

MRS. GORDON MacMILLAN

## A COUNTRY GARDEN

In April, at the winter's end, when the evening light was blue and cool, a golden sliver of a moon trembled in the meadow-pool.

This thickets leaned above the stream and shook their tight buds in the dusk. A night-bird darted through the dusk and left his troubled cry behind.

I wondered, watching from the grass, how such a little pool could tether the earliest stars and buds and moon and make their colors run together.

Now that April is here many gardeners are beginning to make plans for the spring and today I have received a letter from a country woman wishing information on what to plant for a garden this season as she has never had a garden. I advised her to send for all the bulletins on horticulture to the Experimental Farms Branch, Ottawa.

They are free and they contain so much information for all who are just beginning to garden. It is wise to write for all the flower catalogues advertised as they are beautiful and interesting.

Easy annuals shown in the open ground, are numerous. Marigolds in many varieties and Zinnias, Nasturtiums, Larkspur and Calendula. Perennials can be grown as easy as vegetables in early spring, and hardy shrubs need little care after being planted properly. Native ferns do well in shady places and a few small native trees if your country garden is large.

Homes in the wide open country are a very special problem in design. Whether they are by the shore, on a hill or mountain, or in open rolling farm country, the scale of the landscape is much larger than in towns and must be taken into account. Usually there are views that should be framed or at least should not be shut out by planting close at hand. A narrow flower border or a very tiny garden must be so lightly enclosed that it is adequate in its own right; if seen against sky, fields, or water, the border requires greater width and the garshrubs used in conjunction with den much large over-all size. This does not mean, necessarily, more actual feet of flower room, but a larger-scale design with broad

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## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q When a girl is walking along the street with a man and he speaks to someone she doesn't know, should she speak also?

A. She should smile and nod her head. This holds true also for the man, should she speak to an acquaintance.

Q. Should one always change his fork over to the right hand after cutting off a portion of meat with knife and fork?

A. This is known as "zig-zag" eating, and is not necessary. It is better to be able to use either hand interchangeably while eating.

Q. It is necessary to send a gift when one is invited to a church wedding, but not to the reception?

A. In this case, it is not necessary. Only an invitation to the reception requires a gift.

## The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow  
THIS day's lunar vibrations augur well for social and domestic affairs. It is not a period, however, in which to engage in financial dealings or to start new projects. In all matters, adopt a conservative policy.

The evening hours are conducive to leisure and pleasant relaxation. Hobbies are especially favored and participation in them will give you needed peace of mind. It's a good time, too, for a review of your financial status, to plan a more secure future.

## For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you should find the year ahead a stimulating one. Long-pending business and financial problems should conclude satisfactorily between May and June and, during this same period, there is also a possibility that some unforeseen benefit may accrue through travel, a new invention or the favor of an influential person.

There is even the possibility that, by a curious turn of events, you may be thrust unexpectedly into public life.

The summer months should find you in the midst of some interesting experiences, either social or romantic and there is a likelihood that you will receive news regarding an inheritance or complicated property deal. A child born on this day will be enterprising, aggressive and extremely ambitious.

## How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I protect the birds when using the bird bath, and there are cats in the neighborhood?

A. It is a good idea to place the bird bath near a tree if cats are around, as a bird cannot fly far while its feathers are wet.

Q. How can I clean woolen garments?

A. Before attempting to clean a woolen garment brush it thoroughly. Most of the dust and dirt will come out and then one can clean the spots and soil.

Q. How can I remove paint spots from stone floors?

A. Rub the spots thoroughly with turpentine, and then wash with soap and water.

Q. How can I keep moths out of garments?

A. If whole cloves are sprinkled in the folds and pockets of the garments which you are storing, the moths will be kept away.

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## Cooking With Light



HAVE A LIGHT—One usually gets light from electric lamps, but not Sharon Lee Brumley, of Cleveland, Ohio. She's using a new infrared lamp to light her cigarette. Radically different from previous infrared lamps, the new unit uses a quartz tube instead of a glass bulb. It is being manufactured by General Electric who claims it'll be used for heating, baking, cooking and drying.

## Ellen's Diary

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"Well, if I may say so, a little relaxation never yet hurt anybody" a plump young pepper-and-salt gowned matron offered in a quiet voice as we entered the poultry-house this morning.

