

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Spread in a fulsome white bloom was that manse crab-apple tree, sanctified too, we decided in our child's mind because as that family was set apart and dedicated to the better things of life, so of course was the tree on their lawn.

And a lad-of-a-fellow in a queer groove in the seat ahead turned in the convenient season of turning the pages of the hymn-books to wink favorably at us...

And so the Church of our childhood has been moved from the old site to a new one not far away. Alterations and repairs have been made and among these a spacious room in the basement has been provided to take care of the Church-suppers.

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Morning Smile

Careless Patricia: "I must tell you, darling, I'm engaged to Frank." Felicia: "I'm not surprised, dear. When I turned him down last week he said he didn't care what became of him."

It Would "If all the women were taken out of circulation," said the orator, "what kind of a nation would this be?" At this point a young man in the back row replied, "Stagnation!"

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BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Rice Is Economical Can Be Tasty Too

In an attempt to persuade people to eat more rice, the American Rice Consumer Service has published directions for cooking rice so that it will turn out white, fluffy, with each grain light and dry, sticky mess, which can happen quite easily if proper precautions are not taken.

Here are their instructions for cooking rice to best advantage: Put 1 cup of uncooked rice, 2 cups cold water and 1 teaspoon salt in a two-quart saucepan and cover with a tight fitting lid. Bring to a vigorous boil. Then reduce the heat as low as possible and steam for 14 minutes or until all the water is absorbed, leaving the separate rice grains with their full nutritional value.

One of these recipes is Rice Butterscotch with Nut Sauce. It is quite a rich dessert and can be served in fairly small portions.

Soak the gelatin in the cold water. In the meantime, melt the butter or margarine in a saucepan and stir in the brown sugar; cook slowly until well blended, add 2 cups scalded milk and cook until the sugar is thoroughly dissolved. The mixture is very hot, add the gelatin and stir it until it is dissolved.

Another of these new rice recipes, which is called Rice Meal in a Dish, is just that, a main course in a dish—whole tomatoes baked in a bed of fluffy rice, seasoned with sharp cheese, onions, and green peppers.

6 good sized fresh ripe tomatoes (peeled, stemmed and filled with cooked rice); 4 medium sized onions, sliced thin; 1 green pepper, minced; 1 1/2 cups freshly cooked rice, slightly salted; 3 tablespoons butter or margarine; 1 1/2 cups grated cheese; 2 teaspoons brown sugar; salt and pepper; 1 cup sour cream; 2 eggs, well beaten; Paprika (a little).

Wash oranges and cut in very thin slices, removing seeds and centre pith as you do so. Put in a porcelain, glass or enamel dish and cover with 4 cups of cold water; cover and set aside overnight.

Next morning turn soaked oranges into a saucepan, add carrots, remaining 2 cups of water and the grated rind and juice of the lemon. Cover and cook gently until carrots and oranges are tender. Uncover and continue to cook until a successful pudding is possible (1 teaspoon fruit mixture combined with a teaspoon rubbing or other alcohol—if a soft mass forms, juice is ready for addition of sugar).

Measure, and for each cup of the mixture 2/3 cup heated sugar. Cook, uncovered, stirring often, until of required consistency.

Let stand off the heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Pour into hot sterilized jars and seal.

Just Ask Dad About Recipes

Did you think collecting recipes is strictly women's work, and mother is the only one in the family who can whip up a frilly dessert?

Just ask dad. Ever since we issued a call for dishes that men like to concoct, we have been flooded with replies. A Montreal newspaper man sends along a couple of new ideas for "those who get tired of eating eggs fried, scrambled or poached all the time."

He suggests "Oeufs a la Neige" (snow eggs). This takes two hard-boiled eggs to each person. Make a white sauce using corn starch and milk. Slice eggs in the sauce and serve either French-fried or mashed potatoes and green peas.

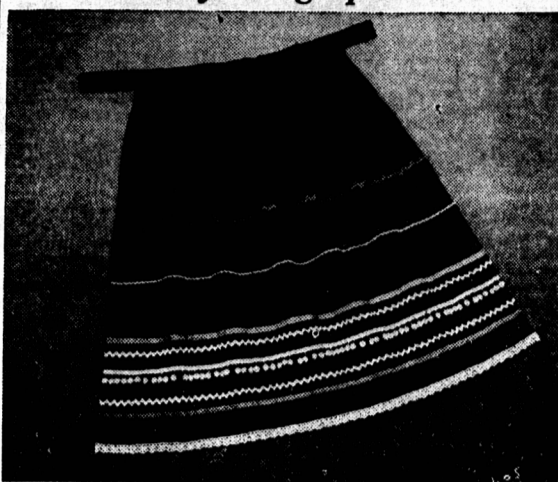
To make the sauce, mix one cup of milk per person; allow milk to reach boiling point; mix three teaspoonfuls of corn starch in water and add it to milk. Cook until thickens.

Ragout De Boulettes This Montrealer, who describes himself as perhaps "a Canadian traitor for disliking pea soup" believes that not many persons know how to serve pigs' knuckles and meatballs, or "ragout je boulettes."

His recipe: Roll meatballs in flour and brown in frying pan before placing in cauldron. Brown flour in pan and make sauce. Boil water in cauldron and add pigs' knuckles. Add meatballs to cauldron.

