

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"Why, Ellen, I didn't know you had come!" James said in surprise at the doorway, pleased tones in his voice, "It's like old times, isn't it?" And we smiled. Often it was easier to smile than to put our thoughts into words.

James had been at Alderlea all day, having risen early so that with Rob and the two Mr. A's they might join the younger farmer and his helper in what they call "A good day's threshing". There is no secret in the Family that while James makes himself content at this house "in" the road, his heart is about the old familiar trails at Alderlea. There very beam and field and stick and stone of it—winding mill-stream and pond and sight of mill in the valley is especially dear to him. "It's like before Carolyn went away," he continued. "Do you know, Ellen, when I saw you here again I rather expected to see her about too—she always liked to be here the days we were threshing. But Carolyn is missing from the joys of our harvest still convalescing from illness at her home in the city."

James' thoughts went out to Alderlea with the workers this morning. "After school," he promised himself, "I'll be there with the rest." That was how it came about that when the sun was dipping westward we were his companion on the mile between . . . now keeping to the roadway, which, it is narrow for present day traffic, but so far has retained that nice privacy missing now from so many island byroads and in places provide cool green aisles intriguing to the traveller on foot. And presently we turned from it to "the field across the creek," to follow the winding beaten path along the stream toward home.

The yards were alive with the gay voices of the other three grandchildren but when we entered it without company, how still was the house! How extremely empty and lonely! Or perhaps only satisfied to be left at last to dream, was that old house against a hill.

Geraniums are a bloom in a window kept so by Jeanie's kindly ministrations. . . . How easy it would be to slip again into our old pattern of living! We touched the armchair, straightened the table-cover, picked up James' jacket from the couch and hung it on its nail in the corner. The screen door opened. Mack peered in, smiled broadly, entered—and fair, plump and knowing, "Are you going to light a fire in your stove?" "Do!" he begged. "And" he smiled ingratiatingly, "we'll have supper over here—you and Granddaddy, girl and me."

The western sun sent its last mellow rays in a window. Soon now the pulse of the threshing would stop. Should we act on Mack's suggestion . . . spread a red-checked cloth and draw up the chairs to the table? Granddaughter came in then, smallish and gentle—eternally feminine, to remark: "Isn't it nice to be home again?" . . . And then James, a pleased, wistful smile spreading.

So easy it would have been this evening for us to slip into the pleasant old ways of our living at Alderlea!

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

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

Strength may wield the pond-rising spade, May turn the clod, and wheel the compost home; But elegance, chief grace the garden shows, And most attractive, is the fair result Of thought, the creature of a polish'd mind. —W. Cowper.

Beautiful combinations of garden flowers were enjoyed at the floral display and they were the result of thoughtful care and a creative mind. In the home and in the garden, one patch of colour, beautifully or strikingly composed, avails more than an acre of beautiful flowers thrown into it without intention. The patch would have all the attraction of a picture, the acre of flowers would be merely like a palette after a day's work, a waste of colour. Nature, it is true, jumbles her colours together, but a garden is not a field or a mountain side, it is an artificial thing or rather a work of art; and this is also true of our flower decoration in our homes; and a gardener, by throwing together his colours anyhow has done no more than a cat does walking along the keys of a piano, or if one empties part of a furniture shop into one's drawing room.

A gracious blending and contrasting of lovely elements, spires of delightful colour in happy agreement and certainly there is no more enthralling pursuit than the handling of these floral pigments.

The Heavenly Blue Linum Flax Flower is one of the loveliest perennials and they have been transplanted from the field where the seed was sown and are now in the borders. The finely cut foliage is always attractive and there is a graceful profusion of bloom. Sweet William and Canterbury Bells have also been transplanted and it is a good time to do this work. Perennial Phlox can be divided after blooming and the earth renewed so that very soon a large collection can be made.

Tender house plants should be repotted and brought from the garden where they have summered and placed on the veranda or porch before moving them inside. In this large garden it is possible to find slips of house plants almost anywhere in the shady borders and almost forgotten, so there is a hunt these days to find certain plants . . .

Anemone bulbs were planted here for the first time and they are very lovely flowers with fern-like foliage; they need a well-drained soil and a mulch of straw or evergreen boughs for winter protection. Montbretias are now blooming and they are a wonderful cut flower, of easy culture. Montbretias lend themselves particularly well to be grown in a mixture. The colors range from shades of yellow, bronze, orange, copper to fiery red. The effect from such a mixed planting is most pleasing.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it still customary to put small favors in the wedding cake?

A. Yes, usually in the top tier of the cake. The caterer should mark the sides plainly so that no man will get the tiny thimble which is for an old maid and no bridesmaid will get the button which is for the bachelor. Be sure there is a wish-bone for a big wish, a wedding ring for the girl who will next be married, a tiny airplane for the man who will travel, and a pair of dice for luck, and so forth.

Q. Should a girl smoke her own cigarettes when going out on a date, or should she smoke her escort's?

A. Either way is correct, although the man is usually expected to furnish the cigarettes.

Better English

By V. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "No paper is satisfactory for our purposes besides this kind."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Lullaby, luminary, luxuriance, luncheonette.

