

The Micmacs In Early Times

Excerpts from a work by Nicholas Denys, first Governor of Acadia, published in France in 1672 and translated by Dr. William F. Ganong for the Champlain Society. Continued from last Tuesday.

All that I have said so far about the customs of the Indians, and of their diverse ways of doing things, ought to be understood only as the way in which they did them in old times. To this I shall add their burials, and the ancient ceremonies of their funerals.

When some one of them died, there was great weeping in his wigwam. All his relatives and friends were there to weep, and this lasted three or four days without their eating. During this time there was delivered his funeral oration. Each one spoke one after another, for they never spoke two at a time, neither men nor women. In this respect these barbarians give a fine lesson to those people who consider themselves more polished and wiser than they.

A recital was made of all the genealogy of the dead man, of that which he had done fine and good, of the stories that he (the orator) had heard told of his ancestors, of the great feasts and acknowledgments he had made in large number of the animals he had killed in the hunt, and of all the other matters they considered it fitting to tell in praise of his predecessors. After this they came to the dead man; then the loud cries and weepings redoubled. This made the orator strike a pose, to which the men and women responded from time to time by a general groaning, all at once and in the same tone. And often he who was speaking struck gestures, and set himself to cry and weep with the others.

Having said all that he wished to say, another began and said yet other things than the first. Then one after another, each after his fashion, made his panegyric on the dead man. This lasted three or four days before the funeral oration was finished.

After this it was necessary to make great tabagie, that is to say, festival, and to rejoice in the great gratification the deceased will have in going to see all his ancestors, his relatives and good friends, and in the joy that each of them will have in seeing him, and the great feasts they will make for him. They believed that, being dead, they went into another land where everything abounded plentifully, and where they never had to work. The festival of joy being finished it was necessary to do some work for the dead.

The women went to fetch fine pieces of bark from which they made a kind of bier on which they placed him well wrapped. Then he was carried to a place where they had a staging built on purpose, and elevated eight or ten feet. On this they placed the bier, and there they left it about a year, until the time when the sun had entirely dried the body.

During that time the wives of the deceased wept every time they met together in company, but not so long as the first time. Rarely the women re-married, or at least not until after the end of a year. Usually if they had children who could support them, they did not re-marry at all, and lived always with their children in widowhood. The end of the year having passed, and the body being dry, it was taken thence and carried to a new place, which is their cemetery. There it was placed in a new coffin, or bier, also of birch bark, and immediately after in a deep grave which they made in the ground. Into this all his relatives and friends threw bows, arrows, snow-shoes, spears, robes of moose, otter, and beaver, stockings, moccasins, and everything that was needful for him in hunting and in clothing himself. All the friends of the deceased made him each his present, of the

Cook's Corner

CHOCOLATE SOUFFLE

Four tablespoons butter or margarine, 5 tablespoons flour, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 cup milk, 4 ounces sweetened or semi-sweet chocolate, 3 eggs, separated, 1 cup cookie or cake crumbs, ½ teaspoon vanilla flavor.

Melt the butter in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Gradually stir in the flour, and salt and then add the milk. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Add the chocolate and stir until melted. Remove from the heat and cool. Beat the egg yolks until thick. Add to the chocolate mixture with the cookie crumbs. Then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and the vanilla. Pour into a casserole greased only at the bottom. Bake in a moderate oven 325 degrees F. for 1 hour or until done. Serve hot with warm custard sauce or sweetened cream. Serves 6.

Best and best that they had. They competed as to who would make the most beautiful gift. At a time when they were not yet disabused of their errors, I have seen them give to the dead man, guns, axes, iron arrow-heads, and kettles, for they held all these to be much more convenient for their use than would have been their kettles of wood, their axes of stone, their knives of bone, for their use in the other world.

There have been dead men in my time who have taken away more than two thousand pounds of peltries. This aroused the pity of the French, and perhaps envy with it; but nevertheless one did not dare to go take the things, for this everlasting war, which it was not prudent to risk since it would have ruined entirely the trade we had with them.

All the burials of the women, boys, girls, and children were made in the same fashion, but the weeping did not last so long. They never omitted to place with each one that which was fitting for his use, nor to bury it with him.

