

Mid-Morning Coffee

When you deliberately bother a busy person with questions you know they may answer because they are generous and public spirited...

Dear E.M.D.— "I regret the delay in replying to your letter of March 27th, and questions submitted on March 7th, but Dr. Whitton has not been in the office a full day in the aggregate in more than a month...

Dr. Whitton also feels that in the agricultural areas women are so very busy that they just do not have the time to give, which is involved in any responsibility for participation in public office...

Dr. Whitton finds that women are just like men, insofar as working together. There are a number of women of breadth and generosity of character as men, and there are as many men as women, in her experience at least, who look at every issue from the point of view of their own personal prestige and vanity...

The last few paragraphs should answer many, both men and women who still have the peculiar notion that women can not get along together in an organization which doesn't include in its activities, sewing and knitting...

A Country Gardener

Mrs. Gordon MacMillan DAY IN SPRING

Each year I plough the clover-scented loam, Remembering, when sweet winds warm the glen, That fields outlast the implements of man...

Each springtime, when I haul cord wood and logs, I think that houses do not wear like hills — Where grizzled giants stand up to the stars...

The ferns, the clover and the long sweet grass I plough to make a bedding for my seed; They thrive eternal in the rich, warm soil...

So, while I plough the fields and cart my wood, Turn in the daisies and the sweet-fern clod, My face leans to the furrow, but my heart leaps with a sudden meadow-lark — to God!

—P. J. Cleveland.

Ploughing and cultivating the good soil these Spring days in the country is a happy task to those who love the land; Henry Ward Beecher writes 'The love of country life, the habit of finding enjoyment in familiar things, that susceptibility to Nature which keeps the nerve gently thrilled in her homeliest nooks and by the commonest sounds, is worth a thousand fortunes of money, and its equivalents'...

A Primrose is blooming in a shady spot in the garden; this is a gift from a gardener in a neighbouring Province. As you know this is a very sunny garden and only once before have Primroses bloomed here...

Wherever English people are, the primrose is especially prized. Hume tells of one exhibited in Melbourne, Australia, to no less than three thousand people, including rough miners and bushmen, who had heard of its arrival from their old home...

And lanes in which the primrose ere her time Peeps through the moss that clothes the hawthorn root. —W. Cowper.

and Wordsworth writes: "A primrose by a river's brim A yellow primrose was to him, And it was nothing more."

Cook's Corner

COFFEE CREAM FILLING

The bit of whipped cream in the mixture does a lot for this filling, and so does the combination of coffee and nuts.

- 1 1/2 cups milk 3 tablespoons ground coffee 4 tablespoons corn starch 1/2 cup granulated sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 egg 1 tablespoon butter or margarine 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1/3 cup chopped nuts 1/3 cup whipping cream

Measure milk into upper part of double boiler and add the coffee; cover and heat to scalding point over boiling water. Strain through a sieve that has been lined with a double layer of wet cheesecloth.

Combine the corn starch, sugar and salt; gradually stir in coffee-flavored milk. Return to clean upper part of double boiler and cook over low direct heat or boiling water, stirring constantly, until smoothly thickened; cover and cook over boiling water, stirring occasionally, until no raw flavor of starch remains—about 8 minutes longer.

Beat the egg slightly; gradually stir in part of the cooked mixture; stir back into double boiler and cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the butter or margarine, part at a time.

The New Way to Knit a Sock



Here's good news for knitters. Now you can knit socks in interesting colours and patterns without darning bobbins to try your patience. Shown above is the new sock in dark and light grey lattice pattern. It is pictured here in its three stages...

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Slippery Table If the white enameled kitchen table is too slippery to attach a meat grinder, place a small wad of paper between the grinder and the table, tightening the screws on the paper instead of the table. It will be secure and safe.

Window Washing A simple way to wash the windows is as follows: Dip a chamois skin into hot water and wring quite dry; rub this over the windows quickly, wait several minutes, and then wipe the window dry with a clean, dry chamois skin.

Soiled Feathers Soiled feathers may be cleaned by covering them with warm pipe clay and allowing to stand for several days. Then beat out the powder.

Better English

By B. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I was kind of surprised when she went home to rest up." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "fulcrum"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Blasphemous, blameable, chargeable, farical. 4. What does the word "discrepancy" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with co that means "to pardon; to forgive"?

