

Says Writing Poetry Is Profitable Hobby

ROSEMARY, Sask., Jan. 23 (CP) — Writing poetry is "strictly a hobby" with Mrs. Lila Carroll. But the prairie farm wife has found it profitable, too.

A mass circulation American magazine (Saturday Evening Post) has bought several of her poems in the last year or so. Recently she won the lyric poetry contest of the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Authors Association.

She was born on a prairie farm and has lived all her life in rural Saskatchewan. It is of the life on the prairies and its seasonal changes that she often writes.

Though Mrs. Carroll had written poetry for her own pleasure for years, she never thought of her work having commercial value until her husband insisted she send a poem to the magazine. This was about her smallest son, at that time just learning to stand up in his crib. The magazine promptly accepted it and asked for more.

Mrs. Carroll, born Lila Van Dine, taught school before she married. She says she always preferred rural schools — and was always having to explain why she liked them better than town schools.

"I believe that farming people are the best to live among," she says. "But they are not generally appreciated — or perhaps evaluated would be a better word — either in fiction or in non-fiction areas. Farmers are more strongly individualistic than any class group in the city, and so are their wives."

Better English

By V. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He ascended up the stairs and found there was a difference in the front and the rear bedroom."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Ratio, embrio, folio, concerto.

4. What does the word "crucible" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ll that means "uneducated"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit up, and say, "difference between." 2. Pronounce pa-sa, first a as in ah, second a as in say, accent second syllable. 3. Embryo. 4. A severe trial or test. "It was the crucible of affliction." 5. Illiterate.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Carpet Sweeper

Be sure, when cleaning the carpet sweeper, to cut all the lint and hair from the brushes. After the boxes have been emptied, wipe them out with a cloth dipped in kerosene, and also rub some of the oil over the brushes; this will prevent dust from rising while sweeping.

Rubber Mat

Try tying several canning jar rubbers together with some string and using this as a mat for the cleaning powder box. It will prevent the rusty ring this particular box always leaves wherever it is stood.

Violet Talcum Powder

Make violet talcum powder by mixing 14 ounces of powdered talc, 2 ounces of powdered orris root, 1/2-ounce extract of cassia, 1/4-ounce extract of jasmine.

Cook's Corner

RICE RING WITH VEGETABLES IN CHEESE SAUCE

5 cups hot cooked rice
Salt
Pepper
4 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 package (8 ounces) process cheese
1/2 cup milk
2 cups hot cooked vegetable or a suitable mixture of vegetables, well drained.

Prepare the cooked rice in your favorite way (you will have to cook about 1 1/2 cups raw rice to get 5 cups cooked rice).

Season the hot rice to taste with salt and pepper, add the butter or margarine and mix lightly until butter or margarine is melted. Turn into a greased small ring mould (or other suitable mould) and pack firmly. Place on a slow oven, 300 degrees, until needed.

Cut the process cheese into pieces and place in upper pan of double boiler; place over boiling water and heat, stirring occasionally, until cheese is melted. Stir in the milk and heat thoroughly stirring constantly.

Add the drained hot cooked vegetable to the cheese sauce and mix lightly.

Loosen rice ring and turn onto a large serving plate; fill centre and border with the vegetable in cheese sauce.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Clean and still and beautiful the new day moved in. Out of the twilight of morning, hushed in solemn expectancy appeared the bright rift of dawn.

The ribbon of rose back of the spires and domes of the evergreens that climb and range atop a hill "down along" became an amber sea from whence presently flowed in a stream of liquid gold, mellow and warming, lovely substance to fill and overflow the cup of our valley.

And as always charmed and awed by the magic of another day's morning, it came to mind that surely in a world so chaste and enchanting there should be no feel done, nor untoward happening to mar its loveliness.

No man-made intrigues of sordid design — nothing evil or dastardly or had but as befitted the scenes spread now along the length and breadth of the land even to world's end, for man's inspiration and benefit, only what was good.

Yes, only "whatsoever things are true" and lovely and of good report, these indeed were the items that in so beautiful a world folks should emphasize, should encourage and practice. Not perhaps that to our mind, they should be ultra religious, but that understanding the significance and Grace of that "is written," they should try to follow the ethics of that respectable state that to Pat who walked considered steps always, was "decent living." Instilling its tenets not so much by precept as example into the lives of those about and more especially in the children entrusted by parentage or duty to their care.

Interested always in child rearing, much taken up with its why's and wherefores — and having seen many a young life develop into adult years, we wondered what would come out of the training of a child, whose rearing was brought to our notice in a roundabout manner one day last summer.

The scene has often returned to mind since — the sleepy fragrance of a midsummer afternoon in a village. Not a pretentious hamlet but one set at a crossroads and quite worthy of the name. About, crowned in shimmering satiny heat lay the varied shades of the farmlands and in the distance one caught the silver gleam of the river. Or is it a bay, a slim arm of the sea, that washes in there?

