

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Again night's sable wraps this farmstead at Alderlea, and once more after a busy day its family has gathered to the light and warmth and peace within its homes. A light beams down from an upstairs window in the house across the lane indicating to us that granddaughter is coming to her bed, a small sincere prayer said, a golden head tucked presently into a pillow. And it comes to mind that on an afternoon of last week when the men were off to the wood-sawing and while we were both engrossed in our respective interests — We were at work in the pantry while she in the kitchen was taken up with cutting pictures from an old magazine — in our quiet she suddenly repeated her evening prayer from beginning to end. And we were startled at the moment, finding in the incident some recognition of ill. Though like James we are not superstitious, yet we sometimes admit to a peculiar sensation on the occasion, perhaps because the blood of those who have walked with wraiths in the dark glens or seen token-lights along the wild hillsides or flitting on some river-piece still runs in our veins. "Why!" we exclaimed coming to her "what made you say that?" "Oh," she smiled "the words just came to me... and I said them because I wanted you to see how well I knew them. I never made a mistake, did I?"

After a winter of excellent health, she was miserable with a slight cold today, a condition James suspects she contracted yesterday afternoon on a pleasant stroll which carried us along the fields and stream in the sunshine of April's first day. Jamie was a guest over the week-end and with the two we visited the haunt of a pair of pheasants without catching so much as a sight of them, though we climbed to the heights of a stack in the vicinity and remained very quietly there hoping they would emerge from the thick covert of spruces close by to forage in a grain-field beside, as we have seen them many times from a distance. We did startle two partridges, or more truthfully we were the ones startled when without warning as we entered a grove, they flew off on swift wings before we could even admire them. We stopped to listen to the increased number of bird-voices, in the quiet and reverence denying that a day so hallowed and lovely could be an April Fool's Day. We heard too, the over-flow from the mill-dam strike a new pitch in its melody as it fell in a spot of foam to the deep pool below... And whether or not along with these pleasures our small one picked up her present indisposition on our stroll as James declares or "it was coming over her last week" as Karolyn practiced in childish symptoms states, her condition has bettered and she now comes to her rest.

And again four "little women" of this road were left to cope with the affairs of the homes while their husbands kept a promise to forgo their in a far field at the wood-sawing. And one was taken up with the care of her two small ones, and one was warned not to let "any of the stock come into the kitchen"; and one didn't know what to do with a "cait" that had escaped from its quarters, and on the pigery had broken from bounds. "And dear knows what harm she will come to herself or do" were the same words we had often used in similar harassing situations, when our farmer was missing from the place. As it turned out, everything ended well for the ladies, which brings them "weary and content and undishonoured" to their beds! Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night....

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

TREATMENT FOR CROSS-EYE

Eye specialists state that a cross-eyed child should be treated before the age of four, as loss of vision due to cross-eye can then be restored and the eye straightened. This does not mean that the condition cannot be helped after the age of four, but best results are obtained before that age and before starting school. In a Sight-Saving Review, a publication of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Dr. Clement C. Clarke of Yale University points out that the vision of a cross-eyed child is damaged when the child fails to make full use of one eye. With lack of use, vision in the eye is reduced, causing partial blindness. To restore his sight, declares Dr. Clarke, the child must be forced to use the weaker eye. "In severe cases the only method that will restore sight is complete bandaging of the better eye."

This simple method of treatment, making the weak eye stronger by giving it more work, gives excellent results. Dr. Clarke studied the effectiveness of this treatment in 208 children. He found that among children under two years of age, 70 per cent showed improvement. In the 2-to-4 age group, 59 per cent improved their sight. In the 4-to-7 year group, only 2 per cent showed improvement.

From the above figures, Dr. Clarke concludes that "the cases in which the greatest 'usual' improvement was obtained were those in which treatment was begun before the age of four years. If treatment is begun before age of four and if adequate measures are followed until vision is stabilized, blindness from lack of use of the cross-eye can be prevented." Fortunately, while the simple method of forcing the child to use the weak eye gives these good results, parents should remember that other forms of treatment are available. Thus at the age of 2-4, treatment consists of the use of drugs to give freedom to muscles controlling vision and the eyeball, together with exercises to strengthen the eye muscles (orthoptics), and also corrective glasses which balance the eyes. This method cures 50 per cent of the cases. Finally, should the above forms of treatment fail and the youngster still has cross-eye which may cause an "inferiority complex," the cross-eye can be corrected by surgery, which is not so terrible as might be thought. The above information should be of help to parents of a child with cross-eye.

