

ELLEN'S DIARY

We should like to have read of the joy which attended the purchase of the reaper and where and what grain it first cut. And what of those brawny helpers who had wielded expertly and well the scythes at former cuttings and reapings? What of the other implements in their turn, which acquiring in those days must have caused more than a ripple of excitement and happiness. How fast or slowly did the reaches of forest recede from the door-yard? And were there "bears in the bush" or does James only clothe spectres with flesh and blood to entertain the like of Jamie and granddaughter when sometimes in the twilight they crowd very quietly "the arm and back of his chair"? Did a lover carry home his bride on horseback along a blazed trail? Or perhaps on foot... a world ahead? Was there egg-money for the housewives of those days or did their pence come from the bit of wool? Or had they any to call their own? And did the arrival of the phaeton cause as much satisfaction as the subsequent coming along the same trail of the glamorous '28 Chev of respected memory?

And the trim "walking-plough" was that a marvel in those days? And intermingling with the happenings and progress of this farm through the years, we should like now to read of the neighboring ones — of the raising of the school-children too, and of the first "Maister". Was he bewhiskered? And were the new ones timid in his presence? Or did he take them up in his kindly arms as he taught them the letters? And another matter intrigues us, such times as we hear the choir raise voices of praise on "The Lord's Day" — who was the careless one who threw away or lost the tuning-fork which once determined the pitch of the Psalms in the old Kirk at the corner? No woman of those days it is certain, for making a joyful noise to the Lord was not left much to feminine voices then we have been told.

So much we should like to know of those bygone days, of the joys and sorrows, the trials and delights. Not as a history of periods is written in a monotony of lifeless king-ly and queenly figures, and dead and gone dates on a page. But glowing with interesting facts, vital and winsome, concerning those items of living, of interest to those of us who have set our feet in their steps at the farming, who as they light the hearth-fires of a morning, toll or perhaps loiter a bit by day, and in Stevenson's words "Come to our beds weary and content" and we hope "undishonored" at the close of the day.

And today — but no, it was yesterday. Ah, how fast do these Autumn days fade! What happened at Alderlea yesterday... so satisfying to her people and making fit material for history? Realizing the end of a long dream of at least one of her people — the lights have come at last! Electricity to assist the farmers in many a chore of the farm and to facilitate our house-keeping as well. "Light the lanterns, Ellen!" James forgot for a moment this evening, when the choring was calling, "Light two, will you? The young lad will want one in the pig-gery and I'll need one at the milking!" And Karoly who had come

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Strange But True

According to Arab Chronicles King Motessem reigned eight years, eight months and eight days. He left eight sons, eight daughters, eight thousand slaves and eight millions of gold. He was the eighth of his line — sort of an eight fold sovereign, so to speak. "God rest his soul! He has given us much trouble and grief." These twelve words were spoken by the Duke of Lorraine over the dead body of Charles the Bold, and is the shortest funeral oration on record. Albert of Hasburg was the ugliest person the Middle Ages could boast. To add to Nature's work his face was further marred by the loss of one eye. Poisoned when a youth, his doctor took out one of his eyes and then hung him up by the heels so that the poison might escape through the artificial opening in his head. . . . Historians tell us that Jacques Cartier only took 20 days to sail from St. Malo to Newfoundland. Do you think a clumsy fleet of the 16th century could do it. Believe that one and the story of Jonah and the whale will go down smoothly.

What English King in need of a pair of shoes had to go home without them because the shoemaker refused to give him credit? The King, Charles VI. The incident took place shortly after his coronation. . . . Believe it or not, but all the Danish Kings since the reign of Christian II, have been named Christian or Frederick by alteration of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, got a salary of \$150,000 a year; his son, also with the Mutual Life, pulled down another \$130,000 a year, and his son-in-law received \$147,000. Some big emoluments. . . . The cost of preparing a mummy (best style) stood the deceased family 1200 bucks. Second grade embalming (with case) \$300., and the three was cheap enough to be within the reach of all. . . . The water witch of today is a lineal descendant of the Scythian Magus. The forked switch of the apple tree which once determined the pitch of Tamarisk. And the conjurer cures the ground with the same serious face which the priest of Media wore a thousand years before Christ came into the world.

When an army was counted in ancient times they first took 10,000 soldiers and huddled them together like sardines in a tin. Around this mass of humanity they built a wall the space was then emptied and again filled and emptied and filled until the whole army had been measured. . . . Rather interesting and amusing and novel. Not all the good animal trainers live in our day. Mark Antony had a span of lions that drew his chariot through the streets of Rome. Caesar's elephants carried burning firebrands when escorting their masters home at night. Stags were tamed and made to work as oxen and horses. Elephants were taught to dance and to perform on the tight rope and to write Latin! . . . The privileged classes of mankind have no conscience on the subject of their privileges. History records no instance this class has ever made voluntary restitution to society of the rights of which she had been despoiled. The iron jaws which close on the marrow bones of privilege never relax until they are broken by the masses.

