

Strange But True

The historic Old Elm on Boston's Common was 72 feet tall, and 23 feet, 6 inches in circumference at the base, in its palmy days. From its branches were hanged witches, traitors, and some Indians who had murdered white settlers. . . . The largest funeral ever held for a Boston boy took place in 1770. The youth was accidentally killed by a royalist during the hectic days just before the Revolution, and the funeral was made the occasion of a great popular gathering. The corpse was taken to the Liberty Tree on Essex Street, amid tolling bells. Fifty school boys headed the procession, followed by 2,000 citizens. The coffin bore a Latin inscription — "Innocence itself is not safe."

Charlottetown's colorful and historic Government House was built in 1834 or 116 years ago. Its first occupant was His Excellency Sir Aretus W. Young who died there in 1835. . . . Court sentences in the island are not what they used to be. Consider these that were handed out back in 1829: That Citizen X be branded on the hand and jailed for 12 months. Crime: stealing.

Epitaph on a marine officer: "Here lies retired from busy scenes A First Lieutenant of Marines; Who lately lived in peace and plenty On board the ship the Atlanta. Now stripped of all his warlike show, And laid in box of pine below, Confined to earth in narrow borders He stays below till further orders."

Poet Shenstone divides the readers of a newspaper into seven classes, namely: 1. The ill-natured look at the list of bankrupts. 2. The poor to the piece of bread. 3. The stockjobber to the lies of the day. 4. The old maid to marriages. 5. The prodigal to the deaths. 6. The monopolizers to the hopes of a wet and bad harvest. 7. The boarding school and all other young misses, to all matters relative to Gretna Green.

Rose Will Curtsey At Debs' Ball Rideau Hall

OTTAWA, Dec. 27 — (CP) — Rose, only daughter of Viscount Alexander, will be presented to capital society in a "coming-out" party at Government House this week. Some 800 persons have been invited to the ball, set for Dec. 29. Social circles in the capital say it will be the first time the daughter of a Governor-General has come of age during her father's term of office. Rose was 18 last October. . . . It also is understood to be the first time Ottawa debutantes have been presented to the Governor-General at a Government House function. And Rose will be among them. Along with the other debs, she will curtsy to her father, recognizing him as the King's official representative in Canada.

Having Busy Time Black-haired, smiling-eyed Rose—she's sometimes called "Rosie" by her friends—has been having a busy time of it these last few days. Not only is she keeping up with all the activities of a busy "deb," but she also is continuing—and intends to continue—with her job in the downtown office of an insurance company.

For the all-important party she will wear a frothy gown of lace and net. Folks at Government House, who have seen it say it's "very lovely." It has a pale pink underskirt with full pleated net skirt and, over the whole, fine white and silver lace. . . . Around the top of the matching bodice is a broad ribbon of deeper pink covered with the same silver lace.

If Rose is excited about the prospect of her party, so are the 30-odd other debutantes making their bow this season to capital society. Among them will be Helen Claxton, daughter of Defence Minister Claxton, and Sandra James, daughter of Air Vice-Marshal A. L. James.

First For Debs Although young people's parties

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

And has this not been an extremely busy day at Alderlea—as James had expected? Ay indeed, from morning, until now the night hours have gathered the folks to their houses. It came to us out of a dream, the substance of which we can no longer remember. Only to know that it was entertaining and most agreeable. There had been no disturbing climax — no awakening in terror. We recall drifting back from its flowery paths at the sound of a voice. "Ellen!" James whispered, the only sound in this wide old house "would it be getting-up time yet? It's bright, but perhaps it's the moon — and not yet daylight breaking." A fretwork of dark branches in the white birch lay against the sky and all was still, without even a whisper of wind about the eaves. . . .

We suspect we shall take more stock of the winds, henceforth, or at least until time has lessened in memory the marks left by the recent storm. "Ellen!" James called again, a bit louder, "didn't we promise ourselves to get up early today? Don't you recollect that? How a woman can rest so content — and her barn open to the winter weather, is more than I can understand!" (There was a spirited spring then. And our house was astir. Before dawn had even touched the tree-tops "down along" with color, we had breakfasted, and were ready to meet the new day.

Smoke spirals up now in the rose and blue of morning, steps crunch frostily, the air is sharp and clear — and most invigorating we find, after the damp gray days we have had. Perhaps, all in all it was rather too challenging and nippy for the carpenter and his assistants who worked all day on the heights of the barn, sawing, hammering, shaping, mending the ugly rent in the roof. "I'd say," granddaughter out about with her sled, stopped to comment as we spread a checked red and white table-cloth on the line. "One of the men could be Santa Claus. Couldn't he . . . away up high like that? But then" she added on another thought "there's no chimney, is there?" Fine progress was made, if the season was against their efforts and in no time temporary repairs will have been made to insure the stock continued comfort and safety through winter, and return the family again to their former content.

