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Living & Leisure —THE WOMAN'S REALM—

FLORIST'S WINDOW IN WINTER

Out, looking in from the icy street, Through the mystery of glass, I saw the pageant of the spring In damask lustre pass.

The cherry paused in white review To tap against the pane, And in a leafy ambuscade Violets lay like rain.

ELEGANCE IS AN ENVIABLE TRAIT

Those born with a sense of elegance are committed for life to a state of grace more enviable than beauty.

At the sight of an elegant woman we experience a feeling which we can neither analyze nor forget. While her good taste soothes, its results excite.

The fact that sobriety is essential to elegance never prevents individuality from piercing the conventions of a current fashion. Persons of romantic temperament allow their personality to appear; the more self-confident force it to do so.

Elegance is dependent neither on order nor disorder, neither on negligence nor austerity; its only visible common denominator is moderation. That is why neither the vain nor the timorous ever achieve it. It takes very little to seem it away; a perfume too heavy, a feather or a necklace too many, and elegance is gone. And nothing has a more lethal effect upon it than exaggeration.

Elegance always gives an impression of beauty, but beauty does not necessarily include elegance.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Post-Marital Reform

Newlywed's Attempt To Change Mate's Habits Bodes Little Good

The reason there are so many divorces is because the first thing the newlyweds do is to try to make each other over according to their own little blue prints, but it can't be done without leaving behind a lot of blasted hopes and broken illusions that bode no good for a marriage.

Why otherwise intelligent men and women do not marry their ideals in the first place, no one knows, but they don't. Perhaps it is because we all have the reformer complex, and we can't keep from trying to alter people to our taste. It is part of the compulsion that makes a woman, who knows nothing about millinery, rip up a new \$40 hat and reconstruct it into a sartorial horror, and that causes a man who buys a house to wall up the old windows and cut new ones and install a different system of plumbing and lighting.

Now as long as people tinker with trying to change material things nearer to their hearts' desires, it is an innocent diversion; but when they undertake to revise an individual's character, it is the experiment becomes even more hazardous when the human guinea pig is a husband or wife.

This is inevitable, because nothing in courtship prepares either the bride or the bridegroom for the shock of finding out that their mates did not regard them as little pieces of perfection, but, on the contrary, considered them pretty poor specimens of the genus homo, loaded down with faults and weaknesses which they were going to kindly correct.



That gives the newlyweds a body blow from which they never really recover. For the one thing that is absolutely essential to a happy marriage is for the husband and wife to idealize each other, and for each to believe that the other hung the moon.

So the honeymoon is definitely over and you might as well hang your head in the love raven when the husband, who married a glamorous girl because she was so pretty and cute, begins to try to make her over into a crackbrack cook and a thrifty housewife, who is more interested in large-gal aprons than she is in make-up, and who would rather stay at home of evenings and listen to her husband snore than to step out to a night club.

And the same catastrophe, only worse, happens when the wife undertakes to polish up her rough diamond. Probably more husbands, who were good providers and who started out devoted to the ladies to whom they were married, have been lost through their wives correcting their grammar and pronunciation and table manners than any other way. For the one thing no man can stand is criticism from his wife. Husbands are one of the things that wives have to take "as is" if they want to keep them.

Of course, if men and women would give the subject the serious thought that it deserves, they would realize that by the time people get old enough to marry, their tastes and habits are formed, and they would pick out congenial mates to start with. But this would deprive millions of husbands and wives of their favorite indoor sport of jockeying on each other. And so they go merrily along attempting to work a miracle that will change a dumb Dora into a highbrow, or quench a spouse's thirst for liquor.

Which is why divorce is one of our most profitable industries.

MARRIAGE ESSENTIALS

troubles make her fretful and restless, so that nothing pleases her, and her mother is at a loss to know whether she needs sympathy or correction, while usually, in fact, words "an angel from Heaven" could not be happier nor more wise.