It has been troublesome to disabuse some of this practice, although they have been told that all these things perished in the earth, and that if they would look there they would see that nothing had gone with the dead man. That was emphasized so much that finally they consented to open a grave, in which they were made to see that all had decayed. There was there among other things a kettle, all perforated with verid-
grip.

An Indian having struck against it and found that it no longer sounded, began to make a great cry, and said that some one wished to deceive him. "We see indeed," said he, "the robes and all the rest, and if they are still there it is a sign that the dead man has not need of them in the other world, where they have enough of them because of the length of time they have been furnished them." But with respect to the kettle, "it, since it is among us a utensil of new introduction, and with which the other world cannot yet be furnished."

"Do you not indeed see," said he, rapping again upon the kettle, "that it has no longer any sound, and that it no longer says a word, because its spirit has abandoned it to go to be of use in the other world to the dead man to whom we have given it?" It was indeed difficult to keep from laughing, but much more difficult to disabuse him. For being shown another which was worn out from use, and being made to hear that it spoke no word more than the other,—"ha," said he, "that is because it is dead, and its soul has gone to the land where the souls of kettles are accustomed to go." And no other reason could be given at that time.

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He Should Know!

The apored figure at the sink gazed sadly at the accumulation of plates and dishes, pots and pans. Was this all that marriage meant? Was this all that marriage meant? A heavy sigh, a rolling up of sleeves, and the kitchen was soon filled with the clatter of washing and scouring. The toiler paused from time to time to listen to the steady thrash of a typewriter in the next room.

Suddenly the noise ceased, and a large, spectacled woman, lofty of brow, appeared in the doorway. "Hercules, darling," she said, addressing the little man, "I can never remember — do you spell 'cave man' with or without a hyphen?"

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE VARIOUS USES OF NEW DRUGS

One of the interesting points about the new drugs that are being developed is that once they have been established themselves as being special or specific treatment for a certain ailment, research workers are finding other or different conditions or ailments in which they are as effective or more effective than the specific drugs being used for these diseases.

When insulin was first discovered, it was for diabetes treatment only, as insulin took the place of the juice or secretion of the pancreatic gland. Later it was found that in the treatment of mental disease, shock caused by injection of insulin cleared up many cases in a matter of months. And still later it was found that lost appetite could be regained by insulin.

We are now learning of the different diseases besides arthritis that are being relieved by the new miracle drugs ACTH and cortisone, among which are heart disease, high blood pressure and some symptoms of cancer.

Another drug which apparently has more uses than the one for which it was developed is bantnine, used specifically in the treatment of peptic ulcer (ulcer of the stomach and first part of the small intestine, duodenum).

Recently we wrote about the number of cases of peptic ulcer in which the patients, after using bantnine for a time, found that they were not perspiring so much as before, much to their relief. It was found that the action of bantnine reduced the strength of the muscular action of the walls of the stomach, cut down the amount of stomach digestive juice (gastric juice) and also cut down the percentage of hydrochloric acid in the gastric juice and the amount of perspiration of the sweat glands. Where before these patients suffered embarrassment and annoyance perspiration in hands, feet, armpits and all over the body, the use of regular doses of bantnine daily gave complete relief.

And, coming back to bantnine's original purpose — treatment of peptic ulcer — another group of research workers, Drs. G. McHardy, D. C. Browne, E. Edwards and others record their results in New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal. They gave bantnine bromide to 162 patients, 112 men and 50 women, who had uncomplicated duodenal ulcers. Of this number, 136 patients were completely relieved from pain within 38 hours, 12 had less intense pain and less discomfort, 11 had no relief and three patients had complications.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. How many courses does the modern dinner consist of?

A. No matter how formal, no modern dinner consists of more than (1) Soup or oysters or melon; (2) Fish or Entree; (3) Roast; (4) Salad; (5) Dessert. And after-dinner.

Q. What would be an appropriate note of condolence to write to a bereaved relative or close friend?

A. "Dear Ruth: Words are so empty! If only I knew how to tell them with love and send them to you. All my thoughts, Anne."

Q. Is it necessary that the husband of the matron of honor at a wedding be asked to serve as an usher?

A. No; this is not at all necessary.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. What is a good substitute for color oil?

A. Prune juice makes a good substitute. Soak the prunes overnight. Stew them in the water in which they are soaked and pierce them with a fork to let out the juice when they are tender. Do not sweeten.