"Hush! Hush!" a lordly fellow ordered from his point of vantage on a roost above. He was a handsome chap, young too but not altogether of the flock; of distinguished appearance though of arrogant bearing. A little like, he thought came to mind, odd ones of our school—"masters" of olden times stern of face and of definite rules of discipline and somewhat vague about instructing. We must tell Rob to leave that one's head at the chopping-block one of these days. Or maybe, he chuckled, we should do the deed ourselves!

What mattered the past now? We continued the line of thought. Even those we had feared, or scorned with a child's dislike, had contributed something to our up-bringing, much more, probably, than we could ever know. We scattered handfuls of the mixed grains which at seeding-time James will be bound to "altogether too strong a mixture. We'll have to put more oats with it, or I'm afraid we'll have trouble with the stock when we come to feed it."

"And what's all this 'hush-hush' about?" we queried looking his lordship straight in the eye. A subdued titter ran about the place. And a talkative matron said in a run of words: "We were just talking about you, Ellen! It seems..." She stopped and put a hand to her mouth as though startled and surprised at her own presumption. "Continue!" he said, the tones commanding. She tried to find her voice but another close by spoke instead.

"It seems... that James doesn't approve of your, what does he call it? yes, she nodded, "gadding" off to practice for this here concert every night or so."

"Oh, so that's it!" we laughed. "Why, he doesn't mean a thing when he talks like that."

"You never know," the first one commented darkly.

"And what did he say when you go home last night? Did he hear you give that loud 'good-night' at the door before you went inside?"

"He said," we giggled, "Yes, I'd expect he would be deaf! and quite totery too, the chap who would escort you home now, Ellen. In fact, I don't think he would give you much support at all!" There was a rustle of merriment in which even his lordship joined, with a surprised crinkle of the cheeks.

"Men are funny—not funny, but a strange unpredictable creatures!" a merry-eyed naive lady whispered behind her hand.

"Come!" the lofty-perched male called. "We've more important items to consider. Whose turn is it in this nest?" he indicated that at the end of the line, recently vacated.

"Mine," a shy matron acknowledged meekly, "but I don't think..."

"You don't think! Well let me tell you Madam, I know you don't! Do the thinking while I'm around here! Fly up there!"

April now. It will give lads trouting privileges. Will it give us a first aria of the year—the pond and streamside song?

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE LONG RUN

In "social" games no great fuss is made when a declarer goes down one trick more than he should, even when he has been doubled. The general feeling seems to be:

"Oh well, he couldn't make the contract, so why care about one little trick?"

If the players realized how much that "one little trick" added up to over a fair period of time, they might change their minds about its value. Here is an illustrative case:

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ Q 8 5 3  
♥ 7 3  
♦ K 8 5 2  
♣ K 6 2

♠ K 7 2  
♥ A 6  
♦ Q J 9  
♣ A Q 10 9 4

♠ —  
♥ K Q J 10  
♦ 5 2  
♣ 7 6 3 3

— The bidding: —  
West North East South  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
Dble. Pass Pass Pass

West opened the ace of hearts and upon seeing the dummy, shifted to the queen of diamonds. South saw a chance to make the contract if the spade finesse succeeded, so he won the diamond with dummy's king and then led the eight of spades.

When East discarded a heart, South hastily took the spade ace and returned the singleton club. West went up with the ace and led his remaining heart. East won and returned a diamond, South winning with the ace.

Now South led his last heart, expecting to ruff in dummy and discard his last diamond on dummy's king of clubs. But West put up the king of spades, setting South two for a 500-point penalty.

Declarer could have saved a trick easily — and without giving up his chance for the contract — by winning the first diamond in his own hand and returning a club at once.

West could take the club ace, but nothing could prevent South from getting to dummy with the diamond king for a discard on the king of clubs. After that detail was taken care of, there would be time enough to try the trump finesse.

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## Cook's Corner

FRYING PAN COOKIES

Break 2 eggs in frying pan. Add 1 cup white sugar. Mix together. Add 1 1/2 cups chopped dates. 2 tsp. butter and salt.

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—Margaret Casely, Spring Valley, W. I.

