

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Inland Farmer's Wife

"And isn't it nice that we've got kittens now!" granddaughter observed with a lilt in her voice, to her grandfather today. At the time, with her small brother as an interested audience beside her, she played with the three on a rug on the floor. "Who has?" James teased. "We have!" she declared firmly. "Oh," he smiled since they're here in our house, I was under the impression that they are ours—your grandmother's and mine." "No," she looked up to explain, "she just helps with their feeding!" A recent gift of kit-coats to her, these are, dark of coats and yet direct and unquestionable descendants of respected tawny-clad Buttercup, the huge Angora lad-of-a-cat at the corner-store. A versatile feline he is we remember, of modest expression yet holding scars of battle, and one among the large number of gallant troupers that, in a year now slipped away to join others of the past, presented their comedy-drama before twenty-two audiences to help many worthy community projects and causes.

It was a gift gratefully received by the family, because as regards our cat-family, past months have played strange tricks at Alderlea. Where not so long ago a number of them gathered twice daily about the milk-pan in a stable only a lone white one remains to lap there. Beginning with Tabby's demise, one after another passed away leaving the farmers in a state of concern over the welfare of the feed stores. If, as has been said, femininity rules the trends of the cat population, those at Alderlea were duly criticized for the losses. "Too many — too many cats!" that's what you used to complain, Ellen," James sighed, adding, "I've often heard the joke of that before, in a time folks have come to regret their words. Too much hay . . . too many potatoes . . . too many pigs" and how soon I have heard the tune change! Idle words, I'm thinking, the like are — ay, idle words. "Cuddly and playful the kittens are ("And what will Jamie say when he sees these! grand-daughter breathed in ecstasy) of a kin to the pleased children, who told them in their arms.

James had come in then to shave, a singular happening for him at mid-morning since busy man that he is, this usually comes in the lamp-light. The younger farmer too seemed to have spells of leisure. And once we overheard "Reckon the sheep would be too damp from yesterday's showers yet, to shear!" And when James suggested in a half-hearted way we wondered at "We could go back and clean up a corner of that yumped field" the other made light of it. "Why, we wouldn't have time now to do more than have a look around!" And when James inquired casually, "Are my

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it correct on a golf course to call caddies to account for their mistakes?
A. Yes, but in a courteous manner, not in the rough language sometimes employed on the course. The example of courtesy to the young should be observed in dealing with caddies. Be careful never to speak hastily to your caddy when you are feeling disgusted at your own poor play.
Q. How does a woman pay respect to the flag when it passes in a procession?
A. She stands with her hands relaxed at her sides. A man removes his hat and stands at attention.
Q. Is it correct for a person to use his fingers when eating an orange at the table?
A. Yes; peel the orange and then pull it apart with the fingers.

Morning Smile

Too Chummy

"Can I borrow your pen, Bob?"
"Certainly."
"Got a sheet of writing paper I can use?"
"Yes. Help yourself."
"Going past the post office when you go out?"
"I can do."
"Wait a minute till I finish this letter, will you?"
"All right."
"Want to lend me a stamp?"
"By the way, what's your girlfriend's address?"
"Now keep an eye to the things, Ellen!" James reminded us stepping off jauntily, "don't go falling asleep and let the bit of crop be eaten up by the stock!" However, rather lonely in their desertion and in the stillness of the place with all bustle of work gone from it, it was the children who slept. How still it was then! Blackie's bark echoed loudly as he roused to challenge some noisy passing machine. A breeze of day ruffled the mill-pond, and the sun set his lengthening dark shadows here and there on the sheen of it, and all along hillside and valley gleamed the new green of fresh washed leaves and grass. "And how did you manage to put in your time while we were away, Ellen?" James queried later, changing into his day-by-day garb for his choring. And what could we reply when the uttermost of our afternoon had been taken up with loving the June fields and flowers and sky and the play of long shadows down on the pond. Until tomorrow — — — Diary Good-night. . . .



