WOMEN

Smart Boater For Springtime

It's spring bonnet time in London's Mayfair hat salons where elegant women with money to burn are purchasing frothy bonnets. Many of the new smaller hats are styled to tip to one side over the forehead in the manner of this smart boater. In black and white stripes the boater has an impudent similarity to the hat style peculiar to Maurice Chevalier. This shape comes in varied materials and colors and is worn with matching bow fixed to a white sailor collar.—(CP Photo).

Engagement

The engagement is announced of Marion Jean Seaman, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seaman, Halifax, N.S., and Dr. Robert Norman Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson, St. Peter's Bay, P. E. I. The wedding will take place in the near future.

ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

Pussy willows and snowdrops are an old tale of the season, now that the gardens give promise of other winsome flowerings to follow . . . And what of dandelions, first flower of the field? Presently now, little, and we are sure, bigger hands will gather them, treasuring once more the fresh gold which ever seems to represent so much that is satisfying.

We saw James stop a moment in the yard today to look out curiously along the farmlands. He smiled. And we following his eyes discovered, as had he, a delicate green appearing amid the drab of the pastures. A lazy wind loitered by at the time, one scented with cleaning fires' smokes and the fragrance of winter-washed earth; and by the wisps of vapor above them one could tell that the sun was commencing to make his old spring magic in the furrowed fields.

The farmers spoke of the fencing today. And wondered if "those leather boots of mine are about," and "would there be a lighter cap than this, you could find for me?" And thus shod and capped were away then to bring the wood-sawing another afternoon nearer its close . . . Three little ones carried a lunch to that field and ate in the vicinity of the activity and then at a set time separated, Granddaughter and Mack to go along the old fields to Alderlea, Gage to rejoin Jamie who for the interval had been entrusted with the cares of the barns.

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"Whew!" Gage came indoors a bit later, dark hair damp on his forehead. "I'm hot!"

"You shouldn't play so hard, Dear," we advised him.

"Play!" he returned. "You wouldn't call it playing, if you knew a lamb was about to be born and you had to run to bring Gran'-daddy in case," he nodded mysteriously, "well, just in case . . . That's not play," he smiled engagingly obviously proud to have proved his worth in an emergency of the farm.

"That's work ! . . . It's there now," he added.

"Boy or girl?" we smiled.

"Girl!" he chuckled, "and only one at that! No black ones yet," he sighed, "and just one more to depend on."

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Very ease it was to loiter about like the lazy wind of today—to rest at the least excuse our housecleaning to come to a doorway to listen to a blackbird's happy whistle from a lawn-tree; to watch wild ducks rise from the stream below, on dark wings and betake themselves to some secret hinterland up the creek where in a downy nest dreams were hatching true; to admire the old trees, of the lines which separate the farms on the opposite slope, trace wide-spreading branches on the silver-blue of the sky. Quiet were the farmlands that basked in the sunshine, faint green of pasture and meadowland, red-brown of furrows . . . quiet and yet we knew already pulsing with new life.

Wood-sawing and splitting-fencing "to get them thar sheep out" and more . . . so much work looms on the farmers' horizon, now that the seedtime draws near.

"We should try to be up in fair-good time tomorrow, Ellen," James' voice and step is on the stairs. "It's a truth that folks sleep the best part of their lives away!"

- - - - Good-night . . . . .

Until tomorrow - - - - Diary

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I clean white kid gloves?

A. Try using a mixture of a little oatmeal and benzine formed into a paste; rub it on the gloves till it is quite dry. DO NOT USE NEAR FIRE. It is said that pure alcohol is better than anything for cleaning white kid gloves, as it dries quickly without any unpleasant odor.

Q. How can I lubricate the vacuum cleaner?

A. A light grade of automobile engine oil is an excellent lubricant for the vacuum cleaner.

Q. How can I remove water spots from varnished wood, such as on table or furniture?

A. Rub the spots with a cloth, wet with camphor oil.

DOROTHY DIX

Quarrel's Aftermath

DEAR MISS DIX: Six months ago my husband and I separated. I went home to my folks and told my parents everything that had gone wrong between Barry and me. Naturally, they took my part. I realized at the time that mother was building up a resentment against my husband because of what I had told her. She had always been quite fond of him while we were going together and after we were married. Barry came to see me quite often, and eventually we effected a reconciliation. However, although everything now is fine between us, mother refuses to have anything to do with Barry. Since we don't have a car, she had always been generous about letting us have hers. Now she won't let me borrow the car unless I promise that Barry won't drive. This is just one of the things that she's gotten very petty about. How can I restore her former affection for my husband?

