

ELLEN'S DIARY
By An Island Farmer's Wife

We recall the beauty of the sunshine, mellow and bright over the quiet fields and woodlands this morning... and the stars twinkling now and the moon parting the clouds that since dusk have sent down more than one shower. "It looks like we may get another fine day, Ellen," James remarks, coming in now from last choring to settle down in his old armchair for a smoke. — The new lights make it as by day in barns and stables for the evening choring and it comes to mind now that a lovely happening took place down the river road today when the farm-buildings there were linked up as are we, with electric power from the city, to set them off too into a new era of living. "Yes," James continues "if we get another spell at the plowing, Ellen, we'll have quite a stretch done — plenty of new land, for one Spring. I'm thinking, with the rest of the 'ropping. Got along fine, we did. As Pat said, the tractor-plow makes a great job of it. You could scarcely believe that we've done so much in a few days with it. To tell you the truth, I dreaded the thought of going at it but I've — yes — I've actually enjoyed it — and it means so much to have it. Acres? Oh close to six, I reckon. What toll it would mean to plow that with horses!"

There is silence now, pleasant and companionable. James too, likes to "sit and contemplate" and we find ourselves wondering what scenes are in tonight's smoke-wreaths which billow and fade. He is speculating possibly about the Spring cultivation of those new acres... about the seed to be sown in the virgin earth... that place which for years has contributed its share to pasture the flock or herd. Wandering perhaps, because James is like that, if the binder will prove its worth at the first reaping of it. Taking into consideration too that this added area will be able to support extra animals — an ox, or two maybe, and certainly more hogs, their returns to help in any work of building or repair which might crop in in the year ahead... that barn which is to be extended, in-

How Can I!!!
By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make an ink for writing on glass, ivory, or other smooth surfaces?
A. Use 3 parts nitrate of silver, 20 parts gum arabic, and 30 parts distilled water. Dissolve the gum arabic in two-thirds of the water, the nitrate of silver in the other third. Then mix and add the desired coloring.
Q. How can I remedy brittle fingernails that are inclined to break easily?
A. Try massaging the nails every night with olive oil.

deed has been often discussed in more recent years but put off in the insistence of seasonal work. That will likely come to a head soon. That is perhaps what James is thinking about now, figuring the ways and means to a nice: barn depending on animal and the latter on crop.

He smiles now, as we stop to catch his eye, a far-away tender fleeting smile. Can it have to do with material things only? With boards or scantling or nails? With a fat ox or hog? With grain pulsing in a steady stream of gold from the threshing machine? Or was that expression bound up with some lovely scene from the long gone years — of some enchanting moment of boyhood, before our time that still lingers in mind? Are these the fancies woven into the warp of his smackerle-wreaths? Something abstract, intangible, yet undying. Be- gones unsettling thoughts and leave us to more pleasant things!

Sunlight today — and a gathered spring of feverfew, an offering of small hands, as green as the new ferns of Spring. A balmy wind of November caressing the pond, touching it lightly to silver-ripple as it skipped lightly along. West and south, soft on one's face. Cattle pasturing, ranging the length and breadth of the farm and sheep on a "side-hill" as in summer. And folks at the plow- ing. And night-showers quiet against the windows. But stars twinkling now and the moon parting the clouds. —Diary—
Good-night. . . .



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Strange But True
By F. H. MacArthur

The male bird of Paradise carries out his long-drawn courtship by hanging upside down on a limb... Our best friends and our worst enemies are our thoughts... Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war... A female cat will, when deprived of her own family, act as a foster mother to baby rats, squirrels and young foxes. They have even been known to nurse white mice, strange as it may seem... In England truffle dogs have been trained to scent out truffles, a sort of mushroom that grows under the soil. Truffles are good to eat.

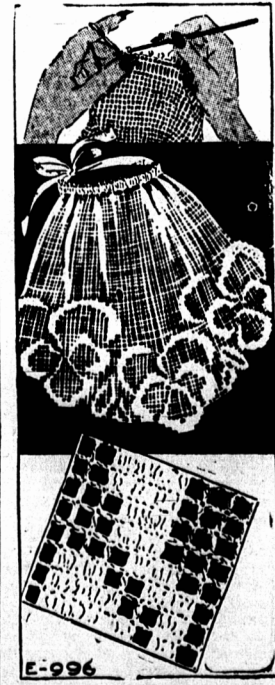
Wayne MacArthur of Charlotte-town, has the middle fingers of his right hand joined by a web—a webbed hand. . . Milton profited by his blindness in the drawing of his pictures of heaven and hell and the warnings of his immortals. The vision of his stered mind was set free upon imperial wings when his sight was gone... The British General James Wolfe and the French Com-mander, Marquis De Montcalm were both killed on the same day in the battle of the Plains of Abraham... Larry Gorman, the rhyming lum-berjack of this province used to say, "Every one loves his native island whether he was born there or not." . . . Many of the early settlers in Prince Edward Island believed that certain persons possessed an "Evil Eye". Such persons they fancied could bewitch, injure, and kill with a glance. This silly notion was quite prevalent among the Scot-tish Highlanders who are believed to have introduced the belief into this province. Here's how the spell was supposed to work. If the one possessing the evil eye admired a farm animal the owner of the animal was sure it would waste away and die—that is, unless the caster of the evil spell was given some of the animal's hairs. To avoid being expected of having the evil, it was customary when looking at a child to say, "God bless it." A curious feature of this superstition is that the possessor of the evil eye may be innocent of any evil intent, the vic-tim not being a wayward maliciously cultivated. Longfellow's poem "The Village Blacksmith" was inspired by the poet's frequent visits to a blacksmith on Brattle St., Cam-bridge, Mass.

