

MRS. GORDON MACMILLAN
A COUNTRY GARDEN

April Weather
"Oh, hush, my heart, and take
thine ease,
For here is April weather!
The daffodils beneath the trees
Are all a-row together.
The thrush is back with his old
note;
The scarlet tulip blowing;
And white—ay, white as my love's
throat—
The dogwood boughs are grow-
ing.
The lilac bush is sweet again;
Down every wind that passes.
Fly flakes from hedgerow and
from lane;
The bees are in the grasses.
And Grief goes out, and Joy
comes in,
And care is but a feather;
And every lad his love can win.
For here is April weather!"
L. W. Reese

Beautiful April weather and gar-
dening has been done here on the
sunny warm days. There is frag-
rance and some beauty from the
daffodils, arabis, blue scillas and
the lovely purple violets in the
rock garden. There are the very
fragrant violets with the delicious
fragrance which cannot be describ-
ed. The first flowers in spring are
loved more than at any other
season of the year.

"First came the forward darlings
of the spring,
Snowdrops, and violets, and daisies
white,
The year's faint smiles before its
burst of mirth,
The soft sweet breathing babies
of the earth,
Close to her warm brown bosom
nestling in,
That the wild winds take laughing
by the chin."

A new border for annuals is
being prepared and very soon the
hardy varieties will be sown. In-
doors a hanging basket is filled
with fragrant scarlet nasturtium
and the fragrance of this flower
is one of my favorite sweet smell-
ing flowers. Many colors are sown
each spring in the garden borders
and always a small plant is potted
up for winter blooming.

The first *Amaryllis* ever grown
here is in flower with three very
large orange blooms and more will
be planted next year since experi-
ence has shown that they are easy
to grow.

In the garden the few primroses
will soon show color, the common
yellow primrose is considered the
real harbinger of spring in Eng-

land and is much beloved in that
country. Now it has been crossed
with the bolder colors of its Med-
iterranean sisters and comes in
such hues as pink, red, blue and
rose. To most people "primroses"
mean polyanthus. Indeed these
hybrids are so satisfying, with
such spectacular color effects in
spring. They are also very old and
their origins lost in the darkness
of the Middle Ages. Now their
clustered heads of gorgeous bloom
come in pastels, different shades
of red, blue from light to dark,
yellow, russet, white, purple, and
leather colors. They need part
shade, rich, rather stiff loam and
plenty of moisture.

The continent of Asia is blessed
with primulas and we are be-
holden to it for some of our choic-
est gems. They have come to us
from the edge of melting glaciers,
and rushing alpine streams, wet
meadows and shadowy thickets of
rhododendrons on the high moun-
tains of Tibet, India and west-
ern China. Because of their long
history and associations these
lovely flowers always give
the gardener a pleasant thrill.

It Takes
"Only a little sun
And a clean wind blowing;
Only one robin song,
To set things growing.
Only a little faith;
A little more of laughter,
To keep an April here,
Now—and hereafter."
—Gilliland.

**SIR JOSEPH PAXTON—
GARDENER**
Just about 100 years ago, on the
first of May, when Queen Victoria
opened the Great Exhibition of
1851 in the Crystal Palace in Hyde
Park, the name of Joseph Paxton,
gardener to the Sixth Duke of De-
vonshire, was on the lips of every-
one. Strangely enough, that vast,
shimmering pile of glass and steel
had been conceived in nine days
by a gardener, when architects and
skilled designers had so pitifully
failed.

Paxton was one of the most in-
teresting figures of the nineteenth
century; for he combined so many
extraordinary talents with the
sterling qualities of common sense,
unbounded energy, a capacity for
friendship, unswerving loyalty,
and genuine modesty, all of which
enabled him to use his creative
genius effectively. At times it is
hard to realize that he was a gar-
dener, for he wandered so far
down other paths, but always he
returned to that great calling
which dominated his life and made
so fantastic a story possible.

At Chatsworth his achievements
included the construction of a
vast conservatory, which was one
of the wonders of the age, not only
because of its breathtaking scale
but also because of the never-
ending collection of rarities at
every season of the year, which
had been sent back from the far-
away parts of the world by the
great plant collectors who were
so active at this time. Paxton him-
self was a collector.