Q. How can I economize on soap flakes?

A. Try beating the soap flakes into a foam with an egg beater. It will require fewer flakes for the same purpose.

Q. How can I remedy dry skin?

A. When troubled with a dry skin, one of the very best remedies is to rub the parts thoroughly with almond oil.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

THIS day is but a prolongation of the benign and blissful state of mind and emotions just recently established. It would not be amiss to assert that a honeymoon, possibly an elopement may take place. The stars say that minds and hearts are merging to give deeper meaning and greater understanding to life.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is are justified in expecting the exciting and stimulating continuance of romantic, dramatic and heart-warming adventures. This new chapter in life will hold social, cultural and perhaps unique experiences. There will be sudden, strange happenings of long range consequence.

A child born on this day is bounteously and graciously blessed with those talents and charms for a life of the exceptional, romantic, adventurous.



A COWBOY SUIT IS CALGARY'S GIFT TO PRINCE CHARLES

In four-above zero weather, with a bitter wind driving snow across the frozen ground, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Calgary to be greeted by an open-air miniature stampede, staged especially for them. Highly entertained by the show, they experienced further thrills when they ate their first chuck-wagon lunch, composed of beef stew, baked beans and blueberry pie and toured their first Indian village. The unique thing about this visit to Calgary was that there were no state dinners, no Board of Trade luncheons, no formal teas and receptions. It was just a day in which true western hospitality was at its best.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Good Disposition

Sunny Temperament An Asset In Young Man

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: With a choice of two friends, should I choose the one with a good disposition or the one with looks and money? I am 16 and like a boy 17 who is good looking, but does not have a good disposition. He flares up if I even look at another boy, is moody and easily irritated. I also like another boy with a very good disposition and even temper. He is not particularly good looking but is a more agreeable companion.

N. D. D.



ANSWER: A good disposition is pretty much a permanent asset. Looks can change, the financial status of a boy can improve or decline, but temperament remains quite static. Moody people provide a problem even for adults to handle; they're much too much for a teen-ager to cope with. After all, what you want on a date is gaiety and fun. Trying to cheer an irritable beau is no part of an evening out.

DON'T MARRY A GROUCH

Some people are born with sunny dispositions and exude cheerfulness under all circumstances. Others, less fortunate, begin life with chips on their shoulders. Wrong training in childhood intensifies a bad disposition; then they reach adulthood seemingly with no other aim than to make everyone else in the world miserable. Woe to the woman who marries such a one! The rarest thing in her life is a smile, or a word of praise.

Don't let your moody friend make excuses for his bad temper. There are none! A little sense and determination can sweeten the worst humor. However, since you have a pleasant young man at hand, save yourself the job of reformation and take the beau with a smile!

DEAR MISS DIX: A lovely lady of 47 is very much in love with me, and since I am 68 I think there is too much difference in our ages. She insists she doesn't like younger men. My children are grown and I doubt if they would approve of a stepmother their own age. The lady thinks I ought to put the wife first, which is true, but I don't want to hurt my children. Would you think it a wise move to marry her?

WIDOWER

ANSWER: No, I do not! She is so determined to get you, however, that you'll have to do some fast footwork to escape her clutches. Not only is she much too young for you, she is also too intent on

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Varnished Surfaces

Surfaces which are to be varnished should be perfectly smooth for effectiveness. When preparing wood for varnishing use No. 1/2 sandpaper to start and finish off with No. 0, always rubbing with the grain of the wood.

Dish Cloths

A tablespoon of kerosene to a gallon of boiling water will loosen the grease from dish cloths or dish towels soaked in it. They should then be boiled in soapy water and well rinsed.

Mice

Cayenne pepper sprinkled around places where mice frequent will keep them away.

Better English

By G. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I claim that Mary has many admirable female traits."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Acoustics, acerbity, accessibility, accolade.

4. What does the word "impassioned" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with gr that means "state of deserving serious consideration"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I maintain that Mary has many admirable feminine traits." 2. Pronounce vil-in, and not vil-yan. 3. Accessibility. 4. Moved to strong feeling; ardent. "His impassioned words brought tears to her eyes." A. Christian.