We were on a verandah at the time; had been reading, but let the book lie neglected now as we watched idly, another guest, turn the hems of trousers for her lad of five who busied himself with his tiny trucks on the shady walk below. He played happily for some time, but presently tumbling the toys in a heap he exclaimed "That is the second time you did that! I'll show you where I want you to go you — thing!"

"Isn't that dreadful?" the mother gasped in dismay. "I'm sure I don't know where he hears the like. His father doesn't swear, and I never do, myself." "Yes you do, Mommy," he pouted. "Now Junior" she reasoned, "that's a lie and you know it's wrong for little boys to tell lies. It's wrong to swear and it's just as bad to tell lies!" "But you do swear," he persisted. "Don't you remember? When you nearly fell over that chair this morning — that's just what you said!"

"Did you read, Ellen, about 'them' peddling dope to school children?" James looks up from a piece of reading to ask. "I tell you, Ellen, it's appalling the evil and crime that's in the world. Oh, we are in the country know very little

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DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Army Wife

She Should Keep Home Intact If Possible

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Last week my husband got his call for the army. Of course I think he should do his duty for his country, but since we do not live in the same town as any of our relatives, and my mother's home has recently been broken up with the death of my father, I have no other relatives to go to. I would like to know what to do—should I sell my furniture and move back home to a room somewhere, or try to keep up our home? MRS. D. N.



Muriel Nissen

ANSWER: If it is at all possible to do so, keep your home! You will certainly be much happier while your husband is away if you are at least surrounded by the things you both took such joy in acquiring. Spending the waiting interim in a strange rooming house would be the most depressing thing you could do. Furthermore, the possibilities are that your husband will be able to come to his own home, with his own furnishings, will aid his morale immeasurably.

Establishing a home is the first achievement of marriage; it is, in fact, the complete basis and purpose of marriage. Acquiring a separate domicile is not possible or practical with all young couples, but it is the perfect beginning to a happy future. Since you and your husband have been able to achieve this essential nucleus, do your best to maintain it. Through the loneliness of separation, the uncertainties of our troubled times, your home will be a haven for both of you.

RESPONSIBILITY WILL HELP

The responsibility of keeping a home will be good for you, too. It will also serve as a laboratory to test your expanding talents in homemaking, so that when your husband is home for short visits—and ultimately for good—you'll have a whole string of accomplishments to show off.

Think how proud he'll be to bring his buddies home for a well-cooked meal, how pleased to exhibit your handmade slipcovers. Established roots, a firm foundation; these are the things your home will give you and your soldier-husband. Don't surrender them unless it's absolutely necessary!

DEAR MISS DIX: I hope you can help me, for I don't know which way to turn. I've been married for a year to a divorced man with two children. I have three children. My husband's ex-wife supports her youngsters now and then, and I'm working to help with my children. My husband doesn't earn enough to keep two families. Some weeks I get no money at all from him. I know it's his duty to support his children, but what am I gaining? I'm so worried about bills that I'm a nervous wreck. At the time we were married he had a good job but hasn't now. W. D. P.

ANSWER: You are in a dilemma that seems well nigh hopeless. Starting married life with five children between you to support was in itself a tremendous undertaking. The loss of the good job that made this task possible now puts you in a desperate plight. Your husband is, as you realize, bound to support his two children, unless their mother is in a position to do so, and can be thus directed by the court which handed down the original provisions of custody.

Any woman who marries a divorced man with children is taking on an unenviable job that all too frequently ends up in a situation similar to yours. The consequent strain, emotional and economic, is hard on everyone in the household. The Family Service Agency in your city may be able to give you more concrete advice. A personal interview will give them more of the necessary details of your case.

DEAR MISS DIX: Is it proper for a girl to go to a boy's home to see him? I'm 14 years old, and the boy I like is always asking me to come to his house but whenever I ask him to come to mine he has some excuse. My mother doesn't like the idea of my going to see him. M. N.

ANSWER: While your boy friend may simply be too shy to come calling at your house, that is nevertheless the only proper thing to do. He is lacking in courtesy and consideration to ask you to his home under the circumstances. If he were a frequent visitor at your house, and his mother asked you to visit at their home occasionally, it would be all right. However, the idea of making all the visiting one-sided with you doing the calling, is all wrong. Abide by your mother's decisions; she is right!

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

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. How do bridesmaids carry their shawls of flowers?
A. Those walking on the right side hold them on the right arm with the stems pointing downward to the left, and those on the left hold their flowers on the left arm, with stems pointing downward to the right. Bouquets or baskets, however, are held in front.

Q. When eating grapes at the table, how does one remove the seeds from the mouth?
A. These should be removed as unobtrusively as possible with the fingers. Never, under any circumstance, be guilty of dropping them directly from the mouth into the plate!

Q. When addressing a letter to a girl of 12 or 14, should it be addressed merely to Anne Lindsay?
A. No; it should be addressed to Miss Anne Lindsay, even for a young girl. In the case of a young boy, it is addressed to Master Robert Lindsay.