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DOROTHY DIX
In The Not-So-Dim Past

DEAR MISS DIX: Is one ever
justified in digging back into the
past? I'm a business woman bet-
ter buried memories that just can't
be buried. Several years ago I
was caught in a triangle and I
am the only one who has paid.
The difference in this situation
was that all of the parties were
single.

Here is the story. I fell in love
with a man who had been going
with another girl for some time.
There was no engagement or for-
mal understanding. He began
taking me out, he fell in love
with me, and broke with the other
girl. Then he was sent on a busi-
ness trip, and while he was gone,
his family, and the other girl's
family set the wheels in motion to
get him back to her. His folks
told him I was going out with
someone else. I was informed that
his mother had blocked any mar-
ital plans we might have, and on
his return he made no move to
see me. I don't know whether he
ever married or not. My immediate
problem is this: Could I call him
up and try to straighten out this
old tangle. He is never out of
my thoughts and I am sure he could
not possibly have forgotten me.
Is there anything I can do?
Myra

VITAL INFORMATION
ANSWER: I cannot understand
how you could be so intensely inter-
ested in a man, yet be in the dark on so
important an issue as to whether
or not he is married. Surely there
are mutual friends who could get
this information for you. It's the
vital spot in your dilemma. If
he's married, you can do nothing
but keep hands off. If, however,
he is a bachelor, you certainly
could call him, tell him you would
like very much to see him, then
get the details of your breakup
settled.

Going on as you are, wonder-
ing, imagining, thinking back over
the years, then wondering some-
more, will lead you to a nervous
breakdown. If you do contact
him, you must be prepared for the
possibility that the interview
may not be entirely to your satis-
faction. Almost certainly he
hasn't been carrying the torch you
have—else he would have been in
touch with you before this. The
first meeting is sure to be quite
constrained and perhaps disap-
pointing to you. Subsequent en-
counters may be more assured.
Your romance could have a happy
ending, but the prospects are, un-
fortunately, slim. So many "ifs"
must be overcome—"if" the man
is still free; "if" he welcomes your
overture; "if" he listens and is
convinced by your story and "if"
his interest in you is still suffic-
iently alive to come up to your ex-
pectations. I do hope all these
statements become facts instead of
suppositions.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm a widow,
working as housekeeper for a very
nice gentleman. Being active in
club work, he's away from home
in the evening quite a bit. I have
a very good lady friend who has
frequently entertained me at her
home. I'd like to reciprocate but,
since this isn't actually my home,
I hesitate to ask her here. Do you
think I could ask my employer's
permission to have this friend in
for dinner some evening?
Mrs. M.

ANSWER: You are a very con-
scientious lady, and I'm sure your
employer has sufficient regard for
your welfare to permit guest priv-
ileges for you. Do explain the sit-
uation to him, offering, as you
suggested, to take care of the ex-
tra expense.

That Body of Yours
By James W. Barton, M. D.
RELIEVES GRIEF AND PAIN
I have written several times
about lobotomy, the operation of
cutting a nerve in the front part
of the skull, which gives relief from
unbearable pain and deep grief.
One of the original surgeons per-
forming this operation is Dr. W.
Freeman. In the American Journal
of Psychiatry, Dr. Freeman pre-
sents a study of the follow-up of
1000 cases of lobotomy.
Dr. Freeman states, "Most follow-
up studies after lobotomy have been
performed on patients remaining
in the hospital." He feels that
tracking discharged patients in their
own community is the proper field
of investigation. Accordingly, Dr.

WOMEN
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DesRoches-Arsenault Wedding



Above are the principals in a pretty wedding at Seven Mile Bay on April 21 when Lewis DesRoches and Frances Arsenault were united in marriage. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip DesRoches, Miscouche, and the bride is the daughter of Joachim and the late Mrs. Arsenault of Bedouque. From left to right are Mr. Raymond LeClair, groomsmen, Mr. and Mrs. DesRoches and Miss Dorothy Arsenault, bridesmaid. (Photo by Edwin Heckbert).

