

## ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Somewhere today Island folk planned for "the digging" somewhere a giant threshing-machine spent its hungry mouth and consumed quickly the savings of broad harvest-lands. Somewhere, too, a harvester-combine made magic in a field of grain, leaving it harvested but without sheaf of stalk in its passing; and somewhere one who would hasten this overly season to another more chill turned furrows in the stubble. "Do you know what comes after that?" one of the family noting it asked. "Wind and rain of fall, a few snows and everyone looking and listening for a first robin," we replied with a smile. "Yes," he agreed, "and the dropping! It's a quick cycle, look ahead or look back. How fast the seasons go!"

Mr. D was back to his carpentry at Alderlea, to the shingling where it climbs up toward the eaves and then to the barn-interior which also awaits, in part, completion. Other changes we noted on our recent visit: a building to house the tractor sits in the paddock to the rear of the piggeries and the poultry-house, a newish structure, has been moved to another site down a bit in a meadow.

And there too, at Alderlea we followed Mack to a stable to admire with him what he called "very good heifers"—the crop of calves born and acquired in our absence. Mostly reddish, they appeared to enjoy the young lad's caresses as he moved confidently among them. We sat in to milk, a cow for in so doing we seem to get closer to the heart of the farming for then one may "kaley" comfortably with the other workers about the stalls. . . . And through the open doorway we saw an old star of night above the chimneys of Home, twinkling down with friendly glow above the dim tops of the lawn-trees to the west. And then on the calm of twilight a refrain we knew but had been missing of late was borne up to us on the dusky wings of night—the water falling through the gates of the dam.

Today the two farmers presently at this place, awaiting late reapings of grain, found other work for their hands. Now the fashion of fences along the farm

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What expenses of the wedding are the bride and her parents responsible for?

A. Invitations and announcements, organist, soloist and sexton's fees, church decorations, transportation for bridal party, reception expenses, wedding dress and accessories, bridesmaids' bouquets, bride's father's boutonniere, trousseau, bride's gifts to her attendants, bride's gift to bridegroom and his wedding ring (if any), photographs of wedding party.

Q. Should a girl wear mourning after the death of her fiancé?

A. This is not customary, although she may wear some modified type of mourning if she wishes. It is entirely optional.

Q. If olives and celery are to be served, when is the proper time to pass them around the table?

A. During the soup course.

must change as does milady's hat with the season. Wider areas are given over to pasturage. "This is the time of year when farmers can see the value of a patch of corn," James commented above the stalks he was carrying to a piggy this morning, "you should see the pigs—even the little ones enjoy it, Ellen. And as for the cattle!

At the moment against a hill-side, blown by a clean wind of morning, the two lads of the place were scattering stalks of the succulent green fodder from the truck while the animal's sides glistened in the bright sunlight—the milk-cows and the calves that had graduated to pasture, followed eagerly the course of the machine.

How eagerly then does the Family gather for breakfast with appetites sharpened by the exercise of the early choring and the seasonal nip and tang in the air! And then somewhat weary with the stress and toll of its demands, when the shadows have borne away the blue and gold of our day we come to our rest. . . . another day lived, another length of our fabric of life woven, well-done or perhaps with uneven threads, the pattern indifferently wrought. In any event, numbered now and taken!

Until tomorrow . . . Diary . . . Good-night. . . .



Following her victory in the annual Miss America beauty contest held at Atlantic City, N. J., 19-year-old Neva Jane Langley of Macon, Georgia, lifts her glass of orange juice in a toast to the future at Atlantic City, while holding a trophy. The 19-year-old, dark-haired beauty was the only double winner in the preliminary rounds of the five-day national beauty pageant, having scored in both bathing suit and talent tests.

## The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

### For Tomorrow

THERE is a vivid, stimulating and dynamic urge for action, a will to be up and doing in a rather significant manner. It is likely that desires may result in an impetuous and even tempestuous determination to win against all obstacles and annoyances. Innovation, novelty and a strange and thrilling clamor for indulgence are in the forecast. While there may be the thrill of gambling and chance, business and other aspirations, in moderation, may thrive.

### For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is are on the threshold of a year of thrill and drama. All contacts and relationships are keyed to emotional excitement. This should result in gratification and flourish, with special rewards, perhaps publicity. Most affairs move on to dramatic climax, but for the happiest culminations, it would be well to "keep the brakes on" rather than to take a dive into a fiery furnace. Moderation and thought may avert disagreeable situations or unlooked-for crises. The young and romantic are advised to be circumspect, vigilant, discreet.

A child born on this day may be disposed to a life of performance that is strange, dramatic and changeable. It is blessed with much rare talent to lure it into fresh pastures.

## How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I best hold the broken pieces of china together when mending them with cement?

A. The best method is to use narrow strips of adhesive tape. Leave the tape on until the china is firm and set, and thoroughly dried; then carefully pull it off.

Q. How can I retard the falling of the hair?

A. Vaseline jelly rubbed well into the scalp will retard falling of the hair and will promote a new growth of hair. White jelly should be used for light hair and the reddish-tinted for dark hair.