Of all, James was chosen to contribute a share to the feminine enterprise, one not at all of his choosing. He grumbled and sighed. "What a day, Ellen, to pick for killing fowl! Well, if you must, bring one along!" But it was he himself out-stepping us, naturally and of necessity in the insistence of work of greater moment, who did the fetching. Granddaughter, loving the crisp out of doors today, came to the doorway of the building to watch, in a purely scientific way, the killing and plucking "I thought granddaddy" she observed calmly "you were helping Mr. D.? And here you are helping my grandmother! "Humph!" James snorted "this is the day your grandmother would want help! Here, Ellen, this one's done, bring another!" which as we have said, was nothing but a waste of words. . . . But all the stress and strain of the day's work is over now, last nails driven, late churning done, last killings made. And James smokes a companionable smoke with Mr. D. as they chat comfortably together, of the present and the past, remembering items of other years that somehow seem to crowd back to

Continued on page 12 have become an annual custom at Government House, this will be the first one at which debutantes are to be presented. . . . In pre-war days the "debs" came out in the "Drawing-room," which was held at the opening of Parliament. But the custom died during the war and has never been revived.

At this week's party the debs will wait in the ballroom while Their Excellencies receive the other guests. . . . Then the Governor-General and his lady will proceed to the throne set up for them at one end of the long room. An orchestra will play six bars of "God Save The King" and the debs will pass in front of the throne, curtsying first to Viscount Alexander and then to the Viscountess.



Gabardine is carefully tailored into a "shirtcoat" by Lou Ritchie with buttons from the collar to



A bouffant skirt of black silk net contrasts with the white imported linen sheath from Fashion

Guild. The wide reverse-collared jacket has wing-cap sleeves — open to the banded waistline.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

BLOOD PRESSURE MAY NEED TO BE HIGH

We read and hear much about high blood pressure and of how high blood pressure is the underlying cause of heart and brain strokes. What we do not read and hear about very much is that with certain conditions of the body it is necessary for our blood pressure to become higher, in order to send blood vessels whose inner coat is thickened or partly clogged. . . . Your physician does not immediately give you a drug to lower your temperature when it is above normal. He tries to find what is causing the increased temperature. By giving you a drug to lower your temperature before he finds the cause, he hides the cause. High temperature—increased heat—may be necessary to help fight the condition causing the increased temperature; lowering the temperature of the body at this time may take away much of the body's fighting ability for heat is life. Similarly with blood pressure. Giving drugs to lower the blood pressure prevents the proper flow of blood reaching the part where it is most needed. . . . Of course, there are cases of high temperature and high blood pressure where the danger point is reached, or nearly reached, and drugs to lower temperature and blood pressure must be used to prevent strokes or death itself. . . . In the Bulletin of Georgetown University Medical Center, Dr. John R. Cavanagh states that most of the patients to date in regard to treatment of essential high blood pressure have been directed to lowering the blood pressure rather than curing the disease causing the blood pressure. . . . We know that emotional disturbances raise the blood pressure. Therefore, the cause of these emotional disturbances should be sought and as far as possible removed, or the patient made fit to overcome them. . . . The commonest cause of high blood pressure due to the emotions appears to be aggressive impulses that are not thoroughly repressed or controlled. . . . The thought then in the treatment of emotional high blood pressure is acquiring calmness or serenity of mind, in which treatment the reassurance of the physician is most important. . . . We must not forget, however, that ordinary high blood pressure may be caused by various infections, not by emotions.

Morning Smile

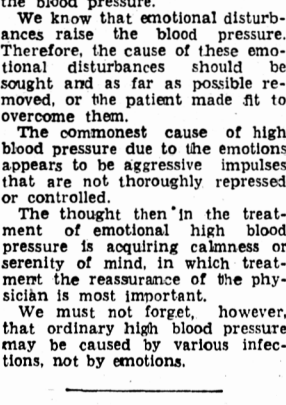
Different Attitudes

"So you're a young man with both feet on the ground eh? What do you do for a living?" "I take orders from a man with both feet on a desk."

Explanation

A boy at school when asked to describe a kitten, said: "A kitten rushes like mad at nothing whatever—and stops before it gets there."

"Mom's The One for '51"



Cook's Corner

SWISS STEAK

1/2 cup flour, salt and pepper, 2 lbs. round steak, cut 1-inch thick, 2 tablespoons fat, few slices onion, 1/2 green pepper, chopped fine, 1 cup boiling water, 1 cup strained tomatoes. Season steak dipped in flour pounded with knife. Brown the meat in fat, add onions, green pepper, boiling water and tomatoes. Cover closely, simmer for 2 hours. This may be cooked in casserole in moderate oven (350 deg.) about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Vegetables may be added as desired. Serves 6.