L.D.

ANSWER: While going over the past is usually a futile pursuit, in your case, a brief review of bygones may help you avoid the same mistake in the future.

EXAGGERATED TROUBLES

You make no mention of what caused the rift between you and Barry, but since you continued a friendly relationship and were reconciled after a brief separation, I assume the trouble was of no great dimensions. Your error was in going to your mother with a detailed—and undoubtedly exaggerated—account of everything done by your husband that was not to your liking. Had your mother been wise she would have seen the underlying truth, but, as is quite natural her strong maternal instinct overrode common sense, and she flung herself wholeheartedly into the "what did the big brute do to my little girl" routine. While by now you have probably forgotten the little things that led to the separation, your mother not only remembers them, but has built them up in her own mind until she actually feels that Barry is a cold, inhuman wretch and you are his victim.

Instead of trying to curb her ire, you are actually increasing its intensity by continuing actions that you know will displease her. This matter of the car, for instance, seems to take precedence in her list of resentments and you are very foolish to continue asking for it. Each time you borrow the car a new quarrel arises between you and your mother, then between you and Barry. Is a car really worth all this fuss? Better make the effort trying to save for a car of your own and forego the fussing.

It also would be a good idea if you'd admit to your mother that the entire fault for the separation wasn't Barry's. You can help build up to your mother a better impression of him. Get to work on it, and good luck.

DEAR MISS DIX: When I was a young man, about 40 years ago, I lived in another state and was very much in love with a girl whose parents opposed our marrying. We moved apart, I married another girl who died several years ago. Now I have returned to my home town to learn that my old sweetheart is a widow. Would it be foolish for us to marry now? She's 60 and I'm 64.

Boots

ANSWER: Indeed it wouldn't be foolish. There's no reason why two people should continue being lonely when they could be happy together. However, I take it you haven't mentioned marriage to her yet, so don't be too hasty with your plans. You should be able to judge whether she is receptive or not to the idea before proposing.

Ottawa Student Admits 'Spying'

A lively intellectual curiosity concerning Communists in the U.S. led Daphne Price, seen above, a 19-year-old Ottawa girl, to spy for the FBI—at her own request—on radical students' activities at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, where she is a third-year political science student. Between, December of '53 and March of this year, she contributed "bits and pieces" of information about what she had seen and heard on the campus from the radicals to the FBI. But, she said, it was with growing unease. Finally, April 1, after trying fruitlessly to get in touch with the FBI to explain "I was at the end of my rope," she went to the man who was the "chief suspect", but who had become a close personal friend of hers, and told him everything. The man was Edward H. Shaffer of Pittsburgh, studying for his Ph.D. in economics. He earlier had been named in the campus paper as a leader of the radicals at the university and has recently been summoned to appear before a congressional investigation committee at Detroit. "Ed was awfully decent about it," she said. She told him the whole story and her conclusion that it "was morally wrong" for her to be giving information about people who had become her personal friends. She summed up her experience by saying "counter-espionage is for the professionals."

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M. D.

DISEASES OF LOWER BOWEL

There is no question but that the physician who has not only graduated in medicine but has also spent several years doing special work in a certain branch of medicine and surgery is well equipped to treat cases requiring this special work.

However, there are certain cases even where this special type of work is required where the general practitioner can do satisfactory work if given some help by the specialist. For instance, many general practitioners who refer their cases requiring rectal surgery (lower end of the bowel) to the specialist (proctologist) are themselves able to give the necessary treatment to the patient.

In the Journal of The American Medical Association, Dr. L. E. Moon, Omaha, Neb., a specialist in proctology, states that he is not speaking as a surgical specialist whose attention and interests are focused solely on removal of the diseases at the outlet of the digestive tract but as a physician whose concern is to see more sick persons restored to health

"From my own experience I believe I can point out how the special knowledge and skills of the proctologist might be used to better advantage by specialists in other branches of medicine and surgery, including heart specialists, and by the general practitioner in promoting the general care of the community. The entire body must be remembered in caring for the individual patient."

Dr. Moon then mentions the various diseases and condition in which the proctologist, particularly the surgeon doing stomach and other abdominal operations such as ulcerative colitis and cancer, can really do the operation himself.

