

Morning Smile

Putting It Softly

"I've got a little job I'm dreading," remarked a genealogist to a friend. "Rich Mrs. Williams engaged me to look up her family tree and I find that one of her family was electrocuted for murder."

"Aw, don't let that bother you," comforted the friend. "Just describe the man as having occupied the chair of applied electricity at one of our large public institutions."

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

IT is probable that there may be a definite rebuff on runaway impulses, energies and temperaments, in contact with employers, those in authority and important associates in home, office and elsewhere. It is recommended that innate violence be directed toward turning on the latent fund of good nature, kindly feelings and even "yen" for fun, if there is to be any comeback in the way of approbation, promotion, fulfilled desires and other tangibles and rewards. Rash moods get nothing, anywhere.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is have conflicting prospects, the fulfillment of which depends upon a rigid clamping down of "tongue in cheek." There is an innate impulse to indulge rabid impulses, excitable energies, an overwhelming inclination to do anything with reckless might and main. Tempestuously forced issues get nowhere in contacts with superiors or employers, whereas putting on the brakes, even a smile or semblance of friendliness could bring very concrete benefits and happy relations.

A child born on this day should have its native temper, willfulness and excitements given early discipline. If it is to reap the rewards and pleasures possible in its "Nativity."

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it proper to hold the fork or spoon in the hand at the table while engaged in a long conversation?

A. It is better to lay the utensil down on the plate while talking. If held in the hand, one is likely to find oneself waving it about, and this is definitely improper. Of course this does not mean that if a person is going to say "yes" or "I think so," that he should quickly lay his fork down, answer, and then pick it up again.

Q. Should the best man and his ushers stand in the receiving line at a wedding reception?

A. No; the bride and bridegroom, maid of honor, and the bridesmaids are the only ones privileged to stand in the receiving line.

Q. Is it all right for one to use a knife to open a muffin?

A. Never. Bread of all kinds should be broken with the fingers, never cut.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

SYMPATHY FOR AN ABANDONED CHILD HELD TO BUILD A HEART HOSPITAL

"On the campus of the University of Minnesota, closely integrated with the medical school and with the facilities for postgraduate education, now rises a modern hospital devoted to research on diseases affecting the heart and to the care of patients with heart disease. Among the appropriations which have served to develop this institution, probably the best of its kind in the United States, were a contribution from the Variety Club of the Northwest of \$400,000 and a grant from funds developed under the Hill-Burton Act and an appropriation from the state of Minnesota, as well as contributions by news, and industries of this great state."

I am quoting from an editorial in Post Graduate Medicine by Dr. Morris Fishbein.

I believe that the Variety Clubs are deserving of special mention not only for their large contribution to this heart hospital but for their contributions to medical purposes generally. The Variety Club, now spread throughout the United States and Canada, was founded in Pittsburg to care for a little child abandoned in a motion picture theatre, with the problems of little children as its objective. Membership is voluntary and philanthropy is incidental but philanthropy is the moving force in these groups. The backbone of the club is actors, actresses and vaudeville entertainers who not only look after the welfare of their own members but spend their extra money to further medical and health projects, especially in the care of sick children with crippled hearts and limbs.

Rheumatic fever in children is still the leading cause of death between five and 15 years of age. Today diseases of the heart are first in the list of causes of death. In addition to the 40 beds for children and 40 for adults in this new hospital, there is an outpatient department for cases not in hospital. Lounges and sunrooms will be available to aid the long convalescence usual in diseases of the heart. A spacious auditorium (especially a project of the Variety Club) will have room for wheel chairs and litters.

In closing his editorial, Dr. Fishbein states: "The citizens of a free country must assume as far as they possibly can the responsibilities for its progress." We now live more, faster, and more longer than ever before.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

White Wicker

White wicker chairs may be cleaned by first brushing off all loose dirt; then wash with lukewarm suds, to which has been added a little salt, not wetting the chair any more than necessary. Rinse with cold water to harden the wicker. Whiten the wicker by using a little lemon juice in the rinse, and drying out of doors. A chair dried near a hot fire usually cracks afterward.

Stubborn Lids

When the lid on a jar of fruit or vegetables is stuck fast, place the jar upside down in a deep saucepan half-full of cold water; bring to a boil and let it boil for a few minutes. The jar will then open easily.

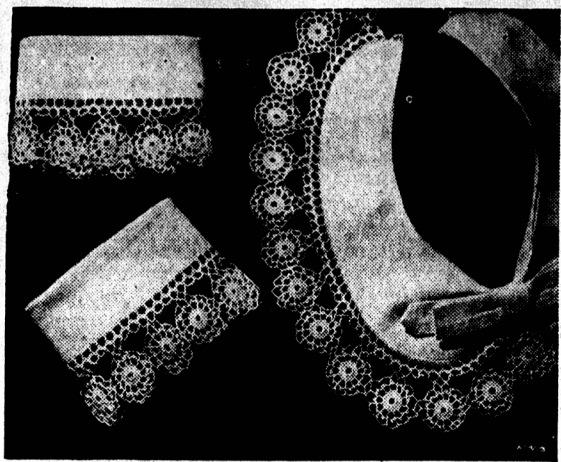
Stained Taffeta

Spots and stains can be removed from a taffeta dress by use of a little fuller's earth. Rub it on and let stand for an hour or so; then brush off.