FRENCH BAKED APPLES

Gravensteins and Spys are good for these. Wash and core large apples, and pare off the skin from top of apple about 1-3 way down side of apple. Place these in buttered individual baking dishes. Sprinkle peeled surface of apple with white sugar, fill centre with sugar, dot of butter and sprinkling of nutmeg. Bake in very hot oven of 475 deg. F. until apples split and puff. These are surprisingly good warm, with pouring cream.

PAUSE REFRESH DRINK Coca-Cola

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I treat elbows that have become rough and unsightly? A. Scrub them every night with warm water and soap, using a soft brush. After they are clean, rinsed and dry, massage with warm olive oil. Keep up this treatment for two weeks, and see the improvement. Q. Should one sit on the fur coat? A. No. While attending church or the theater, avoid sitting in the fur coat. It is better to remove it. And at home, always place it on a coat hanger. Q. How can I determine if the turkey is ready to take from the oven? A. One method is to pierce the leg. If the juice is white, or pale pink, the turkey is ready.

Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "His is the most complete outfit I have ever seen." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "negligee"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Impresario, impresario, imposter, impenitence. 4. What does the word "demonstrative" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with pro that means "abundance"?

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Red Wine Stains If there are red wine stains on the table linen, cover them as soon as possible with salt, and moisten with cold water. After thirty minutes, rinse in cold water and wash out in warm water and mild suds. Do not allow the salt to remain on the linen too long, because it might damage the material.

Removing Skins from Beets After placing the beets in hot water for a short time, drain off the hot water and immediately fill the vessel with cold water. The skins will then come off very readily.

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The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow THE element of surprising and breath-taking events continues with promise of dramatic denouement. While the emotions, exceptional skills, ingenuity and possible "illumination" are stirred to dynamic action, at the same time there is appeal through persuasion, romance and possible theatrical tactics, turning the adventure into less emotional channels. A basic solidity makes for enduring and long-range benefits, the gentler arts furthering noble or serious purpose and ideals. An upheaval could be spectacular.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a bride-to-be has no family, near relatives or guardian, should her bridegroom stand that part of the wedding expenses usually assumed by a girl's parents? A. If the girl, herself, cannot afford the expense of an elaborate wedding, then she must not expect her bridegroom to shoulder this. Her wedding should be a very simple one. Q. Does a woman introduce her husband to another woman as "Mr. Burns"? A. No. The proper form for an introduction of this kind would be: "Mrs. Tanner, may I introduce my husband." A woman does not use "Mr." when referring to or introducing her husband. Q. Is it ever excusable to keep the mouth open while chewing food at the table? A. Never. The lips should be kept closed while chewing. And this is not difficult if only small bites are taken.

Love - Diamond Wedding



Flying Officer and Mrs. Robert Love photographed at their wedding reception at the bride's home following their recent marriage at Saint Paul's Chapel. Mrs. Love was the former Beatrice Elizabeth Diamond the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Diamond, Charlottetown, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Love, Victoria, B.C. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Young were their attendants.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Sharp-Tongued Fiancee

Girl Who Pokes Fun At Man In Public Will Make A Poor Wife

DEAR MISS DIX: The girl whom I am going with makes me so ridiculous that I have been made the laughing stock of my crowd. I love this girl, but when I tell her so we always get into a quarrel and it ends up by me getting the worst of the bargain. I am convinced that I can win her love if I am patient and bide my time, but is it worth the price I have to pay for being the goat of my crowd? Shall I continue to go with her or shall I find another girl, who will treat me decently? J. L. A. H.

ANSWER: Very likely the girl is in love with you and her ridicule of you is just her defense mechanism. She may not want to marry and settle down right now, so she scoffs at love. Or you may not be just the type of man she thought she would fall in love with and she is fighting against the attraction you have for her and won't admit it. But whatever her reason for making you the butt of her jests, your technique in handling the situation is all wrong.

GIVE HER OWN MEDICINE

Patience is not your play. Nor is submission. Neither is humility. What she needs is a dose of her own medicine. Turn the tables on her. Treat her rough. Wisecrack about her hats. Make sport of her dancing. Take it from me, son, and I've been a woman a long time and know all the answers to the secrets of the feminine heart, no woman ever falls in love with a man whom she can make look ridiculous. Anyway, don't you think that a girl who finds pleasure in tormenting you and holding you up as a figure of fun before your crowd is a

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-Needlecraft-

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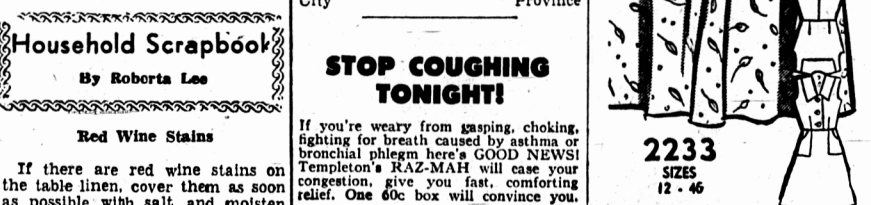
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