4. What does the word "fabulous" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "ins" that means "unable to pay one's debts"?

Cook's Corner

TOMATO OMELET

Yield—4 or 5 servings.
2 tablespoons fine-flavored dripping
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper
2 large (or 4 small) tomatoes, peeled and cubed
1/4 pound wieners, thinly sliced
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
6 eggs, separated
1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat the dripping; add onion and green pepper and cook, stirring often, until onion is golden brown. Add the prepared tomatoes, and sliced wieners, and simmer for 10 minutes.

Add garlic salt.

Beat the egg yolks until thick and light, and stir in the tomato mixture.

Beat the egg whites, with the salt, until stiff but not dry; fold into egg-yolk mixture.

Turn mixture into a greased heated pan and cook over low heat, without stirring, until mixture is set and golden brown on the bottom.

Place in a moderate oven, 350 degrees, to dry the top—about 10 minutes.

To serve: fold in half and place on a heated platter.

Morning Smile

Truthful

"Simpson, you told me you had to see the dentist yesterday afternoon, but I find you were seen at the ball game."

"Yes, sir, the dentist plays first base."

Ill-Advised

"Bill got his nose broken in three places."

"Well, if he takes my advice he'll keep out of those places in future."

Recent Wedding At Central Christian Church



Pictured above following their wedding at Central Christian Church are Mr. and Mrs. MacKay with their attendants. From left to right, Mr. Claude MacKay, brother of the groom, best man; Mr. MacKay and Mrs. MacKay, the former Miss Jean Stewart; Miss Hazel Stewart, sister of the bride, maid of honour; Miss Sylvia Orford, bridesmaid; Gail Stewart, niece of the bride, flower girl.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Central Christian Church on Friday afternoon, July 4th, when Jean Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stewart, New Perth, became the bride of Harold Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacKay, Charlottetown.

The church was tastefully decorated with baskets of peonies, roses and orange blossoms. The ceremony was performed by Mr. M. D. Dunbar.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full length gown of white satin with lace yoke studded with pearls, and lace insets in skirt. Her fingertip veil fell from a tiara of seed pearls and she carried a bouquet of red carnations.

Miss Hazel Stewart, sister of the bride, was maid of honour, wearing a gown of pink nylon net with satin trim and matching head-dress.

Miss Sylvia Orford, as bridesmaid, wore a gown of embossed organza, and matching head-dress. Gail Stewart, niece of the bride, as flower girl, wore a gown of yellow organza, and a head-dress of yellow flowers.

The groom was attended by his brother, Claude, while the ushers were Norman MacKay and Ralph Stewart.

Following the signing of the registers, Preston Beck sang, "Be-cause." The organist was Miss Thelma Burns.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church hall. The bride's table was centered with a three tier wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom. A toast was proposed by Mr. M. D. Dunbar, and responded to by the groom.

How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I clean corduroy?
A. Use pure white soap and warm soapy water when washing corduroy. Plunge the goods up and down; rinse several times in clear water. Do not wring; hang up inside out, dripping wet, to dry. Do not iron, but use a brush when dry (only one way of the cloth) to smooth the nap.

Q. How can I remove ink stains from linen without harm to the fabric?
A. Dip the garment into milk and let it soak for about two hours. Then remove and wash with soap while the milk still remains on the spot.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Soldier Won't Write

Should Girl Keep Up The Correspondence Anyway?

DEAR MISS DIX: A little over a year ago I said good-bye to a soldier friend who was going overseas. We corresponded, gradually at first, then later writing quite frequently. He asked me not to write anyone else. A few months ago his letters ceased, but I kept on writing for awhile, then became discouraged and stopped. I made one last try, which he answered with the excuse that he had gone on a big drinking spree and was too ashamed to write me. Our correspondence was resumed, but it has now been a month since I heard from him. Should I continue writing him even though I get no response?



Muriel Nilsen

ANSWER: The problem of correspondence with overseas servicemen looms large in the lives of many girls. In general, I suggest that unless an indication is given that the boy wishes to discontinue writing altogether, it is better for the girl to take a chance and continue newsy, friendly letters, though on a less frequent basis.

There are so many reasons why the boys might taper off a correspondence, and since letters from home are so very important to them, it is much better to risk sending mail that might not be answered than it is to let the boys down.

DON'T GET INVOLVED

It would, of course, be very unwise of you, or any other girl similarly situated, to become emotionally involved with a boy who writes so spasmodically. Regard him only as a friend, and don't expect too much of him while he's away, or build rosy dreams about a future when he returns. Boys in service need every bit of home backing they can get, but it should not be given at the risk of a girl's heartache. As a new life opens for the young men, they very often change in their feelings toward the lassies on the home front. Hence, unless a girl is engaged to, or deeply in love with, her sweetheart in service, she should not rashly promise to restrict her mail to him only. Far wiser to have a few correspondents and to wait for home-comings before settling down to a "going steady" routine.