To illustrate his point Dr. Moon reports a patient's experience while undergoing a clinical investigation and treatment in a teaching hospital. There was a group of five physicians making the rounds, only one of whom asked the important question, "Did your bowels, move?" He recalls one case referred to him by a neurologist who, when Dr. Moon asked, "Does she have any trouble with her elimination (bowel movements)?" replied, "No, she doesn't have any trouble. She takes two compound cathartic pills each night and an ounce of mineral oil four times a day as an enema when necessary so she has no trouble with her bowels." We should not think that the bowels must work every day; Dr. Walter Alvarez has taught us differently, but the point is that there can be an obstruction of the bowel in many cases for which the proctologist is consulted and bowel movement is an important factor. The general practitioner always asks about bowel movements.

Cook's Corner

Somebody's birthday? Well, then here's a special cake for that special occasion, provided by South Bedeque W. I. who are providing the recipes this week.

BIRTHDAY CAKE

Cream:
1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs well beaten
Vanilla
3 cups flour (half cake flour)
1 cup milk

Divide in three parts putting chocolate in one, red color in the other. Add one teaspoon baking powder to each one.

Lemon filling:
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
1 egg
Lemon juice
2 tablespoons flour

Icing to cover entire cake:
2 cups sugar
2 tablespoons corn syrup
½ cup water
Boil till it threads.
Pour into 2 egg whites beaten stiff.

—South Bedeque W.-I.

The Stars Say

By Estrellita
For Tomorrow

WHERE business matters are concerned, this day's lunar vibrations, while not entirely favorable for the initiation of new enterprises, do favor progress on ventures already inaugurated. Use caution in any matter in which there is even the faintest possibility of risking your cash, however.

The evening hours are excellent for social and cultural interests and community projects are also under good aspects. Plans made now for travel in the future should culminate successfully.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, the next three months promise much in the way of career advancement and financial betterment along with it.

Ideas you may have hesitated mentioning to superiors in the past should get an attentive ear during this period so that, by fall, you may find yourself well into a new program of activity which will eventually bring financial reward.

Social and domestic affairs should be generally harmonious during the balance of 1954, but guard against emotional stress during September. Learn to relax. You have great cause for optimism and high hopes.

A child born on this day will be practical and enterprising, but inclined to be dogmatic at times.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. I am a member of a group of church women who, after a meeting, usually stop somewhere for a bite to eat. Since I don't eat between meals, all I ever order is coffee. However, the bill is always divided equally among us. Do you think this is fair?

A. No; but there's nothing much you can do about it without appearing "close." The best solution is to order nothing at all — then you can hardly be asked to share the bill.

Q. I see more and more people cutting their bread or rolls at the table with a knife. Is this now considered proper?

A. No. Good behavior still says that bread, rolls and the like should be broken into small pieces, and each one buttered as it is eaten.

Q. How should one address a wedding gift?

A. Gifts sent before the wedding are addressed to the bride in her maiden name. Gifts sent after the wedding, of course, are addressed to the couple.

BUSY PASTOR

BROOKHAM, England, (CP) — Rev. Wilfred Tristam says he has covered more than 15,000 miles in three years on his light motorcycle, visiting rural parishioners in Surrey.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE WRONG ARGUMENT

At the end of the following hand North and South wasted their time arguing about the bidding, when the real point was a matter of play.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

North: ♠ J 10 2 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ 8 3

West: ♠ Q 7 4 ♥ J 9 8 6 4 ♦ J 5 ♣ K 6 2

East: ♠ 9 6 5 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q 10 9 8 ♣ Q 7 4

South: ♠ A K 8 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ A K ♣ A J 10 9 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	2 N T	Pass
3 N T	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the postmortem—the game contract having gone down one—South said that North should have passed out the two-notrump opening "with such a miserable hand." North disagreed, rather violently, and the battle raged back and forth on this narrow field.

It would have been more to the point if the partners had discussed the play of the hand. (The raise to three notrump, though thin, was entirely proper.)

This is how the play actually went:

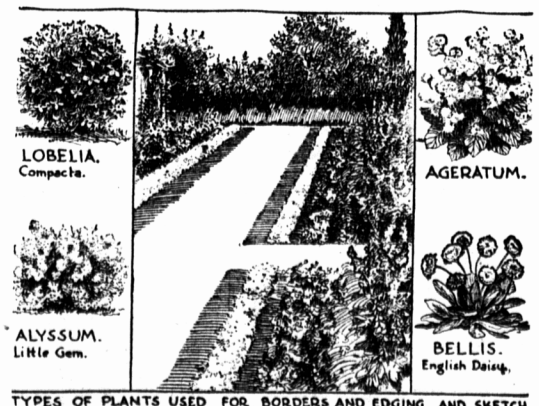
West opened the heart six. Dummy played low, and East (with questionable wisdom) put up the ace. South, happy to have two heart tricks, played the three. East shifted to a diamond. South won, led to the heart queen and took a club finesse. West won and returned the diamond jack. South could not clear his club suit without giving up another trick, and when East got in he cashed two good diamonds, setting the contract.

