

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a hostess sends a man and his wife an invitation to dinner, and the invitation has not been acknowledged, what should she do?

A. It might be best for her to telephone this couple and ask if the invitation was received, as it is possible that it could have gone astray. If, however, it was received, the hostess is privileged never to repeat any such invitation to these ill-mannered persons.

Q. Is it permissible to use the spoon to test the temperature of one's coffee?

A. Yes, this is far better than burning the mouth, or perhaps putting in the spoon should be placed in the saucer and left there while the coffee is drunk.

Q. My wife and my widowed neighbor have the same name—Mrs. Robert J. Johnson. How should she be distinguished on visiting cards?

A. Your mother has "Sr." after her name.

Q. What form of introduction to you think best for presenting a man to a woman?

A. "Miss Lee, may I present Mr. Hall?"

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "Jack never told me that that was Ruth's and Bob's home."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled: Gossamer, goddess, gonfolla, gonilla.

4. What does the word "prevalent" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with sup that means "haughty"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Jack did not tell me that that was Ruth and Bob's home." Only one possessive form is necessary when there is joint possession. 2. Pronounce sa-ti-e-ty. 3. Goddess. 4. Most generally received, current, or practiced. 5. Superfluous.

The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

SINCE there is an inclination toward extravagance this day, restraint will be needed to prevent financial difficulty in the future. Before indulging in expensive purchases, settle old accounts and, if you have money left over, put it aside for the future. The tendency toward extravagance may take the form of doling out monies to any or all who come to you with a "hard luck story." Guard against this situation, too. Generosity is a fine thing in its place, but even virtues can be carried too far.

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RECREATION EXPERT

NELSON, B. C. (OP)—Ed Kelter, a Nelson resident until 1947, will return next fall as district superintendent of recreation. He has just completed an assignment as provincial recreation division superintendent on Vancouver Island.

ANY TIME—it's time for KING COLE TEA

Dingwell-Cutcliffe Wedding Group



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. John Dingwell and their attendants as they posed during a reception at Villa Waters following their wedding last week at Trinity United Church. Shown, from left to right, are Mr. Gus Downe, groomsmen, Mr. and Mrs. Dingwell, the former Miss Phyllis Cutcliffe, Miss Isobel Jardine, bridesmaid, Summerside, Mr. Harold Dobson, usher, and Mr. Sinclair Cutcliffe, brother of the bride, also an usher. —Photo by Garnhum.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Screws in Plaster

When it is necessary to put screws into plaster walls and there is no woodwork available at the right place, enlarge the hole about twice the size of the screw, and insert a little plaster of Paris mixed with water. Then put the screw into this and it will set and hold firmly.

Falling Hair

To help remedy falling hair, rub salt into the scalp, and then massage until the scalp tingles. Salt is also good when added to the water when shampooing the hair.

Steak

You will choose a good piece of steak or other pieces of beef if you will see that the red meat is elastic and the fat firm and white.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How should dress shields be washed?

A. They can be kept fresh and made to wear longer, by the following method: Place them flat and brush with tepid soap suds on both sides. Soape up and down in clear rinsing water to which a little ammonia has been added. Press, but do not wring. Hang over the line and allow to drip dry. Do not iron.

Q. How can I make furniture polish?

A. This can be done very easily by mixing two parts boiled linseed oil and one turpentine. This makes an excellent polish.

Q. Should fish be allowed to soak in water before frying?

A. Fresh fish may be washed off, but it should never be allowed to soak in water for any length of time, as this will destroy the flavor of the fish and cause the flesh to be of a flabby texture.

Cook's Corner

STEAMED MOLASSES PUDDING

One cup each, molasses, sugar, butter or margarine, sour milk, 4 eggs, 2 1/2 cups sifted flour, 1 teaspoon each soda and nutmeg.

Cream butter and sugar well together. Add molasses and well-beaten eggs. Sift flour and measure and sift again with nutmeg.