HIGH CROPS

Afghanistan, mountainous country in Asia, produces cereals, fruits and vegetables with aid of irrigation.

Fresh Looking Collar and Cuffs



Snowy white neckwear is always a bright signpost of spring and this year it will lead the way right through summer, too. Dark plaid cottons frosted with white collars and cuffs will give you the clean, cool look this summer. In this "little girl" collar and cuff set, crisp piqué is combined with crochet. For directions for crocheting this COLLAR AND CUFF EDGING, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Dept. of this paper asking for Leaflet E-132.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Scientific Approach

Reader Seeks U. S. City With Best Ratio Of Men To Women

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Like so many divorcees of 31, I am interested in re-marrying, but the ratio of men to women in my town is not very favorable for my purpose. So, I am looking for some statistics, concerning states and cities having more men than women. I might as well go to the best place! I have one friend who wants me to go to New Mexico where I can get a good job, and another wants me to go to Reno. Which would be the better place? I'm a medical technician.



ANSWER: For a calculating and scientific system for picking a husband, this one takes the prize. Treating a prospective mate as a cold statistic is something new in the annals of husband-hunting. Just how do you work this system, Rita? Having selected the city which seems to have the required proportion of males to females, do you just grab the first unlettered victim, or do you give yourself a little latitude to find the tall, dark and handsome answer to your dreams? Don't you have at least a minimum requirement for congeniality, harmony of tastes, or suitability of background? As for love—heavens, I wouldn't even dream of mentioning the word!

FIGURES ARE WITH YOU

According to the 1951 edition of the World Almanac, there are 66,061,592 men in the United States to 65,607,683 women. So you see, statistics favor you right from the start. The states you mention both have a large surplus of men over women, so either choice should accomplish your purpose. Better get there fast, though. When the significance of these figures get bruited around, there may be a stampede of unattached damsels within their borders.

Another statistic that favors you is that a divorcee your age has a better chance of re-marrying than a single woman of the same age.

Seriously, Rita, I wouldn't advise chasing all over the country just to find a spot that seems, figuratively speaking, to provide good matrimonial prospects. If you think of traveling to broaden your own interests, and you have a fine profession for that purpose, it's a good idea. You're just as likely to find your ideal man around the corner from you as half-way across the country.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a business woman and want to adopt a baby, but my friends tell me I should wait until I feel that I can give up my work and stay at home with the child. I have my own business that is very successful and which I enjoy very much. Also my husband and I have made investments and obligated ourselves to such an extent that it would burden him if I gave up my work. We are financially able to have the services of a competent nurse to care for the baby. I think it is the quality and not the quantity of time spent with the child that is important. What do you think about it?

ANSWER: I think you should go ahead and adopt the baby right away. Even a part-time mother and a good home is infinitely better for a child than no mother at all in an orphan asylum. If you wait until everything is just propitious for taking the baby, you will never get one at all. Likewise, as you have had no experience with children, a competent baby nurse will be able to take much better care of the youngster for the next two or three years than you would.

Theoretically a mother's influence is always beneficial and no hand is so capable in shaping the plastic character of a child as a mother's, but we all know hundreds of instances in which this is not the case. We all know mothers who are totally unfit to rear their children, and we know these children would be a thousand times better off if they could be turned over to a competent nurse. And also we know that there are many cases in which the money that a mother can make in working outside of the home more than compensates her children in the advantages she can give them. So don't be afraid to take your baby.

DEAR MISS DIX: My sister is being married in June. My mother and father are divorced and both remarried. My father's wife will not let him come to the wedding if my mother will be there. My mother is paying for the entire wedding and she will be willing to attend whether my father is present or not. When I was married my wedding was the way my father wanted it and my mother wasn't included at all. Mother says she will stay away if my sister wants my father to give her away. We don't want to hurt either father or mother and don't know what to do.

ANSWER: Your father's wife is certainly being very selfish and inconsiderate to be willing to spoil your sister's big day in this fashion. As I understand it, the final choice of parent to attend the coming nuptials is up to your sister, but inasmuch as your father's wife had her way with one wedding, I think your mother should be considered at this one, even if someone else has to give your sister away.

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.



"When I break down the door you grab the Sherriff's Marmalade"

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

The housewives more personal interests often suffer interruptions these days when of a sudden they are summoned out of doors to lend their energy towards furthering the affairs of the cropping. Even granddaughter is pressed into active service. She fetches and carries on its account, her burden mostly the intriguing messages, she relays from James, while about his choring. "My grandfather says for you to come to help him at... And what shall I tell him?" Sometimes she awaits our reply with a quizzical smile, hoping, we fancy, to be the bearer of news which might jolt at Alder's tomery calm. Eyes widen with wonder and anticipation. "Did you say you wouldn't come! My goodness! Now whatever will he say to that! Because he said," gravely nodding, "for you to come this very minute. He wants help to put out the young cattle. And you know as well as I, that he can't do that all alone." And in spite of his observation, should a frisky one pass, our guard at a gateway, "I might just as well have a woman helping me" assistance seems to be in frequent demand.

