

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

So another fine day we have had... as forecast to James last night on a lonely voice from the grove on a hillside.

With this little lad, not yet quite recovered from his cold, for our companion we came to the familiar chores...

"Now isn't that strange!" another guest smiled, "I never find it that way. I love to keep house—always have—since I was a little girl playing with my dolls."

Morning Smile

How True

A well-driven golf ball leaves the head of the club at 135 miles an hour. This is only slightly faster than a golfer leaves the office.

Repair Man

One quality which renders book critic John Mason Brown a delightful public speaker is his ability to emerge with flying colors from situations which would destroy less resourceful men.

Remembered, for instance, is that occasion when Mr. Brown, speaking on some subject dear to his heart, absent-mindedly walked off the edge of the platform.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it permissible to lean across one person to shake hands with a third?

A. It is usually better to avoid this, if you can. But if the other person seems bent on shaking hands, be sure to beg the pardon of the person across whom you are reaching.

Q. How long before the church wedding ceremony should the parents of the bride and bridegroom arrive?

A. One or two minutes. Q. When a dinner guest is not sure which piece of silver to use, what should he do?

A. Watch the hostess and observe which piece she uses—then follow suit.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Remodeling Hats

If you wish to change the shape of a straw hat, pour hot water over it and while still hot and pliable bend it to any shape desired.

Poison If it is necessary to keep poison in the house, push two sharp pointed pins through the cork of the bottle crosswise. This will provide a warning of danger.

Sweet Butter Always cover the sweet butter carefully to prevent it from absorbing odors and flavors from other foods in the refrigerator.

Will Carry Train



Lady Rosemary Spencer-Churchill, 23, is one of six girls chosen to carry the Queen's 30-yard train in the Coronation. Pictured at a meeting of the Heythrop Hunt at her parent's home, Blenheim Palace, Lady Rosemary is the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, she also is the cousin of Prime Minister Churchill and the sister of the Marquis of Blandford, one-time beau of Princess Margaret.

(OP PHOTO)

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

An Ambitious Youngster

Girl, 11, Eager To Become Singer Or Actress, Receives Advice

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. I want to become an actress or singer. I know I would have to work hard to be successful, but I don't mind that. My mother thinks I'm too young, but I feel the younger I begin, the better. What is your opinion?

ANSWER: You and your mother are both right, Charlotte. While you are certainly too young to leave home in search of a career, you aren't too young to begin training for what you want.

First of all, you must be sure that you have the promise of real talent for the career you select. You must have a good voice, or real dramatic ability. Your music teacher at school, and your dramatic coach, can help you by frankly evaluating your talent.

POISE AND A GOOD APPEARANCE

That's just the beginning! In addition to talent, you must have a good appearance (beauty is not an essential), intelligence, poise and character. There you must begin to develop at once. The work of making the most of your natural gifts is largely up to you.

Mom will help you set up a program of physical improvement. Learn a few good exercises to improve your posture, and don't overlook the importance of sufficient sleep and rest. Be sports-minded. Go skating, swimming, play tennis and don't depend on buses and cars for transportation. Walking is wonderful exercise.

Be diligent at your schoolwork, for the day of the uneducated glamor girl is past.

Sounds like a big order for a little girl, doesn't it?

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a junior in high school, and have been married two months. I'm completing this year, and while I know I should return in the fall to finish, I'd really much rather concentrate on housekeeping. I don't care for school, and I do love keeping house. Do you think I should go back?

NORA

ANSWER: While the advantages of a high-school diploma are manifold, I think in your case preference should be given your home. Plugging along at schoolwork you don't like will probably spoil your disposition and set your good housekeeping back at least a year.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a man of 30, and have been divorced for five years. Recently, I met a young lady, and we have fallen in love. I haven't told her of my previous marriage—it seems so remote now that I have almost forgotten it myself. Should I tell the girl?

DICK L.