Morning Smile

Change of Face

Bill: Say, was that a new girl I saw you with last night?
 Will: No, that was just the old one with a new paint job.

No Faith

The Negro parson had gathered his flock to pray for rain. From the pulpit he gazed sadly upon his congregation. "The faith of some of you is deplorable," he said. "Here, we is, gathered together to pray for rain, and not one of you has brought an umbrella."

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Waterproof Shoes

It is a wise plan to keep a comfortable pair of shoes on hand that are waterproof for outdoor use. Apply a dressing made by melting together two parts of beeswax to one part of mutton fat. Apply at night, and remove the next morning by wiping with a piece of flannel.

Trousers Cuffs

When the man of the house



Three-way round - the clock fleecy coat by Seymour Fox, with reversible velvet-lined stole.



Persian Blue in a Hutter version of the cigarette-slim sheath stote dress in raw silk imported from Italy.

The Stars Say -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

THE auspices are excellent for a pleasant, progressive and prosperous day, with industry, persistence and sustained work, and an eye for building foundations for lasting and long-range benefits. Confidence and well-planned efforts could promote a happy and effective affiliation with influential persons. Both business and social, even romantic ties may be welded.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, are assured a period of solid growth and expansion, with many social, business and financial opportunities for long-range and lasting benefits. Due preparation, faith and persistent efforts, could work wonders in achieving cherished hopes and wishes, with many side issues of expanding promise. Work confidently toward such benign end.

A child born on this day has assurance of a progressive, pleasant and worthy life, won by its own faith and talents.

Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The enterprise succeeded through the joint co-operation of all concerned."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "elite"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled: Indiscriminate, indispenable, irritable, indivisible.
4. What does the word "indomitable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ap that means "distrust or dread concerning the future"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit joint. Co-operation implies joint endeavor or action. 2. Pronounce a-let, a as in at unstressed, e as in me, accent second syllable. 3. Indivisible. 4. Not to be subdued; unconquerable. "He has an indomitable will." 5. Apprehension.

seems to be particularly hard on trouser cuffs, try sewing a small strip of leather on the inside of the cuff. This will save many a frayed and unsightly cuff.

Fried Fish

Try adding a tablespoon of lemon juice to the egg in which fish is dipped before frying. It will impart a delicious flavor to the finished dish.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What are the rules a man may follow for removal of his hat in an elevator?

A. The well-bred man removes his hat when in the elevator of a hotel or apartment building. But it is not required in the elevator of an office building or department store. In the latter place, it is optional; many men do.

Q. When should announcements be sent for a marriage that has been kept secret for several weeks or months?

A. As a secret marriage is not a prescribed affair, there is no definite time for sending announcements. This is entirely optional.

Q. Should a napkin be held above the edge of the table when unfolding it?

A. No; the napkin should be unfolded on the lap.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I resign an Axminster rug?

A. Stretch the rug tight and tack face down on a floor or some flat surface. Sprinkle with a solution made by soaking and dissolving ¼-pound of flake glue in ½-gallon of water. Let the rug dry at least one day. Care should be taken not to put on so much glue that it will show on the right side.

Q. How can I improve the color of my houseplants and increase their growth?

A. A few drops of ammonia put into each quart of water with which the houseplants are watered will improve their color as well as increase their growth.

Q. How can I remove tobacco stains from copper or brass ashtrays?

A. Apply a little denatured alcohol with a small brush.

Cook's Corner

CHEESE-FILLED RICE CROQUETTES

Balls of seasoned cheese, coated with cooked rice and then crumbed and deep fried, produces a genuine novelty. The cheese in the centre becomes soft in the cooking.

Should you be using the new type of precooked rice, you will find it easy to adapt this recipe.

Serve the croquettes piping hot, with a good tomato sauce, and I think they will please you.

Yield—25 balls (5 servings).
 2-3 cup raw rice
 1 2-3 cups cold water
 Salt
 1 egg
 ¼ teaspoon pepper

process cheese
 1 cup lightly packed shredded ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
 Few grains cayenne
 Fine dry bread crumbs
 Fat for deep frying

Pick over, wash and drain the rice; place in a rather large heavy saucepan and add the cold water and 2-3 teaspoon salt. Cover closely and bring quickly to a full rolling boil; lower heat and continue to cook until rice is tender—about 15 minutes.

