

## How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I paint a narrow line successfully when decorating painted furniture?

A. Draw two parallel lines with a pencil the proper distance apart. Then use a small brush and fill in with paint. Hold a small card close to the line to help confine the paint to its proper limits.

Q. What can I do if the salad dressing curdles?

A. Add a little unbeaten white of egg, and the dressing will become as smooth as velvet. This is excellent for curdled mayonnaise.

Q. How can I thoroughly clean a slimy, soapy sponge?

A. Soak the sponge for several hours in a solution of borax and warm water, squeezing it every now and then. Hang to dry.

## The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

**For Tomorrow**

There may possibly be a hold-over of week-end festivities and indulgences, with affairs of heart and home dramatized—romance, parties, magnified pleasure, and social functions increasing with gusto and enthusiasm. It might be advisable to tone down in the dispensing of good cheer or other forms of indulgence. There are hints of certain disagreeable factors, gossip, perhaps, in the way of criticism or rebuke from elders or employers. Use conciliatory measures rather than sharp words. "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

**For the Birthday**

Those whose birthday it is may look forward to a particularly lively and progressive year. There is prospect of exceptional activity in affairs of romance, domestic and youthful pastimes and celebrations. While purely personal engagements and social functions are not to be overlooked, more serious and lucrative affairs are to be carried on at increasing tempo. Diligent application to important interests should be well rewarded. Honors, promotion, favors and preferment are in store for worthy ambitions. Be careful not to give offense to elders or employers.

A child born on this day will be energetic, ambitious, and should enjoy a rich and efficient life with distinction.

**Confusing**

"I'm so sorry to trouble you, but we've come away without putting anything out for the cat. Would you put something out for it, please? It will eat anything, but don't put yourself out."

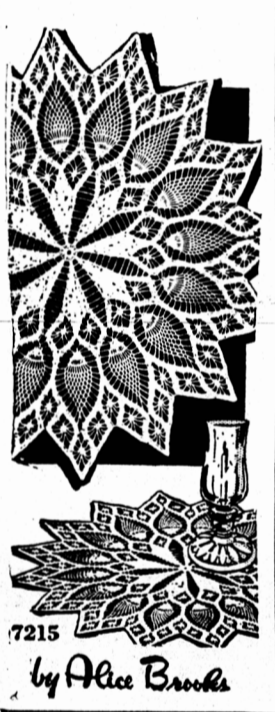
## Cook's Corner

**BAKED OMELETTE**

3 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1 1/4 teaspoons salt, dash of pepper and paprika, 1 1/2 cups milk, 6 eggs, separated, 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard, 2 tablespoons red currant jelly.

Melt butter; add onion; cook and stir over low heat until delicately browned; add cornstarch and seasonings; again stir and cook for two minutes. Gradually add milk; blend. Remove from heat; cool to lukewarm. Add well-beaten yolks, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and mustard. Pour into oiled 1 1/2-quart shallow baking dish. Bake in moderate oven until golden brown, top and bottom. Remove from oven; spread half with red currant jelly; fold over and place on hot platter. Serve with hot buttered whole wheat toast. Serves 6.

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## Better English

By V. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It is me, and not him, who you love."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled: Embryonic, emigrate, emanate, emeritus.

4. What does the word "contentious" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ins that means "tasteless"?

**ANSWERS**

1. Say, "whom you love." 2. Pronounce the e as in ear, not as in error. 3. Emanate. 4. Quarrelsome. "The contentious ring-leader disrupted the morale of the group." 5. Insuper.

## ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

In repeated trips of the little truck—and what a boon its acquisition has proved along the years since, to our farmers—lumber was hauled last night from the mill. New and balsam-fragrant from yesterday's sawing. As we go about the duties that come to us these days, we hear the ring of the saw from the mill below the front meadow. Not noticeably, but fading in with the sounds about that age part of our living. The same as the vague or louder noise of the overflow on the dam, or the cries of the seagulls that on silver wings come in by day on scavenger hunts along the river below.

Boards and scantling and what-not was unloaded by the light of the barnyard which contributes in no small degree to make play of such overtime work of the farmers. Stars lit them on their way but tonight gives us showers and mists on the hills. Rain washes down the panes at the moment—a spring-shower to brighten the fields and dissolve any lingering patches of snow.

This morning our eyes chanced to fall on an edging of it by a woody place on the opposite slope as we folded a treasured letter received in the mail. It was from California. Thus we, bound with James to this farm, though with pleasant fetters, travels afar through the eyes of relatives and friends. Here and there we go, over a world that was once extremely wide but whose boundaries have been gathered more closely in recent years... viewing its wonders, admiring its natural and man-made grandeur and beauty. Sighing wistfully, in secret sometimes, it is true, wishing we too, might have "seven-league boots."

