REAL COIN DOTS

BY ALICE ALDEN

WE ALL know what to do with contemporary currency, but it's nice to find a use for old coins besides making a collection. As usual, a smart French designer has the answer. From Mallet of Paris, comes a handbag in suede calf dyed in beautiful colors. He dots the pouch with antique coins for an eye-catching accent. Old coins on the ouside, new bills inside—what better handbag?

ELLEN'S DIARY

As First Blossoms Appear Children Gaze In Rapture

An afternoon this was for us to paint a ceiling in a hall to the Spring-cleaning in this old house at Alderlea. It was a day for the children ever eager and happy to find such treasure about, to discover the first blossoming snowdrops in the border.

Of all the miracles of Spring, and what a legion there is, none is more engaging than the appearance of these. The winter snow and ice has scarcely dissappeared from the border. Its length has only bare shrubbery and the odd stalks of the late blooming perennials and annuals that at length shivered, and succumbed to a frosty breath of the Fall. In dank clay these remain on which too, scattered leaves of Autum still rest. And here pushing up from the damp earthy bed, braving cold winds and weathers is leaf and blossom of first growth of Spring.

So pleased the youngsters were at the sight of them, as down on knees they regarded them closely, touching the waxen petals. Grand-daughter smiled happily. Mack beside her nodded, wonder in his expression as though this miracle was difficult to believe. How could it be with the earth still so damp and cold all about?

"Now let's go see if there is any sign yet of a crocus" she suggested to him rising quickly to explore father along amid the sere dank leaves. And there they were in green promise, beneath the poplar by the gateway the same tree that speaks to us in a stilly sunset of summer when on the old sandstone doorstep we enjoy the wastes of loveliness about. In queer little, and sudden, silken rustlings it talks, and we know then that merry little lads of elves with pointed ears are there or others of the fairy tribes, even it could be an elusive leprechaun though we would have no need to catch him since spread all about on hill and vale and sky is that vast treasure of beauty we value.

It was the pure white of the snowdrops' blossoms we painted the ceiling. And as we dipped the brush and spread and smoothed and made progress at our work, a ceiling out of the young years came to mind in a memory most pleasant. It was decorated with paper-white too it was, and never was sky so pearly-shaded! And for added enchantment for us, a thousand stars shone out in sun or lamplight in bright glints of silver.

They sparkled as truly as ever those tonight shine down on the farmlands and house and home about. To go to sleep with them overhead, after a sweet spring-evening had called us in from our play to a slice of homemade bread and butter, or a substantial sugar or molasses cookie, and to immediate bed, was to find content there and the assurance that while Providence set His own stars to keep watch and ward over all, all would be well with our world.

How did James suffer our artistry? He was out about, visiting the stables—planning no doubt. This likely heifer he would keep for a cow (the younger farmer would agree) and they would set that one low-set, aside to "make beef."

"I believe, Ellen, I'll take a stroll tomorrow" he says now from the old armchair.

night.

Until tomorrow . . . Diary . . . Goodnight . . . .

EAST BALTIC W. I.

On April 7th the members of East Baltic W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Rose. The meeting opened by singing "Spring Time in the Rockies" and repeating the collect in unison. Ten members answered roll call by naming favorite television programme.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was reported that a pencil sharpener had been bought for the school, and thank-you letters received from the Unitarian services and from a former member.

Correspondence was read and discussed. It was moved and seconded that $2.00 be sent to Drama Festival membership; $5.00 annual dues be paid Film Council; $1.00 be sent Easter Seal campaign; school be entered in Rural Beautification and Handicraft Van be asked to come in June.

A letter regarding sponsoring a student to U.N. School at "Mount Allison was read and discussed but left till next meeting.

The letter from Mrs. Cutcliffe on home economics was read and the guestionnair answered

A contest put on by Mrs. Harry Dixon was much enjoyed, and won by Mrs. Walter Dixon.

After a social hour and lunch the meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem.

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HAPPENINGS

Dr. Florence Haslam, Anglican Medical Missionary stationed at Maple Leaf Hospital, Kangra, India, arrived by plane at noon yesterday on a brief visit to Charlottetown. Dr. Haslam will be guest speaker at the annual meeting of the P. E. Islan. Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada opening this afternoon in St. Peter's Cathedral Hall. While here,,Dr. Haslam will be the guest of her aunts, Miss Maude and Miss Ada Haslam, 210 Kent Street, and her cousin, Councillor A. J. Haslam and Mrs. Haslam, 14 Fitzroy St.

Mr. Kenneth Parker, supervisor of city schools, left this morning by plane for Toronto, to attend an executive meeting of the Canadian Conference on Children. He expects to return on Sunday.

Nurses and Surgeons from Canada and the Eastern part of the United States attended a four day meeting sponsored by the American College of Surgeons in Montreal last week.

