

# DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

## Irresponsible Mate

### Free-Spending Husband, Unpaid Bills, No Medicine For Hospitalized Wife

DEAR MISS DIX: I've been married for four years, and have two lovely children. I love my husband, but he doesn't seem to cope with responsibilities. Recently, I spent seven weeks in a hospital. He assured me that everything had been taken care of while I was away, bills paid, etc. When I came home I found he had lied. Nothing had been done, he had no money, and the bills piled up. The next day he expected me to get up and get breakfast. Then he departed on a two-day bicycle trip. This is just a sample of the casual way in which he treats his obligations. This is the third time this year I've been in the hospital, and each time I come home to the same mess. My husband is 21. He says he loves me, but does nothing to show it.

MRS. A. T.

### YOUNG HUSBAND NEEDS COUNSELING

ANSWER: When you married a boy of 17, did you expect him to handle his responsibilities like a man? He simply wasn't ready for marriage and utterly incapable, mentally or emotionally, of standing up to its responsibilities. This lack has further been complicated by your own serious illness, which kicked from under him the prop that held your marriage together—your moral support, and resulted in his completely aimless actions while you were gone. Your problem certainly isn't a hopeless one, but its solution will take patience and understanding. Personal counseling will be the best step for you to take now, and I urge you to make an appointment with a family counselor in your city.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been going with a very fine boy for over a year, and my parents' only objection to him is the fact that his mother speaks no English. They like everything about the boy, who was born in this country, but hold that one grudge against him. Due to pressure from my family, I broke off with him, without giving a reason.

MARIAN S.

ANSWER: No matter how embarrassing it is to give a reason for breaking a friendship, it's a lot better than summarily tossing a boy aside without an explanation. The narrow-mindedness of your parents is a bit difficult to understand. Living in a democracy as they do, they should realize that our way of life entails some obligations—as well as entitling us to many priceless privileges. It is incumbent on us as citizens of a free country, as well as followers of God, to be kind to the stranger within our gates. Your parents, in their snobbishness, are failing in their patriotic, religious, and family duties. Someone should awaken them.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm 14 and writing to a boy in the Air Force. My mother says I'm wrong to begin a letter with "dearest" or "darling." Is she right?

PATSY

ANSWER: Most emphatically, yes. The value of writing to boys in the service, both from your angle and theirs, is to keep your letters friendly, relatively impersonal, and completely unromantic. These boys want cheering up, not a sentimental involvement. Your salutation should be plain, "Dear Don," "Hi, there," or something else equally uncommittal.

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

## Anne Adams Patterns

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4775 14½-24½  
by Anne Adams

### Morning Smile

The professor was very absent-minded. "Did you see this?" his wife asked as he came in. "There," a report of your death in the paper.

"Dear me," said the professor, "we must remember to send a wreath."

Retail drug stores in Canada had total sales of \$248,000,000 in 1951, against \$101,000,000 in 1941.

## Alice Brooks Designs

### STAR OF HER CLASS!

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### HARVEST AID

MELFORD, Sask. (CP)—Twenty-two railway cars carrying 88 British-built farm tractors passed through here en route to Saskatchewan distributing points. They were part of the first 1953 ship cargo reaching Churchill, Man.

All scientific evidence collected so far indicates the earth is between two and three billion years old.

### SORE PILES

For quick, positive relief from sore, itching, Piles, get OTRINOL from your drug store. See how quickly it helps stop the pain and itching. See how it cools and soothes the burning, smarting, itchy spots. Helps heal and shrink sore swollen tissues. Apply one OTRINOL treatment four or five times a day. Money back unless satisfied.

# Women's realm

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## ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

September? Aye! And "It's my month!" one of her many children smiled the other evening when, with some surprise, we noted its approach. "I love September, best of all the months!" she said, "I guess because it's my birth-month... at any rate, I always had a kind regard for it—a kinship you might say. I have always thought of it as a magic month, one," she chuckled, "in which, if you make a wish, it's pretty certain to come true!"

"Yes," she continued, "my birthday set it apart from the other months in the way that Christmas highlights December. It naturally was an event I always anticipated for its excitement and surprises. That was one day when I was noticed and fussed over by the family and I loved it, fairly basking in its sunshine. I liked too, the gifts, though they were often only trifles... a new hair-ribbon, a handkerchief or the like, but how much they meant to me or the joy they afforded, no one could ever know."

"Once my parents gave me a little girl's sewing box as a gift, a marvelous affair, lacquered in a sapphire shade with fittings of warm yellow satin inside: wee pin-cushions and beds for the scissors and the collection of needles and threads. When not in use it could be kept locked—which made it a treasure indeed!"

