

Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It was unlucky for us that he went back on his promise."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "fiasco" (complete failure)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Explicable, exquisite, ecstasy, extricable.
4. What does the word "improvident" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ce that means "a fact unquestionably established"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "It was unfortunate for us that he failed to keep his promise." 2. Pronounce fe-as-ko, e as in fee unstressed, a as in at, o as in no, accent second syllable. 3. Ecstasy. 4. Not providing for the future; thriftless. "His improvident life soon left him without money." 5. Certainty.

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The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

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WHILE the energies are keyed up to enterprise and initiative it is probable that it may all be to no purpose. There is likely to be opposition from all quarters, with disagreeable situations and lack of cooperation affecting all effort and tempering the will to succeed. In any case the judgment is not dependable or adverse to the making of new contacts. Litigation could follow a bad mistake.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, could gain by postponing all active operations. Erroneous judgment could cause complications, litigation or strife. Continued opposition from many sources could undermine the desire to carry on. Strenuous and constructive attack would better be passed up for more propitious auspices. The strife or confusion could react on domestic, social or romantic plans or activities. The nervous system might also be depressed.

SOFT WATER FOR MILK

Experiments have indicated that cows increase their milk production as much as 50 per cent when they are switched from hard to soft drinking water.

How Can I!!!

By Anna Ashley

- Q. How can I prevent moths in my rugs?
A. If the rugs are swept occasionally with a broom dipped in water, to which a little turpentine has been added, they will not only keep bright and clean, but moths will not infest them.
Q. How can I make tinware rust-proof?
A. Rub every part of it with fresh lard; then heat it thoroughly before using. It will never rust, no matter how much it is left in water.
Q. How can I remove rouge and lipstick stains from a towel or handkerchief?
Q. If the stains do not wash out, try soaking the spots in milk.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

- Q. Is it considered proper to say, "Mr. Brown, shake hands with Mr. Green," when introducing two men?
A. No; this expression is crude. If the two men are well-mannered, they will shake hands without being commanded to do so. The best introduction is merely, "Mr. Brown, Mr. Green."
Q. When at the table, how should one remove a seed, a bone, or some foreign substance from the mouth?
A. Drop it unobtrusively into the cupped hand, and then place it on the plate.
Q. Is it all right for the parents of the bridegroom-to-be to announce the engagement?
A. No; this is strictly the privilege of the girl's parents.

Morning Smile

Cheaper

Two old timers were discussing a mutual friend.
One said, musingly: "Poor old Herb seems to be living in the past."
The other answered bitterly: "Why not? It's a lot cheaper."

Running Wild

In the middle of the night Smith was awakened by a great commotion in the street, and looking out of the window, discovered a tractor parked in front of the house.
"What's the matter, chum?" he asked the conductor.
"I'm trying to get this bally trolley back on the bally wire," the conductor replied.
"Well," answered Smith, "try the main road—trams don't run down this street."

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Refrigerator Odors

If a piece of charcoal about two inches square is placed in the corner of the refrigerator, melons, cucumbers, bananas, etc., may be placed together with other foods without making the foods distasteful. This will keep the refrigerator odorless.

Pipe Leak

If the water pipe leaks just the least bit, wind around the leak with some adhesive tape and crush over this with shellac. A small leak can be very successfully mended in this manner.

Cracked Eggs

Cracked eggs can be boiled successfully if wrapped in waxed or oiled paper and tied with a string before placing in the water.

Cook's Corner

FRESH LIME FLUFF

Make this dessert on the day you want to serve it—it holds up for a matter of a good many hours, but is apt to separate out if it stands over night.
Add a fluff of whipped cream or pass the pouring cream if you desire.
Yield—6 servings.
2 1/2 cups milk
4 tablespoons corn starch
Few grains of salt
2/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons fine granulated sugar
1 egg, separated
1 teaspoon grated lime rind
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1/4 teaspoon vanilla

Measure milk into upper pan of double boiler; cover and heat to scalding point over boiling water. Combine corn starch, salt and 2/3 cup of the granulated sugar; gradually stir in part of the scalded milk. Stir back into top of double boiler and cook, stirring constantly, until smoothly thickened. Cover and cook over boiling water, stirring occasionally, until no raw flavor of starch remains—about 10 minutes longer.
Beat egg yolk lightly; gradually stir in part of the hot mixture. Return to double boiler and cook over simmering water, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes.

Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm. Beat until foamy with a rotary beater.
Gradually stir in the lime rind, lime juice and vanilla.
Beat the egg white until stiff but not dry; gradually beat in the remaining two tablespoons sugar.
Add egg white to pudding and fold to combine.
Turn into individual dessert glasses and chill before serving.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

The Old Pine Tree by the roadside in the piece of woodland which lies parallel to our field across the creek, has been changed of late. Not actually taken up by the roots and moved to another location, but trimmed of its lower branches and altogether tucked up in the interests of the power line now in the course of being set up on this road of ours. We heard the line-man's ultimatum with foreboding as it was relayed to us by James on a recent day. At dinner it was, "Jimmy," our fishman, had called the evening before with his wares—fresh cod cold off the ice which without benefit of any ripening or laying away, we place at once in pot or pan and cook, usually wrapping the piece in waxed paper to retain flavor and juices as well as for easier handling and draining of dishes. But then who are we? Our methods, we who must cook according to the limits of time and circumstance?

Eventually the dish was served as an accompaniment to home-cured ham or perhaps it was vice-versa; in any event both contributed a share to make up a dinner which never fails to tickle James' palate to the height of appreciation. With these we offered a relish of apple and onion, cooked in sweetened, salted vinegar, with a generous dash of cinnamon and cloves added for color and flavor—and most seasonable. Indeed this pickle is as much a part of the harvest at Alderlea as the nose-guards on the "horses, or James reminding himself to take with him to the field another ball of twine, or a jacket against a probable cloud in the sky.

"Guess, Ellen," James remarked helping himself to a potato, flourey now and so valiant as to have burst its jacket in the cooking, "some of those trees at the edge of Pat's woods will have to come down before the line can be run. The line-man was looking over the situation there today . . . and well, that turn will have to be cut back . . . you know, up there by the Old Pine Tree." "But not the Pine Tree!" we exclaimed. It had been so much a part of our living for a moment we felt we should be desolate indeed if we were to lose it even to so worthy a project.

What riches have been ours in our interest in this our neighbor's tree, though our share is only its height and grace lined against the blue or flame or gray of the sky! Yet often as with James we have strolled past on an outing, what delights we have found there! Stars of night, or a climbing moon caught in its feathery branches. And once a star fell—dropped down behind it, and seeing we went over the old saying: "Somebody's dying!" and we were silent then though we moved closer together, we remember. And the winds that have made music for us there as we passed! Softly sighing—a mere stirring like a whispered promise of youth . . . a moaning as they moved along to the boughs of Fall. And sometimes when the night enclosed us darkly and the silence was eerie, deepened by an owl's lonely hoot in the inky valley, James would say: "Well, we're almost home now, Ellen—here we are at the Old Pine Tree—just a few steps now and we're there!"

Our sons as children have looked up to admire this lone alien in the midst of "var" and hemlock and maple. They have stepped wonderingly over the needle carpet beneath and have treasured the sizable cones dropped about. Jamie too, in his turn, and grand-daughter marvelling over its height and its treasures of leaf and seed. However, though bereft of its lower branches, and tall and trim but still graceful it has been spared to inspire, to welcome a new era of living on this and the neighboring farms.

"What shall I do? Jamie's gone! grand-daughter lamented this evening when the dusky shadows were taking possession of hill and valley and farmstead, and night was coming to claim its own . . . This then is the state of affairs at Alderlea to-night—Jamie gone home. Labour Day past! Until to-morrow—Diary—Good-night"

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WRONG IDEAS ABOUT THE HEART

We all may be amazed at the wonderful work being done by surgical operation on the heart, the saving of blue babies and even grown children and adults. This is because most of us look upon the heart as a very delicate organ and believe that the slightest thing wrong with its regular beat, or rhythm, is likely to prove fatal. In the book "You and Your Heart," Dr. H. M. Marvin, president American Heart Association, lists various ideas about the heart and heart disease. Some of these misapprehensions are: (1) heart disease is always incurable; (2) heart disease is hereditary so that nothing can be done about it; (3) heart disease is an emotional problem; (4) heart disease is caused by our present hectic civilization; (5) heart disease is brought on by high living; (6) a wound (stab, bullet) is always fatal; (7) death from heart disease is always sudden; (8) strenuous exercise damages the heart, especially after the first flush of youth; (9) patients with heart disease will live longer if

