

DOROTHY DIX

Domineering Mother

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 31 years old, single, and living with my mother, who is 58. She is a widow and has been in this country for 40 years. She owns her own home, renting one apartment. Mother has always been domineering—she made my father's life miserable with her constant nagging. She has never liked me to have friends and has broken up several of my budding romances.

Sometimes she didn't like the boy's looks, or the way he dressed. Always there was a trumped-up excuse, and to keep peace I'd break off with them.

She has even embarrassed me by calling up a boy's mother to tell her to keep the young man home. Now I have met a man where I work and we are becoming very fond of each other. I doubt if Mom can break up this romance. However, after trying all the old arguments she came up with a new one. A fortune teller told her that he was not the right one for me and that I'd be happier if I waited.

My beau has rosy dreams of marrying me and having mother live with us. Obviously he's not aware of her disposition. I love my mother and don't feel that I should tie myself down to her tantrums for the rest of my life. I hate to hurt her, but I do want a life of my own.

LIFE WITH THIS MOTHER!

ANSWER: Your mother's dramatic efforts to keep you at home transcend the reasonable and I'm afraid you'll have to be equally dramatic to free yourself. I have done considerable editing on your long letter, but the details certainly present a complete picture of life with mother, as well as the compatibility of you and your young man. If you remain at home, frustrated and badgered, you'll soon reach a point where you'll be no good to either yourself or your mother.

Leaving for a home and family of your own will help bring everyone's condition to a more normal level. Your mother will certainly rave and rant when you announce your plans, but, rest assured, there's more than a grain of common sense behind her frenzy and she'll learn to get accept facts as they are. She needs activity and people. Try to interest her in something. Her financial position must be secure, as I'm sure you realize. When she's convinced that you aren't leaving her to starve alone, she'll be more reconciled to your marriage.

It would be a good idea to have your pastor talk to your mother about her penchant for fortune tellers. A word from him may cure her of that weakness.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cubertson

ARE YOU A "TRUMP-DRAWER"?

The hand below is not for experts, but it has a very distinct point for those countless players who have a fixation about "getting out the trumps."

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for South, West, North, and East.

The bidding: South 1♠, West Pass, North 2♠, East Pass.

West opened the queen of clubs, and South won with the ace. Expecting a normal break of trumps, South properly led a low trump toward dummy. When the nine held, declarer was quite correct in leading another trump. On this trick East discarded a low heart, showing that trumps were not going to break favorably, and West, putting up the right defense, again held off with the ace.

Now it would have been an excellent idea for South to reconsider his plan of play, but he continued with trumps. This time West took his ace. He returned a club, and the suit was led a third time, forcing South to ruff.

Now South was helpless. If he used up his last trump to draw West's remaining spade, he would be helpless against the rest of the club suit whenever he knocked out the ace of diamonds. And if he led a diamond without drawing West's last trump, West would lead a fourth club, forcing out declarer's last trump. Then West would make a second trump trick to defeat the contract.

It goes without saying that South could have made his contract by abandoning the trump suit after the second round showed him the bad break. He should have shifted to diamonds. West would take the ace of diamonds and lead a club, but then the trump suit in dummy would make it unprofitable for the defenders to lead a third round of clubs. They would have no way of reducing the trumps in the closed hand, and South would easily regain the lead draw trumps and run his tricks.



Cook's Corner

WHITE CAKE

- 1 egg
1 cup white sugar
1 cup sweet cream
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups flour

Mix in order given and bake in moderate oven.

—Joyce Harrington, Spring Valley W. I.

The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

AVOID displays of temperament and be diplomatic in dealing with both friends and business associates now. You may be subjected to minor annoyances, especially during the morning hours, but if you will maintain a serene and calm attitude, you can best them easily.

Where finances are concerned, adhere to a conservative policy and generally speaking, in all business matters, it would be advisable to "take it easy," since judgment and intuition may not be completely reliable now.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, the next three months should be extremely beneficial to you where your career and finances are concerned. During "J" however, you could run into temporary obstacles on your road to achievement—especially if the co-operation of elders is required. You can overcome these setbacks, however, with patience and perseverance in action.

Try to be objective and understand others' points of view, and you will find that in your efforts to adapt, opposition will fade.

During August, an unexpected change may prove quite fortunate and there is a strong possibility that your prestige and popularity will increase either as a result of membership in a group or through a new social contact.

Some misleading influences may appear during October, so make alert. During November and December curtail expenses to meet income.

A child born on this day will be intelligent and hard-working, but will have to guard against making hasty and impulsive decisions.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I tried an experiment and found the results very wrong."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Repriss, suppress, impressive, impassionate.

4. What does the word "compulsion" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "ins" that means "to provoke; incite"?

ANSWERS

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Morning Smile

A man who had just bought a parrot for \$40 at an auction asked if the bird could talk intelligently.

The auctioneer replied, "He's the one who's been bidding against you."

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I keep the floor mop clean?