DEAR MISS DIX: For two years I went steady with a very fine boy. We broke up because we both wanted to go with other people. I know now that I like him best, and want to go back with him. Mother objects because he drinks occasionally, and he has a violent temper. He has tried to hit me when he was mad, and my mother knows it, but I'm not happy without him. Should I try to forget him (I don't think I could)? Or should I go with him secretly? I am 15.

ANSWER: Regardless of how mature you think you look and act, you are being a very, very foolish child. This boy certainly is no fit companion for you or any other nice girl. Follow your mother's advice to the letter. Anything else will lead you into very serious trouble.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a girl of 15, living with my parents who are very good to me. I am very nervous and don't know why.

ANSWER: You should be under the care of a good doctor. Tell your mother frankly how you feel, and have her arrange an appointment with your family physician.

DEAR MISS DIX: I was going steady with a boy for two months; now he says he loves another girl. I don't want to let him go so.

ANSWER: There's nothing else you can do. Accept defeat gracefully, and find another boy. There are lots of them around.

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7112
by Alice Brooks

Marriage Of Wide Interest Here



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence Sear Jr., whose marriage took place recently in Christ Church, Charlottetown, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence Sear, Charlottetown. Mrs. Sear is the former Elizabeth Joan Dunsford, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney J. Dunsford, Canning, and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence Sear of Charlottetown.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

IRRADIATION OF THYROID GLAND IN ECZEMA

I have written before of the professor who told his students that if they called every case of skin disease eczema, they would be right at least half the time—so, if in doubt, call the skin disease eczema.

For years, skin specialists treated the majority of skin ailments with x-rays with good results but, during the last years, x-ray treatment has not been used as much directly on an inflamed skin.

In the Vienna Medical Journal, Dr. F. Hammer reports that of 1,000 patients with chronic eczema, 900 recovered completely under local irradiation with very small doses of soft x-rays, where previous treatment with ointments had failed. The remaining 100 patients proved refractory (stubborn) to local irradiation treatment; these refractory patients presented the typical symptoms of thyrotoxic disturbance (poisonous type of goiter).

Because these 100 patients appeared to have gland disturbance, Dr. Hammer gave 70 of them x-ray treatments of the thyroid gland. "Considerable improvement and, occasionally, complete recovery resulted in eight days in some patients and within 14 to 21 days in others. Irradiation of the thyroid gland was repeated for a second time in 17 patients. These highly satisfactory results from irradiation of the thyroid gland in the treatment of refractory chronic eczema demonstrated its favorable effect on the eczema and proved that dysfunction of the thyroid gland (dysfunction of the thyroid gland (dysfunction of the thyroid gland) had been responsible for the refractory or stubborn cases of the eczema."

When a skin ailment becomes chronic and refuses to heal, it is not unusual for the physician to cause irritation of the ailment by various methods. This irritation immediately causes the natural fight-

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Baked Bananas

Baked bananas are ideal for children and for nervous persons. Bake in the skin for 15 or 20 minutes, until soft and they burst the skins. Remove from the skins and lay them in a baking pan with very little water. Dust sugar over the top and sprinkle with lemon juice. Serve hot.

Paint Spots
To remove paint spots from hardwood floors, apply some kerosene and rub briskly. Follow this by rubbing the floor with a soft cloth wrung from lukewarm water.

Patent Leather
Sweet oil makes a good dressing for patent leather. Apply it with a small piece of flannel, then polish with a soft cloth.

ing forces of the body to beat themselves and put up a stronger fight against the ailment. The result is that the ailment becomes inflamed and more painful but, as the body forces persist in their fighting efforts, the inflamed skin then begins to heal and heal rapidly. This call to our reserve forces to make a strong attack on the disease is called counter-irritation.

There are so many chronic or stubborn cases of this commonest skin disease that I am passing along this report of irradiation treatment of the thyroid gland that has given such satisfactory results.

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The Stars Say . . .

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow
AFFAIRS are stirring and there probably are fresh angles coming up for quick forthright action. Even so, don't rush into entanglements and confusion. Watch the tendency to take a chance with funds, under an expensive and generous urge to forge ahead in a hurry. Curb over-extravagant notions. They could have dire consequences. While the inventive is compelling, it might be wise to be advised by older heads.

For the Birthday
Those whose birthday it is may be stimulated to take chances with new and untried ideas, plans or objectives. In business affairs, they may plan large expansion and growth in a hurry for a quick turnover of funds. The urge to experiment or plunge is strong, but the hazards are great, so it may be advisable to confer with higher-ups or older heads before taking action. Novelty and ingenuity are not to be discouraged.

A child born on this day should have much native ingenuity and skill, plus novel ideas, but may be prone to gamble its substance and prospects.

cided to consider award of "master's certificates" to farmers who have given outstanding service to their industry. A delegate said that universities often conferred honors on outstanding citizens, but never on farmers.

Can't Relax
A young man, fresh out of college, asked his superior how he could secure advancement. "Jump at every opportunity," answered the older man. "The young man mullied that over for a moment. Then he ventured to ask, "How can I tell when opportunity comes?" "You can't," the man admitted. "You have to keep jumping."

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