ANSWER: By all means you must tell her. While you may

The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

A RATHER dubious state of affairs, in which practical, tangible and business relations may be under stress. The health or purely private concerns may be a cause of anxiety. Social, domestic and sentimental ties may be strained at the same time as more materialistic and practical relations. Funds, possessions, the home and general welfare and happiness may be involved. In all, shun extravagance and over-indulgence in all concerns. Keep balanced, alert to danger.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may have a year in which the home, domestic ties and all intimate relationships may be a matter of concern, with emotional and sentimental values uppermost in making decisions and commitments. The affections, temperament, cultural aspirations, may be the deciding factor in all activities. While courtships, marriage and personal relations may have pleasant stimulus, at the same time health must be considered. Strain or a menace of dubious involvement calls for discretion.

Better English

By G. G. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "Robert has gone out west, where he will try the experiment mentioned, and from thence he will return to Toronto." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "crux"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Simultaneous, similtude, silhouet, synchronize. 4. What does the word "digress" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with te that means "dogma; belief; doctrine"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Robert has gone (omit out) west, where he will make the experiment mentioned, and (omit from) thence he will return to Toronto." 2. Pronounce kruks, u as in up. 3. Silhouette. 4. To deviate, especially from the main subject, in writing or speaking. "He frequently digressed from his story to describe the scenery." 5. Tenet.

How Can I

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I easily give the baby his medicine? A. Try wrapping the baby in a blanket with his hands down by his sides. In all probability he will be crying by that time, so just hold his nose for a second and pour the medicine into the open mouth. The operation will be over in a minute and baby will have received the full benefit of his medicine. Q. How can I regulate the strength of tea? A. The strength of tea is not regulated by the time the water and leaves stand for steeping, but by the amount of leaves used. The leaves will give up all flavor and caffeine in about three minutes. Q. How can I make table linen more resistant to stains? A. Table linens which have been given a light coating of

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

Hither thou comest; the busy wind all night Blew through thy lodging, where thy own warm wing Thy pillow was. Many a sullen storm (For which course man much the fitter born) Rained on thy bed And harmless head And now as fresh and cheerful as the light Thy little heart in early hymns doth sing

Birds have been singing these mornings and it is a joy to hear them. Gardeners wish to get out in the garden and dig and it will not be long before it is possible. Glad bulbs have been cleaned here and a lady in the city today asked me what to do with bulbs that have sprouted in the basement? Bring sprouted bulbs to a cool sunny window and they will become sturdy and strong, all ready for planting out carefully as soon as danger from frost is over. You will have early flowers, and the bulbs will be good for another year. March is a good month for making, mending and painting garden chairs and trellises, then when the busy spring days are here we have more time for gardening.

When the sap runs we realize what a wonderful tree we have in the sugar maple. In winter this familiar tree stands out as a sturdy sentinel against the sky; in summer it clothes its egg-shaped form in a deep green mantle. In autumn its garment is richer than any red or gold tapestry imaginable. Then, as each spring approaches, we tap its trunk and transform the sweet, flowing sap into sugar or syrup. What hardwood gives us more in the way of year-round beauty, delectable sweets and cold-season comfort by the fire-side? Plan to plant some of these wonderful trees this spring.

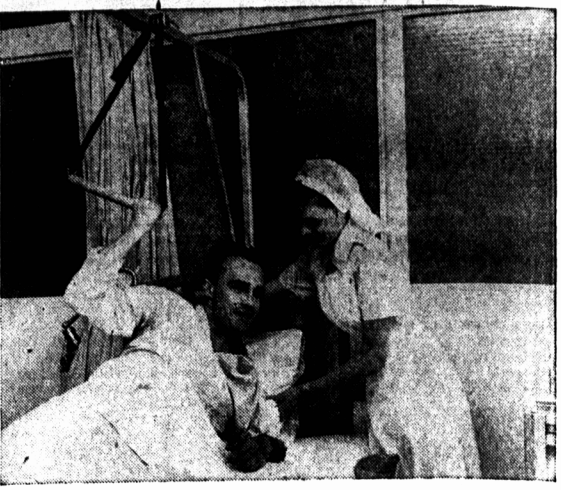
Day by day in March, through the medium of small events in the garden, we become aware of a changed mood in ourselves. We are in a state of slow and half-reluctant awakening from winter sleep, with as yet, no eagerness of hope, no assurance of coming warmth and color, only a certain readiness for change which finds tendency to loiter and today-expression in a long-forgotten dream out of doors.

