

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Breaking away from a Monday tradition which spreads washes on clothes-lines, we planned this morning to treat ourselves to a leisurely day. Not that we deem ours busier or even as busy as the average farmwife but at the same time we find them now more exacting than those of recent years at Alderlea.

So, for today we would loiter, though certainly not in the midst of untidiness. Being a near descendant of one of the best of housewives, who knew — and knows no respite until complete order reigns within her precincts — or maybe our inheritance goes beyond that to some ancestress of old who possessed a neat hand with the broom, we do not enjoy disorderly surroundings.

The glow of sunrise made a fetching brightness on the bedroom wall, sparrows were already twittering about the eaves; we caught the pleasant scent of the new-kindled wood fire. "Rise, Ellen!" the head of James's flock of poultry crowsed. "Yes, we decided we should spend this day somewhat idly. But first there was the usual round to be taken care of: breakfast, dishes, beds, cleaning. Still, by way of loitering we should do some pieces of mending, then finish that sock we were knitting, wash and spread the pair to dry.

We were at the latter, the sunshine warm on us, a lovely haze of spring shimmering above the drying fields toward the rim of the valley, when a small fellow called from the barnyard. "You wouldn't have any rolls, would you? What — none? Oh — but I took his head, 'no, not for me!'"

So what could we do but mix and at length bake rolls? And then go on to mix an orange and raisin cake according to a recipe of Jeanie's. She and her small ones enjoyed a stroll yesterday as far as the spring in the field across the creek at Alderlea an event to any one of the family which is in the nature of a pilgrimage of Spring. They drank, and took stock of the water-cress there now commencing to green.

Their outing brought us tidings of the beavers that in a pair, and in some mysterious manner, moved to and wintered in that neighborhood. Their presence came as a surprise to the family and was made known to the younger farmer by the inroads on the poplars growing along the stream. Last autumn sizable trees were felled, and neatly limbed and later in the year a distance away a house appeared.

This is an object of curiosity to those aware of its location though few visitors to it are so fortunate as to catch even a glimpse of its occupants. It is like trying to catch sight of the green folk; they are there but never quite waken there! Sometimes a loud splash indicates how nearly we had reached our objective. There is evidence of their spring heaving — nowadays two questions we sometimes discuss with the family, the answers to which only "time will reveal." "Are these two hearts that beat as one?" and "Do you suppose there are any young?"

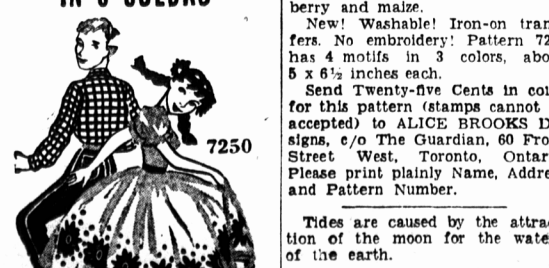
And now the day is almost gone — 16 hours run. Was it as we had hoped? Not quite so leisurely, it is true, but still, altogether good.

Until tomorrow -- Diary  
Good-night . . .

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A Hazard For London Jay-Walkers



Dreamy pedestrians had to be alert to avoid collision with this enormous photographic enlargement of the Queen's wedding which blocked the entire sidewalk of London's famed Fleet St. The huge photograph was being shipped to Liverpool where it will form part of the many coronation displays.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Guffawing Husband

DEAR MISS DIX: My husband claims to love me dearly; we've been completely happy in our twelve years of marriage, yet when we're out for an evening's entertainment he makes a fool of me. He fancies himself a Casanova, and is most attentive to every woman present — except his wife. We have three children and a very happy home life, except for this one failing of Roy's. He claims he means nothing by his behaviour, that he just loves a good time and wants to see everyone else have fun, too. He accuses me of being a jealous wife, so I have stopped nagging him about the problem. When our friends comment on his conduct, I laugh the whole thing off and say I'm glad he has a good time. Would it help if I behaved as he does some evening to see if he can take it?

MRS. E. J.

ANSWER: The playboy in some men simply cannot be squelched and, if he carries no sinister overtones, one wonders why it should be. Your letter makes no mention of romantic interests in your husband's life, you reiterate his devotion to his family several times, apparently he has no falling-as-husband-of-father part from his tendency to overdo the "life of the party" role.