Freeman presents a study of 622
cases who had Freeman-Watts pre-
frontal operation performed on
them. They were followed for at
least two years; many for more
than 10 years, or until death. The
other main group consisted of 498
patients who underwent transorbital
lobotomy (another method of
lobotomy) and who were followed
for one year; at least and most for
periods up to five years or until
death.

One hundred of these patients
were dropped for various reasons,
which left 1020 for investigation.
Personal interviews together with
letters from patients and relatives,
telephone conversations, and re-
ports from physicians and hospitals
were utilized. The results from
patients and relatives were trans-
ferred to punch cards for greater
ease in handling. The cards were
divided into two groups based on
social adjustment at the end of the
second year after prefrontal lobe-
tomy and after the first year after
transorbital lobotomy.

There were 444 with good adjust-
ment and 576 with poor adjustment.
Patients who adjusted well at the
end of two years after lobotomy or
one year after transorbital lobe-
tomy were employed, going to
school, keeping house, or otherwise
contributing something to the com-
munity. Those with poor adjust-
ment were all those in hospital,
whether or not they were engaged
in some useful occupation, as well
as those who remained at home de-
pending on others.

Records of the patients were
carefully analyzed in an effort to
determine the factors responsible
for good behavior. It was found
that the level of achievement im-
proved with time.
The outstanding feature in high-
level adjustment is the short dura-
tion of the disability.
What do we learn from this in-
vestigation by Drs. Watt and Free-
man?
"Since community activities and
professional competence are possi-
ble after lobotomy, it is appar-
ent that the downgrading (lack of
feeling of responsibility) would be
attributed to the devastating ef-
fects of the underlying disease pro-
cess. This means, then, it is safer
to operate than to wait. Waiting
allows the underlying disease to
progress.

Cook's Corner

BAKED FUDGE DESSERT
Sift together
1 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2/3 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cocoa
Stir in
½ cup milk
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix until smooth. Pour batter
into casserole.
Combine
1 cup brown sugar
4 tablespoons cocoa
2 cups hot water
¼ teaspoon salt
and pour over batter.
Bake at 350 degrees from 45-50
minutes. Serve warm with whip-
ped cream or ice cream.
—South Bedouque W. I.

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley
Q. How can I soften butter with-
out causing it to lose flavor?
A. If the butter is too hard
after removing from the refriger-
ator, let it stand for a few hours in
the warm kitchen before spreading
on bread for sandwiches. The fat
will not be impaired as when
melted over a fire, and it will be
easy to handle.
Q. How can I remove stains from
a mattress?
A. Apply a thick paste of starch
and water. Rub in the sun, and
when dry, rub off the paste. Repeat
this process if necessary.
Q. How can I prevent a steam-
ed finish when drying glassware?
A. After drying and polishing
articles of glassware, do not turn
them upside down. This is likely
to steam them and spoil the polish.

The Stars Say

By Estrellita
For Tomorrow
DON'T overlook the value of
friends and good contacts this day,
since they are often the best
means of achieving goals. Heed sug-
gestions and advice if offered,
since, during this period, they are
more than likely to have value.
Co-operation and understanding
are at a peak.
There is a possibility that rec-
ognition for past favors may be
shown in some very tangible way
now, and you may receive unex-
pected news from afar. During the

ELLEN'S DIARY
by an Island Farmer's Wife

James tells us that at our house
at Alderley, the years have been
marking time on the easements on
the kitchen wall since 1852. But at
this place of Rob's despair a sad-
sly vacant the seasons re-ap-
pear, a year comes to be soon re-
placed by another of those promis-
ed for seedtimes and harvests while
the earth still remains.
"If you just come as far as the
sun-porch windows, you'll find a
great surprise!" Jamie, having inter-
rupted briefly the evening's chor-
ing to bring us the news smil-
ing. The night is pleasantly warm,
windless and still. Above a farm-
house on the opposite slope of this
valley, snugly set against its dark
background of old spruces, a bright-
er star kept watch while the farm-
lands awaited the moonrise.
"Listen!" Jamie whispered, his
tone happy.
And there it was again, upon
another spring for us—the stream-
side musicians tuning up old lyes.
And "Bless them!" we said.
"Granddaddy's not altogether
pleased about their singing this
month," Jamie offered. "He says
they'll be," he laughed merrily at
the remembrance of his Grand-
father's words, "well, pretty well
frozen up in May! But their music
in April didn't seem to make the
cropping any later last year. I guess
it's only partly true—that old say-
ing. It's nice to hear them come
again, isn't it?" he commented
"though it always seems to have
a lonely sound to me."