Drake-Martin Nuptials



Mr. and Mrs. Perley Drake photographed following their marriage at Orwell Head Church. From left to right Mr. Winston Drake, Mr. Hugh Robbins, Mr. Perley Drake, his bride, the former Miss Joyce Martin, Mrs. John Robbins, matron of honour, Miss Opal MacPhee, bridesmaid, Mr. Donald Drake, groomsmen.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashby
Q. How can I mend a rip in an otherwise good raincoat?
A. Paste a piece of adhesive tape larger than the rip on the under side of the coat. It will not show and the coat will be as good as new.
Q. How can I keep the coffee pot sweet?
A. Sprinkle salt in it and rub well around the inside with a damp cloth. Then rinse thoroughly with boiling water.
Q. How can I prevent black spots from appearing on the boiled potatoes?
A. Add a teaspoonful of vinegar to the water while they are boiling.
Q. How can I soften the cuticle around the fingernails?
A. Ordinary table butter is very effective.
Angler—You've been watching me for three hours. Why don't you try fishing yourself?
Onlooker—I haven't the patience.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

GIVING PATIENT RESEARCH WORKERS FULL OPPORTUNITY
One of the greatest things in life is to be able to do the thing you have always wanted to do. And when that one thing you want to do will benefit your fellow man, it is a great joy and satisfaction to devote the time to do it without having to worry about making a living for yourself and your family. I have in mind, of course, our patient research workers who are trying to find the enemies and then conquer them—cancer, heart disease, rheumatism and arthritis, high blood pressure with its heart and brain strokes. For years our medical research workers have had to teach part of the time in medical, dental and pharmacy schools and some have tried to practise their profession to make sure of a living. It is true that some research workers are assured of an income and give all their time to research, thanks to some wealthy citizen or to drug manufacturers, and in the case of cancer, by cancer campaigns. Unfortunately, however, there are too many brilliant men and women eager to give full time to research work who have to work on a part-time basis. It is, therefore, most encouraging to learn that the American Heart Association, whose campaign for funds from the general public recently was so successful, are putting research workers on heart disease on the basis of a professional career. which Continued on page 8

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Gauging His Interest
Man's Gifts Good Indication
Of State Of His Affections

DEAR MISS DIX: We have been going together for several years. Not engaged, but crazy about each other. We are in our very late 20's and I want to marry and settle down. He wants to continue this way indefinitely. He goes gallivanting around with other girls, though I am still the best, etc. but not all. On my birthday he gave me a beautiful present, though not as handsome and well chosen as the year before, yet he boasts of the money he is making and his future plans. Is the present episode significant? Does a girl have a chance by sticking to a man and hoping that something will hit him on the head and make him realize that she is the girl that he wants to marry, or does he get tired and call it quits after a while? REDHEAD

ANSWER: I think a man's gifts are not only highly indicative of his sentiments toward a woman but that they are just about as good a pre-matrimonial picture of his character and disposition as she is every likely to get. Also, they are prophetic of the way he is likely to treat her if she marries him.

FIRST IMPULSES LAVISH
You can almost chart the course of a man's affections by his presents. When he first falls in love his impulse is to lavish gifts upon the woman on whom he has set his heart. He is alert to gratify every desire. His offerings are chosen with an almost occult knowledge of her tastes and wishes. And then as his romance wains and he begins to lose interest in the woman, there is a gradually descending curve in the number and quality of his gifts until it gets to the place where a man throws a check in his wife's lap at Christmas and on her birthday—if she has prodded him into remembering it—and tells her to get herself something she needs. So I think you are quite right in recognizing that the falling off in your birthday presents indicates that your friend is cooling off in his interest in you and that your little affair is about over. Which is lucky for you. For when a girl is hovering around 30 she has no time to waste on a man whose intentions are not serious. Evidently your friend regards you as merely a pleasant acquaintance, a nice little playmate, and that's all.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: What is your advice to a wife who wears herself out trying to keep her house spick-and-span so that she has no time or energy left to spend with her husband and children? NEGLECTED HUSBAND

ANSWER: Cleanliness and order are virtues that can easily be turned into vices, and when they are overdone they can wreck a home much more effectually than slovenliness and dirt can.