The snow was delightfully crisp underfoot this morning and the crust on the hill for Pard and me as we went early down to Jane's end with our mailings. From there, the sun was only rising above the hill to the East of our buildings, sending its bright streaming banners across the sky, and against these the morning fires sent lovely clouds of London smoke billowing above the houses. At the "gang-way" bridge the stream flows darkly, now that the ice has opened, but still between white edges, yet in a manner to remind one of the open season or "speckled gullings" now not very far away. Jamie and James and I have set a date to go a-fishing, in the words of James' promise at the time "no matter what comes or goes," on a fine Spring day to come. Our plans have been made down to the details. "You 'n' granddaddy will be down on the bridge" you'll look in the road 'n' you'll say "who is this that's coming?" "And?" I have prompted when we talked it over. "It'll be me!" So far Jamie has never attempted to cover the distance between Reb's farm and ours alone, though there was the

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Coughs

A good home remedy for coughs can be made by taking onions and white sugar and boiling together into a syrup. Give one teaspoonful to the children as often as seems necessary to relieve the coughing.

Mending

Mend the shirts or other wearing apparel before sending them to the laundry. By doing this it will not be necessary to disturb the carefully ironed articles in order to mend them.

Boiled Water

Boiled water will not have a flat taste if it is poured back and forth from one bottle to another. Or, shake it in a large bottle.

Cook's Corner

HUNGARIAN APPLE PUDDING

4 large sour apples
3 tablespoons fruit juice
1 cup fine, soft bread crumbs
1 tablespoon butter
2 egg yolks
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 egg whites

Pare and grate apples. Add fruit juice and blend. Add bread crumbs. Cream butter, add egg yolks, sugar and salt and beat thoroughly. Add to first mixture and combine well. Beat egg whites until light, add remaining sugar gradually, beating until mixture will hold in peaks. Fold into first mixture and turn into lightly greased baking dish. Oven-poach in a moderate oven 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 1 hour. Serve with hard sauce. Six servings.

Morning Smile

NOT URGING

As he strolled round the garden the retired Army officer was feeling very content with things. Presently he came across the gardener, a very old "employee."

"Oh, Smith," beamed the major, "you'll be pleased to hear that my son has been called to the Bar."

Smith straightened his back carefully before making any comment.

"Well, sir," he replied, "from what I know of Master Jack, he wouldn't need much calling."

THE STARS SAY—

By GENEVIEVE KEMBLE For Friday, March 21

ALTHOUGH the day starts off with zest and enthusiasm, with practical and progressive attack on matters of major importance, probably concerning new deals, associations or propositions, a deviation from practical plans and programs might result in a sudden and unforeseen crash of devastating and revolutionary significance. An impetuous move, a too eager desire to make changes or improvements, is likely to wreck all foundations established. The mentality might be obscured, confused or easily swayed.

Those whose birthday it is have promise of a year of splendid creative work, with energies and initiative keyed to important moves of a new and progressive objective, yet there is a sign of ambition over-leaping itself, either through a confused mental outlook, or an emotional or impulsive stress and strain in the way of change, revision or improvement. This will result in havoc, disruption and disintegration of sound ideas and well-established premises. Hold fast to the realistic and concrete.

A child born on this day is well equipped for a sound and active career, of progress and accomplishment, but erratic or reckless desire for change might prove its undoing.

TWO-COLOR SUIT DWARFS HIP SIZE

Smash style hit which tops a dark skirt with a light-colored jacket may not have been created for the happy girl but she can take full advantage of it for figure improvement.

This solves her problem by giving her a light top that magnifies proportions, a dark skirt that dwarfs hip size.

Another style boon which designers make available to the hippy girl is that of placing details at a safe distance from her hips. Details—often of eye-baiting color— which flag attention away from her hips are placed at the throat, shoulders, waistline and above the elbows.

Skirt disguise of hips—long lacking in fashions—is back in vogue and gathers, released below the waist; in a circular flare that bells out from the slender, upper part of the hips to conceal the bulge below.

Fullness is often inserted in a sheath of a skirt to hide a hip bulge that needs concealment.

NATTY NOTIONS

Do not add salt to dried peas or beans until cooked. They will cook quicker and will not split.