Window open, with Jamie beside
us, we looked out into the friend-
ly dark. And nights of old springs
laced with just such piping; young
springs and older, when the pip-
ing
evening hours, spend some time in
quiet relaxation. Do not engage in
activities which are too stimulat-
ing.
For the Birthday
If tomorrow is your birthday, you
should find the next three months
marked by gratifying progress.
Your innate talents and skills
will be bolstered by original and
imaginative ideas and, by mid-July,
these ideas should not only have
won the approval and encourage-
ment of those in a position to aid
you, but should result in substan-
tial financial reward.
During the summer months, your
horoscope indicates the possibility
of meeting someone who will play
an important part in your future
and, early in September, you may
realize a long-cherished dream of
travel.
During October and November,
be sure to control emotions, and be
especially careful not to lose tem-
per during business dealings, or you
might lose out.
A child born on this day will be
endowed with an excellent mem-
ory and great will power, but will
have to guard against obstinacy in
dealing with others.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee
Q. If a man, who has no car,
has a date with a girl who drives
her own car, does she drive him
to his home at the end of the eve-
ning and then drive to her home
alone, or should he see her home
and then take public transporta-
tion?
A. Inconvenient though it may
seem, the proper thing for the man
to do is to go home with her and
then take public transportation to
his home.
Q. If the national anthem is
played in a moving picture house,
should the audience rise?
A. If it is played as part of the
picture, you do not rise. But if it
is played separately, you most cer-
tainly do rise.
Q. At a beauty parlor recently,
three different persons worked on
me—one cutting my hair, another
washing it, and the third setting it.
Should I have tipped each one
separately?
A. The correct percentage of
your entire bill should have been
divided into three tips.

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson

DEFEATISM
In the following deal the very
fact that South had not mentioned
his second suit should have given
him the clue to the best line of
play, but he was apparently intent
on saving what he could.

North dealer
North-South vulnerable
♠ 4
♥ 864
♦ A97
♣ AK10843
♠ 1063
♥ Q10
♦ KQJ
♣ 82
♠ 975
♠ AKQJ975
♥ AK532
♦ 6
♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
3NT Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass 7♣ Pass

It is moot question whether
or not South should have shown
his heart suit as well as his spades,
but to regret what was said origi-
nally, the failure to announce hearts
might well have been turned to
South's advantage. The grand-slam
venture was of course risky, but
South said later that he couldn't
resist it—and who can blame him?
West opened the king of dia-
monds—and South promptly sur-
rendered! Winning with the dia-
mond ace, he discarded two hearts
on the top clubs, and after that
the opponents couldn't be in much
doubt about what suit to keep.
It was absurd for South to give
up without a fight. His heart dis-
cards on the clubs were absolutely
futile.

The logical plan was to conceal
the lack of communication between
the North and South hands after
the diamond ace was knocked out.
South should not have touched the
clubs—he should have run off every
trump. Perhaps East would rise
to the occasion; perhaps he would
give up his club protection in order
to keep the J-9-7 of hearts, but
then again, perhaps he wouldn't.
In any case, South could come
out of the affair with the knowl-
edge that he had put up a fight.

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"Dunking is bad taste but tastes
good." (F. P. Adams, American
journalist.)

Better English
By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sen-
tence? "Victory was accompanied
by severe losses."
2. What is the correct pronun-
ciation of "etheral"?
3. Which one of these words is
misspelled? Parsimonious, parallelo-
gram, paraphernalia, parquet.
4. What does the word "mael-
strom" mean?
5. What is a word beginning
with est that means "to keep away
or at a distance"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "was accompanied with
severe losses." 2. Pronounce e-ther-
al, first and third e's as in me-
unrested, second e as in here, ac-
cent second syllable. 3. Parapher-
nalia. 4. A whirlpool off the west
coast of Norway; hence, any tur-
moil of wide-reaching influence.
His career led him into the mael-
strom of politics." 5. Estrange.

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