

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Do you consider it good manners for one to keep opening and closing his mouth while chewing his food?

A. No. It most certainly is not difficult to keep the lips closed while chewing food, provided the bites taken are of normal size. It reveals considerable ill-breeding when one persists in taking huge mouthfuls of food at a time.

Q. How soon after a visit should a house guest write a "bread and butter" letter?

A. Immediately upon arriving home, the same day if possible. Under no circumstances should such a letter be delayed for a week or more.

Q. In what way should a divorced woman distinguish herself from the second Mrs. James Gray?

A. By prefixing her maiden name to her former husband's surname, as "Mrs. Helen Smith Gray."

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prevent the skin on my hands from puckering after they have been kept in soapsuds for any length of time?

A. Rub the hands with either vinegar or lemon juice, and this will make them soft and white, and prevent chapping.

Q. How can I remove paint stains from fabrics?

A. Try saturating two or three times with equal parts of ammonia and turpentine, then washing thoroughly in soapsuds.

Q. How can I keep oranges for an indefinite time?

A. Dry the oranges very thoroughly with a cloth, wrap each one separately in waxed paper, place in a box, and they will keep for weeks.

Cook's Corner

GLAZED BEEF LOAF

A loaf that is really different—and one to enjoy either hot or cold. We would suggest baked potatoes, white or sweet, with it, and a leafy green vegetable or green beans or peas.

Yield—6 servings. 1 pound minced lean beef 1 cup coarse soft bread crumbs 2 cups cornflakes 1 teaspoon dry mustard 1 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1/4 cup chopped onion Pinch of ground clove 1 egg 1/4 cup tomato ketchup 1/4 cup lightly packed brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind 1/2 tablespoon water

Turn the minced beef into a mixing bowl and looser with a fork; add the bread crumbs and cornflakes; sprinkle with the mustard, salt, pepper, onion and cloves. Combine lightly but completely.

Beat the egg slightly and add the tomato ketchup; add to meat mixture and again combine lightly.

Turn into a greased casserole or loaf pan (about 4 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches, top inside measure) and pack lightly.

Bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees, for one hour.

Combine the brown sugar, orange rind and water.

Pour any fat and liquid from the meat; spoon brown sugar mixture over meat.

Bake loaf 1/2 hour longer. Serve meat loaf from the casserole or loaf pan in which it was baked—it is too tender to turn out and slice.

Morning Smile

Her Description

Children in the Primary Department of a Sunday school were asked to draw pictures representing the flight into Egypt. One little girl drew an airplane in which there were three people, two adults and a small child, all wearing halos. Also, in the front of the plane was a man not wearing a halo. Asked who he was, the child replied, "Oh, he's Pontius, the pilot."

Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The police thought I to be he."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Opulent, optimistic, opinionated, oppressive.

4. What does the word "antecedent" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "la" that means "praiseworthy"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The police thought me to be him. 2. Pronounce with accent on first syllable, not the second. 3. Optimistic. 4. Going before in time; preceding. 5. A definite goal should be antecedent to every organization." 5. Laudable.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

To tenderize that tough steak, soak in a pint of water to which a spoonful of vinegar has been added. This should be done just before cooking. . . . 497,883 adults were convicted of crimes in 1946.

The largest drydock in the world is in St. John, N. B. . . . What boundary between two countries has neither fortifications nor bayonets, and is 3,987 miles long?

Ans.: The Canadian United States border. . . . Canada had 114 divorces in 1918. But by 1946 the number had jumped to 5,076 and is still going up. . . . There was a time when mothers treated children's colds by forcing them to inhale the breath of a duck. The first written prescription for a cold dates back to 5,000 years before Columbus discovered America. The prescription was found carved on an ancient Egyptian stone.

The last slave sold in Canada was in 1797, but slavery was not abolished throughout the British Empire until 67 years later.