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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make use of a roll of mulliged brown paper tape?
A. This gummed tape has many uses around the home. It is nice for labelling jars of jelly and preserves, and also for labeling any wrapped packages. It takes the place of string for sealing small packages. It will hold a cemented dish or bowl until the cement has hardened.
Q. How can I prevent moths in garments that are being stored for the summer, without using moth balls?
A. Place small pieces of tar paper between the garments. Cloves are also a preventive.
Q. How can I remove grass stains from linen, suitings, or stockings?
A. By rubbing the spots with molasses before washing.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The sun sank down behind the hills until only a glow still remained."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "xylophone"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Charitable, chandelier, chauffeur, chicanery.
4. What does the word "ultimately" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ha that means "to accustom; familiarize"?
ANSWERS
1. Omit down and still. 2. Pronounce first syllable as zi, i as in sign, and not ex-i. 3. Chandelier. 4. Finally. "Perseverance will ultimately bring certain results." 5. Habituate.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS -

Teen Questions Reader Asks About Love, Spending, Going Steady

DEAR MISS DIX: Will you please answer these questions: (1) Do you think it wise to spend much money on a high-school girl? (2) How can a boy tell if a girl really cares for him, or isn't there any way to tell? (3) Is it best for a high-school boy to go steady with a girl as long as possible? (4) Every time I go to a dance with a certain girl her family pay my way. If they didn't I couldn't go out with her, as I have no money of my own. I love her so much I can't seem to keep away from her. Please tell me what to do. L.K.



ANSWER: (1) A schoolboy shouldn't spend much money on girls because it isn't his own money that he is spending. It is his parents' and he should make as few demands upon them as possible.
(2) There is no absolute infallible way of telling whether a girl is in love with you or not, since even the most apparently artless maiden is adept in dissimulation. But, as a general thing, a girl in love gives plenty of indications of the state of her feelings for you to judge by. Is she always hanging around and contriving accidental meetings? A girl in love is generally as much underfoot as a cat.

ARE YOU FIRST CHOICE?

Does she pass up other boys for you? If she breaks dates, watch out. She is only using you for a stand-by and a filler-in when no more glamorous youth appears on the scene. Does she make opportunities for you to be alone, or does she always want to be in a crowd? Does she come down with her hat on ready to step out when you call, or does she prefer spending a quiet evening at home listening to you talk? Does she try to save your money, or merely use you as a means to a good time? Is she unselfish toward you?
(3) I think it is foolish for school girls and boys to go "steady" with any particular boy or girl. They make a mistake in tying themselves down so early. They should roam around and have many contacts with many different types of boys and girls, for in that way only can they find out what they really want later on in a husband or wife.
(4) You must be a nice boy and one that a girl's parents approve of if they are willing to pay for the tickets for you to take their daughter out. There is no harm in accepting such favors occasionally, but don't do it often. It will break down your morale and your self-respect.
It won't be long now until you are out of school and able to earn money. Wait until then to show girls a good time.

DEAR MISS DIX: My wife is neat, attractive, energetic, a splendid cook, economical and a model housekeeper. The house is always dark and dreary because the blinds are down to protect the carpet from the sun. Even on the hottest nights all the windows and doors are closed to protect the curtains. She knows each blade of grass on the lawn by its first name and it is exactly the length of its fellow. She will spend hours preparing a delicious meal, then rake me up one side and down the other because I tracked in a little dust. No furred or feathered pets around our house and you may wager all the tea in China that no baby's gooey fingers will ever mar the polish on our furniture. What to do?
HARRY

