

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"An owl, Ellen," James repeated sleepily when a minute ago we stopped at the door of the room across the hall.

"It wasn't an owl you heard, Ellen," he commented. "More likely it was a dog barking away off on the other road." He relaxed on his pillow, eyes closed. Presently he stirred. "What direction did it come from, did you say? A hill-top? Oh well, might be! Looks promising tonight, doesn't it?"

"Perhaps," we offered brightly. "It was some grandfather owl we heard — one not dependable... into his dotage!"

He put a cheek against the pillow in a despairing gesture. "There's one thing we can be certain of, Ellen, fine weather promised or not; he's like another I know, much brighter toward midnight than when it's time to get up in the morning! Now you hurry to bed because if we just may get the last of the hay out home saved tomorrow."

The night is lovely; it was fetchingly so when we loitered on our recent stroll with another farmhouse as along its quiet aisles we returned from a neighborly outing.

We stopped at her lane's end lingering to chat as women will at parting, to stay the delight of the hour, loath to leave its spell. "Saying the last-minute inconsequential things perhaps scarcely giving them a thought only noting the spirit that occasioned them... laughing over something amusing uttered or remembered, the sound loud in the silence which had not even a frog's croak then to disturb the deep stillness."

Above us the stars kept an old watch for us and frolic below in the dimness of the valley came the vague summer music of the flowing millstream. Quiet lay the farmlands about, windows dark, folks having already forsaken the realities of their workaday round for excursions into the misty land of dreams. At her home as the result of a fond thought over one not so taken up with night-owning as are we, a yard-light made a bright beacon, "a lamp unto the feet" of the one returning. "When I get to the house, Ellen, I'll turn that off so you'll know that I'm home; and you put yours on, just so I'll know... and don't walk too fast... and..."

There were summer stars mirrored in the stream beyond "the gangway bridge," there where it broadens in the neighboring field, where in that deepish spot shadowed by overhanging alders, Jamie finds a treasure-trove of trout; and every time we came there with the lads we must look in quietly upon a wee tidy nest low in a hedgerow and go on a bit to meet the hatching sandpiper, a marvellous find, on hers, just beyond.

Through the shadowy silence the Blackie-dog came to meet us as we stood there gathering in the scene: mirrored stars, faint ripple of water, quiet, near fields spotted darkly with their resting herds, farmhouses, dark of woodlands, all held in the cradling arms of his exquisite August night. We should keep this, we promised, to

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Cook's Corner

COFFEE JELLY

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Large Wedding At Kensington



Above are the principals of a marriage with William Boyd Bear-... Miss Enid Donald, maid of honor... and Miss Agnes Duffey. Standing flower girls are Sharyn Sudsbury with the groom are Messrs William and Cheryl Clark. With the bride are Miss Carrie Thompson, Miss... Miss Enid Donald, maid of honor... and Ingham MacE... (Photo by Heckbert)

Artist Brings New Life To Batik

TORONTO (CP)—The Bahinese might be surprised to see what a young Canadian artist is doing with their ancient art of batik work. It's a long way from the crude specimens of the batik craze on this continent 20 years ago.

Gustav Weisman is putting the modern touch to Bali's national art and is painting abstracts and semi-abstracts with the age-old batik materials—dye, wax and unbleached cotton.

Weisman will demonstrate his batik in the Canadian Handicrafts Guild booth at this year's Canadian National Exhibition. Handicraft experts are enthused over his beautiful work in this almost forgotten field.

Weisman began working in batik while in Mexico on a graduate art scholarship, following studies at the Ontario College of Art. He met an American working in Batik, but in the conventional designs—knights on dashing chargers and similar heraldic motifs.

He became interested in the form, but as a modern artist, produced a modern design. This called for bright color and he began experimenting with dyes, the possibility of using more colors and generally enlarging on batik techniques.

He works on the basis of the centuries-old batik technique, blocking out parts of the design with melted wax and dipping the fabric in dye. However, Weisman sometimes dips the material as many as 10 times, giving a wide range of colors, shades, dots and streaks.

He paints on batik just as an artist using oils or water colors, with no preconceived plan as to how the picture should look when it is finished.

"Sometimes wonderful unanticipated things happen," he said. "The wax cracks and unplanned-for dyes creep in, giving a beautiful texture to the painting."

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

QUICK and profitable results can be expected this-day if you work with initiative and enterprise. Associates are in a cooperative and the configurations are excellent for ideas that are novel and daring. The lunar vibrations also favor entertainment for business reasons and large-scale social activities.

The evening hours are fine for plans involving future security, travel and community projects. A good period, too, for seeking professional advice, arranging a fall social program and catching up on long-overdue correspondence.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, the coming months may find you faced with some intriguing problems but, if you will regard these as challenges rather than obstacles, the results should be eminently satisfying. Your innate capacity for hard work plus an unusual intuitive sense, should point the way toward resolution of all problems and result in a feeling of achievement and a deeper sense of security.

Career advancement is definitely in the offing and by midfall there should be a considerable improvement in your financial affairs. Romance and courtship are favored, but do not yield to jealous impulses.

A child born on this day will be sympathetic, loyal and fond of travel.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

BUYING CHILDREN'S SHOES

I write often about the feet because normal feet mean so much to the general health and happiness and also the earning capacity of the individual. Also much of health, happiness and comfort depends on how parents and physicians watch the feet of children and particularly the purchase of children's shoes.