The Rocky Mountains proper have a width of about 60 miles with many glaciers.

## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPERLY FITTED SHOES

In examining recruits for World War I, we came across many who had been wearing, or were still wearing, shoes with pointed toes which came to a sharp point, wedging all five toes into the space of about two. The great majority of these cases were rejected, as many had hammer toes, many had bunions and flat feet were also common.

While the days of the pointed toe shoes are gone, a bulletin issued by the American Foot Care Institute, Inc. by Dr. Benjamin Kauth, Director, should be of interest as it is frequently stated, that we earn as much money with our feet, generally speaking, as we do with our head. Americans are rapidly walking their way into trouble, according to dermatologists, orthopedic specialists, podiatrists and other specialists who are confronted daily with a variety of foot ailments. The principal reason for so much foot trouble is failure to wear properly fitted and properly constructed shoes. Improper footwear is a particular source of pain and discomfort, causing corns and calluses at any place where the shoe does not fit the foot properly.

In addition, the combination of heat and dampness from perspiration makes the feet ideal breeding grounds for the little vegetable organisms (fungi) that cause athlete's foot.

Now that manufacturers are making shoes of proper shape, enabling the individual to spread his toes, yet fitting snugly at vamp and heel, the purchaser knows at once whether or not the shoes fit him. Another suggestion from Director Kauth is that, while canvas sneakers are comfortable for games, they should not be worn all day as they give insufficient support to the feet.

During National Foot Health Week some months ago, some suggestions for purchasers were published:

1. Buy shoes toward end of the day, since feet tend to swell when used. Both feet should be measured standing. The longest of the two feet should be measured and fitted. The shoe should extend at least a half-inch beyond the end of the big toe. The leather across the vamp should be wide enough to permit you to pinch it a bit between your fingers.

2. Wear shoes with leather uppers and soles which permit the feet to breathe.

3. Wash feet daily, especially between toes. Dry feet carefully as heat and moisture breed the organisms that cause athlete's foot—ringworm of the feet.

### A Stimulant

An old Irishman collapsed in the street and a crowd soon gathered, all trying to help and each making suggestions. One, Maggie Riley, kept shouting, "Give the poor man whiskey," but little attention was paid to her.

Then the agonized voice of the man rose above the din: "Will the lot of ye hold your tongues and let Maggie Riley speak!"

## SAFELY CLEANS BABY'S BOTTLES and NIPPLES

After feeding, put in 1 teaspoon baking soda and fill bottle with warm water. Keeps milk from sticking to sides—makes washing easy.

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## Advice Of Oldsters

It Doesn't Always Apply In Situations Today

DEAR MISS DIX: Why are our children unwilling to profit by the experience of their parents? And why won't they listen to our advice instead of learning too late and via the hard way?

I am a self-supporting widow, with two married daughters, each with children of her own. When I try to point out to them the unattractiveness of their surroundings and suggest methods for improvement, instead of being thankful that I take an interest and being grateful for my advice, they seem to resent it.

The same goes when I call their attention to faults in the management of their children. On one occasion one of my sons-in-law all but ordered me from the house when I tried to tell them the proper manner in which to handle a certain situation concerning one of the children.

Please say a good word for us mothers whose hearts are breaking because they can't stand to see their children following the wrong road, when just a little co-operation on the part of the younger generation would be of such assistance.

MRS. I. H.

ANSWER: One of the hardest facts for oldsters to face is that while the ways and methods of their generation were fine for them, they are neither always expedient nor wise for their children. This is the chief reason why it is so hard to bridge the gap between generations, and for them to live harmoniously together.

### THINK BACK

Think back a bit, Mrs. I. H. Were you docilely willing to accept all the suggestions given by your mother or mother-in-law? In fact, if you, or any of us, lived solely on the advice handed down by elders, where would the path of progress lead? To a dead end, you may be sure. You had the pleasure of bringing up your children in the theories and methods best suited to you; don't you think they, in turn, are entitled to the same privilege? Sensible young people will take the advice of their elders—but with certain modifications. A great deal of it is good, a great deal of it doesn't fit in with proper living.

The principles of right living go on unchanged, and if you imparted them to your children, they will impart them to your grandchildren. Questions regarding the mode of living, however, have and will continue to change from generation to generation. Just as in your youth there were no rules concerning the etiquette of television, and in your grandmother's day there were no automobiles or movies to bring up arguments, so in today's home these problems, and many others arise that can best be handled by the generation that evoked them.

Suggestions may be made, of course, and are welcome in accordance with the manner in which they are given. Out-and-out criticism of your daughters' housekeeping, child-rearing and home management are bound to result in discord. Instead of letting your heart break because you aren't allowed to have a finger in their household life, be grateful that the years have brought you the privilege of ignoring the irksome details of life, and enjoy the freedom time has given.

DEAR MISS DIX: We are a middle-aged couple, both widowed. My friend is a fine man in every way and, though he has asked me to marry him, he hasn't said he loves me. He gave me a nice ring and has a fine home waiting for me. However, another thing that troubles me is that his first wife's picture is in the living room and I don't know whether he will remove it when we are married or not.