A. Instead of trying to shake the dirt out of a new floor mop after starting to use it, brush it with a whisk broom. The mop will always be fluffy and clean.

Q. How can I prevent diced fruits from dropping to the bottom of a gelatin mold?

A. This can be prevented by chilling the fruits and adding when the gelatin mixture has partly congealed.

Q. How can I make sweet peas bloom better?

A. When planting sweet peas, run the rows north and south and they will bloom far better than when run east and west.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

INFORMATION ABOUT ANTI-BIOTICS—GERM KILLERS

We read much today about antibiotics, or germ killers, such as the sulfa drugs and penicillin. In Post-graduate Medicine, Dr. Chester Keefer, Boston University School of Medicine, gives some useful information about antibiotics.

There are five antibiotic drugs in common use today—penicillin, chloromycin, streptomycin, aureomycin, and terramycin. Each of these antibiotics has a definite place in therapeutics (treatment).

Penicillin, aureomycin, chloromycin and terramycin are given by mouth for the treatment of general systemic infections. All of them are absorbed from the stomach and small intestine. Streptomycin is also given by mouth for its local effect in reducing the number of germs in the intestine, but is not absorbed.

Penicillin and streptomycin are injected into the muscles for the treatment of systemic infections and aureomycin and terramycin can be injected into the veins when the material is properly prepared.

Unfortunately, the standards of assays were developed with the use of crude and relatively impure streptomycin and before the pure crystalline product had been isolated.

Penicillin is highly effective when given by mouth and it is a convenient way to prescribe this powerful drug. Fortunately, it is not toxic (poisonous). Cases where penicillin loses its strength by the acid juice of the stomach have fortunately been corrected by our biochemists.

How can the physician know that he is giving the patient the correct dosage of penicillin? Dr. Keefer states that the most important guide to correct dosage of penicillin by mouth is the effect upon the patient. Experience has established certain dosage by mouth and we amount that is needed for many infections.

Aside from the real effectiveness of penicillin by mouth, it causes no disagreeable side reactions and the percentage of patients sensitive to penicillin by mouth is less than when the muscular injections are given. As an aid to physicians in treating patients, Dr. Keefer states that penicillin by mouth is particularly effective in gonorrhoea and streptococcal infections.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

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A. "This is Sharon Martin." Q. Should the man or the woman make the move to stop for conversation when they meet each other on the street?

A. It is up to the man to do this. Q. Should the bread and butter plates remain on the table throughout the entire meal?

A. No, they should be removed from the table just prior to serving the dessert.

Q. Is it considered proper for a man to refer to his wife as "The Missus"?

A. Although this is quite often done, it is not considered in the best of taste.

Ellen's Diary

By An Island Farmer's Wife

The Variety Concert which occasionally and by way of a pleasant diversion took us to practice of late in the community hall was presented tonight. A brain-child of the local W. I. it was quite a success.

One was aware of this by the well rounded applause received for the various numbers and also by the gleams of happiness lighting the eyes of the children participating, young and excellent trouper that they prove to be. It was fitting that they should have a part in this venture which is to bring sooner or later added improvements to respective classrooms.

So tonight they spoke their pieces and sang their songs with all the heartiness and charm of their innocent years. Their elders, appreciably more self-conscious, also acquitted themselves well in choruses, in an old-time trio of fine masculine voices; in engaging solos and duets and quartettes out of a more modern library of song. There was instrumental music to set the most solemn toes to beating, and a fine substance for other tastes, the offerings of talented eclectonists.

We marvelled at how very far some of the assistance had come. One, a member of the chorus came to us all the way "free Gasca" not recently but at the cessation of hostilities of World War II as a youthful war bride. She still retains the fetching accent of her native land. Citizens of two countries her children are—the wide here and now of Canada and the lovely legendary shores of "Mother's home."

She saw the Queen Mary, the palatial sea-lady in the course of a constitution. And had no idea that this would be the fairy boat in which she would one day take passage to a far Canadian home. She has pleasant memories of the voyage. "And wasn't it nice to think that the then Prime Minister of Canada was a fellow-passenger? Not that we were aware of the fact until she lay so before we docked. But we spoke to him and he shook hands 'til we were one (her firstborn). And it was easy to see that he was a kind, pleasant man."

Another of tonight's artists, also a war bride is one who "might say I'm a native of Yorkshire—since much of my girlhood was spent there, though I also know London. And isn't it funny she laughed, how the accent sticks to me in spite of my years here!" Her homeland is real to her three elder children who with their Mother spent a recent summer among those scenes she once knew.

So bits of the old Motherland came a-croos the ocean to us brought by love, to enrich the lives of those of us in the new, as these lend fine assistance in every good work in their husbands' homeland.

"Ah, ha, Ellen, you've been frizzin' your hair!" James teased when the fading day returned him from Alderlea to this place. "I suppose that occupied most of your day."

Our day? What was it but a wisp of blue sky, a sunny wind, glints in the millstream and wide white fields?