If he contrasted his party mood with an inclination to sulk at home, or if his conduct definitely overstepped the bounds of good taste, there would be reason for taking, or at least attempting to take, drastic reform measures. Your husband, however, seems to be content with living things generally, and perhaps his presence does add gaiety to a social occasion.

SMILE OR NO SMILE  
Trying to change his disposition might have the undesired effect of restraining him too much. Then you'd never see a smile or hear a joke from him. Don't you agree that a slight excess of exuberance is preferable to an overdoes of gloom?

You, apparently, have trouble entering into the spirit of fun, and it would be a good idea if you'd try to overcome this difficulty. Try to create an atmosphere of comradeship yourself, even if it's only in a small way, and you won't feel so left out when your husband embarks on his evening career of making the party a success. You're very wise to laugh off comments as you do, instead of making a big to-do over them; by minimizing your husband's exhibitionism to yourself and your friends, you'll overcome your own consciousness of it as a major fault.

A child born on this day should be richly endowed with courage, determination and a zest for adventurous living.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'd like your honest opinion of my sister-in-law on my husband's side. When her brother was killed last year we did everything possible for her and her family. We stayed with them and helped with the children for a whole week. When her baby was born we went to her and helped out again. Then, when my mother passed away recently, all she did was telephone me. She didn't even bother to come to see us. A recent misfortune in my family gave her another chance to repay the debt, but she made no attempt to help us.

ANSWER: Your sister-in-law is undoubtedly an ungrateful person who is out to receive but not to give. You can't change her disposition; there's no use brooding over the situation, or even going in for endless discussions about it. So it would be best to consider the past a closed issue. Forget the favors you did, and expect nothing from her. There's no reason why you should help out again. Her thoughtlessness may be deliberate, or due to sheer ignorance. In any case, don't look for apologies or reciprocal kindness. Be friendly when you meet her, but don't go overboard to encourage future companionship.

DEAR MISS DIX: Two months ago, Billy, who is 19, gave me his graduation ring, but never said anything about going steady. I am 16, and know he likes me, but don't know if I should go out with other boys or not.

CONNIE  
The bestowal of a graduation ring usually means that a boy expects a girl to go steady, but perhaps Billy has a different interpretation of the gesture. Better ask him before you create ill feeling by going with other boys. If you care enough for Billy you'll be willing to go steady, otherwise it would be very foolish to tie yourself down when your own feelings are uncertain. Why not return the ring until you are more sure of your affection?

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

Elizabeth I (CONTINUED) GREAT AND GALLANT WERE THE EXPLOITS OF THE ELIZABETHAN SEAMEN. FROBISHER, WHO MADE THREE VOYAGES IN SEARCH OF THE NORTH WEST PASSAGE. RALEIGH, THE PIONEER OF ENGLISH COLONIZATION IN AMERICA. DRAKE, RENOWNED FOR HIS EXPLOITS AGAINST THE SPANIARDS, WHO WAS THE FIRST ENGLISHMAN TO SAIL ROUND THE WORLD. IN 1588, THE SPANISH ARMADA SAILED FROM CADIZ TO INVADE ENGLAND. LORD HOWARD OF EFFINGHAM, DRAKE, FROBISHER AND HAWKINS DEFEATED THE SPANISH GALLEONS IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL. THE DEFEAT OF THE ARMADA

Seven Days A Week

(By Anne Shannon)

Monday: Well Easter week, with all its bustle, excitement and glad symbols of enduring goodness, truth and love, is over and the pleasant memories it held will be stored away in memory to be brought to light and re-lived in future years.

True to form, the beloved Easter bunny paid his annual visit to our house on the hill — and with a goodly supply of gaily-colored Easter eggs he brought! Chocolate rabbits, chicks, and colored candy eggs were very much in evidence too.

A lovely day to remember with the sun golden and glowing the whole day through, hosts of feathered songsters trilling melodies — and when evening shadows lengthened, good friends dropping in to say "Happy Easter."

Tuesday: For several months a cigarette company carried on an extensive radio advertising campaign, "Take a puff of our cigarette," the tobacco hucksters said. "Then take a puff of your own brand. Now which is milder?"

The first brand is milder always, the unwitting victim admitted. His own brand was stronger.

For a long time a certain man snorted every time he heard this statement made. Finally to convince his immediate friends and family, he persuaded them to make this so-called test. His parents-in-law, his wife, himself and a couple of neighbors did just as the advertisers asked. First each took a puff of a certain brand, then tried a second brand. In each and every case the result was the same. Just as the hucksters had said. The second brand was harsher. However, that man reversed the order of cigarettes, and it was the huckster's brand that was harsher! This proved only that the second puff of smoke through the nose was harsher than the first. "I knew or at least had suspected as much," said the man gleefully.