A chore we had suspended in the recent weeks owing to the more crowded conditions of the stable, where now members of spring-increase of calves tied in the group, was resumed this morning. With a sentiment which was neither resignation nor delight we picked up a familiar milking stool and glancing along at the might where not all are in their period of lactation we were relieved to hear James say, indicating our subject: "Better try that red one, Ellen — you milked her last year. Don't you remember?" Unaware of the perplexity it caused us, until a remark subtly put yielded us the required knowledge, he later suggested "Now you may as well feed that to her calf... and then Ellen could you take a bit of hay to those calves over in that other building? Make a tidy bundle of it. And then..." Ah then it was we were caught in an entangling web of circumstance.

With granddaughter — companionship, we had stowed a requirement of hay from the stack, on the farm-cart at James' bidding — loving the gentle breeze that was stirring granddaughter's curls, and the sunshine that was adding another "love-kiss" to her fairness as she chatted in the meadow about, and the wild pear by the line bursting into blossom. And then with that chore completed we were invited to accompany the two on a jaunt along the fields that would yield "a few stones to put at the entrance to the bridge." Then it was that the net was closing in about us. We found we were gathering these, not from a heap, but from the reach of new land, steps sinking in the fresh-stirred clay. When we stopped to explore with our small one, the wealth of new growth in the woodlands beside... fiddle heads unfolding, white violets begging to be admired and gathered, trilliums appearing, James declared with a smile, he had not brought us on a "sight-seeing trip. We'll just take odd times at picking these stones, Ellen" he encouraged "and it's surprising how soon we should have them all gathered up."

As we rode home in a span — finally — seated on a broad specimen of The Island's far-famed red sandstone, we decided that after this we would inquire more thoroughly into James' plans before accepting any of his farming proposals and as for picking stones off the new land, we would certainly leave the rest of our share to be reduced naturally, by the wear and tear of the rains and frosts and suns of the year. As to the cropping continues if not actually merrily, most happily. And tomorrow, if all be well, will bring a great change in our way of farming at Alderlea.

Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night...

Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It was him who told me of the unverified rumor."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "clandestine"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Ensemble, environment, enterprise, compromise.
4. What does the word "grandiose" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "h" that means "having a meaning"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "It was he who told me of the rumor (omit unverified)." No rumor is verified. 2. Pronounce klan-des-tin as in an, e as in set, i as in accent on second syllable. 3. Enterprise. 4. Impressive or elevating in effect. "His manner was grandiose." 5. Significant.

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

- Q. How can I launder velvet?
- A. Wash the velvet in lukewarm, soapy water. Do not twist to wring out, but remove the water by pressure. Rinse in water of the same temperature and shake the garment well. When dry, place on a thick blanket and iron on the wrong side.
- Q. How can I, when painting, make easier the task of removing paint which gets on my hands?
- A. Before starting to paint, rub some Vaseline jelly well into the hands and any paint which gets on them will come off much easier.
- Q. How can I prevent a bruise from discoloring?
- A. One method, it is said, is to rub a fresh bump with wet starch.

Cook's Corner

WALNUT CAKE

1/2 cup butter creamed, 1 1/2 cups sugar added gradually, 1/2 cup sour milk, 2 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup chopped walnuts, whites of four eggs beaten stiff. Bake 1 hour.

HOT WATER CAKE

1 cup raisins, 1 level teaspoon soda dissolved in 1 cup boiling water; pour over raisins and let stand till rest of cake is mixed; 1 cup granulated or brown sugar, 1/2 cup butter or shortening, 1 egg (not beaten), 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 1/2 cups flour with 1 teaspoon baking powder, pinch of salt; mix together and add raisins; mix well and bake in moderate oven. 300 deg. Fah.

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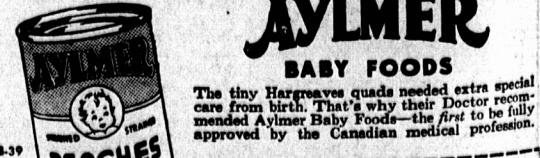
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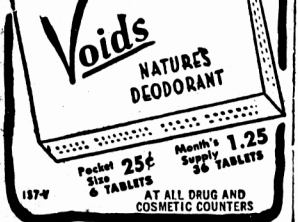
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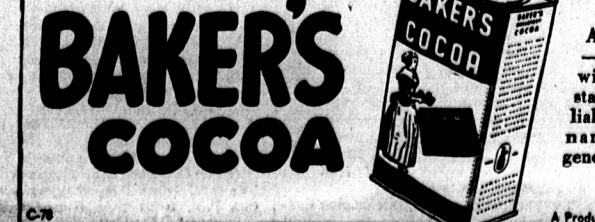


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