The meeting was planned for the interest of all personnel concerned with the care of surgical patients. Outstanding in the programme was a presenattion of the "Story of One Person's Nursing Care." Other highlights were lecture-discussion periods on the "Management of Crises in Human Situations" and the "Problem and Control of Staphylococcal Infections." In connection with the meeting, tours of different hospitals were conducted and demonstrations of new technics were presented.

The nurses who attended from Prince Edward Island were. Sister Paul of the Cross, C.S.M., R.N., Sister Mary Patricia, C.S.M., R.N., both Surgical Nursing Supervisors at the Charlottetown Hospital and Miss Frances MacMillan, R.N., Surgical Nursing Instructor, at the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

The regular meeting of the Nurses Alumnae Association of the P.E.I. Hospital was held in the Cundall Home on Friday, March 20th. Committees were formed to oversee arrangements for the Anniversary dinner, the tentative date of which is June, and the graduating dance, May 21st. The next meeting will be held Friday, April 17th, with an interesting program and business meeting planned.

Mrs. A. B. Cosh, West Street, Charlottetown, has returned from a visit with her son, Lt.-Cmdr. Alan B. Cosh, Mrs. Cosh and family, Armdale, Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carew and small son Wayne, Hunter River left Monday morning for Toronto, where Wayne will enter the Childrens Hospital for heart surgery. A early recovery is wished by his many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Carew was accompanied to Toronto by Mrs. Gertrude Weeks who will visit with relatives there.

The regular monthly meeting of the Prince Edward Island Art Society was held on April 14th. at Prince of Wales College with the president Mrs. B. B. Jones presiding. The secretary, Miss. Ann Matheson, read the minutes of the March meeting and also those of an executive meeting he'd in April. Correspondence concerning the art exhibition by the Home and School of Summerside was read and discussed. A number of paintings were brought by members for this exhibition which is to be held on April 22 in the Summerside Auditorium. Mr. Barry Bugden will be the guest speaker. A motion was passed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Carson of the T. Eaton Co. for providing window space for the exhibition of the work by five Maritime Artists. This was on display from April 1 to April 13. Mrs. Jones expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Gass and Mrs. Barlow for their assistance in unpacking and repacking this exhibition.

An announcement was made of a contest by Hycroft China of Medicine Hat, Alberta for a design for china. Details of the Maritime Art Convention which is being held in Fredericton, May 22 to May 24 were discussed. Mrs. Jones was chosen as the official delegate to represent the society. Miss Eleanor Lowe advised the meeting that Miss MacLeod of the Women's Institute had informed her that they were discontinuing the art section of their display during Old Home Week. They would, however, provide space for use by the Art Society. It was decided to take advantage of this opportunity to exhibit there.

Following some discussion about the local art exhibition it was decided to postpone it until the Fall. The meeting adjourned and Mrs. Doris MacKay gave an interesting and informative talk, with illustrations, on the life and painting of Vincent Van Gogh, which was much enjoyed by all. As a program for the May meeting members were asked to come prepared for a painting session following the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leard, O'Leary, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leard, Coleman, left last week on a motor trip to the USA, where they will visit in Rumford, and Portland, Maine New Hampshire; Boston, and other parts of Massachusetts.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

Keep a supply of ballons on hand to block a baby's bonnet after washing. A balloon can be blown up to exact head size, thus blocking bonnet to perfect size.

Pamapas grass is becoming popular in home decoration. A couple of tall, thin, Italian glass bottles filled with it look handsome on either table or floor.

MARY HAYWORTH

Stand On Your Dignity, See Rules Are Enforced

Dear Mary Haworth: I have taken a job as housekeeper to several priests; and the housemaid and a volunteer worker are trying to run me out of my mind. Also the bookkeeper is butting in.

The maid, who is on duty when I am off, and works an extra day a week, tries to tell me what to buy and how I should do my work. Also, she sits down and and says she isn't going to do my work for me.

The bookkeeper is double-checking my grocery buying, and has the nerve to suggest that I am not getting my money's worth. She wants me to furnish an itemized list, and not just the total figure. Also she tries to specify just how much time I should take for an errand; and today I learned why. She sneaks into the kitchen to rummage through purchases when my back is turned.

I don't tell her how to keep books, so why should she meddle in my domain?

TOTING JAMS, JELLIES

Several items have been missed. One day I bought nine loaves of bread, and they were gone in less than a week. Is this sabotage, to make me look bad? The maid said one of the priests gave her permission to take some jams and jellies. But as I am responsible for pantry supplies, and keeping within the budget, is this right? And in order?

When I mentioned the losses, eyebrows were lifted and remarks made that such had never happened before. But of course they wouldn't have known before, as there was nobody to report such things. . . .

Today the bookkeeper came into the kitchen and unwrapped some meat to see if I had sense enough to buy a piece of meat. Please tell me what to do. The boss told me not to listen to anyone but him. But with those others "framing" me, soon the boss himself won't know whom to believe.

Some day these people may be exposed. Given enough rope they may hang themselves. But meantime must I suffer their insults? Please help. — C.P.

