

Berothy Dix

riage is a wonderful thing for everyone concerned—husband, wife and child. I'm sure that with patience and understanding, you'll overcome the initial error.

DEAR MISS DIX: For the 17 years of our marriage my husband's people have been quite a problem. This was a second marriage for us both. Most of our trouble begins with one of his three daughters. Although she's married, she comes to our home several times a week, telling us what to do, criticizing everything in the house—then borrowing money from her dad. I'm so fed up I'm ready to leave him, though I am 64 years old.

Mrs. B.

ANSWER: Breaking up your home at your age would be, in my opinion, a foolish move. Your home life may not be perfect—few homes are—but the certainty of loneliness isn't very attractive either. Try to be a bit more assertive; that might remove many of the difficulties. Since your husband and you get along very well, except for this one problem, you'd be better off to learn to endure it, rather than risking your married happiness because of one snoper.

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A Country Garden

gance and suitable planting was near. Beautiful Blue Iris and scarlet Poppies with Tuberous Begonias and Alyssum for later bloom. An early annual, Salsvia was in scarlet bloom in a sunny sheltered corner with a background of Quince (for Jam) and a grape vine for the beauty of its vine and some for eating.

This garden is famous for its beautiful trees and woodland, its shrub bordered walk which is kept neatly edged and raked. It is a pleasant walk especially in early spring with its primroses and periwinkle which was brought from the old land. Very beautiful ferns are banked around the iron seat which is near a bubbling spring. Some of these ferns have been transplanted in shady corners near the dwelling. Stones have been gathered and used to make the garden easy to care for small annuals and roses against the walls of various sites.

The sundial is not familiar to many Island gardeners and I shall quote from the introduction to "The Sundial in our Garden" by Trevillon.

Let us who love gardens consider the sundial. What a forgotten and obsolete thing it has become. When we put one up at the corner of our garden a few years ago there were many who had never seen one—they knew not how to measure time—children still gather about it, and marvel. It is a source of unending attraction.

Up until Pope Sylvester II in 996 A.D. invented the first clock, the simple sundial shouldered the laborious daily task of keeping the human family advised of the time of day—and the night took care of themselves. The mention of the sundial in the Bible is thought to be referred to in Isaiah, chapter 38, verse 8—"Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward, the sun returned ten degrees by which degrees it was gone down" a similar reference to the sundial is found in II Kings, chapter 20, verse 11. This is the greatest miracle of Isaiah and it happened some 700 B.C. Chaldean astronomers used the hemisphere dial. The Greeks had it, and Rome was using it by 290 B.C. The sundial still kept tab on the hours for England, however, long after William the Conqueror came and passed to his reward. It was as late as 1288 when Westminster put up its first clock and tried out the new project for tabbing time. Four years later Canterbury Cathedral adopted the same modern method

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

It is interesting to note that man's attitude towards disease has always depended on prevailing beliefs. For instance, in Central Africa even in this year of 1954 a sick person is given a sound thrashing. Why? To drive out the evil spirit causing the disease.

And it was not such a long time ago in Europe when disease was believed to be due to overheated blood. To remedy this, doctors bled their patients. The custom of bleeding patients for various diseases was practiced in the garden of the gulf in pioneer days.

Many years ago a group of residents of Wellington, Prince Edward Island, heard a phantom train passing through their district. Perry Martell claimed he heard the whistle of a train and went to investigate. Near the bridge that spanned Forks Hollow, he distinctly saw the train and a number of persons standing around it as if something had gone wrong. The coaches were lighted and the bell was ringing.

Upon nearer approach, however, the train and the people vanished, and the chimes performed on mechanically marked periods instead of shadow-recorded time.

The clock for centuries was one of the cherished luxuries. The sundial was long the mainstay method of recording time throughout the world where time mattered at all. Dialing became one of the arts. It was known as gnomonics and was a necessary part of a gentleman's education throughout the civilized world. Until as late as 1800, it was taught in the English universities and the continent and its mastery marked one as cultured.

But sun time and clock time are not the same. Clock time is known as mean time; that marked by the sundial is apparent time. The difference between them is the equation of time. Four times a year, however, clock time and sun time agree April 15, June 15, September 1 and December 24. The sundial is not entirely out of the picture even in these modern times here. Despite the phenomenal mechanism of the modern clock and finely jeweled watch, our official observatory time still comes from Old Man Sol.

Next week we shall write about sundial mottoes and other interesting descriptions of the sundial in your garden.