A home is primarily a place in which a family can take its ease and comfort and it becomes no home if it is turned into a sanitary prison in which everyone goes in fear and trembling of mousing up a pillow, or tracking up a floor, or disarranging a bookshelf. Yet all of us know women who make homes like that and who are such cleaners that they literally sweep their husbands and children out of the house into the streets, or clubs where they will not be continually told to hang up their hats, or pick up their papers, and, for heaven's sake, not to drop cigarette ashes on the rugs.

There isn't a man in the world who wouldn't rather have a good-natured wife who was pleasant and comfortable to live with, and who had time to stop and talk and play with him, than to have a domestic drudge who worked herself to death to keep the front steps polished.

DEAR MISS DIX: We are a group of business girls between 19 and 22 years of age and we would appreciate any information you can give us about how to spend our evenings after working hours. Please don't suggest bridge. We are tired of it and want to find something more interesting. ELSIE

ANSWER: Why don't you take up the study of some subject in connection with your work? Get somebody to come and talk to you once a week about the technique of your job. Or get books from the library about your particular line and read them and discuss them. Doctors and lawyers, if they are any good or make any success, spend every hour they can spare reading and studying their profession, and working girls could pursue the same plan with profit.

Better English

By B. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Much work still remains to be done."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "almanac"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Awkward, awesomeness, awareness, avalanch.
4. What does the word "terminative" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with gr that means "attractive; full of charm"?

ANSWERS
1. Still is redundant, and should be omitted. 2. Pronounce first a as in all, not as in at. 3. Avalanché. 4. To end. "The torrid zone terminates at the tropics." 5. Graculous.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

The Broom
Cut off the leg of an old stocking and stretch it over the new broom down to a short distance above the ends of the straws. This will prevent the broom from wearing out so fast, and at the same time provides better sweeping.
Darning
The stockings will wear much better if they are darned on the cross and not the up and down.
Refrigerators
Refrigerators should never be kept in a damp cellar. Dampness will ruin them.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. If one is a novice at golf, and friends who are skillful at the game invite one to play with them, should one accept without an apology?
A. It would probably avoid some embarrassment to decline the invitation, explaining why.
Q. Do you consider it good manners to supply a word which seems to be eluding another person who is speaking?
A. This is perhaps a friendly service if the speaker is a foreigner, but it should never be done with a countryman.
Q. When a guest at the dinner table suddenly has a violent attack of coughing, what should he do?
A. Ask to be excused and leave the room until the coughing has been relieved.

Morning Smile

No Need

Dopey Dingle had a wart. His wife took him down to have the doctor look at it.
Doctor: Well, it's really nothing. I'll remove it. I'll give him an anaesthetic.
Wife: What?
Doctor: I'll give him an anaesthetic, so he won't know anything.
Wife: You don't have to bother with that. He don't know anything now.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kumble

For Saturday, October 31
WHILE current dramatic and thrilling conditions may continue to be creative and promising, there may be some danger of a blunder, error of judgment or technique, or perhaps the withholding of cooperation from influential persons whose support may be vital. However, by productive work, persistent effort, with a modicum of outstanding personality or dramatic appeal, the end may be propitious, fruitful and gratifying beyond all expectation.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may have a period of disheartening experiences, perhaps due to some error, blunder, or possibly some "black spot" in the working out of techniques, or other mishap seeming to prevent capital or other co-operators from fulfilling pledges. While there may be passing stagnation or want of funds, there is nothing that may not be accelerated by practical and persistent efforts, courage, determination as well as a touch of personal or emotional appeal.
A child born on this day has rich endowment for success against reverses, disappointments and failure, largely due to its ingenuity, skills and also intuitive or emotional appeal and ideals.

-Needlecraft-

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Cook's Corner

APPLESAUCE CAKE
1/2 cup butter or shortening
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups applesauce
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nuts
METHOD: Cream the butter or shortening and gradually cream in the sugar then add the applesauce. You use unsweetened applesauce for this.
Sift together the flour, baking soda, salt and spices, then add the



Consistent Bakery Winner
at Stanley Fair

Over the years at Stanley's century-old fair, a goodly crop of top awards for baking has come to Mrs. Frank Good, of Stanley, N.B. Recognized as an authority on cooking from rolls to doughnuts, Mrs. Good helped produce the Victory Cook Book still widely in use through the district. "Certainly it takes experience to be a good cook," says Mrs. Good, "but it also takes the best ingredients. For example, you have to use a good reliable yeast to get top results for rolls and bread. I myself use Fleischmann's Yeast... Fleischmann's is so active and dependable." That's where they all agree! Prize-winning cooks say that Fleischmann's Yeast simply has what it takes to give you perfect risings each time. No wonder it's been the favorite with Maritime women for over 80 years!

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