Women's realm

Better English

By W. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "You don't look good in that suit, and I think you should invest in a new one."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "dishevel"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Parenthesis, parliament, paroxysm, parsimonious.
4. What does the word "decoction" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with en that means "a feeling of weariness"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "You don't look well in that suit, and I think you should buy a new one." 2. Pronounce dishev-el, i as in did, both e's as in set, (second e unstressed), accent second syllable; not dis-hev-el. 3. Parliament. 4. An extract obtained by boiling or steeping in hot water. "The decoration was then poured from the vessel." 5. Ennui.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Mending China

China or glass can be mended by melting some powdered alum in an old spoon. Before it hardens rub over the pieces, press them together and set aside to dry. They will hold even if washed in hot water.

Soup

Fat can be removed from hot soup by pouring the soup through a cloth that has been wrung out of cold water. Nearly all the fat will cling to the cloth.

Fertilizer

To make a good plant fertilizer, water the plants with a solution of 150 grains of glue to two gallons of water.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it proper for parents to send out engraved announcements of their daughter's engagement?

A. Engraved announcements of an engagement are not usually sent. The announcement is usually given verbally, by written note, or through the newspaper.

Q. What is the correct way to eat cherries and plums when they are served at the table?

A. Cherries, very small plums and grapes are taken into the mouth whole, and the pits and stones carried from the lips to the plate between the thumb and forefinger.

Q. When addressing an envelope to a widow, should one write "Mrs. Ruth Moore" or "Mrs. Henry J. Moore"?

A. "Mrs. Henry J. Moore" is the correct form.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

THE Moon, entering Gemini this day, augurs well for the formulation of new plans and projects. They may not work out in quite the way you expect, but if you keep plugging, following hitherto successful procedures, you will find that unexpected deviations along the way lead more quickly to the goal than courses originally considered.

There are also excellent aspects for making changes in your home. It is an excellent period for making long-desired improvements, for refurbishing, interior decoration of any sort. Evening is fine for romance.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you should find the year ahead one in which uncertain or lagging affairs take a lively turn for the better. The co-operation of influential persons is assured, bringing not only the successful culmination of projects already in work, but added prestige and popularity.

Home and family matters move into focus during the next few months and you may be called upon unexpectedly to give help to parents, brothers or sisters. Be generous in this respect. You will be more than amply rewarded. Travel or a change of home environment is possible in the fall.

A child born on this day will have the type of personality that leads to great popularity with persons of prestige and influence.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

FOCAL INFECTION AS A CAUSE OF EYE AILMENTS

At one time some ailments were thought to be caused entirely by focal infection (from teeth, tonsils, gums, gall bladder, large intestine). Though this has been disproved in many cases, the fact remains that focal infection (in which infection starts in one focus or place and is carried by the blood and lymph to other parts) is still the cause of many bodily symptoms.

During World War I, it was found that a number of flyers were making poor landings, owing to infected teeth and tonsils. When infected teeth were rendered sterile and tonsils removed, these flyers had no trouble landing safely.

Recently in Oral (mouth) Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology (diseased conditions) St. Louis, Dr. A. A. Knapp emphasizes that blindness, not caused by definite eye diseases, is, for the most part, caused by infections of the teeth, nose and throat. Dr. Knapp reports of a man who complained that the sight in his left eye had greatly deteriorated. Examination revealed an early, central, low-grade chorioretinitis (inflammation of inner and outer coverings of retina of the eye with vision 20/50; normal is 20/20). He was advised to see his dentist and an ear, nose and throat specialist.

After the dental surgeon extracted an infected tooth, the eye disorder disappeared completely. The eye tissues regenerated and vision returned to normal.

On the basis of additional case histories, Dr. Kempt demonstrates that the regions of the ear, nose and throat should be examined in patient's with eye disorders and points out that sinusitis (inflammation of one or more of the sinuses) is frequently the cause of eye disorders.

Dr. Knapp also stresses the improvement of keratitis (inflammation of outer coat of eyeball) after removal of focal infection of teeth and gums. This has been observed too often to be just a coincidence. Dr. Knapp also cites cases in which stubborn or refractory keratorritis, glaucoma (swelling of eyeball) with complications with repeated and resistant hemorrhages were improved following treatment of dental infections.

Even in some cases of diabetic retinitis, dental infection seemed to be a contributory cause.

I believe the above information on the effects of focal infection on eyesight will be welcomed by physicians who have made like observations for many years but find that some of their patients have been told that focal infection is a discarded theory.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Two Girls; One Beau

Rift Between Roommates Over Attentions To Man

DEAR MISS DIX: I am dating a wonderful young man, and we have been very happy together. I am 20, he is 26. We enjoy doing the same things and I'm happy just being with him.

We met through my roommate, who had known him for some time. They both claim their only interest in each other was an occasional date. At the time Chet and I began going together, Marcia was going with another boy. However, now that it is apparent that Chet and I are becoming serious, she suddenly takes the attitude that he is doing her an injustice. She has stopped seeing the other young man. We share an apartment, which was originally hers. It's convenient for me so I would hate to move. Do you think she could be convinced of her folly in trying to upset me, or do you think I should move?

SHEILA K.

Muriel Nissen

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ANSWER: Marcia is a little lady of small mind and soul who cannot bear to see anyone else happy while she is miserable. She and Chet couldn't get along, so she was willing enough to hand him over to you when she had another beau. Apparently, matters didn't go too well there, either, now she is left without a man, and is quite determined to have you join her in that state. Should her efforts fail to get Chet back, she hopes at least to spoil your chances with him, too. And there, in plain language, is the situation you're out to buck.