ANSWER: Please don't lose sight of the fact that your fiancé was probably very devoted to his wife and married to her for many years. Even a second marriage will not put her completely out of his life and thoughts. You cannot expect him to bring to a second marriage the same ardor he had in the first.

It is quite possible that he is marrying you more for companionship than because he is deeply in love with you. There is nothing wrong with this feeling at all, and many fine later-life marriages have resulted from it. Trouble will come only if you demand too much of him. It is not too often that a woman in middle life has a chance to marry a fine man. Be grateful for your opportunity and don't expect your husband to be a gay Lochinvar.

DEAR MISS DIX: My first husband left me and my child and married another woman. In desperation, I remarried, but now regret it. My property is community property and will have to be divided if I obtain a divorce. After all the work I have done to buy our home, I hate to give up so much of it. What can I do?

ANSWER: First, consult a lawyer to make sure of your legal status. If it is as you assume, you must make your choice between remaining the wife of a man you don't love and giving up the property.

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

## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

### Velvet

Hold the wrong side of the velvet over a boiling kettle, or rub it across the bottom of a hot flat iron which has been turned upside down.

### Silverware

Soak the silverware in a solution

of hot water and borax (quart of hot water to a tablespoon of borax) and it will usually remove the tarnish. Do not boil. Place a few pieces of silver in at a time. Remove, and then wash in a solution of soap, borax, and water.

### Coffee

To test the quality of coffee stir a teaspoonful in a half glass of cold water. If good, there will be very little discoloration, and very few grounds will sink to the bottom of the glass.

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## Morning Smile

Silent Blow

Jack: "What did your wife say when you got in from the club dinner last night?"

John: "Not a word. I was going to have my two front teeth extracted, anyway."

### Unrationed

An expectant father — a commercial traveller—not desiring the post office to know his secret, arranged that the nurse should, on the happy day, send him a telegram in code. If a boy: "Saturday's joints arrived." If a girl: "Sunday's joints arrived."

Imagine the father's surprise upon receiving a telegram: "Saturday's and Sunday's joints arrived. Expecting a rabbit on Monday."

### Get On With It

The monotonous case had lasted for several days and the plaintiff was being cross-examined. "How many children have you?" demanded the barrister, who had already been given the information. "She had four when your cross-examination began three days ago," said the judge.

## Cook's Corner

### CUCUMBER RELISH

This is a sweet-sour pickle and should be made with crisp green cucumbers.

8 cups prepared green cucumber  
8 cups prepared onion  
¼ cup non-iodized pickling salt  
8 cups granulated sugar  
2 tablespoons dry mustard  
2 tablespoons turmeric  
1 tablespoon curry powder  
9 cups cider vinegar  
¾ cup flour

Peel and put through the food chopper, using a coarse blade, sufficient cucumbers to yield the required 8 cups about 10 large cucumbers.

Peel and put through the food chopper, using a coarse blade, sufficient onions to yield the required 8 cups.

Combine cucumbers and onions and sprinkle with the salt; let stand over night in a glass, enamel porcelain bowl. Drain the vegetables thoroughly.

Measure the sugar into a large preserving kettle and add fill seeds, mustard, turmeric, curry powder and pepper; blend in 8 cups of the vinegar; bring to the boil; stirring until the sugar dissolves; boil 2 minutes.

Measure the flour and smoothly blend in the remaining 1 cup cold vinegar. Stir into syrup and cook, stirring constantly, until smoothly thickened; boil gently 5 minutes.

Add the thoroughly drained vegetables to the sauce and bring to the boil, stirring often. Turn pickles into hot sterilized sealers and seal immediately.

Label before storing.



4884  
14½-24½  
by Anne Adams

## Better English

By C. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I do not take any stock in his promises, and he probably feels badly about it."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "hearth"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Courtesy, hypocrisy, secrecy, fantasy.

4. What does the word "complacency" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with na that means "to sicken"?

### ANSWERS

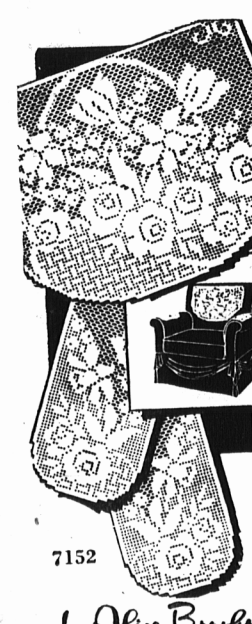
1. Say, "I do not rely on his promises, and he probably feels bad about it." 2. Pronounce hearth, a as in arm; not hurth. 3. Secrecy. 4. Contentment; self-satisfaction. "If we relax in complacency, we shall cease to progress." 5. Nauseate.

## Crocheted Edgings For Guest Room Linens



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### Give An Inch . . .

"Lookit this suit you made for me. The sleeves are a mile too long!"

"Maybe they are a trifle."

"Trifle! I said a mile!"

"All right. So they're a mile. How much shall I take off?"

"Half an inch at least."

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