If you find your cake is burnt at the bottom stand the tin in a larger one, leaving two sticks across the bottom.

Put salt meat into cold water and bring to the boil. Boiling water toughens the fibres.

If you have to darn a large thin place in a child's vest, treat it as though it were a piece of embroidery. Stretch the part into a good sized frame and then darn, leaving a short loop at each turning point.

Mend a crack in the rim of a pan with a piece of wire, using adhesive tape. Such cracks often cause tears in the apron or house dress.

When rethreading a graduated necklace, first arrange the beads in their right order on a strip of corrugated cardboard.

Make a loop inside your child's coat collar and slip the scarf through it. This way the scarf will stay in position and not get lost.

Tie your parcels with wet string, as it will tighten when dry and will not come undone so easily.

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Is "a slip of the pen" the fault of the mind? "I am," holds to the contrary opinion and on such trying occasions, makes apology for me by saying, "a bit sloppy." You know Ellen's memory is not so good as it was" and as if this were not enough, he goes on to qualify his statement by saying "she's getting very forgetful. I gave her something to put away in a safe searched high, and low for it several times since, without a sign of it—and I needed it too!" It may have been "these bells, Ellen—put them away for me" or "this leather for the pump" or "that stuff I got at the drug store for the pigs". This time, however, I had mislaid, but I'm afraid I must have forgotten the correct height of the babe in the house across the lane. Instead of a mere twenty inches, which she was at birth, she has added eight inches to her stature, and is now twenty-eight "stems" so Jennie tells me. I should have remembered it, for at the time James and I had thoroughly discussed the matter. I laughed when he had said, smiling but nonetheless quite stretched her cut pretty well—at least it appeared to be a considerable distance on the table, afterwards. But there is our lone grand-daughter's height and there are times as today when her teeth-

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If you're not a born mechanic, try slips and pajamas, after the flatware comes easy. Then, when you really know the controls, advance to dresses and shirts.

Where will you keep your ironer? If you don't have one of those deluxe utility rooms? Keep your ironer where you like best to work and where you will use it most often.

If you like to sew and have a sewing room, you may enjoy ironing in the sewing room. The ironer will be convenient for pressing, too. Some ironers have special devices for pressing.

If you have a large, sunny kitchen, where you enjoy working, you may find that the kitchen is the best place for your new ironer. You can keep your eye on the oven, answer the kitchen door, the telephone, iron—and still be a part of the life of the bustle and most social room in the house.

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it necessary to bow each time when meeting the same person a number of times in succession?

A. No; merely smile.

Q. If there are to be three speakers at a public dinner, or banquet, how much time should be allotted to each speaker?

A. Fifteen to twenty minutes is sufficient.

Q. Is it customary for the bride to give presents to her bridesmaids?

A. Yes.

How Can I!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I skin boiled potatoes easily?

A. When preparing potatoes for boiling, instead of peeling the whole potato, just peel a narrow strip entirely around the middle of each potato, lengthwise. When cooked, the skins will slip off easily.

Q. How can I prevent material from stretching out of shape when cutting dresses?

A. Baste under the neckline and arm holes after cutting, and the goods will not stretch out of shape.

Q. How can I make a good deodorizer for the bathroom?

A. Leave a bottle of lemon juice uncorked on the window sill or open shelf.

Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Every man, woman and child waved their hand."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Comparative, combustible, comodity.

4. What does the word "antipathetic" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with gra that means "vividly described"?

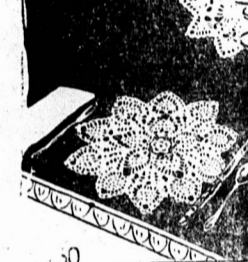
ANSWERS

1. Say, "waved his hand." 2. Pronounce sum-pu-tus, tu as in picture, and three syllables, not sun-chus.

3. Commodity. 4. Naturally contrary or opposed. (Accent first and fourth syllables). "The solemn violence of Sir Edward Carson was intensely antipathetic to Mr. Britling." — H. G. Wells. 5. Grapher.



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