

## Better English

By A. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am not sure but what I will be there."  
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "research"?  
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Superfluous, superfluity, superfluity, superlative.  
 4. What does the word "ennui" mean?  
 5. What is a word beginning with pr that means "living by preying on other animals"?

### ANSWERS

1. Say, "I am not sure but that I shall be there." 2. Accent both noun and verb on second syllable, not the first. 3. Superfluity. 4. Boredom. (Pronounce an-we, as in ah, accent first syllable). "His manner of living produced a state of ennui." 5. Predatory.

## How Can I!!!

By Ann Ashley

Q. How can I eliminate flies from a room?  
 A. A castor oil plant placed in a room tends to drive away the flies. Many people discourage flies by placing in convenient places small saucers containing a mixture of cream, ground black pepper, and sugar.  
 Q. What can I do when working on silk and the hands stick to the material?  
 A. Rub the hands lightly over a piece of fine sandpaper.  
 Q. How can I remove perspiration stains from clothes?  
 A. Soak the garments in a strong salt water solution before laundering.

## Morning Smile

Girl (in expensive restaurant): "Why do you like the Hawaiian girls better than me?"  
 Sailor: "Because they would rather dance than eat!"

### In the Red

When Sam was asked how he budgeted his income, he replied: "Oh, about 40 per cent for food, 30 per cent for rent, 30 per cent for clothing, and 20 per cent for amusement and incidentals." "But that makes 120 per cent." "Don't I know it!" agreed Sam, with a groan.

## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

**Flowers**  
 When one is sending flowers that are to be without water for several hours, snip off the stems and immediately tip the ends with a sealing wax. This keeps the moisture in the stems. When the flowers are put into water, the sealing wax should be cut off.

**Stubborn Jelly**  
 When jelly refuses to "jell," a slice of carrot will furnish the necessary pectin and produce a clear, firm jelly, with no trace of the carrot flavor.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Should a woman, traveling alone on a train, allow a new male acquaintance to pay for her meals?  
 A. A woman travelling alone may properly accept the invitation of a male acquaintance for one meal in the diner. If the trip extends long enough for more meals en route, she should not take additional meals with him, or if she allows him to accompany her, she should pay for her own meals.  
 Q. Should a stranger knock on the closed hall door of a business office before entering?  
 A. This is not done. Business offices are public. One does not however enter an office door marked "private" without an invitation.  
 Q. Should a letter of introduction be sealed?  
 A. This is not usually done.

## ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Kissed lovingly by the sun of June, we found an apple tree opening its blossoms this morning. Coral-tinted were the petals, and it came to mind that it was worth enduring more than one storm of winter to feast eyes again on such beauty and to hear once more the happy hum of the bees as they held carnival in the abundance of bloom spread there.

We saw too at Alderlea, a great drift of cherry snow in the branches of those wildings of trees of ours, the sight ever reminding us of those days of the past that brought Granddaughter into the world. Anxiety is there in the flowering . . . and hope. And the subsequent delight which attends the safe arrival of these babes to earth.

James guided our busy little truck up the rise of lane which was bringing us to Alderlea this morning. "Looks as though we're going to have cherries this year" he offered, nodding toward the wealth of bloom there. And at his words we wondered if perhaps it was given to woman-kind to see in such scenes, pictures the sterner sex can not discern. Maybe we climb heights and plumb depths from which they are forever barred, but which we may, indeed sometimes, too easily, reach to keep as did a woman of the long ago, to "ponder" alone in mind and heart.

Tulips, marking the passing of some of our autumns as well as greeting our springs, were gay along our bits of lawns; and how fresh and lovely every blossom and new leaf about! James who owns at the present a roving commission which lets him serve at his fancy as esteemed assistant or is it master? on one farm or another was drawn to Alderlea, as was Rob this morning to continue there the work of the cropping—to spread fertilizer for roots and also on this or that piece of land intended for grain. A dusty chore it is and one not especially enjoyed by our farmers, who draw signs of relief when they come to its end.

"But it's done so easily nowadays" James said stopping a moment in his churning to watch the busy tractor and spreader, "and so fast. Dear, dear," he commented, "the work we used to have over it!" Up the creek from Alderlea, the wild cherry trees are in their loveliest bloom; and here and there crowned whitely, pretty amid the sombre shades of their evergreen neighbors climbing the slope above, others of the kin, display too a rare glory. "I don't believe there ever was a prettier spring" Jennie offered coming to join us and the children on the lawn . . . June's exquisite touch on field and woodland and pond! And all about, holding us in the comforting embrace we have known so long, the quiet precious hills of Home—staunch, everlasting. "And now" we said with a chuckle, missing somewhat of late, "let's see how everything's growing!"

