



Much slimmer in appearance since beginning her tour of the Commonwealth last Nov. 25, Queen Elizabeth appears fascinated by colorful garb worn by a turbaned official as he is presented to the Duke of Edinburgh at Aden, South Africa. Now en route home to England with her two children and husband after world tour, the young Queen is the subject of concern to U. K. press. One London paper fears the six months' trip has tired her out and is urging a long rest for Elizabeth upon her return.

MRS. GORDON MACMILLAN  
A COUNTRY GARDEN

"You must have a garden before you know what you are treading on, then, dear friend, you will see that not even clouds are so diverse, so beautiful and terrible as the soil under your feet. I tell you that to tame a couple of rods of soil is a great victory. Now it lies there, workable, crumbly and humid. You are almost jealous of the vegetation which will take hold of this noble and humane work which is called the soil."  
—Capek.

All gardeners are working with the soil these days, and in country gardens we have good soil and many kinds of soil. Everything we need for good gardening in soils and humus can be found in country gardens and especially on farms.

Better English  
By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Give me a larger size dress, and I will look it over."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "desperado"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Ministerial, miraculous, miniature, mischievous.
4. What does the word "corroborate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with all that means "to refer"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Give me a larger-sized dress, and I shall examine it." 2. Preferred pronunciation of the word is as in aid; accent third syllable. 3. Ministerial. 4. To make more certain; to confirm. "They were hopeful that this witness would corroborate the testimony already presented." 5. Allude.

in the country for gardening in the month of May. Moments can be found if we try hard enough and the weeks ahead can all be used even if it is a bit of an effort. Working out in the sun with birdsong to cheer us on the way is a happiness only gardeners know and that includes all who work with the soil.

There is something about May that means much to all of us. Each warming day brings proof of the miracle of spring. You can feel it in the warming air and smell it in the heady fragrance of fresh-turned soil. Buds are swelling on the Lilac trees and birds flash in and out of the hedges. It is very difficult to stay away from those lovely things.

"The naked earth is warm with spring. And with green grass and bursting trees. Leans to the sun's gaze glorying. And quivers in the sunny breeze; And Life is colour and warmth and light."  
Grenfell.

Dandelions are in the lawn and the mower has run them down but tomorrow there will be more and the young folk and the old folk love their orange-golden colour even if the lawn looks better without them. Some seeds and bulbs (Gladioli, and Dahlias) have been planted. Every year I experiment with very early planting of some garden plants that are in abundant supply and so far none have been lost but all have given very early bloom and bright colour.

Pansies, Arabis, Daffodils, Fritillaria (Mission Bells), Blue blue Scillas, early Tulips and many Daffodils.

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Anne Adams Patterns



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Household Scrapbook

**By Roberta Lee**  
**Mattress Stains**  
Place the mattress in the sun. Make a thick paste of starch and cold water and spread on the stain; allow it to remain for two hours and then rub it off. Repeat if necessary.  
**Hiccoughs**  
Take a long breath and hold it for several seconds, or take ten swallows of water slowly, without intermission, and without drawing the breath.

**Plants**  
To enrich the earth around plants, water them with a solution consisting of 150 grains of glue to two gallons of water.

COOK'S CORNER



ORANGE BREAD

1 medium orange  
2/3 cup dates  
1/2 cup walnut meat  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup hot water  
1 egg beaten  
2 cups flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
3/4 cup sugar (brown)  
Cut whole orange (peel and pulp) into 6 to 8 sections. Put orange sections, dates and nuts through food chopper. Add to hot water and butter. Pour in well-beaten egg. Sift flour, salt, baking powder, soda and sugar. Add to fruit mixture.  
Bake in greased loaf pan in moderate oven 350 degrees F. 1 1/2 hours. Cool before slicing. Serve with butter or orange marmalade.  
—Mrs. Hazel Coles, Suffolk W. I.

Vitamins in Sweet Peppers

A few plants of sweet peppers, set out in the garden after danger of frost is over, will give big returns for the space they occupy. They are among the richest of vegetables in vitamins A and C and can be served raw in salads and cooked in many appetizing ways. Early varieties can be grown from seed sown outdoors, after the ground warms up, but it is better to start plants indoors or buy them in the market. The plants are very tender, and should not be set outdoors until it is safe for tomatoes.