"On another birthday I remember well, when I was entering my teens it was they gave me a ring—a little gold band set with a sapphire. Well," she smiled, "was there anywhere a more beautiful ring than that one! Never, never! How I treasured it—and how proudly I wore it! I kept it long after my finger had outgrown it—and felt as if I were giving away a bit of my heart or at least a part of my girlhood when at last I gave it away to a deserving little girl."

"And I was married in September—did you know, Ellen? For me there was no month nearly so lovely... with quiet days... sunny and dreamily hazy toward the horizon; the river languid, but more solemn than lazy and very blue—more blue than the sky; and the maples and birches putting on their gay gowns... The very bright moonlight that night, I remember with a little suggestion of frost in its smile. We drove to... but the things that came to mind, dear me!" she laughed lightly.

"My bouquet—but I'm tiring you with old tales?" we waited eagerly, who love flowers. "It was of white asters from the Manse garden and fronds of lace fern from that in the Manse parlor... white of the streamers—Do brides carry 'showers' bouquets nowadays Ellen? Yes," she smiled, "I suppose I have good reason to love September and I find there's still something about it which makes magic for me."

For her, September's child, and for us, July's bairn, shall we not find much to cherish in us in September's "thirty days?"

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

### That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

### REASSURANCE RE OPERATION FOR CROSS-EYE

When the mother first noticed that her child had cross-eye, there was a terrible shock. She pictured her child going through life with this deformity and imagined the inferiority complex that would gradually develop.

Fortunately, today, when the mother first consults her family physician, he will assure her that while the eyes may straighten themselves, this does not happen often. However, straightening by glasses or operation can now be truthfully promised.

In the "Bulletin of the Sick Children's Hospital," Toronto, Dr. A. Lloyd Morgan gives some good advice to mothers and information to general physicians. "Some babies do not coordinate their eyes for the first few months but by 6 months of age coordinated eye movements should be well developed. A baby's eyes should be examined if the mother notices that they begin to cross. To determine if the eyes are crossed, hold a flashlight about 2 feet in front of the baby's eyes. The child will usually look at the light and if the bright reflexes are in the same position in the pupils of both eyes the eyes are straight. If the reflex is in the center of one pupil and to the outside of the other, they are crossed."

Babies' eyes are tested (as are those of adults) by use of atropine up to age of 5 years; over 5 years atropine with atropine or homatropine, it usually indicates that glasses will straighten the eyes. Unbreakable lenses are used and the glasses are tied behind the head of the younger children, if necessary. If the eyes do not straighten in six months with glasses, then an operation is necessary.

Operation can be done any time after one year of age and should be done before child reaches school age. Dr. Morgan reports that they have found that better results are obtained by operating early than by wearing a disk over one eye to strengthen the muscles of the other eye and then operating and using eye exercises.

What will be good news to parents is Dr. Morgan's statement

## Trainer-Walker Wedding

Baskets of white phlox, gladioli and snapdragons adorned the altar at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer on Monday, August 24 at 9 o'clock when Miss Mildred Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, and Hugh Patrick, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trainor, were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony.

Rev. E. J. Enright, C.S.B., who also baptized the bride, officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass. During Mass hymns were sung by Hubert McKenna and Aubin Richard, accompanied by Mr. Alex McLean, the church organist, and Miss Kathleen Hornby on the violin who also rendered violin solos during the signing of the register.

The bride given in marriage by her father chose a ballerina-length gown of white net over taffeta with a fitted bodice of chantilly lace and matching bolero. Her shoulder-length veil of nylon tulle fell gracefully from a coronet of pearls and she carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses with white satin streamers. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, the gift of the groom.

Miss Patsy Walker, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and her dress was identical to the bride's in orchid shade with a halo of net. She carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

The groom was attended by his cousin, Mr. Harold Trainor, New Glasgow, N. S. The ushers were Mr. James Gaudet and Mr. Adrian Lipton, New Glasgow, N. S.

A reception was held at the Queen Hotel for the guests. The bride's table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake and vases of snapdragons and sweet peas. The toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. Father Enright and responded to by the groom.

Mrs. Walker, mother of the bride, wore a dress of navy crepe with a corsage of pink roses and a neckpiece of stone marten furs. Amid showers of confetti and good wishes the bride and groom left on a motor trip to Boston, Massachusetts, for going away the bride chose a cherry red gabardine suit with grey accessories and a corsage of white gladioli.