Abraham Lincoln was once asked to bring suit for \$2.25 against a very poor man. "All right," said Lincoln. "But first give me \$10, as a retainer fee." Half of this he gave to the defendant, who confessed judgment and paid the \$2.50. The hair of a dog was once believed to cure dog bites hence the proverb, "Take the hair, it's well written. Of the dog by which you're bitten."

Morning Smile

Mean:
Juggins: How do you get on with the good old man?
Juggins: He's about the meanest man I know.
Juggins: How's that?
Juggins: He's had the legs sawn off the wheelbarrow so that I can't sit down and rest.
In: possible
Little Johnny: "Let's play we are married."
Little Tommy: "Can't; ma said we must keep quiet."
Optimist
"Anyhow, I'm glad the world is filled with sunshine."
"An optimist, eh?"
"No, a straw hat salesman!"

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Insane Move
Woman Would Leave Family For Jobless Youth Who Can Dance

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Can you help a very unhappy woman? I am 35 years old with three small children. My husband is a good man and a good provider, but he isn't at all lively and gay. After work he just sits down and reads the newspaper while I love to go out dancing just last week I went to a dance with a friend and met a fellow of 23 with whom I have fallen violently in love. He has no job, but I could always get my old one back at my former office. He wants me to run away with him and I am tempted to do so. Do you think I could be happy with him away from my babies? Please help me. I don't know which way to turn.
BEWILDERED



ANSWER: When a married woman with a good husband, a good home and children gets a brainstorm that makes her even contemplate throwing them in the discard for a boy without a penny in his name, she needs to have her head examined.

CONSIDER WHAT YOU'D LOSE
Put your husband and children and home and place in society and your comfortable living on the scales and weigh them against disgrace, poverty, the loss of your children, with only the compensation of having somebody to dance with. And without money you can't even dance much. Nor will you feel much like dancing if you have to support your husband and come home dog tired at night.

Your one complaint against your husband is that he doesn't want to step out of nights. It has always seemed to me that that is the least fault that a husband can possibly have, and that it is one upon which a wife should look with a very lenient eye because the reason it is hard to pry him out of his easy-chair of an evening is because he has worked so hard all day trying to make money for her that he is exhausted.

And the children. The babies. Believe me, if you forsake them you will never know one single moment's happiness. No man's love will compensate you for the love of your children.
If you run off with this man you will be awake at night wondering who is taking care of them, wondering if they are covered up in their sleep, wondering if they miss you, and your soul will sicken with you as you know that they will grow up to be ashamed of you. Don't commit this criminal folly, I beg of you.

DEAR MISS DIX: What hope is there for widows? I am 45. Have two fine sons, working their way through college, and I have a job, so I am better off than many. But in a few years, two or three, probably, my sons will be gone about the business of life for themselves and what, then, is there in life for me and for the thousands of women like me? There is small chance for us to marry and establish homes again because men prefer young wives. Can you offer any cheer to widows in general? There are so many of us.
M. D. G.

ANSWER: There are, but few of them take such a pessimist view of the lot of the widow as you do. Most of them are having a grand time being free and independent and doing all the things they could not do when they were tied down by a husband and young children. No one would minimize the grief that a woman feels in the loss of a husband whom she has really loved and who has been an ideal mate to her. That leaves a wound in her heart that will never cease to ache, but nursing a sorrow that cannot be cured and mourning over a loss that cannot be filled does not bring back our dead, nor restore our happiness. It only weakens us and makes us less able to fight our battle of life.

So the brave thing to do is to lock your grief away. Realize that the part of your life to which that belongs is gone forever, but that you have many years before you in which you can be happy and find life good and amusing if you will only make it so. Happiness doesn't drop into many of our laps. We have to go out and find it, but our search is nearly always successful if we hunt hard enough.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am a girl of 16, rather pretty, but I wear glasses. I have noticed that girls not so attractive as I am, but who do not wear glasses, are much more popular both with boys and girls. Should I wear my glasses and be comfortable when I go out, or should I discard them during school hours and not see very well?
ANSWER: Wear your glasses. They have nothing to do with your popularity or lack of it. Modern glasses are not disfiguring. Often they give a piquant expression and light up an otherwise dull face.