Space the plants 18 inches apart in the row and give them frequent cultivation. They like a rich, heavy soil, but thrive in lighter soils if given plenty of water. The pepper is one plant which can be washed off with the hose and will thrive the better for it. They grow rapidly and once they begin to bear they continue to produce fruit until frost kills the plants in the fall. A dozen plants will usually be sufficient for a family of four. They have a long season during which they are in good condition; the color changes from green to red and the vitamin A content increases with this change. The red peppers are highly decorative, and there are also attractive orange varieties.

The only insect likely to attack peppers is a flea beetle, which can be discouraged by spraying or dusting with nicotine or D.D.T. There are no diseases likely to bother them.  
Hot peppers are seldom grown in gardens, but if you wish to try them the same general cultural methods will suffice.



WOMEN

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ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

We sowed seeds today—or was it not Jamie and Gage who actually dropped them, when the sun was bidding the world about "Adieu"? Stopping a long moment before he entered the portals of some other land to smile a weary little smile. Or was it only sad because he saw little of his warmth reflected in the associations of nations, of individuals today? Or was it patience that was there on the sun's face akin to that we see in the expressions of aged folks who despite every error and ill of humans have that faith which assures them that all will be well? "You old sun, don't slip away yet!" Gage smiled, his eyes for the moment on the flaming west.  
"Stop him!" Jamie said, covering a row of seeds to a nicety.  
"Can't!" Gage laughed infectiously.  
"No, it would be like the king in the history-books who thought he was powerful enough to stop the tide" Jamie chuckled.  
"Or the dog baying at the moon!" we offered in fun.  
"The moon's green cheese" Gage said, shying a pebble now at initials cut high in a bare willow of the lawn.  
"It's a world, with maybe people living on it" Jamie tried to explain to him. "And some day scientists are going to be able to find out for sure. Perhaps, in our day, folks will be going back and forth between here and there in space-ships of some kind... You never know."

"People living on the moon!" scoffed the younger lad. "How could they stay there? It's round. They'd fall off."  
"Silly" Jamie laughed, "the earth's round and we don't fall off it!"  
Not without some excitement and mingled anticipations Granddaughter was one of the children from the school "out Home" who took part in the group singing this morning at the Annual Musical Festival in town. The thought of appearing on the stage of a sizable auditorium especially before a number of strangers was in itself a little overwhelming to contemplate.  
"And what if I should happen to over-sleep?" was an unsettling bedtime question. However due to an affair of the farming, the household was early astir and away in good time to the city. Not we may say with every thought centred on musical items. There was incidental marketing of livestock and in-return a load of "store" feed to pick up.  
Now the ewes at Alderlea present their increase to their masters. Among them to the children's delight is a thrifty trio, and today brought a rare black one to the flock.  
And what of the little and larger songsters of school who this morning presented their numbers in Musical competition? According to Jeanie present. "They did remarkably well."  
Until tomorrow — — — Diary  
— — — Good-night . . . .

72-Year-Old Lovers Wed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Childhood sweethearts who parted after a quarrel 50 years ago were wed here Sunday.  
Principals were Clarence Onyun, 72, Washington, and his bride, Mrs. Jennie Richards, 72, who flew here from Detroit for the ceremony.  
The two grew up together in Peoria, Ill. plighted their troth when they were 18 but quarrelled and went their separate ways.  
Onyun, a semi-wired hot cigar clerk, recalled that they had a spat after he was late calling for her to take her to church.  
Last Christmas Onyun, who has lived alone the past 10 years, wrote Mrs. Richards, discovered she also had been alone for several years, continued the correspondence and won her.

Geisha Queen Retires at 21

TOKYO (Reuters) — The queen of Japanese geisha girls has decided to retire — at the tender age of 21.  
Hidekoma, whose oriental beauty lured senior government officials and millionaire industrialists to her door, announced her decision Saturday to Japanese reporters.  
"I'm sick and tired of being a geisha," she said.  
Hidekoma was the leading light of Tokyo's demure feminine entertainers, who make bright conversation, hear masculine troubles — and seldom go further. Their chief role is providing high-class companionship at a price.  
Hidekoma was one of the few geishas ever mentioned on the floor of the Japanese Parliament. She was named in current bribery scandals as a major expense for corrupted officials spending their loot.  
But the geisha queen Saturday smashed illusions about both the glamor and the income of her profession.  
"A geisha is just like a doll — at the mercy of the proprietress of the geisha house," she said.