Uncover and allow rice to steam until dry; cool.

Beat egg slightly and add to cooled rice; add pepper and salt to taste and combine lightly with a fork.

Combine the shredded process cheese, mustard and cayenne; press into balls the size of marbles.

Using greased hands, coat cheese balls with the moist rice mixture; coat with fine dry bread crumbs.

Deep-fry the croquettes, a few at a time, in deep fat that has been heated to 300 degrees (hot enough to brown a cube of day-old bread in 30 seconds); when croquettes are golden, lift from fat, drain on absorbent paper, and keep hot until serving time.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Teaser

Girl Shouldn't Marry Man Who Continually Makes Fun Of Her

DEAR MISS DIX: What chance of happiness is there in a marriage between a sensitive woman and a teasing man? I love him and he loves me, but is that going to make me stop minding him making fun of me? Obviously, it isn't going to stop his teasing. Here is the way it goes: We may have been spending a happy evening together. Then suddenly he'll snatch a chance remark I made, misconstrue it and tell me what I said. I deny it, and we are off, and the more I make an idiot of myself by getting mad, the funnier he thinks it is. Why does he delight in wounding me?
 ROSE



ANSWER: He teases you because there is something sadistic in his nature that makes him get a kick out of making people suffer. All teasers and practical jokers are cruel. They delight in seeing suffering, and it is a pity that they missed their day by not living in the time of the Inquisition. They would have had a perfectly grand time watching people writhe on the rack.

EXPLOIT THEIR WIVES

All of us know men who make their wives the butt of all their jokes and whose funny stories always hinge on some blunder their wives have made and which they magnify and dress up until it makes the wife seem a perfect fool. Most of us have heard these brutes of husbands set a table in a roar by holding up their wives as figures of fun, to be guffawed at, until we wondered why the poor persecuted women didn't retaliate by taking the carving knife to the husbands who were so brutally exploiting them.

My advice to you is to save yourself a lifetime of misery by refusing to marry a teaser, because if before marriage he gets his amusement by baiting you, it will be his favorite indoor sport after marriage, and he will keep your feelings raw and bleeding by his continual jabs at your sensitive spot.

The only woman for him to marry is one who has a skin like a rhinoceros, off of whom his teasing will roll without making a single dent and who will give back stab for stab. For, if you will observe, the people who are most fond of making jokes at other people's expense can never take a joke themselves.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My daughter and her husband live with us. We do not charge them a penny for anything, as we are anxious to help them get ahead and we want them with us, but here is the problem: The son-in-law is a splendid fellow, and we like him very much, but he is the most disorderly person you ever saw. He scatters his clothes all over the house, and when he has used the bathroom it is a wreck. I clean it up, and he drops in for lunch, and it is the same thing all over again. I work from daylight until dark picking up after him, and it makes me feel that I am a servant to an inconsiderate young man. Except for that we would be a most congenial family, but his untidiness is wrecking everything. What is to be done?
 TIRED MOTHER

ANSWER: Can't your daughter explain the situation to her husband and make him see that mopping the bathtub after using it and putting his clothes away are a very small price to pay for board and appreciation of the kindness that you are bestowing upon him?

Of course, it is hard for a man who has not been taught to be orderly and neat in his youth to change his habits after he is grown, but it can be done, and unless he is phenomenally selfish and stupid he will begin to alter his ways.

But if he doesn't, it is up to you to decide which means the most for you in happiness—keeping on good terms with your son-in-law, or keeping your house neat. I agree with you that a disorderly person is hard to endure, but, after all, scattering clothes about and leaving a ring around the tub is not so hard to forgive as would be, say, drunkenness, or philandering, or his being unkind to your daughter.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have a wife and two lovely children. I love my wife devotedly and she says she loves me, but she is very beautiful and knows it, so naturally men try to flirt with her and she encourages them. When I remonstrate with her, she becomes furious and we end up with a violent quarrel. Can you help us?
 H. M.

ANSWER: No man who loves his wife can help from getting green-eyed when he sees her flirting with other men. She wounds not only his heart but his honor and his self-respect, and he cannot help resenting it, but his jealousy and his protests get him nowhere. The only thing that can save your marriage is for your wife to

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