While it would be too bad for you to give up your convenjent home, the sacrifice would be preferable to having your romance spoiled. One solution would be for Chet to find a young man to interest Marcia for awhile. Any male companionship that would tide her over until your wedding day would surely be helpful. If no obliging young man can be found, the best thing for you to do is pack up and move, before Marcia gets her claws into Chet. Some frustrated females are most dangerous opponents. Since I doubt that you have the experience to cope with one, retreat is the indicated course to follow.

If you do continue to remain with Marcia, there's no doubt but that she'll make things quite uncomfortable for you.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am very fond of a boy in my school. For a while he liked me, but my brother says he likes another girl, and my friends say I'm the one he likes. Should I believe my brother or my friends?

GERRY

ANSWER: Neither. Make your decision from the way the boy acts toward you. And don't rush him into a declaration of undying affection. Accept his friendship, and let him take care of the progression.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm 15 years old and quite attractive. The trouble is that, though I have many dates, no boy ever asks me out a second time. My friends say it's because I'm too thin. M.R.

ANSWER: I doubt if your friends' reason is the correct one. If your thinness drove boys away, they'd never ask you out the first time. Make a thorough and frank analysis of your own appearance—aside from underweight—your personality and your behavior on dates. If you have difficulty doing this on your own, I can send a leaflet that might help, and recommend some inexpensive booklets that do a fine job of helping young people improve their social quotient.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 14, with a boy friend, Robert, who is 20. We don't have a phone, but my friend next door does, and Robert calls me there. Since my parents think I'm too young to go with boys, I tell them a girl is calling me. I go to the show with Robert, too, and tell my folks that I'm going with a girl. I'm sure I love Robert, but am afraid to tell my parents. J.A.

ANSWER: Absolutely no good can come from the sort of sneaky dating in which you are indulging. Stop it at once! You're too young to form your own opinion of boys. Robert is too old for YOU anyway, but he is certainly old enough to know that you shouldn't be encouraged in this deception. If he were an honorable boy, he'd take his chances of facing your parents.

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

Cook's Corner

CHOCOLATE FUDGE ICING

Although quite mild, this icing will have a good chocolate flavor if fine flavoured cocoa is used. The icing is rich and fudges nicely as it is beat. Yield—sufficient icing for an 8-inch square cake.

1 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 tablespoon corn syrup
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon almond flavoring.

Measure the sugar into a saucepan and add the cocoa, corn syrup, butter or margarine, milk, vanilla and almond flavoring; combine well.

Bring to a boil, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved; boil, fairly rapidly, 4 minutes.

Remove from heat. Beat at once until icing is creamy and of nice spreading consistency.

Spread immediately on cold cake.

How Can I ! ! !

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I hasten the whipping of cream?

A. Add one-fourth teaspoon of lemon juice to each cup of heavy cream. Be sure to have the cream and utensils thoroughly chilled, so as to prevent the mixture from turning to butter. This is particularly important during the summer months.

Q. How can I easily remove paper labels from sheets and pillow cases?

A. Oftentimes, there is difficulty in removing these paper labels, but, if the goods is pulled on the bias around the label several times, the paper will usually lift off very readily.

Q. How can I kill dandelions?

A. An ice pick dipped in gasoline and thrust into the heart of the dandelions will kill the weeds with little damage to the surrounding grass.

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by Anne Adams

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

The recipe is simple and at this time of year, the fruity cake appetizing. Grind together a large orange, peel and pulp, reserving any accumulation of juice for the topping, one cup of raisins and a third of walnuts. Sift together, two cups flour, one of sugar, a teaspoon each of salt and soda. Add a half-cup shortening, cutting it in or mixing with the fingers.

"But," we remember saying to a gifted cook of the past when she mixed a fruit cake thus, "where is your mixing spoon?" She smiled broadly.

"Shure an' didn't you know, Ellen," she replied, "fingers were made before the likes av them things?"

Add three-parts of a cup milk and beat well. Then in order, two unbeaten eggs and the remainder of the cup of milk . . . and again a hundred turns! A powered mixer would mix it to a nicety, we are sure . . . "But, Ellen," a sister who is aware of many of our short-comings, advised us last summer, "if I were you, I don't think I should attempt to run one. Well, not alone at any rate. James might come in and find you in a bad way."

Then fold in the ground mixture, pour to a paper-lined, greased, pan; bake in a moderate oven for about forty minutes . . . "But how shall I know when it's done?" we once asked the same cook with concern when she for the moment had entrusted us with the baking of a tea-cake. "Try it with a straw?"

"Bless you child," she laughed, "don't you know that when it's stopped singin', it's done!"

The topping: Drip one third cup orange joice over the warm cake; combine one third cup sugar, a teaspoon of cinnamon, a few "rolled" walnuts and sprinkle on top . . . For those who do not like spice, icing sugar brought to a spreading consistency by the addition of orange juice, to all of which a bit of butter has been added also makes a tasteful topping.

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These mornings there are odd seagulls about the fields at Alderlea; and tonight tidings came to us of a new song of spring in the neighborhood there: the Peepers, somewhat off key yet, but nevertheless active, are practising an old tune. The younger farmer, our informant, "never before heard them so early in the season," nor have we.

"Not too favorable a sign of early cropping," James observed. He came by this evening, tidying the heaps of burning in the woodland on his way. His arrival is a signal for the children to join him in a round of stables and all . . . to visit the lambs, the calves, the fat cattle, the weanlings of pigs, to compare the livestock of this farm with those at Alderlea.

"Well, you may have more

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by Alice Brooks

Morning Smile

Two Can Play

A city visitor came to a Vermont farmer, seeking board and lodging for the summer. After he had inspected the living quarters, he accepted an invitation to remain for a sample meal. The food was excellent and the prospective boarder did ample justice to it.

"Well," remarked the visitor, as he rose from the table, "if that's a fair sample of the meals you serve, I want to board here."

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