But then so happy with things as they are. Needing no other scenes to make the cup full... nothing but the hills and valleys and level fields of The Island, the blue of her seas and tidal rivers, the crystal of springs, the clearness of brooks. And the sounds of home—and the farm: bird-call and the seasonal haunting honking of wild geese on wing as today; the seagulls bringing summer in their wake; a ewe's bleat in the afterlight; an owl's voice in melancholy lilt over the spaces of a moonlit night.

And the Family as it is: James taken up with usually-fading concerns; Rob busy and content with his; the younger farmer walking circumspectfully, like some grave ancestor out of history, conscientious over the discharge of some duty; Carolyn and Jeanie, each with her endearing characteristic, each endowed with fine gifts of heart and hand. The children: Jamie, quiet and studious, Gage, merry and boyish; granddaughter, quick and knowing, a mixture, as is her sex, of smiles and tears, Mack, bright and happy and very likeable. We would not have it different; as it is, our "Cup runneth over."

In contrast to our drying fields and edgings of snow, our letter brought us fairer, warmer scenes. James himself has a liking for that State because "My father liked it. He always called it 'The Land of Sunshine.'" Various keepsakes about, are souvenirs of a trip there which as a young man Mack, great grandfather to our small ones, enjoyed. And the letter?

Until tomorrow—Diary—Good-night....

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## DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

### Keep Your Child!

#### Father Shouldn't Give Up Daughter To Runaway Wife

DEAR MISS DIX: I wrote you several weeks ago, but have never seen my problem in the paper. Will you please answer it now? We have two daughters, one married and the other 8 years old. The younger child has spent most of her life in boarding school. My wife never wanted to stay home and settle down. She always wanted to work. I could only see my daughter every other week-end as that was the rule of the school.

For the past year my wife hasn't been satisfied with anything I've done for her, though I spent a lot of money on new furniture and for things around the house. A few months ago she packed up and left me, going to her aunt in California. I have sent her money, but she writes that she doesn't love me any more.

Now she wants me to send our daughter to her in June. My older daughter is against my doing so, and so, naturally, am I. My little daughter doesn't want to go either. My wife refuses to tell me how long she intends to be away, and has even suggested that I get a divorce if I want one. I still love her so, of course, a divorce is out of the question.

**ANSWER:** I'm sorry you had no answer to your first letter, but since it is impossible to use in this column all the mail I receive, many readers are bound to be disappointed. However, had you included your name and address in either the first or second letters, your problem could have been answered by personal letter.

You will be making a big mistake if you let your wife have her way about your young daughter. Since the child is happy with you and her sister, and the mother's instability is no indication that she can give the youngster care, keep your child.

**SHE'LL GET OVER IT**

Let your wife get over her temperament in her own way. When she'll be glad to come home and settle down. Women of middle age are prone to all sorts of eccentricities, and a patient, understanding family is their only salvation. Your wife's desertion indicates an aberration that really was foretold in her growing restlessness and dissatisfaction with home conditions. Perhaps her aunt will see that she gets adequate medical care, which will probably go a long way in restoring her balance.

No 8-year-old girl should be sent to boarding school except in case of grave emergency; certainly the mother's unwillingness to care for her doesn't count under that heading. When you and your wife return, try to keep the child at home. Her presence will be good for the whole family, as well as giving her a more normal life.

Don't nag your wife about coming home. In your letters, accept her continued absence as a matter of course. She'll soon realize that her place is with you and the children.

**DEAR MISS DIX:** My mother and father have been divorced for five years. I'm living with my father now, and he tells me I should hate my mother. I love them both. Should I stop caring for my mother?

**MAYBELLE S.**

**ANSWER:** You are in the unfortunate position of most children with divorced parents. Your loyalties are being divided against you with both parents pulling in opposite directions. If you love your mother, don't try to change her mind. Whatever caused the divorce, it was a problem between your parents and they are most unfair to upset your emotions in an effort to spite each other.

**DEAR MISS DIX:** Against his parents' wishes, my husband and I were married a few months ago. As I was a divorcee with two children, they were sure I wasn't the proper wife for him. Now they are making my life miserable. They demand that I go to work to support my children, insist that my husband shouldn't adopt them, and are generally troublesome in their letters to us. My husband has gotten to the point where he won't read their mail. We are both 27, and very much in love. Should we leave this town and try to begin afresh somewhere else?

