

Happenings of The Week

Time, as though at last granting the poet's wistful plea, seemed to turn backward, pausing for a colorful moment amid the pageantry of Norman and Tudor England at the annual ball held by the St. George's Society of Montreal at the Windsor Hotel...

Following a dinner given by Mr. Arthur Melling, M.B.E., president of St. George's Society, and Mrs. Melling, at the Windsor Hotel, the head table supper guests were presented to the guests of honor...

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were placed on either side. Preceding over the tea cups were Mrs. Harold Pickard, the president of the Guild, and Mrs. Reginald Morris, vice-president. The needlework table was in charge of Mrs. E. M. Malone and Mrs. Alan Macmillan.

Mrs. A. R. Bowles, St. Peter's Road, entertained at bridge on Thursday evening.

Bridge hostess on Wednesday evening was Mrs. J. Sterling MacDonald who entertained for friends at her attractive North River Road home.

On Thursday evening Miss Margaret Ballem whose marriage is taking place early next month, was guest of honour at a dinner party at "The Charlottetown". During the evening the bride-to-be was presented with a wedding gift. Hostesses were Mrs. Patricia Ripping, Miss Shirley Jenkins, and Miss Florence Owen.

Miss Margaret MacEwen entertained in Miss Ballem's honour recently at a miscellaneous shower.

The members of the Beta Sigma Phi met for their annual Founder's Day banquet at The Charlottetown Hotel on Friday evening.

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Queen Mary Begins a New Needlework Piece



Now that she has finished her rug, the Queen Mother works on a new piece of her Gros Point embroidery. This informal picture of Her Majesty Queen Mary engaged on tapestry work in the gardens of Marlborough House has recently been released...

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Only feebly and fitfully the April sun shone today, when we wished it would beam in all its Spring splendor to give its blessing to the wedding day of a nephew of the family. He is a member of the R. C. A. F. and is at present stationed on The Island. As a lad he spent many of his holidays at Alderlea, and in consequence we grew to know him very well. He is a slim fair fellow, inclined to be adult in his ways, even in his school days. Quietly considerate, kindly and humorous, — a home-comfort sort of chap, who took a pride in, and glorified any duty, however humble, and could find a delight in the quietest surroundings.

Someone has said that a good son makes the best material for a husband, and it comes to mind now how pleasant and thoughtful he was to his parents and family at home, through school and college days. And the attractive bride — the Audrey-girl, who spoke her vows today, what of her? She is a comparative stranger to us at Alderlea, but if, as James will have it, that "Water will meet its own level" in the field of matrimony, then we need have no concern for the happiness and welfare of this young couple, who now step off together into the future. May the years be kind to them, and to all these engaging happy pairs who vow their vows, and enter into the blessed estate, these Spring Days!

Now what would you say to them, Aunt Ellen — what advice would you offer to the like of them just setting forth to what some call, "The Great Adventure"? Niece Ellen asked with obvious curiosity as we sat about this evening's fire and the names of the two came to mind and lips. "But advice smells!" We parried, "It has a bad odour!" "Oh, I know — but if you were asked!" she laughed. And all at once we remembered the words of a very kindly old minister, we once knew, who leaned down after the ceremony to whisper in a bride's ear: "There's a text I'm advising you to learn — to know it by heart, backwards and forwards, my dear May — you always live by it, so that when disturbing occasions arise, as they are bound to, you will know how to cope with them. And then when the years have flown, you will have no regrets over them, but instead, only a sheaf of lovely memories of your living together, bound about with a strong bright ribbon of love." "Yes," the bride waited expectantly, even as Ellen awaited our reply tonight. We chuckled and quoted his words, imitating the deep tones we remembered yet, and the Scottish accent: "Be ye kindly affectionate one to another, never forget these words 'kindly affectionate!' And when do you think about it, Uncle James?" she teased. "Well," James considered the question with mock gravity, "I reckon there'd be no cause for complaint, if SHE remembered to follow those words!"

Carol Haynes offers wedded advice in her lines: "Let us be guests in one another's house, With deferential 'no' and courteous 'yes'; Let us take care to hide our foolish moods Behind a certain show of cheerfulness."

Let us avoid all sullen silences; We should find fresh and sprightly things to say; I must be fearful lest you find me dull, And you must dread to bore me anyway

Let us knock gently at each other's heart, Glad of a chance to look within and yet, Let us remember that to force one's way Is the unpardoned breach of etiquette.

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS —

By James W. Barton, M.D.

MEN

Miss Dix Lists False Ideas Women Have About Them

Of course, no woman any more understands a man than a man ever understands a woman. That is why they are of perpetual interest to each other.

Now while this lack of comprehension between the sexes is interesting and provocative, for we all like to try to guess riddles, it causes men and women to make many mistakes and get many queer ideas about each other that have no foundation in fact.

For instance: For ages and ages women have believed that all men were strong, brave, silent creatures who endured every hardship without ever making a sign of the pain they were suffering.

Hence it is the shock of every bride's life when she discovers that

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it ever proper to send your wedding present to the bridegroom, especially when you are not acquainted with the bride?

A. Never; all wedding presents are addressed to the bride. It is not customary to give a bridegroom a personal wedding present.