Mix sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, ginger, and salt. Combine with pumpkin; add milk. Beat 2 eggs and 1 egg yolk well; add. Beat 1 egg white stiff; fold in. Pour into pastry shells. Bake in hot oven 425 degrees F. 45 minutes.

FLUFFY PUMPKIN PIE

1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 cup strained cooked or canned pumpkin, 1 cup milk, 2 eggs, 1 egg yolk, 1 egg white, 9-inch unbaked pastry shell.

Mix sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, ginger, and salt. Combine with pumpkin; add milk. Beat 2 eggs and 1 egg yolk well; add. Beat 1 egg white stiff; fold in. Pour into pastry shells. Bake in hot oven 425 degrees F. 45 minutes.

BROILED TUNA AND ASPARAGUS SANDWICHES

1 pound asparagus, fresh or frozen, or 1, 20-ounce can asparagus tips, 1, 7-ounce can tuna fish; drained, 2 tablespoons butter, melted, 3 tablespoons flour, 1 cup evaporated milk, 1/4 cup asparagus liquid, 1/4 teaspoon salt, few grains pepper, 6 slices bread, 1 cup shredded Canadian cheddar cheese.

Cook asparagus; drain, saving 1/4 cup of liquid. Blend melted butter with flour in top of double boiler. Stir in milk gradually. Add asparagus liquid and cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add flaked tuna and seasonings. Blend thoroughly. Toast bread on one side. Place in a shallow baking dish or boiler pan. Put drained asparagus spears on untoasted side of bread. Spoon creamed tuna over asparagus. Sprinkle with cheese. Place sandwiches under broiler about 5-inches from heat. Broil until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Makes 6 sandwiches.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

His Business Friends

Wife Fears Husband's Colleagues May Lead Him Into Temptation

DEAR MISS DIX: My husband's employment requires him to be away from home most of the time. I am unable to go with him since our child is in school. This aspect of our difficulty is a great problem in itself, but I have managed to solve many of its complications. However, my real trouble is that Roger travels with a group of four men, two of whom in general I do not approve. Two of them drink quite heavily, two of them are single, therefore free to seek feminine companionship on these trips. I'm afraid Roger might be tempted to carry the business of their association too far. Practically everything these men do is against everything in which I believe. So far, none of Roger's good has rubbed off on them and, though I do trust my husband, I'm afraid some of their "bad" may be transferred to him.

GLORIA D.

ACUTELY ANXIOUS

ANSWER: Your letter, which I had to shorten somewhat, shows many signs of acute anxiety, most of them concerning matters which absolutely cannot be altered, and all showing lamentable lack of confidence in Roger. The only perfect solution would be for your husband to find work closer to home, and this, I gather, is impractical. Have you ever heard of a woman, alone most of the time, being easily tempted, too? Of course, he realizes that you are a person of exceptionally high moral standards, and he can put his faith in you. You have, for your part, the knowledge that Roger is a man of fine character, impeccable reputation, with good sense and taste. These should be enough to hold your confidence. Since he can't choose his own companions, build up your faith in him and confidence in yourself. For a self-addressed stamped envelope I'll gladly send you a list of books that may bolster your morale, and help overcome your tendency to worry.

DEAR MISS DIX: Recently I met a boy just a week before he was to leave for Florida (he's in the service). In that week he showed a lot of interest in me. I haven't heard from him since he went away; now he's due to return home, and I'm worried whether he will call or come to see me.

MISS S.

ANSWER: You may be presuming too much of such short acquaintance. If he cared for you, he would probably have written. However, he might just need a reminder, such as seeing you again would provide. Just look for the best, but don't pin too much hope on the young man.