## Bissonnette-Doyle Wedding

Stella Maris Church, North Rustico, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, August 12 when Ida Lillian, daughter of the late Mr. Michael Doyle and Mrs. Doyle, became the bride of Flight Lieutenant Vincent Bissonnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaise Bissonnette, Staples, Ontario. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the pastor Rev. Eric Robin.

Given in marriage by her brother Thomas, the bride wore a wedding gown of satin and chantilly lace, fashioned with stand up collar, buttoned front and fitted sleeves, tapering to points over the wrists. The skirt was bouffant style with filmy net over satin. Her headdress was a halo of ruffled rayon net with a finger-tip veil of silk net bordered in lily of the valley design. She carried a cascade bouquet of American Beauty roses.

Miss Elsie Doyle, her sister's bridesmaid, wore Nile green taffeta with matching headdress and mitts and carried a nosegay of Pernet yellow roses. Miss Winifred McMillin as guest soloist and the Stella Maris girls choir sang appropriate hymns. Flight Lieutenant Leo Corcoran a close friend of the groom, was best man and the ushers were Flying Officers Semple and Latimer of the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside.

Following the reception at the bride's home the happy young couple left by motor for the groom's home where they will honeymoon until Sept. 8th when Flight Lieutenant Bissonnette will proceed to England for operational duties and his bride will resume her position as teacher on the staff of the A/M Johnston School, Summerside prior to joining her husband in England at a later date.

The bride's travelling costume was of orchid orlon with white accessories.

about the period after the operation has been performed. Instead of keeping the child in a dark room with eyes covered, "the dressing is removed on the day after operation and the child is allowed up if he so wishes. It has been found that recovery is more rapid and the reaction subsides faster if these children are given considerable freedom and are allowed to play in the kindergarten. They are usually allowed home on the second day and kept indoors for at least a week."

When operation is necessary but is postponed until the child is 5 or 6 years old and his defect is discussed by other children, the damage done to him emotionally can hardly be measured. It is for this reason that Dr. Morgan stresses the point that in all cases of cross-eye there should be a thorough and complete neurological (nerves) examination.

I believe the above information—child allowed up the first day, allowed home the second day, and indoors at home for a week—will give reassurance and comfort to parents who dread the thought of operation.

Barbados was a British possession since it was first settled in 1627.

## New President



Mrs. J. W. Adams of Ethelton, Sask., has been elected president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada at its 18th biennial conference in Toronto. She succeeds Mrs. Hugh Summers of Fonthill, Ont. (CP Photo).

Mrs. Adams has come up through the ranks, having been interested in institute work since her marriage in 1937. She helped organize a branch in her district and acted as president. She is also a provincial past president and a vice-president of the national organization. She led the Saskatchewan delegation to the Copenhagen conference in 1950, and was co-chairman in arranging round tables for the recent Toronto triennial.

Only woman member on a six-member Royal Commission appointed by the Saskatchewan Government to study agriculture and rural life. Mrs. Adams heads several working committees, including those on education, recreation, health and the rural home.

Saskatchewan Women's Institutes, says the new president, have always been known as Saskatchewan Homemakers Clubs. Refusal to change the name to Women's Institutes, as they are known in Ontario and most other provinces, is "a matter of sentiment. We have talked about it many times and tried to change the name, but it requires a two-thirds vote, which we have never been able to get."

Mrs. Adams was not a daughter of the farm. She was born in England, received her elementary education in Calgary and attended high school and university in Saskatchewan. She lives 15 miles from the nearest large shopping centre, and her husband has a wheat farm and a large herd of Herefords. She is the mother of two little girls, 10 and 7.

## How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove vegetable and fruit stains from the sink?

A. Mix up a paste of equal parts bicarbonate of soda and chlorinated lime with boiling water and spread on the stains. Leave it until it dries, then wipe it off. Another paste for the same purpose can be made of three parts of cream of tartar to one part of peroxide.

Q. How can I keep frozen meat cold while defrosting the refrigerator?

A. Take the meat out of the freezing compartment, wrap it in waxed paper, then several layers of newspaper, and put it in a corner of the refrigerator until the power is turned on again.

Q. What is a quick, easy way to clean a felt hat?

A. On any felt hat, except white, you can do a fine job just by rubbing it with a piece of state rye bread.

## NORTH TRYON W. I.

The monthly meeting of the North Tryon Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Archie Thomson on Monday evening, Aug. 3.

Meeting opened by repeating the Creed, followed by roll call. Eleven members were present, and one visitor. Owing to the loss of the Institute books in a recent fire, there were no minutes to be heard.