DOROTHY DIX SAYS -

Take A Chance

Don't Let Financial Considerations Prolong Engagement Indefinitely

DEAR MISS DIX: My fiance and I cannot settle a question that has been worrying us. We have been engaged for four years and want to marry, but he owes some money and is afraid that if we get married he might not be able to pay it and would lose his business and then what would he do with me? So he thinks that perhaps we had better wait three years more until he pays his debt off. He owns his business and his home, and his business is prospering. I am willing to take a chance and feel that I could help him as I've earned my own living. Another thing is that his mother would have to live with us. What should we do?
UNHAPPY



ANSWER: Get married as soon as you can. Any engagement that has lasted four years has lasted too long and if you add three more years of waiting to it, it will just peter out through sheer discouragement. Your love promises are overdue. It's time you made good on them. If everybody waited to marry until every single problem connected with it was settled, there would be very few weddings. You have to take a chance on marriage as you do on everything else in life.

YOU CAN HELP HIM

Don't let the debt keep you apart, for you will be a help instead of a hindrance to your husband in paying it off. For one reason, your husband will be able to concentrate upon his job better than he does now, when his thoughts are torn between love and longing and his business. He'll feel settled and that he has a wife to work for and it will put fresh strength and energy into him. Very few men ever really achieve anything before marriage. It's after marriage that they become go-getters for the women they love. Also, courtship is a very expensive business and it is money in a man's pocket when he can cut out the high cost of loving and not have to put up for theatres and movies, and flowers and presents and the other incidentals to taking the girl friend out and giving her a good time. Of course, having to live with your husband's mother is your real problem and nobody can tell you how to solve that. Having to live with a mother-in-law, and especially one who is bossy and who is already installed as the mistress of her son's house, is going to call for the patience of Job, the humility of Griselda and the finesse of a diplomat and, alas, few young women are possessed of these qualities.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I would never contemplate marrying a man in moderate circumstances for I have had enough drudgery in my life. I could never settle down into being a housewife. My life has been too active. A woman can learn to love any man who is worth his salt and has the essential sugar in his pocket. What are your reactions?
K. L. J.

ANSWER: It has been my observation that logic flies out of the window when love comes knocking at the door, and that the most carefully laid plans of girls go haywire when some personable youth comes whistling down the street and beckons them to follow. Of nothing am I more firmly convinced than that you cannot love to order. You can admire and respect a man for his good qualities, but it won't raise your temperature or send a single quiver up and down your spine to know that he is kind to his mother and has money in the bank. The something that makes you palpitate and thrill and that causes some one particular man to be the whole universe to you has nothing whatever to do with his virtues, or his ability to support you in the style in which you desire to live. Of course, much is to be said for the sensible marriage; the marriage that is based on reason and not on sentiment. Undoubtedly those who pick out their mates with their heads instead of their hearts, and who select a wife or a husband because he or she belongs to the right social set or has money or because he or she is industrious and thrifty and a good manager, may generally count on a quiet and placid existence and keeping out of the divorce court. Provided, of course, that after a while they do not get tired of plain bread and butter and long for cake.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: A young girl has been asked to accompany a young man alone on a long automobile trip. He is well known to her family and held in great esteem by all who know him. Upon my questioning the propriety of such a trip I was greeted with gales of laughter by both mother and daughter. Am I hopelessly archaic, or are my friends too advanced for my way of thinking?
GODMOTHER

ANSWER: You are absolutely right and the mother and daughter must be strangely unsophisticated if they think that the girl can violate one of the oldest and most ironbound of all conventions without having the worst possible construction put upon it. It isn't enough for a girl to be good. She has to look good.

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

They avoid effort of all kinds and remain in bed: (11) pain over the heart is a sure sign of heart disease; (12) heart murmurs or irregular heart beats, are sure signs of heart disease.

As to the heart being a very delicate organ and our amazement at surgical operations being performed on the heart, we learn that "since the heart is really just muscle, it should be apparent that the heart's constant exercise (hundreds of beats per minute) makes it extremely tough. Everyone knows how the upper arm muscles and back muscles or weight lifters are built up by hard work, yet we fail to apply this knowledge to the heart muscle." It can and does do more and harder work than any other muscle of the body. "The heart is an athlete always in training and while even the best and most enduring of athletes slow up in time, the heart normally is about as strong and vigorous at 50 as at 20." This fact is borne out by the examination of former athletes at the age of 30 and over. Oarsmen, football players, track athletes, boxers, 30 to 35 years later, have stronger hearts than those who were not athletes.

WHY WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEART?

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