DEFINE THE JOB

Dear C.P.: What to do? Clarify your status in the staff situation. Ask the boss to give you a job-definition. Are you a housekeeper, in the real meaning of the term? If so, you are vested with authority that befits your station as go-between.

A housekeeper specifies the maid's duties and sees that she does them. If the maid is discourteous or non-cooperative, she should be fired with management backing; and someone hired who will accept supervision. That is good government. In order to have teamwork, there must be a chain of command—laid on the line, and followed through.

About the bookkeeper, she is partly right and very much wrong. She is entitled to an itemized invoice of grocery expenditures. So, if you buy with cash, use a notebook when marketing. Enter each purchase (article and cost) in the notebook, to tally against the cash register slip.

However, put your foot down in the matter of "secret spy" snooping in your kitchen. Send the bookkeeper flying, with a figurative kick in the pants, if ever again you catch her rummaging through your purchases, as if to check on your honesty. Tell her to get the heck out, and mind her own business — if she can control herself to that extent —and you'll take care of your end of the job, while it's yours.

TEST HER STRENGTH

When food supplies are filched by permission the handout should be reported to you, just to keep the record straight, inasmuch as you are responsible for pantry stock. The boss should insist upon this, in fairness to you.

Your troubles at present are those of a good-natured, dependable "doer" unaccustomed to executive relationships. Evidently the other females on the premises are testing you out, to discover the weakness or strength of your character, in this more or less top-dog assignment, as they see it.

You lose face when you squabble with them on a tug-of-war basis. Stand on your dignity, do the job your way, and take directions from your boss, as he says. But be prepared to hurl them back on their heels if they overstep grossly in your domain. Don't nag the boss about their petty in-fighting; but don't hesitate to call his attention to serious invasions of your job-rights. M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of this newspaper.

Hair Fashions Old And New

Changing the shape of a coiffure has been a favorite trick for many years. Hair stylists have been varying the shape of women's curls, and subtly changing their appearance for just as many years.

Centuries ago, the women had no choice; they wore the prevailing style and wouldn't even think of changing it just because it might not be becoming to themselves — whatever the style they went along with it.

At one time, long curls on either side of the face were the fashion, next, the hair was pasted in the centre and drawn plainly into a thick roll, pulled over the ears, and gathered into a a net.

The following style was wavy hair and later it was done in puffs at the top of the head, and gathered into a chignon behind—at first it was hung low on the next, and then it was carried up the back of the head till it reached the top, generally accompanied by curls of different lengths.

Then the ladies started wearing silk and velvet ribbons, feathers, nets of gold thread to enhance their coiffures. The hair was powdered with gold, and silver dust, but flowers were the most becoming of all, so they wore all kinds, real or artificial.

Fashion has been pushing us along, gently of course, so that we are not aware of any drastic changes, but many and varied are the ones that have been made.

Although the modern hair dresser usually goes along with the theory that the best hair style is the most becoming, sometimes we allow ourselves to become a fashion plate for a new and different one, not always suitable for our individual needs.

Now we have great freedom and can wear our hair anyway we prefer, gay and carefree or as carefully done as in the days of the nineteenth century.

BRACKLEY POINT W. I.

The April meeting of Brackley Point W.I., was held at the home of Mrs. Gregor and Mrs. Lewis McCallum on Thursday evening, April 2nd, and opened by singing "Seeing Nellie Home."

Thirteen members answered roll-call by passing in two patchwork quilt squares. The treasurer reported $29.11, proceeds from Men's Association dinner. Bills for hall tables were paid.

Thanks was received from residents who had been remembered with flowers and candy while in hospital.

Members wishing to send woolens to Fairfields were asked to pass their orders in to club-shipper Mrs. Fred Hughes, before April 20th.

Mrs. Robert Roberts was appointed school visitor for the month of April.

It was decided to hold a prefestival concert in the hall the week before the festival, a committee of three members to take charge.

Mrs. Robert Roberts capably demonstrated the ironing of a shirt.

The members who had attended sewing class at the Vocational School during the winter, modelled the dresses they had made in class. All were pretty and well-finished and were mucn mired by all present.

Collection amounted to $2.6

The May meeting was invi to the home of Mrs. Low Younker, and will be held week previous to the regu date.

The hostess served a delici lunch after which the meet adjourned.

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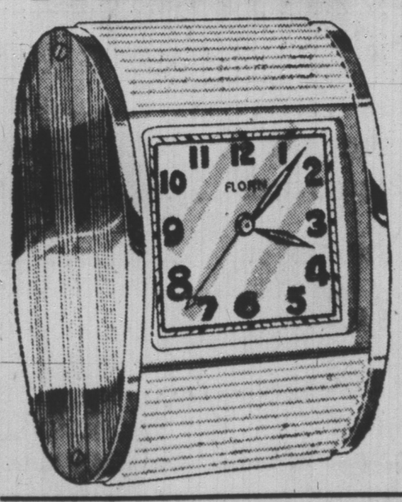

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