"Oh yes," James recounts now to a neighboring farmer, "I managed to get some sowed this afternoon after a late start. We were out Home this morning and Ellen got to gardening . . . planting bulbs—or something—and it sort of delayed us. And you know how minutes count now! But the weather looks promising for tomorrow . . . I'll have to try to make up then for today's lost time!"

Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night . . .

## Cook's Corner

### Spiced Nut Cake

1-2 cup shortening, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 3-4 cup brown sugar, 1-2 cup granulated sugar, 2 well-beaten eggs, 2 cups flour, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1-2 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1-2 teaspoon cloves, 1-2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 cup buttermilk, 1-2 cup chopped walnut meats.  
 Thoroughly cream shortening, vanilla, and sugars. Add eggs; beat thoroughly. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk. Stir in nut meats. Pour into two waxed paper lined, 8-inch square cake pans. Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees F. 30 to 35 minutes. Cool. Frost with Sea Foam frosting. Combine 1 cup dark corn syrup, 1-2 cup brown sugar, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons strong coffee. Gradually pour over 2 stiff-beaten egg whites, beating until of spreading consistency.

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### Unreasonable Demands Young Wife Exacts Small Attentions From Husband

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Muriel Nissen

Lately, my brother seems to be resenting her attitude to the point where things that formerly came naturally to him now appear to be a nuisance.

ANNA

ANSWER: One of the notable paradoxes of our age is the fact that women are more and more seeking equality with men—even to the point of usurping age-old masculine privileges—in so many things, yet continue to demand meticulous attention to details which modern living actually should have outmoded long ago.

### HERS HIGHLY INCONSIDERATE

While there is nothing so pleasant to see as a mannerly gentleman observing the amenities of social life, the picture changes abruptly when an exacting wife reduces courtesy to actual subservience. A wife is certainly lacking in consideration when she expects her husband to walk across a room to service her cigarette, when the means of lighting it are at her own fingertips.

However, Anna, I wouldn't worry too much about your sister-in-law if she were you. At the moment, she is simply glorying in the fact that she has acquired a man unto herself and is working the poor boy to death as a mark of her triumph. The fact that he is beginning to be irked by her impositions is proof that he's not the doormat type, and friend wife will soon come down from the clouds and take her place in the world of reality.

One should never judge the behavior of a young bride—or husband—

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## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

### PHYSICIAN, PATIENT, AND OURSELVES

I once accompanied a railroad surgeon as he visited each victim of a serious railroad wreck. Several people had been killed and some of the survivors were so seriously injured that they died within the next couple of days. I asked him how he would be able to sleep, knowing that some of these patients would die before his next visit.

His reply was characteristic. "I have been all over each patient carefully and have done all I can do to ease their pain and save their lives. I have then gone over each case in turn in my mind and asked myself if there was anything more I could do. I am satisfied in my mind that I have done everything possible, my mind is at rest for this reason and so I'll be able to sleep."

I am reminded of this incident in reading an article in Medical Clinics of North America by Dr. Leroy H. Sloan, clinical professor of medicine, University of Illinois College of Medicine, in which he quoted Sir William Osler at a farewell banquet before he left for Oxford as stating, "I have three personal ideals. One, to do the day's work well and not bother about tomorrow. The second ideal has been to act the Golden Rule as far as in me lay toward my professional brethren and towards the patients committed to my care. And the third has been to cultivate such a measure of equanimity as would enable me to bear success with humility, the affection of my friends without pride, and to be ready when the day of sorrow and grief came to meet it with courage befitting a man."

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physicians and patients, I believe we can all try our best to make these ideals of Osler a part of our own daily life. If we, as the day is over, can feel that we have done an honest day's work, as far as we were able with our knowledge and ability, we should all be able to obtain natural sleep. As a matter of fact, it is the little and occasionally the large affairs in our daily lives in which we show indecision and neglect that come to us during the night and interfere with sleep.

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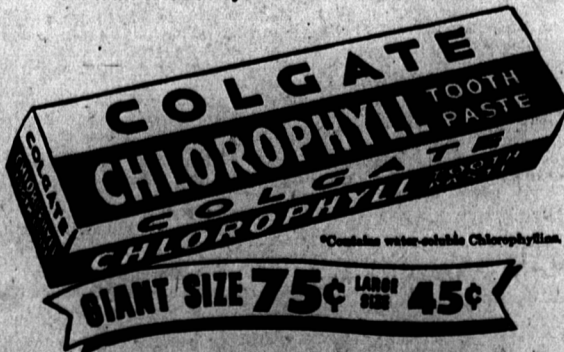
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