Were told this dish is tasty when served with boiled potatoes and salads

Party Going Apron.



Any cotton fabric in a solid color... percale, broadcloth, etc... is all you need to make this bright apron. Trim it with rows of sick rack braid in different sizes, bias tape, ball fringe, coarse lace and embroidery.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Who Is Responsible?

Is Daughter-in-Law Or Son Most To Blame For Neglect Of Mother

DEAR MISS DIX: Just before my son went into service in World War II he married a young widow with one child. I had known the girl all her life and was pleased with the marriage.

My son was happy with her. My daughter-in-law was the dearest thing to me and I was very happy with her. My son was away 39 months, and just before he returned, her feelings towards us seemed to change.

ANSWER: There are two basic issues in a mother and daughter-in-law relationship that cause most of the in-law troubles. One is the clinging mother who comes between son and his wife, and the other is the small-minded girl who feels that having acquired a man, no one, not even his mother, is going to have the least share in him.

HE SHOULD BE FIRM

In either case, one wonders who is most to blame—the woman or the man. Surely any son should have enough spunk to insist on the right to have occasional visits with his mother, and if he is half a man he will see that his wife shows at least an outward respect for her mother-in-law.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I'm 17 and have a boy friend who is stationed at an army camp. This summer my girl friend and I would like to spend our vacation there and would stay in the guest house or hotel. My mother says this wouldn't be proper unless we had a chaperon.

ANSWER: Your mother is quite right. Though you and your girl friend would undoubtedly conduct yourselves in a ladylike and decorous manner, the circumstances could easily lead to malicious gossip. Certain conventions have been established as a code of living by which we may all guide our lives in an orderly and proper fashion.

DEAR MISS DIX: After being happily married for several years my husband tells me and I become involved with a divorced woman. He says he still loves me and if I am patient he will soon break with her for good.

ANSWER: Sit tight, and wait! That, I know, is the hardest advice to follow but in a case like yours it is the wisest. Nothing will be gained by throwing away whatever chance you have to salvage your marriage.

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

Better English

By D. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence: "I saw him about seven o'clock as his car went round the corner." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "genus"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Misprint, misstate, misplace, misspell. 4. What does the word "literal" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with fl that means "the heavens"?

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

Q. Do you think it proper for one to sit with one's feet twisted around the rungs of the chair? A. This might be all right if one found oneself seated in a chair

London's Fall Fashions

LONDON, Aug. 8 (CP)—The slim silhouette dictated from necessity by the rise in wool prices, is invading cocktail and evening wear.

A new British silk tweed woven in a tailoring length makes its debut in tailored afternoon and cocktail dresses designed by Worth, the London couture house, most famed for its dresses.

Lachasse picks a black west-cumberland corded silk with a black velvet stripe for a smart sheath-like cocktail suit. This designer also shows a moulded suit in mulberry georgette mounted on peacock satin.

Rainproof velvet is used for every occasion and particularly effective is a cream mushroom suit worn under a plaid wool cloak, the hood lined with matching velvet.

Velvet

Norman Hartnell, the Queen's designer, favors velvet coupled with moulded brocade and satin gowns with tapering skirts and draped necklines.

Evening dresses by all designers, if not exactly demure, are tending that way. The topless corsage is on the way out and broad built-up shoulder bands are the latest design.

One new neckline seen in a draped black silk jersey dinner dress is a deep "V" pulled right down to one armhole, the material draped across the back in the opposite direction. A fold of lime green jersey emphasizes the diagonal line.

Just Keep On

Bride: "You mustn't expect me to give up my girlhood ways all at once." Husband: "That's all right, honey. You go right on taking an allowance from your father."

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a needle book in which the needles will not rust? A. An ideal needle book is one that is made of chamois instead of flannel, as the needles will not rust in the chamois.

Q. How can I correct lumpy gravy? A. When the gravy becomes lumpy, all that is necessary is to whip it with an egg beater until all the lumps disappear.

Q. How can I stop the annoyance of the lid jumping off when boiling dry beans? A. Drop a teaspoonful of butter into the water. If the edges of the saucepan are well buttered, it also helps.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

A SUDDEN turn of events, built upon a fresh grasp of underlying factors, may inspire a new start. And while new tactics may not impress those whose cooperation is vital to sound developments, the subtle approach, with novel strategies, may turn initial defeat into dramatic climax.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may find that "new beginnings," framed on a quite fresh plan of action, could turn the attention of higher-tips from indifference to genuine enthusiasm. This perhaps bold stroke, experiment or inspiration might work wonders. Dare to follow up bright ideas. Dare to approach be discreet, even subtle.

A child born on this day is splendidly gifted with a versatility, ingenuity and skills as to battle down difficult oppositions from high places.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Leo

Trousers

You will find it is more economical if you buy two pairs of trousers for the boy of school age. One pair can be in the white and other is being aired and cleaned. They will wear longer and the boy will be better groomed.

Knives

Clean knives by applying bath brick or finely-shaved common brick with the freshly-cut half of an Irish potato. The juice of the potato will help in polishing the steel. Use charcoal powder for polishing. This will not wear out the blades.

Seasoning

It is good to keep a large shaker containing six parts salt to one part pepper on the shelf of the stove for use in seasoning foods.