ANSWERS 1. Say, "I was rather surprised when she went home to rest (omit up)." 2. Pronounce first u as in up, not as in full. 3. Blamable. 4. State of being contrary or different. "There was a marked discrepancy between their stories." 5. Condone.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

BY some curious and surprising intervention a startling turn of events may switch affairs into progressive and intriguing channels. Perhaps a queer notion, a shrewd move, an indomitable intuition, inspired, or a flash of genius. Perhaps the sympathetic understanding of an intuitive friend could break barriers or point the way out. Just a plain every-day "hunch" could be the lever to "move mountains."

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may enjoy a year of the weird, curious, intriguing and mystifying, with episodes peculiar or inexplicable coming into objective, tangible and workable expression. Intuitions, impressions and hunches could incite unique doings or make strange contacts — subtle and intangible — but in the long run "all to the good." The "still, small voice" should be heeded, confidently.

A child born on this day may have strange inner leads or curious intuitions, guiding it into novel or inexplicable adventures in life.

Compare and you'll know they're Better. HEINZ Condensed Cream of TOMATO SOUP 57

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

May Day this, and cold, with an edge in the wind so chilly that granddaughter and Gage, her companion of morning could not long remain at their interests out of doors but appeared at ours laden with baskets of toys to appropriate this kitchen for a play-house. But sunny it has been with the stiff breeze drying the spring fields. Thither the farmers will go presently to the manure-spreading and subsequent cultivation. But not today. This has been devoted wholly to re-organization about the buildings — of marketing odd fat hogs, of weaning piglets to replace them in the pens, of May Day movings in the piggeries and the incidentals: James battling a gust with a huge arm.

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What is the proper way for a girl to refuse a dance? A. Say, "I am sorry, but I have this dance." If true, otherwise, she may say, "Thank you, but I am sitting this one out." In either case, the girl should decline graciously and with a smile.

Q. Is it necessary for a hostess to provide new cards for use at a bridge party? A. It isn't exactly necessary for her to furnish new cards, but the ones she does furnish should be spotlessly clean, uncreased, and easy to handle.

Q. When one takes a friend out to eat, is the friend supposed to leave a tip on the table for the waitress? A. It is exceedingly improper for a guest to tip, as this would imply that the host's own tip is not adequate.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

No Justice

This Mother Demands Housework Of Daughters Who Support Her

DEAR MISS DIX: My sister and I are stenographers. We pay all the expenses of our apartment and our mother keeps house for us. She constantly nags and complains because we do not help with the housework and tell all our relatives and neighbors how we do it and that we do nothing but dress up and fly around. Our mother is middle-aged, healthy and strong. I am anemic, thirty pounds under weight. When I get home in the evenings I am thoroughly exhausted and it takes every bit of spare energy to do the things I must. I do my own laundering, keep my clothes in order, clean my bedroom, and I have no strength left to do housework. I have worked for five years and never missed a day from the office. My sister has worked for six years. All this time we have been supporting our mother. It seems to me we are doing our part and that it is terribly unfair for her to give us the reputation of being lazy and selfish. Am I right?

ANSWER: Your mother is certainly most unfair to you, but justice is one of the things that mothers seldom show to their daughters. They give them love, but not a square deal.

GIRLS CAN'T WIN

Nothing else in the world is so strange and inexplicable as the different attitude that a mother takes toward her sons and her daughters. If you two girls were boys who were supporting your mother, she would never dream of such a thing as expecting you to put on aprons as soon as you got home from business and help with the cooking and scrubbing. But because you are girls, she takes all that you give and thinks that isn't enough and it never occurs to her to even say "thank you."

Perhaps one reason that mothers are often so unfair to their daughters is because they are bound by the old tradition which made it incumbent on girls to help Mother with the housework, which was all well and good and no more than she had a right to expect when daughter had nothing else to do.

Mothers do not realize the terrible strain that working in an office or clerking in a shop puts on a girl. They have no conception of the weariness of standing on one's feet all day, of the strain of keeping on the smile that won't come off and trying to conciliate unreasonable customers and cranky bosses. There is no remedy for the situation except for the girls to go on strike, or get Mother a job and let her see what working downtown means.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am in love with a girl and we are Continued on page 11



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