Q. It is customary for a person to talk with his neighbors at the dinner table, whether or not they have been introduced?

A. Certainly it is. This is both customary and courteous.

Cook's Corner

LEMON CREAM SHERBET

2 eggs, beaten 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup light corn syrup 1 1/2 cups top milk 1/4 cup lemon juice 1 cup of heavy cream, whipped Beat lemon peel and sugar gradually into egg yolks. Add syrup, milk and lemon juice. Pour into freezing trays, freezing until mushy. Remove to chilled bowl, beat until fluffy, fold in whipped cream, then return to freezing trays, and freeze until firm.

For Monday, May 1 MONDAY'S astrological forecast is for such a conflicting, disturbing and harrowing state of affairs that it is advisable to side-step such perplexing state of affairs by making it a day of seclusion, abstinence, or strictly religious or spiritual escape and consolations.

For the Birthday Those whose birthday it is may find the year a never to be forgotten one, with the accent on romance and adventure, strange doings and spectacular programs, seemingly based on deep and erratic feelings and wild emotions with breathtaking denouements.

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

ASTHMA

A few years ago I found myself writing very often about the liver because so many men and women at or about middle age, find themselves bothered with gas attacks, and pain in the upper right side of abdomen. I also kept pointing out the great help to health of a properly working liver.

The suggestions for keeping the liver in good working condition were, not eating too much starch and fat food, and bending exercises (knees straight).

Lately I have not been writing so often about the liver, but about the treatment of asthma and also about epilepsy because in my student days there was no special treatment for asthma, and the only treatment for epilepsy were the quieting drugs.

Because physicians are able to give relief to asthmatics in most cases it is well that these patients should know this and consult their physicians. It has been found that practically all cases of asthma are caused by (a) allergy or oversensitiveness to various substances — furs, feathers, foods, dusts — and (b) defects of nose and throat.

There are also cases of asthma caused by infection and a few definitely caused by emotional disturbances.

A distressing sight to parents is to see one of their children suffering an asthmatic attack with violent and unproductive coughing.

In "The Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin," Dr. Samuel Livingston states that the treatment for children who have repeated attacks of asthma is use of X-ray, X-ray and radium treatment help other nose ailments, particularly the third or dry form of catarrh, with the disagreeable odor. Another condition greatly relieved by radiation is the form of deafness caused by soft adenoid growths in back of throat which are blocking the entrance of the tube carrying air to middle ear.

In the case of many of these asthmatic children the fact that infection was present was discovered because the blood clotted so rapidly.

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It's Party Time At The Palace

Being a debutante is a thrilling experience for much of the ceremonial has been abolished and there is less emphasis on Court dress.

By Arthur Nettleton

LONDON — April 28 — How would you like to be presented to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace?

Several hundred young ladies are just about to have that thrill for three "presentation parties" have been arranged for early May.

Though these functions are somewhat less formal than evening Courts, a summons to attend carries just the same social distinction. But it is a sign of the times that much of the stiffness hitherto associated with Court events has been abolished.

They have been made more democratic, and never before has wealth, birth, or influence meant so little in obtaining an invitation to Buckingham Palace.

Few of this year's debutantes will be "butterfly debts." On the contrary, many of the invitations have gone to young ladies without titles.

Those who are to be presented for "recognition" include some who run businesses of their own, or who are employed by commercial firms.

The cost of being a "deb" has been drastically reduced, too. In fact, you might describe to-day's presentation parties as "cut price" Court affairs.

Before the war many fathers whose daughters were to go to the Palace had to dig deep into their pockets. Although some "debs" managed on \$1,000, others required \$10,000 for their outfit for renting a house in London throughout the season, and entertaining.

When there was the nice little racket of paying to be presented, if no other course was available this increased the bill by perhaps \$3600, or more. That was the price asked for arranging a presentation.

In the 1930's this commercialization of royal Courts was causing anxiety in the Lord Chamberlain's department at St. James's Palace, where the functions are arranged. A well-filled purse was the thing the King wanted to influence the invitation lists.

Yet certain dowagers were believed to be adding to their incomes by promising to "fix" a royal invitation.

The racket arose from the fact that no would-be debutante may apply for a presentation party ticket herself. The request must be made to the Lord Chamberlain by an accredited sponsor — a married lady who has herself been presented at some time, and who must vouch for her protegee.

Subject to these qualifications, however, the sponsor could (unless fairly recently), nominate a "deb" whenever she chose.

So impoverished dowagers discreetly let it become known that they were willing to sponsor young ladies. In return, the chaperon was to have her expenses paid, including the cost of her Court gown and the use of a town house where the debutante could be introduced to the "right"

That has given the deathblow to the commission stunt formerly operated by a few fashion houses. Nowadays, when a "deb" can be fitted out for less than \$250, a rake-off must be meagre. Very few sponsors are now willing to risk the Lord Chamberlain's disfavor for the paltry sum involved.

Debutantes who pay more for their Court outfit are usually those who can obtain a sponsor or paying fees for the privilege without resorting to subterfuge of being presented.

Few debutante nowadays need fear that presentation at Court will be a burden on her parents' pockets.

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