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## SCIENCE AND FAITH

## Lenten Meditation

from the columns of the Times, London

The first words of the Bible assert that "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The first article of Christian faith affirms belief in God, the Father, Creator of heaven and earth. This faith is reaffirmed in Christian churches on Septuagesima Sunday, for this Sunday takes its colour from the traditional first lesson at Morning Prayer—the first chapter of Genesis. Keble's hymn "There is a book who runs my read" is widely sung, though not all who sing it realize that the "book" is not the Bible, but the created world; and "in choirs and places where they sing" the anthem will probably be "The heavens are telling the glory of God."

A natural question which arises is whether the traditional language of Bible and Church can be made to harmonize with the ideas about the universe which modern science has made familiar. Those who hear the well-known words of the Genesis story, unlike many of their predecessors down the centuries, are vividly aware of many scientific facts apparently at variance with what the Bible contains. They think of an expanding universe, of distances measured by millions of light years, of a world in which this earth, far from being the centre of things, represents an almost infinitesimal spot in a galaxy which is itself only one of an immeasurable number of galaxies.

Facts like these compel the Christian worshipper to read the old words not as an alternative scientific account of how things happened but as a pictorial presentation of facts of a different order. For science can tell us nothing at all about what Christians mean, or should mean, by creation.

Science can continue to tell us more and more about how the material world has become what it is, and even about its future; but Christian thought about creation rests upon faith, and is not a deduction from sight. "By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which do appear."

These words from the Epistle to the Hebrews lead to the very heart of the matter. Science can tell us immensely interesting and striking things about historical processes, but only faith can assert that the whole historical process—whether it began with hydrogen gas or anything else—came into being through an act of will on the part of the living and eternal God.

Faith, too, has to teach us that the world is sustained in being by that same will. On this point medieval Roman Catholic philosophers and modern, continental thinkers of the Protestant tradition are agreed. The world, it has been said, is held over an abyss of nothingness by the hand of God.

Hence, the importance of the Septuagesima message lies in a contemporary assertion rather than in assertions about the prehistoric past. It is true that God created the world, but it is of more immediate relevance when a man can say "God created me, and the significance of my life derives from what he means me to be."

Dependence upon God and responsibility to him are the real Christian lessons of Creation Sunday. And so, strange as it may seem, it may be that in a right grasp of the Christian doctrine of creation is to be found the answer to juvenile delinquency and to all similar blots on human life.

## DOROTHY DIX

## Selfish Student Husband

DEAR MISS DIX: For the first year of our marriage my husband was in service and we lived near his base. He got out of service a year and a half ago and went right into college. We lived at my parents' home, where we received free room and board, as well as care for our baby, now one year old. My husband made no attempt to look for work.

Early this year we made a down payment on a home with money saved from his Army pay, plus some borrowed from my folks.

Now, in order to maintain the home, Bob wants me to go to work and let his mother care for the baby so he can continue his schooling. No word, again, about his going to work. At present I'm caring for other children to help out, and feel this is about all I can do since, I'm not very well—I weigh only 98 pounds. My mother-in-law says I'm not a good wife unless I do what I can to keep Bob in school. He had a job for a few weeks but lost it. Our income consists of his check from the VA, and what little I can make.

Clarice

ANSWER: There are two kinds of men who want to continue school after marriage. One is the serious student who honestly wants an education to further himself in a given profession and is willing to do all he can to accomplish his purpose; the other is simply looking for an excuse to postpone the business of getting down to brass tacks and supporting a family. Your man very patently belongs in the second group. It's no easy task to work for a degree, hold down a job, and bring up a family, yet many young men do it, and so can anyone who has the ambition and the will.

HER FOLKS TOO GENEROUS

In your case it should be particularly easy, you have governmental aid and your own family is most co-operative. Perhaps your folks have been too co-operative. There should be absolutely no reason why you

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## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Plant Insects

One tablespoonful of smoking tobacco soaked in one quart of water over night, and poured on the soil about every thirty days will destroy plant insects and also fertilize the plant.

Blackheads

A good remedy for getting rid of blackheads is to wash the face with warm water and castile soap several times a day. Always rinse in cold water.

Lettuce

If lettuce is cut off above the ground instead of being pulled up by the head, it will grow the second time.

## Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "After having arrived, the people greeted each other."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "etiquette"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Despicable, despondency, deprecate, deprecat.

4. What does the word "ineffably" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with di that means "variety"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit "after," and say, "the people greeted one another." 2. Pronounce et-i-ke-t, and not et-i-ly-ke-t. 3. Despondency. 4. In a

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## Morning Smile

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