Morning Smile

Time Please

He had been talking for a long time, and at last he asked, brightly: "Are there any questions?" A member of the audience stood up. The speaker nodded. "What time is it?" the listener inquired.

His Device

An actor married a wealthy woman and retired. One day he and his wife were out walking when they passed two actors who had known the husband. "There goes John," said one of them, "with his labor-saving device."

Be Generous

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

HASTENING THE PATIENT'S RECOVERY

A patient suffering with an attack of coronary thrombosis was told by his physician that he would have to remain in bed for four to six weeks and as patient's means were limited, the physician advised him to remain in his own bed at home. Because he was not suffering any pain and the physician did not think it necessary to make many visits, the family became impatient with his frequent wants and did not hurry themselves to answer his calls promptly.

The patient, who had always been a healthy individual, seldom sick, began to feel that he was neglected, not considered really sick by the family and when his four weeks in bed expired, said he needed more rest. During these extra weeks in bed, he brooded about finances, his inability to work and earn a living, but mostly because his family had let him down in thinking he was not really sick.

The physician gradually learned what was troubling him and advised the family that while his heart was rested, his depression of spirits was taking the fight out of him and they should try to help him.

How can the sick patient slowly recovering be helped toward a more rapid convalescence? Dr. Edwin S. Burdell, president of Cooper Union, New York City (a non-profit organization), told the graduating nurses of Overlook Hospital, Summit, N. J., that "helping the patient to fulfill four basic wishes — for adventure, for security, for friendly responses from others, and for recognition of his achievements—is part of the getting-well process."

Regaining use of an injured leg, in perhaps learning to walk again, is exciting; and getting back to family, job or school can be a great adventure. The need for security is also universal. We need assurance that the crises of old age, illness and housing will be survived. Likewise the patient must have confidence in his medical treatment and confidence that his family, fellow workers or fellow students will accept him with whatever limitations (or defects) may result from his illness or injury. The patient must feel accepted, wanted, understood.

Finally, the patient must be made to feel that he will recover and he must have personal participation in enduring his long illness. If given full credit for his battle with sickness, he will be less inclined to blame himself for having been a burden and expense to his family, an attitude that would delay his recovery.

While it may be cruel to be really kind in some cases, as the patient leans on his illness for attention, we should remember that all the sick or injured are really "mental" patients and need these four basic wishes fulfilled — adventure, security, friendly responses from others, recognition of achievements.

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How should I dye a sweater?
A. Remove the buttons before dyeing. Then weigh the garment while it is dry. Enough dye should be bought to color the number of pounds the article weighs. A sweater will not take a good color with insufficient dye.

Q. How can I clean nickel?
A. Wash the nickel with soap-suds and polish with a paste of alcohol and whiting applied with a flannel cloth.

Q. How can I make my teeth whiter?
A. Apply a solution of peroxide of hydrogen diluted with one-half water to the teeth.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

WHILE the energies, forces and impulses instill a keen desire to forge ahead on creative plans, at the same time there is a hesitancy in making up the mind as to just how to push ahead. There seems to be some sort of interference, perhaps personal timidity. With two major planets turning retrograde, there may be obstacles, setbacks, confusion, or some stubborn obstruction — perhaps false leads or curious involvements. In such a predicament it might be wise to "make haste slowly" — to temporize for the present.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may be disposed to get a long-range slant on current events, speculation on the safe and sound course to pursue. There is an undertone of doubt and confused plans, suggesting that a better course would be to let things solve themselves by judicious delay or postponement. Loss could come as a result of uncertainty or strange involvement. Singular elements need wise and profound analysis. Be suspicious of too-friendly gestures, even from high places.

A child born on this day may



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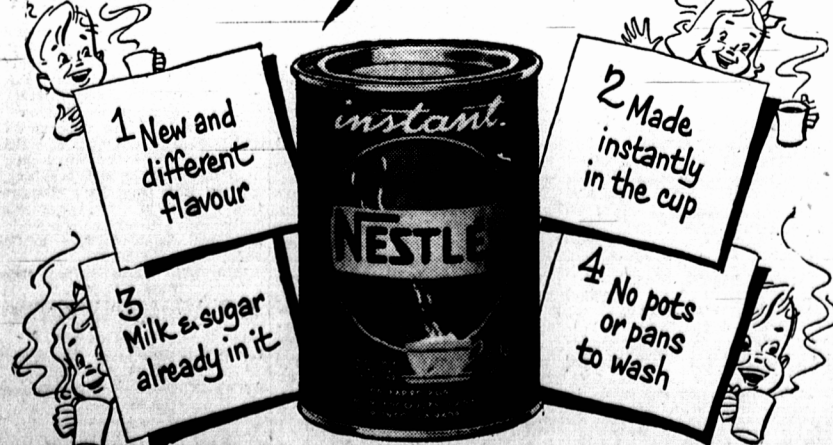
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