ANSWER: I too, have met the woman who was no intent on being the model housekeeper that she missed entirely making a home. I too, have been in houses that were just as sanitary and clean and uncomfortable as a model jail and where every inmate was as well-disciplined and had as little personal freedom as if he were a prisoner. I have known women who were such meticulous housekeepers that they turned their own children out on the streets to play to keep them from musing up things in their own home, and whose husbands wouldn't have dared to lie down on a couch, no matter how tired they were. And I haven't wondered that the husbands and children of such women fled from their over-scrubbed, over-manicured homes to homes presided over by sloppy women whose houses were places of comfort and rest and cheer in which everybody relaxed and had a good time.
I am sorry for you, Harry, but when a woman gets the house-keeping complex as badly as your wife has it, she is incurable. Your only recourse is to join some comfortable homelike club.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been married a year and a half to the best man in the world. He has a mother and a grown sister. We have lived with them and supported them. My husband and I both work hard every day while they run around and have a good time. Don't you think it is up to them to get out and look for a job and give us a break?
WORRIED

ANSWER: If a mother is old and helpless it is certainly a son's duty to support her, but if she is middle-aged or youngish, and able-bodied, there is no reason in the world for her to festoon herself like a millstone around her married son's neck. She should get out and look for a job. So should the sister.

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

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE CONTROL OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

When we read about the many thousands of dollars received from sympathetic men, women, boys and girls by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to try to find the prevention and cure of this dread disease, and to help restore the victims so that they can become normal again, we may wonder why, with all this money and research, there are still epidemics causing death to hundreds and thousands of children.
Some weeks ago I wrote about how this sum of many thousands of dollars was distributed to patient research workers throughout the country who, at the risk of their own lives at times, worked day and night on the polio problem.

This collection of money takes place every year, yet epidemics of polio occur almost every year in one or more districts. Physicians, recognizing that the public naturally cannot understand the difficulties of research workers, are informing us about what has really been discovered by these research workers over the years.
In "The Wisconsin Medical Journal" an editorial states: "It seems to us that the frequently repeated statement that no more is known about poliomyelitis than was known 50 to 100 years ago is not true, and furthermore, we believe that this new knowledge forms the basis for the development of concepts on its method of spread by direct and indirect contact, that is, by household or close contact from nose to nose, by exposures outside the home through contaminated foods, and by flies and other means."

We all think of infantile paralysis as a terrible disease causing crippling and deformities and it is this crippling that comes first into our minds. It is reassuring then to read that all investigators are agreed that for each case of polio in which paralysis occurs, there are 100 cases in which no paralysis occurs, so that despite the widespread distribution of this disease, the number of cases of crippling is really small.
Because so much is really known about infantile paralysis, "the isolation of patients and those living or associated with them, avoiding crowds and avoiding swimming in the public bathing places by young children constitute scientific methods for the control of poliomyelitis."

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Easily Mended

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Pumpkin Pie

Try this for variety in pumpkin pie. When the pie is nearly done, cover with marshmallows and return to the oven for ten minutes. Or, sprinkle finely grated cheese over the top and bake for five minutes.

Handy Device

Keep a padded covered brick in the sewing machine. To this put any sewing that needs to be held taut while hand work is being done.

Cook's Corner

VEAL CORN BAKE

2 pounds breast or shoulder of veal
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper or paprika
3 tablespoons fat
1 1/2 cups cream-style corn
1 1/2 cups milk
Remove bone and cut meat in half inch slices. Combine flour, salt and pepper and roll meat slices in mixture. Melt fat in frying pan and saute meat until well browned. Arrange pieces in greased casserole. Combine corn and milk and pour over meat. Cover and bake in a moderately slow oven, 325 degrees F., for 1 1/2 hours. Remove cover and continue to bake 1/2 hour longer. More milk may be added during cooking, if necessary. Yield: six servings.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Friday, June 30

IT is probable that an abrupt visitation, of whirlwind force, may precipitate a problem or strange situation, radical and far-reaching in consequence. An upheaval in domestic, romantic as well as business plans could be revolutionary, providing sudden change of scene and associations. While such trend may be breathtaking and thrilling, the sudden disruption may be disconcerting to cope with.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may be prepared for an abrupt, exciting and highly stimulating upheaval, of radical and far-reaching denouement. The situation may be novel and unpredictable, with complete disruption of plans and objectives.

Those whose birthday it is, may expect some unforeseen and stimulating development, far-reaching and radical in scope. Romance, change, excitement are in the aura.