In the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Louis Starr, Brooklyn, of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, New York University College of Medicine, New York City, states:

"The shapes of children's shoes are so well standardized that their shape is usually correct. Shoes are made in four sizes, generally of maple wood, of the approximate shape of the human foot. A 'standard' or normal last is one in which a set of standard measurements are used throughout, namely, standard length, standard width, standard instep, standard heel and standard ankle."

Shoes for children should be an exact fit, not too large so that the child will grow into them. Children often outgrow, rather than outwear, their shoes.

In fitting the shoes, the following points should be followed:

1. Eyelets should be parallel.
2. The tip of the big toe and second toe should be felt through the upper the distance between the toes and the tip of the shoe should be one-half to three-quarters inch (about the width of the adult's thumb).
3. The widest part of the child's foot—widest part of bone forming big toe to widest part of the little toe—should be the widest part of the shoe. The ball of the foot and the heel and the ball of the shoe should meet at the same point so that the foot and the shoe may bend at the same place.
4. The width across the ball of the foot should be noted. It should be possible to grasp a small fold of leather across the front of the vamp (upper surface of shoe) with the thumb and forefinger. If the leather wrinkles, the shoe is too narrow.
5. A shoe should fit in action as well as at rest. When the child raises his heel and bends forward so that weight of the body is on his toes, the shoe should not gape at the sides or at the back.
6. The child should walk around for several minutes. The back of the shoes should fit snugly without slipping or riding up and down and they should be comfortable.

Generally speaking, the first parts of the shoe to show wear are the outer side of the sole which shows the child is not flat-footed, then the back outer edge of the heel and the part of the tip of the sole, just beyond the most forward end of the big toe. Stores that have good shoe fitters soon become known to parents.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

One-Sided Romance

Lonely Woman Ponders Marriage To Man She Does Not Love

DEAR MISS DIX: For the past two years I have been dating a man who is in love with me and wants to marry me. I am 31 and not particularly attractive. I know the man will make a good husband, but I would have to keep on working since he doesn't make enough to support a wife plus his mother. However, my real problem is that I don't love him. Could I be happy married to someone I respected, but didn't love? I do get so lonely. I long for companionship. Do you think I should marry the man or wait until I find someone I really love?



Muriel Nissen

ANSWER: If you marry a man you don't love, marriage will demand a great deal more sacrifice from you than it would if you loved your husband. The reason for this is that what we do for those we love seldom is in the nature of a sacrifice, but it is much more difficult to exert effort for people we don't love—no matter how much we respect them. For instance, if you married this man you would evidently share a home with your mother-in-law. For a husband you love, it would be a pleasure to go out of your way to create a happy atmosphere under such circumstances; but could you do it for a man who had no claim on your deeper emotions?

Marriage for companionship is by no means doomed to failure; in fact, the record of success is quite good. You must be fully aware, however, that while you are receiving a full measure of love from your man, you have none to offer in return, and the balance can only be kept by great devotion from you. You also must face the possibility that eventually your husband may tire of his one-sided love. If you can face up to difficulties and conquer them, I'd say go ahead. If you find it difficult to face challenges, better wait.

DEAR MISS DIX: My husband insists that his secretary must be attractive, with intelligence and personality. He says these assets are important, since she must meet people and conduct business for him. I am not a jealous young girl, but I do admit I'm uneasy when he works with a pretty young girl.

ANSWER: Your husband is absolutely right in his contention that a girl who is called upon to meet people should have an attractive appearance. She is his representative in business, just as you are at home. Of course, there is no denying that personable office workers cause sleepless nights for many a wife, but in most cases the anxiety is unfounded. Secretaries have their own lives to lead, too, and most of them a boss is just the man who pays the salary.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

- Q. How long should a letter of condolence be?
- A. It should not be lengthy. A brief, but sincere, note is in the best taste.
- Q. When one is a guest at a house party where there are servants, could one ever give orders to these servants?
- A. Never. If extra service is required, the guest should make his or her wants known to the hostess, who can convey them to the servants.
- Q. After a young man has taken a girl out for an evening of entertainment, would it be all right for her to ask him to call on her sometime?
- A. Yes. This is her privilege, and probably the best way to do this is to ask him to dinner at her home.

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Hebb-Small Wedding



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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am apt to be late if I pause any longer."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "aqueous?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Farewell, expell, undersell, misstatement.
4. What does the word "insipid" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with uns that means "not worldly-wise"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I am likely to be late."
2. Pronounce a-kwe-us, the a as in ate, preferred, accent first syllable 3. Expel 4. Wanting in spirit, life, or animation. "It was an insipid composition." 5. Unsophistication.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Leo

Care of Books

A few drops of oil of lavender here and there throughout a book case will save the library from mold.

No Stretching

The pockets of the sweaters will not stretch and sharp articles will not poke through if the pockets are lined with satene.

Tight Shoes

To relieve tight shoes, wring a cloth out of very hot water and place over the spot where the shoe pinches while the shoe is on the foot. The heat causes the leather to expand.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

- Q. How can I distribute starch evenly through very flimsy curtains?
- A. Have your starch solution boiling hot; dip the curtains in, and then put them through the wringer.
- Q. What can I do if the mercury in a thermometer separates?
- A. You can try shaking it together. Or, dip it in very cold water for a few minutes. If both of these remedies fail, the case is usually hopeless, and a new thermometer is in order.
- Q. How can I patch small, deep nail holes in plastered walls?
- A. The easiest way is just to mix a little talcum powder or cornstarch with a few drops of water, and force the mixture into the hole, smoothing it off with your fingers around the edges.

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