on the outing, all at once became quiet, and resting heads on the nearest shoulder, presently they slept.

We saw petals drift down from stray apple trees along friendly tree-shaded roads. And at a lane where we three waited in the machine, in a bit of old orchard a pair of late trees were still in lovely bloom. "That would be a pretty place for a wedding," Granddaughter offered. "In the afternoon when everything is sunny and bright. Or in the sun set—that would be a nice time, wouldn't it? With everything hushed and still."

"There would be no need of a flower-girl, for falling petals would pretty the ground—for for confetti!" we smiled "for they would catch in her veil."

"What would she have for a bouquet? Let me see—I think it would be of nice new daisies. . . ."

"She would pick herself for good luck from one of the fields of 'home'."

"Yes, that would be quite pretty" Granddaughter nodded with a smile "with sprigs of green and white ribbon grass too. And it tied with a bow and streamers of white satin ribbon. It could be beautiful, couldn't it? Can't you just picture it all?"

"We'll have to nurse along the old 'n' s'ets, won't we?" we chuckled.

"Humph!" Mack said with a funny shrug. "I never heard such blah, blah, blah in all my born days. No, I never did!"

If we had chosen to remain at home this evening as maybe we should have to mend James' trousers he plans to wear at the sheep-shearing one of these days, we should not have met the young mother of three little ones in her lamplight kitchen with its gleaming stove and its walls of daffodil yellow. Her romance—how we enjoy learning the tales of others' lives!—began in Montreal, but it brought the principals back to native soil to establish their home on a farm and we would say, live very happily there.

Neither would we have chatted with the farmer living now "not that I wouldn't rather be younger" on borrowed time, with "an old tired heart" and memories of days that are gone. "The changes—the changes of a lifetime" so great they are difficult to comprehend. The old days, and the old ways now left behind.

James his day over, speaks of those too, as he hangs up his cap. "I don't know how or why it's happened, Ellen, but things have changed since I was a boy. Why, I can mind the time that if a farmer had the dollars we paid out tonight and of late, in his pocket, he could buy a stable-full of cattle. And what does it do now? Buys a few feeders to put on the grass! And" he chuckles "not too big a ones, at that!"

Frogs' pipings from stream and pond now . . . and a new day not far in the offing.

Until tomorrow . . . — Diary
— — — Good-night. . . .

MORNING SMILE

Guide—This, sir, is the leaning tower of Pisa.
Tourist—Pisa! Let me think. No, that doesn't sound like the contractor's name who built my garage, but it looks like his work.

Acid Indigestion?

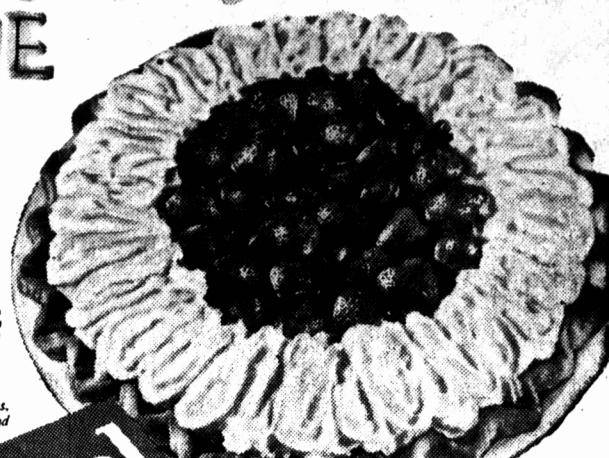
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PASTRY
Yield: one 8" shell.
1/2 cup QUICK-MIX JEWEL SHORTENING
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 to 3 tablespoons cold water

Sift flour with salt into bowl. Cut in Jewel, until mixture is like coarse corn meal. There's a reason for using Jewel, rather than just any shortening. Jewel has the super shortening power it takes to give your pastry that extra tender flakiness you're so proud of. There's absolute proof of this. Jewel has been tested against all other shortenings in hundreds of different recipes, and every time the Jewel pastry was the most flaky and tender. Next, sprinkle cold water, a little at a time, over different parts of flour mixture. Toss lightly. Place dough in waxed

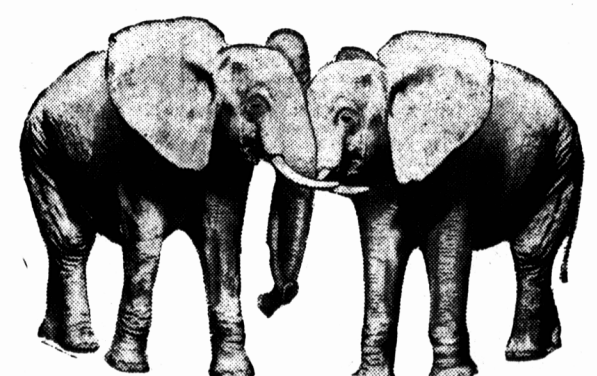
paper; knead 3 times; press gently into ball. Let stand 15 minutes. Roll dough into circle 1/4 inch thick. Fit dough into pan. Flute edge with fingertips. Prick pastry with fork. Bake.
Baking Temp. 450°F.
Baking Time: 10 to 12 mins.

FILLING
1 quart fresh strawberries*
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 1/2 cups water
Few drops red food colouring

Wash and cut larger berries in half. Place sugar and 1/2 cup of water in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Dissolve cornstarch in remaining 1/2 cup of water. Add gradually to syrup mixture. Cook over low heat stirring until thick and clear. Add salt, lemon juice and enough colour to make a bright red shade similar to the berries. Pour hot mixture over the berries, mix gently, and cool. Place in baked Jewel shell. Garnish if desired with a border of sweetened whipped cream.
*Canned peaches or apricots may be used. Add orange food colouring instead of the red.

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