When we are outdoors there are several garden tasks that can be done. This winter it is easy to prune shrubs and trees; being careful to take out only the old dead branches and overcrowding shoots. The early blooming varieties should be very carefully done, or much color will be lost from the shrubs. Some more old trees will be cut down in the garden. Work of this kind is put off from year to year as it is hard to decide on doing without trees even when you know it will be an improvement to the home, to thin a few of them will help the others as years ago they were always planted too closely.

I have been reading about some famous gardens in America, both public and private rose gardens, and in Pennsylvania there are many of them. The Hershey Rose Garden, and the Rose Garden of the late Dr. Horace MacFarland of Harrisburg is filled with beautifully grown and arranged roses from all over the world. Dr. MacFarland was the President of the American Rose Society for many years. In this garden there are green paths leading to the long alleysways of perennials and vines. These paths are bordered with standard white roses growing in the Governor's Palace garden in Williamsburg is unique in America—almost in the world. It is one of the very few existing examples, in faithful reconstruction, of a perfect 18th-century garden. Along the wide and beautiful Duke of Gloucester Street the small half-acre gardens echo in miniature the same bygone formality.

Many ideas can be had here for small city gardens. Within each half acre is a wide variety of design, so that each garden has its own distinctive individuality. Of plantation gardens, Brandon is the greenest of all green gardens, the living illustration of Andrew Marvel's "green thought in a green shade." Foxgloves flower in the shade of a giant 300-year-old pecan tree; sweet williams and dwarf azaleas were as narrow hemlock borders or brilliant color em-

CANADA Needs Nursing Assistants



D. V. A. opening School in Halifax 15 April, 1953.

Canada needs Nursing Assistants for peace time service and national emergencies, to help in the care of patients in hospitals and homes.

If you feel you have an aptitude for nursing, enjoy working with people, wish to become part of a nursing team, this is your opportunity to prepare yourself, and receive a living allowance while training.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with Federal Civil Defence Authorities, is conducting Schools for Nursing Assistants in Toronto and Montreal, where classes commence in April, September and January each year. A third and similar School is to open at Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, 15 April, 1953.

The course is nine months' duration. On successful completion, the trainees are eligible for employment in hospitals and homes as Nursing Assistants, an interesting national service.

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broidering the long, green alleysways that lead directly to the broad James river flowing at the garden's end. Mock orange, deutzia and the native stuartia are thick and white in heavy bloom along the ramparts of the enclosing box. Box is the supremely suitable material for these green architectural gardens of Virginia, growing to perfection in the lush climate. Often the severe formality of clipped box is missing, and it grows untended, blowing out into soft, irregular masses. The most famous gardens in South Carolina are Magnolia and Middleton. Magnolia garden, begun about 1830, was named for the fine Magnolia grandiflora. Its fame, however, rests on the tremendous plants of azaleas (the first Azalea indica brought to America was replanted here in 1834) and camellias. Visitors have told me of the beauty of this garden and for us who have not seen this beautiful garden, reading about it is the next best thing. There are twenty-five acres of enchantment... avoid blooms and their reflection in the

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Alice Brooks Designs

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PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA TONITE advertisement: ALKALIZES and RELIEVES CONSTIPATION. TAKE PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA TONITE. WAKE UP FRESH FULL OF PEER!

SHIRRIFF'S Pie Crust Mix advertisement: what does pre-killing do to pie crust? It's not everyone who can make really fine pastry. Some of us have the gift, and a lot more don't, but even so, a cook is judged by the crust she makes. One important rule is to have everything perfectly blended. The shortening especially should be well chilled so that it will remain in separate pellets when cut into the dry ingredients. That makes your pie crust flaky. Shirriff's use plenty of pre-chilled shortening. It's not mixed in, but cut in, so that every tiny piece is well coated in dry ingredients. Shirriff's Pre-Chilled Process makes pie crust that's as short and crisp as the best of them. Whether you've had years of experience, or none at all, you'll feel very proud of the flaky, golden-brown pastry you turn out with this easy-to-use mix. Try it soon, won't you? SHIRRIFF'S Pie Crust Mix