DOROTHY DIX

Wife Sees The Light

DEAR MISS DIX: I guess some time or another almost every mother gets a bit weary of the daily grind and wishes she could go back to the glamorous (or so she thinks) business world. Perhaps my little story will help them.  
After ten years of struggle and penny-pinching I was so tired and bored with my family that I became a nagging wife. I was impatient and surly with my husband. I kept telling Bruce what an easy life he had just going to work, coming home and taking it easy in the evenings, while all day long I cooked, cleaned, shopped, cared for babies.  
He finally got a bit fed up, and made this proposition: When vacation time came around, he'd stay some on his two weeks off, and let me go to the office to fill in for one of the girls. I grabbed at the chance; but, alas, I was soon disillusioned. The interesting people I had expected to meet just didn't show up; office routine was much more boring than home duties; I missed the children and the friendly cups of tea in the afternoon with neighbors. At the end of the first week I was ready

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The Stars Say

**By Estrellita**  
**For Tomorrow**  
CARELESSNESS could result in trouble during this period, so use caution in travelling and see that any possible cause of accident is eliminated from your home. Personal relationships should be excellent, however, and there is a possibility that you may gain prestige through the judicious handling of a community problem or difficulty.  
The evening hours are excellent for domestic and romantic affairs, also social and cultural activities.  
**For the Birthday**  
If tomorrow is your birthday, the balance of 1954 should be unusually stimulating. Business and professional matters should be on the upgrade now, and even though you may have to make some revision in your program during the summer months, the outcome should be most satisfactory for you.  
Those engaged in the arts may gain in prestige as a result of original and imaginative ideas, and scientists and inventors should also profit by unusually fine aspects during the next few months.  
Sentimental relationships promise to be harmonious and domestic matters should prosper despite brief periods of stress during July and August.  
A child born on this day will be intuitive, enterprising and endowed with a magnetic personality and manner.



The fruit trees of the Niagara peninsula, Canada's orchard garden, are dressed for their spring parade with Blossom Week set to start next week. Nearly 50,000 acres of trees are in bloom. Sophy Orlik of St. Catharines, is shown here framed in the blossoms in all their glory.—(CP Photo).

Ballet Festival Ends in Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—The non-competitive sixth annual Canadian Ballet Festival ended Saturday night with a repeat performance of the Mandarin's Daughter by the Classical Ballet of Ottawa.  
Also given during the evening were Janet Baldwin's Ballet's Cycle, the Heino Heiden Vancouver Ballet's Evocation to Apollo, and a repetition of Gweneth Lloyd's ballet, Romance, by the Toronto Festival Dancers.  
Ballets at a matinee performance Saturday were Miss Lloyd's Site En Danse, Heino Heiden's Magician's Holiday, and the Halifax Theatre Ballet's Variations Romantiques.  
At closing ceremonies, leaders of the various exhibiting groups received certificates of participation from Joseph A. Whitmore, president of the Canadian Ballet Festival Association.

Modern Etiquette

**By Roberta Lee**  
Q. I should like to mail out announcements of my forthcoming marriage, but my parents live in another town. Since the announcements are issued in their name, should they be mailed from their town or mine?  
A. The postmark is not important.  
Q. I have noticed an ever-increasing use of profanity by both men and women. In the business world and socially. Is this practice more acceptable now than formerly?  
A. Not at all!—People of good taste, and certainly women, can surely express themselves without resorting to profanity.  
Q. Is it proper to leave the little fluted paper containers around small cakes when they are served?  
A. Yes, if they are not charged or greasy.

Morning Smile

"Did you notice the expression on Mrs. McCrunch's face when I told her that she didn't look a day older than her daughter?"  
"No, I was looking at the expression on her daughter's face."  
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How Can I?

**By Anne Ashley**  
Q. How can I get good results when sprinkling clothes?  
A. The clothes will be more evenly dampened if a small brush or whisk broom is used to sprinkle water on them. Hotter water can be used and the clothes can be ironed much sooner.  
Q. How can I make linoleum last longer?  
A. It will last longer if one is careful to wipe it dry after washing. This prevents water from getting underneath it and into the seams.  
Q. How can I make good tea?  
A. When making tea always use fresh water. Never use the water that has been standing in the tea kettle.

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