DEAR MISS DIX: Though I'm only 18, I'm considered quite mature for my age. At my place of employment I met a man of 24. He was once engaged but it didn't work out. We went out together a few times, and became mutually attached. Recently, he was transferred some distance away. Before going, he asked me to marry him, but I didn't take him seriously. I suggested that we correspond, but have never heard from him. He came back last week end, and though he made a date with me, he didn't keep it. When he went back, I wrote, asking whether he was still interested in me or not. No answer! Now he's coming home again, and though I am still interested in him, I plan to avoid him. Do you think this would be the best thing to do?

JOAN

ANSWER: At 18, and mature for your age at that, you should learn how to handle problems better than running away from them. Perhaps your young man is interested only when you're available, or perhaps he has found a new heart-throb at his present place of business. It will be impossible for you to avoid him altogether, since you live in the same town and know the same people. Why not be more casual about the whole thing? Be gracious when you meet him, make no effort to pin him down to a declaration of love, or promise of marriage, and, above all, no nagging about his failure to write. Let him set the pace from then on.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been going with a girl for several months. I am going into service next month and asked her to become engaged and wear my ring, or better still, marry me now. She's in the tenth grade. However, she wants to wait until she finishes school. I feel hurt about her not even wanting to become engaged.

A. N.

ANSWER: The girl, young as she is, is much more sensible than you are. She is too young to be tied down to an absent fiance, and her education should be complete before she marries. Don't be hurt; her concern is as much for you as herself.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of general interest through this column.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

On into June the cool wind followed this morning, to have an older farmer remark: "Slow—it's a slow spring to what we expected . . . little growth . . . the fields need heat, days of it!" But down in a nook by the stream wild cherry trees put on their white finery and about the yard lilacs were donning their purple.

A flicker of yellow wings brought a goldfinch to visit and it was Jamie's good fortune to discover the nest of a shy wren. It had been fashioned and hidden with an artistry and instinct that was so touching it gave rise to the suggestion: "Perhaps it would be better not to mention it to Gage; he's too curious about the like—he just can't keep away from them . . . Wondering if she would lay before or after dinner; and liking to 'just touch' an egg." Nevertheless, because secrets are invariably difficult to keep, before long we saw the two, the older with a restraining hand on the younger's shoulder, motionless in the vicinity of the little summer dwelling to which we had already gained a sight. What nestings there are now to please them! In tree and shrub, in building and ground. What industry—what song! And, we think, affection and happiness!

Granddaughter was our guest this afternoon and after supper we accompanied her "a piece of the way" when homing. . . . Gent-ly then the sun was withdrawing his legions from the reaches of farmlands, marshalling them colorfully to right and left in the west, saving them against a new day's dawning. And now the wind light but chilly before, warmed appreciably as with a slim hand in ours we walked the width of farm which separates this place "in the road" from that of Alderlea.

It was intended that she should join her grandfather in a field where earlier she had left him at his sowing and so have his company during the remainder of the week home. "Perhaps," she observed showing no concern for she too knows well the fields between, "he's gone by this" . . . How light were the birds on wing above and about us, and gay! How green the haylands and pastures; and content the pictured herds on these and the farms about! Fragrant, quiet, skirred woodlands, fragrant, quiet, lovely into which she occasionally made forays to gather wildflowers; tri-colored trilliums, modest violets, woods' lilies of a delicate pretty clan.

Our shoes sank in the mellow loam for this was the field James had sown. Then echoing strangely in this interval not unusual and heard, "Whoa!" Her pleased smile spread. It is good to be in time! James was writing the end of this seeding, on a last round of headland . . . "There's something queer about it" the little lad hearing the word recently offered. "Granddaddy calls it a headland—doesn't that really mean first?—but still he sows it at the last!" "The last? Corn-root-potato-land are in the final stages of preparation at this place and a little sadly we received a token of the beginning of the end of this season when this evening a heavy snow, its work of year over was taken off to the other farm to its long spell of storage.

"Ellen!" it is James climbing the stairs, "it's time to bar the door!"

No Help

A psychiatrist asked his patient what dream she had had the previous night. She replied that she had not dreamed at all.