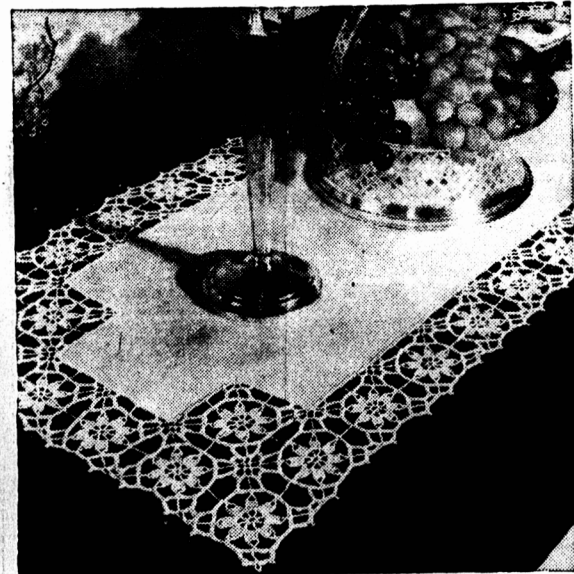
DOROTHY DIX cannot personally reply to readers, but will answer letters of general interest through her column.

-Needlecraft-
— FOR THE HOME —

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Better English
By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The light-completed invalid is some better today."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "ignoramus"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Demagogue, demeanor, demerita, demurrage.
4. What does the word "inerrancy" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with rev that means "act of disclosing"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "The light-complexioned invalid is somewhat better today." 2. Pronounce the a as in ray, accent third syllable. 3. Demeanor. 4. The state of being free from error, as, "The inerrancy of the Bible." 5. Revelation.

Modern Etiquette
By Roberta Lee

Q. Would it be proper, as an introduction, to say, "Mr. Marshall," this is Miss Wilson?"
A. Reverse the names. The man should be presented to the woman. Say, "Miss Wilson, this is Mr. Marshall." However, when the man is much older than the woman, or when she is presented to him.
Q. Should the early arrivals at a wedding who have the aisle seats in a pew move towards the center so that the late-comers won't have to crawl over them to their seats?
A. This is not at all necessary. In fact, this is the one occasion on which the first-comers has an indisputable right to the aisle seat.
Q. Should all the women be served first at the dining table where men and women are seated alternately?
A. No; this would be a foolish waste of time. The guests should be served in regular sequence, whether man or woman.

Cook's Corner
PECAN CRUNCH PIE

The pecans rise to the top and as the pie bakes, they make a thin crunchy layer of nuts with a sort of sugary coating. Beneath the nuts, the filling is rather like that soft mixture in some butter tarts. The superbly flavored pie is rich, but doesn't actually seem too sweet as you eat it. It cuts nicely. There is a trick in the temperature at which your pie should be served—have it neither warm nor cold, but just cool—that is to say, let it stand at room temperature until the warmth has left it, when it will be ready to serve at any time.
Pie paste
3 eggs
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/4 cup lightly-packed brown sugar
Few grains salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup pecan halves
Line a pie pan (8 1/2 inches, top inside measure) with rolled-out pie paste; crimp the border.
Beat eggs slightly and stir in the corn syrup, brown sugar, salt, vanilla, melted butter or margarine and pecan halves; combine well.
Turn filling into the raw pie shell.
Bake in a hot oven, 400 degrees, 15 minutes; reduce oven heat to rather slow, 325 degrees, and bake until top of pie is crisp but filling underneath is still soft—about 35 minutes.
Remove from oven and serve when cool (not warm or cold).

Household Scrapbook
By Roberta Lee

Blanched Nuts
Nuts are blanched by immersing them in boiling water for two minutes, then in cold water. Drain and remove the skins; then spread thinly in pans and put in a warm oven to dry for a few hours. The crispness of the nuts will depend upon their dryness.
Painting
Before painting any furniture give the hinges, and other metal parts a good coating of Vaseline jelly. The paint will not stick to the jelly and it can be wiped off with a clean cloth when the paint is dry.
Cold Feet
When one is troubled with cold feet, relief is often obtained by cutting a piece of paper the shape of the sole of the shoe, and placing it in the stocking.

The Stars Say --
By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow
The augury for this day may be generally adverse with things refusing to move in the desired direction. Not only is the judgment poor, but there are obstructions, stagnation, and the hint of breaks and hurts in business as well as personal matters. Postpone decisions for a more pleasant and auspicious time. There may be a disruption of radical importance.
If It Is Your Birthday
Those whose birthday it is may run into a disruption in which home ties as well as business connections are in for a sudden smash, with far-reaching consequences. The mentality is disposed to erroneous judgment and as well it may be impossible to get any kind of favorable outlook. Readjustments are in order. Go slow for security and safety. Retreat gracefully.
A child born on this day may be slow in its judgment and actions, running into sudden rash reversals.

HISTORIC ROLL

LONDON, Nov. 24 — (Reuters)—After driving buses for 39 years, 66-year-old James Whyte feels so much at home in them that he has decided to live in one. He is planning to settle with his wife in a converted bus.
There have been 12 bishops of London, and 99 archbishops of Canterbury.

"Gee... Shirriff's Marmalade!"