The tradition of womanhood among the Brahmins of India is that they regard their husbands as their earth god. To the Brahman girl wife her husband comes before everything else in life! This ancient tradition regarding the sanctity of wedlock leads to a lot of evil, the chief evil being that girl-wives become girl-slaves to their lord and masters—their husbands. If ever there was "a man-made law," this compulsion of young girls to become wives and mothers is one of them.

Not many of our rheumatic people would care to try the old Spanish cure of rubbing spanish pepper into the nails of their fingers and toes.

The inhabitants of New Hebrides throw the scraps from their tables into the sea, lest they fall into the hands of disease makers who might turn them into germs.

"Take up thy bed and walk," was what Jim Travis, of Turret, Arkansas had to do recently when he entered hospital for treatment.

Travis is 8 feet, 6 inches tall and his special bed, a ten-footer! Our sister province of Nova Scotia has a mystery jar. Found in Central, Nova Scotia, at a place called Bloody Creek, this ancient relic stands over a foot high, is of gray color, with a neck opening of three inches. An aura of mystery and romance surrounds this object. Date of find: 1855.

25,000 persons in Holland are directly employed in bulb-growing. More than 100 countries buy most of their bulbs from Holland. Bulbs net the little country close to \$30,000,000 each year.

The mouths of some fish are so small they are unable to swallow anything larger than a few thousandths of an inch across.

Some folk don't want to be reminded of their birthdays, because it makes them just a little bit older.

How often we hear someone say they would give almost anything they possessed to go back to their teenage. Personally I do not feel that way about birthdays, for as I grow older I enjoy the treasures of the past. The years have brought me greater happiness than I had expected they would. Writing a daily column calls for much research and long hours of labor, but I find a joy in such pains, and what more can any mere mortal hope for?

Don't drag the family skeleton from the closet. Why? Because there is sure to be a tale attached to it.

A couple of pickpockets at prayer in a Montreal church robbed a fellow-kneeler of his wallet contain-

ing \$2. But they were arrested while still on their knees by a policeman who sat behind them.

This is the story of the crewless blimp, a story that came out of World War II. Date August 2, 1942. The blimp took off from Treasure Island, California, in the morning.

At approximately 7.30 a. m. Lieutenant Coady reported that he saw an oil slick on the water below the blimp, not far from California's famous golden gate bridge.

The presence of oil on the water could mean that an enemy submarine might be near the scene. Watchers in fishing boats expected to see the blimp drop a depth charge, but instead it nosed skyward and vanished in a cloud bank.

Some two hours later a couple of men near a Coast Artillery patrol saw the blimp nose-diving towards earth. When she hit the ground the two watchers rushed to the scene of the accident. Imagine their surprise to find the gondola door open and not a living creature inside. The shock of the fall caused one of the depth charges to drop loose, and thus lightened the blimp rose from the ground and disappeared into the sky for the second time.

Thirty minutes later the blimp fell to earth, this time landing in a street in Daily City, just on the outskirts of San Francisco. The blimp was empty.

What became of Lieutenant Coady

and Ensign Adams? Well, that was the \$64 question which nobody could answer. The only missing equipment was a couple of life jackets. Evidently the two were wearing these when they vanished into the unknown. But why did they not use parachutes if they left the blimp in mid-air? And why did they leave the blimp anyway? She had at no time been in danger as weather conditions were ideal for flying, and inspection of the blimp showed everything about her in order.

If Coady and Adams had accidentally fallen out, why hadn't they been seen by the fishermen and the men watching near the patrol? Medical men reasoned that a fall from such a height would have caused their battered and broken bodies to sink at once—yet strange to say not a trace of them ever turned up.

What is the explanation of the crewless blimp? And what is the explanation of the week long darkness in Constantinople, then the Byzantine capital, in August, 775 A.D.? What is the explanation of the dark day, May 19, 1780, which extended all over New England and part of the maritime provinces? People were forced to light candles at mid-day!

A solar eclipse must be ruled out. There was none at the time.

What of the curious flying saucers and little men which have been reported from time to time? Well, reader, your guess is as good

as mine, even as good as the her from the society.

Mrs. Walter Boyis reported a box of used clothing also a quilt ready to send to a Home Mission Station.

A reading by Mrs. Earl Moore, "My Friend Sally," was enjoyed. Mrs. D. J. MacArthur invited the members to meet at her home in July when the roll call will be answered by a verse beginning with "W."

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