South lost the contract at the first trick—by failing to unblock the heart king on East's ace. Entries to dummy were urgently needed, and that was the way to create an extra entry, without jeopardizing the two heart tricks South could claim. (If East had held the heart jack along with the ace, he certainly would not have put up the ace at Trick 1.) After unblocking, South could, with relative safety, finesse to dummy's heart ten, and in that way give himself the chance for two finesses in clubs.

Morning Smile

"There's no accounting for tastes, as the woman said when somebody told her that her son was wanted by the police." (F. P. Adams, American journalist).

Dwarf Flowers are Best For Front Yard Borders



TYPES OF PLANTS USED FOR BORDERS AND EDGING AND SKETCH SHOWING EXAMPLE OF THEIR USE.

"Edging," or "ribbon" plants are in great demand among home gardeners for planting along the boundary of a flower bed or border, to give it a trim look, and add color to the composition.

Garden paths, can be planted attractively with dwarf plants which "stay-put" and can be relied upon not to get in the way.

Sweet alyssum is deservedly popular, for its snowy carpet of fragrant blossoms. The dark purple alyssum Violet queen is equally attractive, and white and violet plants can be alternated, with good effect.

Dwarf ageratums and lobelias make bushy plants covered with blue-lavender flowers which combine with all other colors and enhance their beauty. The English daisies (bellis perennis) are double flowers of white, red and pink borne on bushy 8-inch plants.

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The dainty blue, rose and white blooms of the Swan River daisy are material for a beautiful border. The dwarf candytufts are rivals of the alyssum for snowy whiteness as well as giving beautiful shades of lilac and carmine.

A tiny marigold, Tagetes signata pumila, bearing myriads of brilliant orange flowers above fernlike sweet-scented foliage, is a handsome border plant making a solid miniature flowering hedge.

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Other good dwarfs are:

Antirrhinum (Snapdragon) "Magic Carpet" — Eight inches tall. All snapdragon colors mixed.

California Poppy (Eschscholtzia) — Dwarf erect varieties; soft apricot; double rose; deep scarlet; frilled mixed.

Calliopsis (Tickseed) — Dwarf mixed in shades of maroon, garnet, yellow.

Petunias — Martha Washington; Admiral, Cream Star.

Portulaca (Moss Rose) — All warm colors.

Verbena — Dwarf varieties —all verbena colors.

Viscaria — Tom Thumb or dwarf sorts — Rose; white; blue.

Zinnia linearis — Golden orange.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Cracked Linoleum

To Gain Weight

To gain more weight take nine or ten hours of sleep each night; drink plenty of water and milk. Eat boiled meats, butter, bread, fats, oils and starchy foods. Eat two raw eggs every morning before breakfast.

Soap Bubbles

For the child who is blowing soap bubbles, add a few drops of glycerine to the soap and water, and the bubbles will have a more brilliant color and will last much longer.

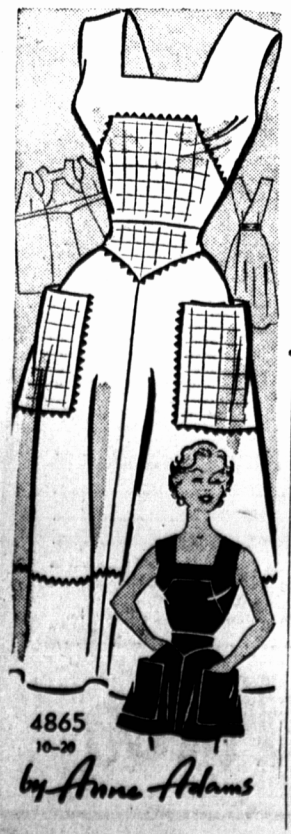
To Clean the Hands

Where dirt is ground into the hands, rub them thoroughly with Vaseline jelly, allow it to remain for 30 minutes, and then wash the hands.

BIG YOUNGSTERS

Polar bear cubs weigh up to 400 pounds at eight months of age.

Anne Adams Patterns



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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "There weren't but three people present at the meeting when it got going."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "corral"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Expediency, exultancy, exhibition, expectency.
4. What does the word "inveterate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "weakness"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "There were but three persons present at the meeting when it began." 2. Pronounce kor-al, o as in on unstressed, a as in alley, accent second syllable. 3. Expectancy. 4. Deep-rooted. "The envy of some people is inveterate." 5. Impotence.

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