"Madam," he said, "I can't help you if you won't do your homework."

Convenient

"Here you are, my dear, a \$10,000 policy on my life. Now if anything happens to me you won't starve."

"Oh, you darling! Now you won't have to go to the doctor every time you have a pain."

Celebrates 91st Birthday With Family

A happy family get-together was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rodd recently in honour of Mrs. Rodd's mother, Mrs. Margaret Darrach, of East Royalty, who was celebrating her 91st birthday. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present for the occasion, extending happy felicitations to a beloved mother and grandmother.



Mrs. Darrach is seen above with her great grandson, Stuart Darrach.

A delicious supper was served by the hostess, topped off with ice cream, and a beautifully decorated birthday cake, after the candles were blown out by the guest of honour.

Mrs. Darrach lived the greater part of her life in New Haven, P. E. I., where she will be remembered as one of the most pleasant and obliging telephone operators, for a good many years. However, after the death of her husband, Angus N. Darrach, who passed away in 1924, she moved to East Royalty to live with her son Neil and his wife and family, where she is happy and tenderly cared for. She is enjoying wonderful health and still takes an active part in the household duties, and is looking forward to the warm weather when gardening will begin. She has almost a perfect memory, enjoys keeping up with the many changes which are taking place as time goes on, and has been keenly interested in the crowning of a new Queen, the second Queen to reign in her lifetime.

Mrs. Darrach is a member of Trinity United Church and is almost a regular attendant at the Sunday services.

Besides the death of her husband, four of her family of ten children have passed away. Two of her daughters live in Quincy, Mass. Annie, Mrs. A. MacBeth, and Miss Laura, R.N., both of whom spend part of the summer here with their mother.

Those living in P. E. I. are, Neil, East Royalty, Jennie, Mrs. Ceddie MacLeod, West Royalty, Marjorie, Mrs. Preston, Rodd, Harrington, and Miss Verna, R.N., with the Red Cross, Charlottetown.

She has eighteen grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren. One grandson, Rev. Gordon Darrach, with his wife and son Ian, arrived home on furlough last week from the Yukon.

Mrs. Darrach says work hard, live well, and love all, is her advice to any wishing to live a long life. And to her go the best wishes.

of a devoted family and a host of friends for many more years of happiness with those she loves

Morning Smile

Money No Object

Said the pretty crooner to her wealthy admirer: "You're such a darling, Mr. Riche. Please don't think I love you because you're worth a million. I'd love you as much if you were worth only five hundred thousand!"

Proof

A firm received an urgent letter from its Sahara branch. "Our desert outpost's short of water again," reported the chief clerk.

"Rot," snapped the boss. "They always are." "But it's serious now," said the clerk. "The stamp's attached with a paper clip."

Needlecraft News

by Pauline Roy

DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS there has been controversial talk about natural fibres versus synthetics. By natural fibres we mean wool, cotton, linen and silk; synthetic fibres are all those that are chemically manufactured. Synthetic materials have grown in popularity in the beginning because they were cheaper substitutes for fabrics made from natural fibres, and lately, through usage, because of their very good features. But though the pros and cons continue, both types of fabrics are here to stay and we should therefore consider which type to choose for each garment we are planning to make. Often a suitable blend of natural fibres and synthetics will be found to answer this question.



Woolen Yarns Are Best For Knitting

It would be difficult to find a substitute for wool if you want the best for your hand knitted articles. Garments knitted from woolen yarns have all the qualities you most desire. Wool is the warmest of all fabrics, at the same time it can be the softest and lightest. Your finished garment will be wrinkle resistant, flame resistant too, we might add, and will be tailored beautifully when blocked to size. Color choice is almost unlimited for wool's accommodation to color is unsurpassed and, of course, woolen garments can be washed over and over again. Knitted woolens are favorites for the whole family and an important part of everyone's wardrobe.

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