Wednesday: Watching two little boys nearby eagerly assembling a model airplane I wondered how many little boys such as these across Canada enjoyed this interesting and instructive pastime. Model airplane builders belong to a world wide fraternity. This hobby has no barriers of age, sex or income. You may buy a model kit for as little as nineteen cents or as much as a few hundred dollars.

In 1931 a model plane contest at Toronto drew 30,000 spectators. Twenty little precision-built machines in a Canadian contest in 1932 were controlled from the ground by radio. Among the first Canadians to build model planes was a young boy by the name of John McCurdy of Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Now we know him better probably as Hon. J. A. D. McCurdy, M.B.E., former Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

Thursday: A gentleman came into a Paris barbershop with a small boy one day and explained that since he had an appointment in the neighborhood, he would like his own hair cut first. This accomplished, he handed the small boy up into a chair, urged him to be patient and departed. When the boy's haircut was finished, the barber told him to sit in a nearby chair and wait. A half hour passed. "Don't worry," said the barber, reassuringly, "I'm sure your father will be back soon." The boy looked startled. "He isn't my father," he said, "he just came up to me in the street and said, 'come along sonny, let's both get a haircut.'"

Friday: You know a good family treat today could be Fish Crumbles. Start off by melting 3 tbsps. butter in a saucepan, then add 3 tbsps. flour and stir until smooth. Add 1 can unsweetened condensed milk (about 16 ozs) and 1-3 cup water gradually. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Stir in 1-2 tsp. salt, 2 tbsps. chopped green pepper, 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, one 7 oz. can of tuna or codfish, and 3 sliced hard-cook'd eggs and heat through. Serve in noodle nests or on toast. Garnish with a sprig of parsley. Serves six.

Saturday: "One of the nicest places to end up at when we go

Morning Smile

Awful Thought  
"How are you, Mr. Perkins, in this wretched weather?" "Just managing to stay out of the undertaker's hands." "Oh, I'm so sorry to hear that."

Puzzler  
The famed psychologist had finished his lecture and was answering questions. A mill operator in the audience asked, "Did you say that a good poker player could hold down any sort of executive job?" "That's right. Does it raise a question in your mind?" "Yes," came the reply. "What would a good poker player want with a job?"

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Cook's Corner

BROWN BISCUITS  
These brown-tinted biscuits, with their light sweetening and skilful spicing, are wonderful accompaniments for a fruit salad. They are also good for Sunday brunch — to bake them fresh for the moment, leave the dry mixture ready overnight, adding the flavored egg and milk in the morning.

Yield—15 square biscuits.  
1 cup once-sifted enriched pastry flour or 3/4 cup once-sifted enriched all-purpose flour.  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup fine granulated sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg  
1 cup whole wheat flour  
5 tablespoons chilled shortening  
1 egg  
1/2 cup milk (about)

Measure and sift together twice, then sift into mixing bowl the flour, baking powder, salt, granulated sugar, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg; mix in the whole wheat flour. Add chilled shortening to flour mixture and cut it finely. Beat the egg until thick and light; stir in milk and vanilla.

Make a well in the flour mixture and add the liquids all at once; combine lightly, mixing in a little more milk if necessary, to make a dough that is soft but not sticky. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured canvas or baking board and knead a few seconds; roll into 1 1/2-inch squares. Arrange squares on a greased baking sheet and bake in a hot oven — 450 degrees — about 12 minutes. Serving piping hot.

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for a walk is the road brook" says Ronny.  
"Why don't you come with us this evening," urged Mary, but I hesitated. After all I've had only so much breath left nowadays, it seems! Going down the hill would not be so bad but ah, the climb on the return journey. However, their combined pleadings prevailed and on a warm spring evening we crossed the field to the brook and thence down to the brook at the foot of the hill.

"Were you ever here before Mom?" queries Mavis, who's usual tagged along. "Yes, I was! Continued on page 7"

ANSWERS  
1. Omit "over," and say, "the data submitted were incorrect." 2. Pronounce kom-u-ni-ka, o as in on, u as in unit, a as in ate, principal accent on last syllable. 3. Legerdemain. 4. Easily perceptible intellectually; obvious. "There are certain palpable laws of nature we must all observe." 5. Decalogue.

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