Until tomorrow — Diary — Cool-night — — — — — other on the street? — — — — —

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First Aid and Home Nursing (St. John Ambulance)

Childhood Diseases

Balmy spring weather and communicable diseases seem to go hand in hand. So this is a good time of year to keep an eye on children for early symptoms of measles, scarlet fever, chickenpox, whooping cough and mumps.

Prompt treatment will lessen the severity of the disease and help to prevent complications.

How do parents recognize the symptoms of these childhood ailments? Watch for these telltale signs, says St. John Ambulance:

Red Measles: The child will have a fever, running nose, sore eyes and a cough. On the fourth day after these early symptoms start, a reddish, blotchy rash appears on the forehead and behind the ears and then spreads downwards over the body.

German Measles: Early signs and symptoms are similar but milder than red measles. There are usually small tender lumps behind the ears and down the sides of the neck. As a matter of fact, the rash may be the first sign parents notice. This rash is finer and more pinkish than that of red measles.

Scarlet Fever: First symptoms of scarlet fever are fever, headache, sore throat and reddish or furrowed tongue. This is followed in 24 to 72 hours by a fine, bright red rash which first appears on the neck, armpits and groin. The rash begins to fade in three to seven days and is followed by "peeling."

Chickenpox: Within 24 hours after the child develops a mild fever, headache and loss of appetite, the chickenpox rash usually appears. This rash first shows up as small, separated, pimples which raised red spots which rapidly become filled with a clear fluid, which in turn, becomes pus, breaks and scabs over. In mild cases the rash may be the first sign of the disease.

Whooping Cough: Starts with a fever and a cough. They become gradually spasmodic and the "whoop" develops about the second week of the disease.

Mumps: This disease is usually easily recognized by the painful swelling in front of and below the ears. But don't forget that the swelling can be in front of and below just one ear or both.

In every case, the patient should be isolated as much as possible immediately a communicable disease is suspected to prevent spreading the infection and the family doctor should be called for advice.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Straw Hats

To bleach a straw hat that is badly sunburned, remove the band and fasten the hat to the inside of a wooden box. Then invert the box over a dish of burning sulphur.

Washing Ties

Before laundering ties, baste them carefully to prevent the lining or padding from becoming lumpy. Remove the basting before ironing and the ties will look like new.

Sprinkling Can

Always keep solder on hand for repairing the sprinkling can and such articles, but in emergency soap is a good substitute.

Coffee and Tea Stains

Coffee and tea stains can be removed from silk or wool by rubbing the stain with pure glycerin. Then rinse in slightly warm water and press the goods with a warm iron on the wrong side.

TRIUMPH OVER SELF Lenten Meditation

from the columns of the 'Times, London

The conversation of small boys often contains a great deal of boasting. They derive satisfaction from the attempts to outdo their friends' accounts of sights seen, their exploits in games, the positions and imagined abilities of their parents.

This spirit of emulation may be engaging in children; but when it persists into adult life it can produce a tragic malformation of character. In the lives of individuals and of nations this form of infantilism—masquerading often as the maintenance of prestige—destroys harmony and embitters relationships.

The fact that St. Paul in his Christian life, wrote so often a boastful boasting might seem to suggest that he had long suffered from this particular form of arrested development. Pride, though consciously rejected, still coloured the recollection of his former life.

The eighteenth-century commentator Bengel says of a passage in Philippians that it is as if Paul were counting his former advancement on the fingers of his hand: "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, as touching the law, a Pharisee, as touching zeal, persecuting the Church, as touching righteousness which is in the law, found blameless." The list would savour of conceit, were it not followed by the qualifying statement: "What things were given to me, these have I counted loss for Christ."

In other Epistles the same note is struck. In Galatians Paul laid emphasis upon the fact that he had "advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of mine own countrymen, being more exceeding zealous for the traditions of my fathers." An assured position had given him authority. He had felt himself to be, like the imaginary Jewish interlocutor of the Epistle to the Romans, "a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babes." But since then he had himself been blinded by an overwhelming light and now counted himself "less than the least of all saints."

Yet in his missionary work critical attacks could still rouse him to expostulation; and he would proclaim his eminence, not as scholar and exegete, but as sufferer. The Epistle for Sexagesima contains the famous catalogue of perils endured by land and sea, through prison and shipwreck. It became Paul's ambition as some personal recompense for his former persecution of the Church.

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Bringing Up Baby



Hints Collected by Mrs. Ann Ecker (Mother of 5)

Baby getting more active these days? If you don't want to spend money on regular baby crib bumpers, try this tip from a practical mother: weave a soft quilt in and out of the spokes of baby's crib to save little arms and legs from getting caught between the bars.

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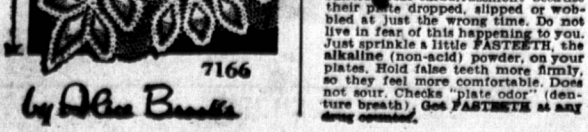
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