**ANNABELLE**

**ANSWER:** Under the circumstances, your in-laws were bound to be prejudiced against the marriage. The only way you can show that they are wrong about you is to prove otherwise by making your marriage successful. This course takes time, but is the only way to make stubborn, stupid people realize they are wrong. If you can leave town without hurting business, or interfering with your own family life, do so. Distance works wonders.

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

## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

**THE OUTPATIENT DIAGNOSTIC STUDY FOR WALKING PATIENTS**

In these days, when there is a scarcity of beds in hospitals, it is only fair that those who are very ill should be accommodated and those who are able to be on their feet should be looked after at a physician's office or attend the outpatient clinic of the hospital.

In the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Robert P. McCombs, Joseph H. Pratt Diagnostic Clinic, Boston, states that while the well-trained physician is equipped to give a thorough examination with chemical and other special tests, and perhaps an x-ray apparatus, nevertheless a busy practitioner can hardly devote the time to look after all the necessary tests.

Although hospitals have the necessary equipment to make a complete examination, they have not the room for these patients who are on their feet and able to get about. For this reason a diagnostic outdoor clinic can be established at or near the hospital for ambulatory (walking) patients.

Dr. McCombs gives the history of the development and growth of the Pratt Diagnostic Clinic, opened 13 years ago, which has grown to a point where over 9,000 patients a year are being referred to it for by nearly 4,000 family physicians. To get this examination, he is under observation for several days and get the necessary tests at the hospital proper would mean that these ambulatory patients would need to use hospital rooms and beds for the few days or a week. But, being walking patients, they can attend the Diagnostic Clinic, be seen by the heads of the various departments and be returned to the hospital physician for necessary treatment.

The fees are kept as low as possible. A set price is charged for the first examination, including routine laboratory and x-ray examination and administrative expenses. All other tests are charged at minimum rates. By this plan the patients know the selling price and that they may be charged considerably less. Certainly the same diagnostic study can be done at less expense on an outpatient basis than it can on an inpatient basis.

Despite the huge increases in the cost of hospital operation, fees for diagnostic study have been kept within reason by holding charges to a modest level. Dr. McCombs tells us, "This clinic operates on a non-profit basis. Undoubtedly all these factors have

## A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

Now must these men be glad a little while that they have lived to see May once more smile Upon the earth; wherefore, as men who know How fast the bad days and the good days go, They gathered at the feast; the fair abode Wherein they sat, overlooked, across the road, Unhedged green meads, which willow streams passed through, And on that morn, before the fresh May dew Had dried upon the sunniest spot of grass, From bush to bush did youth and maidens pass In raiment meet for May apparelled, Gathering the milk-white blossoms and the red; And, now, with noon long past, and that bright day Growing away, on the sunny way They wandered, crowned with flowers, and loitering, And weary, yet were fresh enough to sing The carols of the morn, and pensive still Had cast away their doubt of death and ill And flushed with love, no more grew red with shame

—W. Morris.

This is the way the poet describes an English May Day, and how lovely it must have been! Our May days can be very lovely too, and very busy in the garden for all of us. All planting can be done in this month except the tender bulbs and plants. Forget-me-not plants have been planted around the Tulp borders and they will add to the beauty of the spring display.

New bulbs are now blooming and it is interesting to see them for the first time and plans can be made for additions to the garden of some of the loveliest flowers.

Daffodils, or to be correct, we must call them Narcissus, are now a beautiful sight as they are good from year to year, multiplying until they become large colonies where a few bulbs were planted not so long ago. "The Narcissus, wondrously glittering, a noble sight for all whether immortal heads spring forth, and at the fragrant odour thereof, all the broad heaven above, and all the earth laughed, and the salt wave of the Sea."

Thus Homer sang of the Daffodil in his "Hymn to Demeter"

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## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Leo

**Mahogany**

Smeary mahogany furniture can be cleaned by sponging with a cloth dipped into a solution of hot water and vinegar, and then with a cloth dipped into a pint of warm water to which one teaspoon each of linseed oil and turpentine have been added. Polish with a dry cloth.

**Warts**

Touch the warts with nitrate of silver, or tincture of iodine, or bathe them two or three times a day with strong saleratus water, heating it each time.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

What is the proper way to eat a chicken leg? Is it all right, after cutting off most of the meat, to pick up the bone in the fingers for the rest?

A. Not at the dinner table. The only exceptions are at certain restaurants where such a practice is encouraged as a feature of the house, and, of course, at picnics.

Q. How is the invitation to a home wedding worded?

A. The same as that to a church wedding, except that the home address is substituted for the name of the church. And usually the initials R.S.V.P. are added at the bottom.

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