Visiting The Kids



Princess Elizabeth inspects a group of Wolf Cubs, have had a large role in Western Canada's welcome during the Royal couple's visit to Regina. Children to the visiting Princess and her husband.

Bright Ensembles Enliven New York

By DOROTHY WADDINGTON

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 — (Reuters) — New York women turn the streets of their city into a blaze of color which makes Paris look almost like a monochrome by comparison.

But for all her gay use of the rainbow, Miss New York does not achieve as much individually as Miss Paris does against a background that is basically black.

There is a lot to be said for both sides.

Certainly, arriving in New York after years in Paris, I was impressed by the American woman's extensive and varied use of color in her ensembles, and I felt almost drab in Paris black and white. This gay "painter's palette" look I find as American as the chic look in France.

The girls strolling down Fifth Avenue are one of this city's most striking attributes, and for beauty en masse, outrival anything that Paris has to offer. Their well-cut suits are highlighted with brilliant yellows, oranges or greens. Startling red and vivid green accessories accompany navy and black introducing a gay note to the busy streets.

These healthy girls have little need for make-up, and most seem sensible enough to leave their sun-kissed complexions with only a dash of powder and a touch of lipstick.

The Parisienne always maintains her chic. Heavy make-up is an essential part of her grooming. Even at 9 A.M. with her eternal fishnet market bag, a French woman is completely made up.

Her hair is always impeccable as everyone, from "Chateau Mad-

binding you in matrimonial bonds, and drawing you away from your children. All in all, she is not an admirable character and you'll be happier continuing in your present status.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: Two years ago my first husband and I were divorced and I was given custody of our two young children. I remarried, and shortly after my second husband died. Recently, his brother has proposed to me, and he could give me everything I want. While I was considering his proposal, my first husband reappeared on the scene, said he still loved me and wanted me to go back to him. For the children's sake, I think this would be a good idea. I feel I could be happy with either man, as they are both wonderful.

PEGGY

ANSWER: To clarify a complicated situation, I agree that for your children's sake you would be wise to remarry your first husband. Just be sure to straighten out, before marriage, the problems that contributed to the divorce. Going through the whole process again will further confuse the lives of your youngsters, and by this time they should be established in some form of security.

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

Morning Smile

Service

For Long Service

The Parisian wears black, undoubtedly due to the fact that her clothes are planned for many years' service. New accessories will be added every season but they will consist of a white collar, gold pin or a new way of knotting a long rope of pearls.

The best lesson which Americans can learn from the French woman is probably her truly individual way of dressing. Income bracket has nothing to do with her constant search to express her personality and allure. A good part of her life is devoted to research on her wardrobe, and even if she

Four officials of a country bank who often played cards in working hours were reported by a customer.

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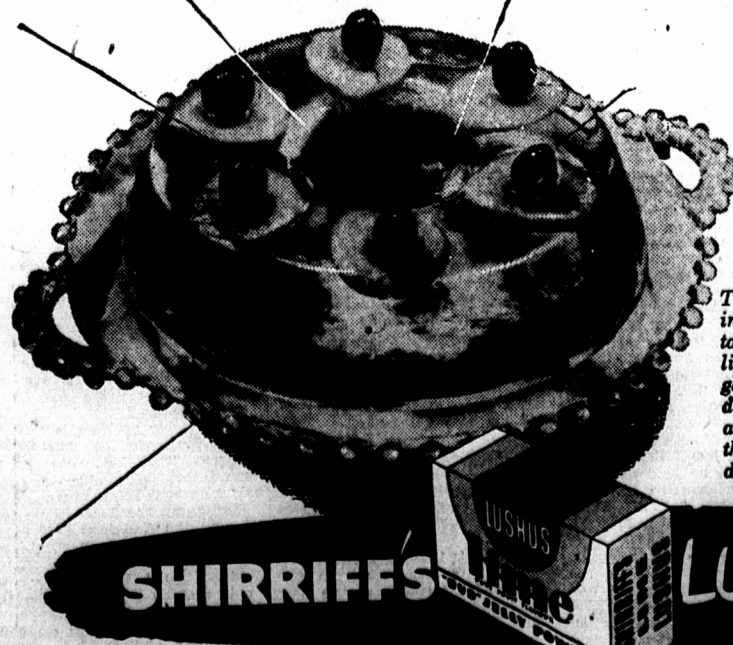


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