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-Needlecraft-

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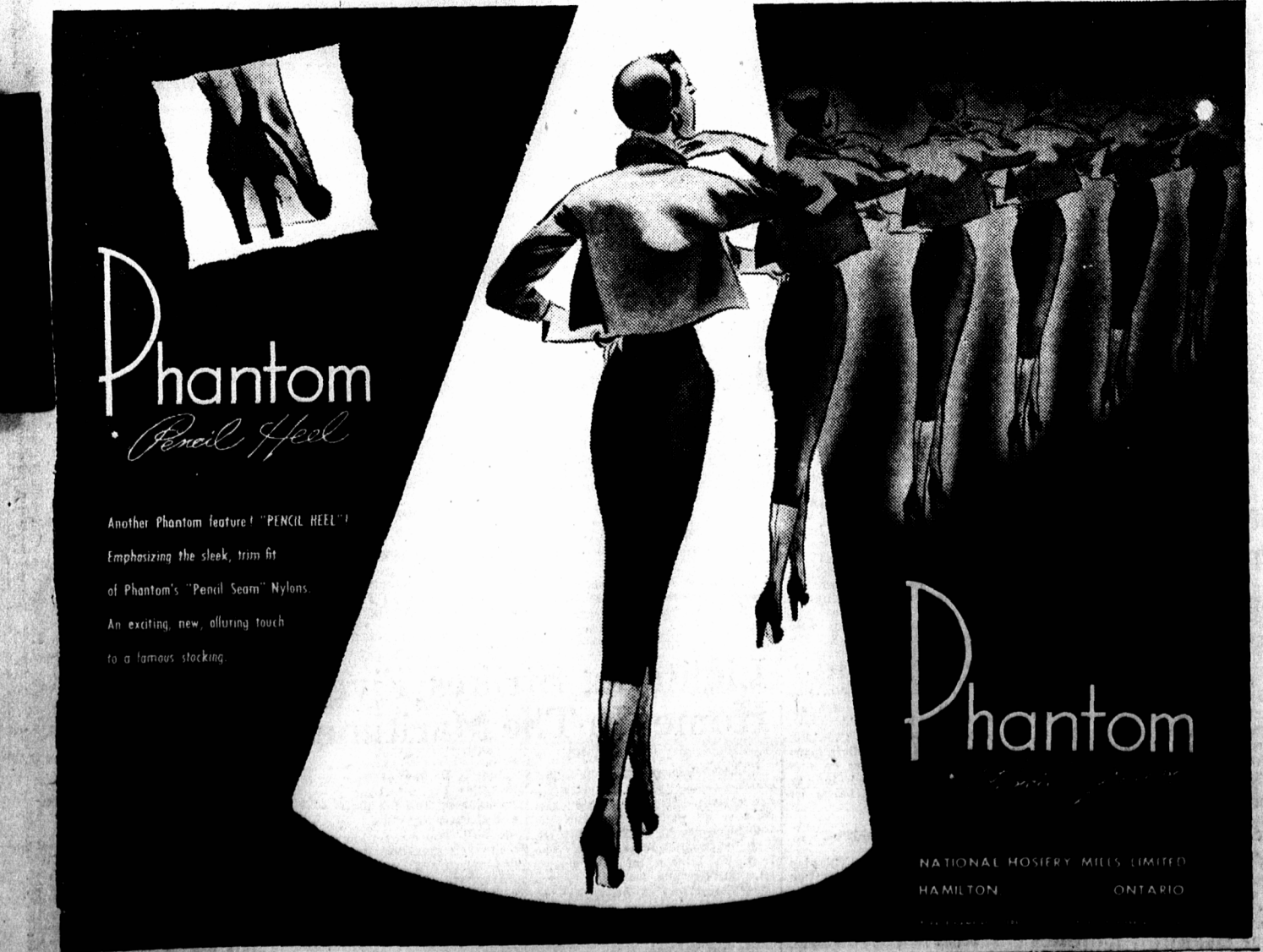
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