Mrs. Charles Roberts reported she purchased a gift from the Institute for Mrs. Bill Jones in appreciation of her help with our play; also that the school had been cleaned. There was a discussion regarding repairing the Community Hall, but nothing definite was agreed upon. It was moved by Mrs. Charles Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Archie Thomson that \$100.00 be given to help pay debt on school.

Miss Mildred Dawson was asked to write for some books on plays.

Committees for next month are: school, Mrs. Sydney Dawson and Mrs. Wren Howatt; sick, Miss Mildred Dawson; re-elected; and lunch, Mrs. Russell Thomson, Mrs. Sheldon Dixon and Mrs. Arthur Dawson. Mrs. Charles Roberts invited the members to her home for the next meeting. Collection \$1.10. Meeting closed by singing one verse of our Island Hymn. Lunch was served.

## A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

SEPTEMBER

There are twelve months throughout the year. From January to December—And the primest month of all the twelve. Is the merry month of September.

Then apples so red Hang overhead, And nuts ripe-brown Come showering down In the beautiful days of September.

There are flowers enough in the summer-time, More flowers than I can remember— But none with the purple, gold, and red That dyes the flowers of September! The gorgeous flowers of September.

And the sun looks through... A clearer blue, And the moon at night Sheds a clearer light On the beautiful flowers of September.

September is a lovely month in the garden as the annual flowers are at their best. Last week I saw the garden of the Island filled with beautiful annuals and perennials arranged in a pleasing manner and carefully tended. I came home to my large garden of almost all perennials and made a vow that somewhere and somehow there would be more annuals here. It is true that there are Zinnias and quantities of Sweet Alyssum in mauve and white, also many bedding Dahlias and Tuberous Begonias and Glads planted in the borders but not nearly enough.

Every spare moment the last few days has been in trimming these borders of perennials that are through for this year and plans are made for (next year) as the tall stalks of early Phlox and Hollyhocks are cut down to make room for the later blooming Michaelmas Daisies and other plants. Quite a bit of thought is necessary to have a border bright with color and beauty for several months in the summer and I am pleased with a new border that is good now and has been lovely all spring and summer. There are double Hollyhocks grown from seed sown last year. I like these very much as they are not so tall as the singles and look like roses. There are also many late blooming Phlox in very bright colors. Some of the finest colored bedding Dahlias are in this border and groups of Glads in separate colors crowded close together so that they do not need staking, are bright and lovely.

Tuberous Begonias are planted in a new border this year in a sheltered spot near the house and at last are covered with bloom as the

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## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

White to Brown

When white shoes begin to look soiled and dingy, they can be made

## The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

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The evening hours are excellent for relaxation and entertainment; also for making travel plans. All in all, a fine day. Make the most of it!

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## Cook's Corner

SEPTEMBER



## RAISIN AND NUT LOAF

¾ cup shortening  
¼ cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
1 cup milk  
2¼ cups flour (not sifted)  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup raisins  
¼ cup nuts

Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg. Then add milk, flour, salt, vanilla, raisins, nuts. Bake 1 hour.

—Mrs. Clarence Carr, North St. Eleanor's W. I.

season has been late because of the lack of sunlight. The Olander that was wintered in the basement and planted outside when warm days came is now blooming! Fragrant, soft, pink flowers with a delicious fragrance (out of this world). This plant was a gift from a neighbour who loved flowers and grew many lovely plants while on this land of the living.

At the flower show last week notes were made on the wonderful display of Dahlias by the Experimental Station. This gardener is fond of the Cactus and semi Cactus varieties and the loveliest were... St. Therese in mauve, Gratiola in salmon pink, Sunkist, a large deep orange, Hestia, a creamy orange, and another mauve Cactus named Grace.

In the small Pom Pom Dahlia I liked Yellow Gem, Gretchen, Helene, a rose tipped white and Dr. Webb, a crimson red Pom.

The other morning, very early, when tracks were made in the dew drenched garden, a glossy green humming-bird, sipping honey in the deep yellow Glad called Pictolus, rewarded the tired gardener for the early morning rising! There is so much beauty all around—

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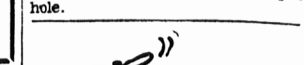
a good brown by applying saffron. Mix 10 drops of saffron with three teaspoons of olive oil. Clean shoes well first, as all dark spots will show. Apply with a piece of flannel. Two coats should do it.

## Satin Shoes

A cloth wrung out of vinegar will remove dust and restore the luster of satin shoes.

## Buttons

If you are sewing large buttons on fine material, for fastenings, use a small flat button on the inside of the material to prevent tearing a hole.



## OOH, WHAT SPEED



## AHH, WHAT FLAVOUR



## SUPERB, CHOCOLATY



## NESTLE'S Quik