How different Nationalities say Mother: Saxons, Moder; Dutch, Molder; Swedes and Danes say Moder; Germans, Mutter and Russians, Mater. In Celtic it's Mat-hair; in Persia it's Madr; in Sanskrit Matr. The French say Mere; the Greeks Mere. The Italians say Madre while the Latin is Mater—all sounds being very similar.

37 per cent of Canada's total land is forested, while 6.2 per cent lies under water and only 16 per cent is suitable for agriculture.

The last Canadian Census, taken in 1941, gives 5,900,000 males; 5,600,000 females. Where's the fellow who said there were three females to every male? . . . Is there a dual language system in effect? Yes, it was adopted legally in 1859. . . . Canada didn't have a free library until 1883, and it was opened in the city of Guelph.

Our forefathers predicted the approach of rain when a rainbow appeared before noon, when spiders leave their webs, when earthworms come to the surface, when salt begins to cake, when flies get thick about buildings and when roins sing on the ground and when the pimpernel folded up its leaves.

Saskatchewan has more miles of road than any Province.

Almost unique among American families, the Howells have contributed effectively through three centuries to the growth of the U. S. A. This self-made dynasty was founded by Percival Lowell in 1639. His heirs and descendants sailed the seven seas as sailing masters. For 100 years they were the elite of New England society. James Russell Lowell was a high literary figure in his day. Then came Amy Lowell with her unorthodox verse. A second Percival Lowell, a distinguished astronomer, discovered the planet Pluto and Abbott Lawrence Lowell was Harvard's President for twenty-four years. . . . The first wheat exported from Manitoba to England, 1877, and Canada's first National Park was opened at Banff in 1885.

The Province of New Brunswick has 18.50 persons to the square mile; Quebec, 7.32; Nova Scotia, 30.81; Alberta, 3.45; Saskatchewan, 3.60; British Columbia, 3.07; Manitoba, 3.48; Prince Edward Island, 42.95.

The busy little bee improved each shining hour of 1945 by producing 33,020,000 pounds of honey in Canada.

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Abbott-Wright Wedding Reception



Photographed at Dalvey-By-The-Sea where their reception was held following their marriage at Trinity United Church, Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott and wedding attendants. From left to right, Roy Mayhew of Halifax, David Peacock, Wendell Ferguson, and Lorne Casford who were ushers, Mr. Ronald Woodgate who was groomsman, the groom and his bride, the former Mary Wright, Miss Hazel Wright, maid of honor, Miss Vivian Abbott, Miss Doris Downe, who were bridesmaids.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Corporal Punishment

One Case Where Spanking Brought Wife To Senses



DEAR MISS DIX: Laugh if you must, but here is a spanked wife who loves her husband. I was the kind of wife who, blessed with an adoring and perfect husband and three lovely children, thought more of parties and other men than she did of her duty to her family. My house was sadly neglected and my husband and the maid had all the care of home and children. One night the worm turned. My husband followed me to a party and after severely beating the man I was with, brought me home. When we got in he sat down in the first chair he spied and turned me over his knee and padded me soundly. It was a very painful and embarrassing experience for me, but angry as I was I could see that he was doing right, and from that time I have been a real wife and mother. I loathe a "wife-beater," but I think any husband has the right to spank a philandering wife before she goes too far. It cured me and I am glad it happened to me. Am I right or wrong in my belief?

MRS. J. Mc. L. R. ANSWER: The proof of the pudding is in the eating, says the old proverb, and if a good spanking brought you to your senses and kept you from wrecking your home it was evidently the remedy indicated for the occasion.

SOME WOMEN NEED IT

Like you, I am violently opposed to wife-beating, but every now and then I come across some woman who is simply crying out loud for a good thrashing. She is acting like a spoiled child and needs to be disciplined like a child. You know the kind of women I mean. Women with lots of good in them, but who are fault-finding and complaining and never satisfied with anything; women who won't settle down, but who insist on running around to parties every night; women who keep their husbands in debt with their extravagance; women who neglect their homes, their husbands and their children. These women are selfish, self-willed and determined to "have their own way, and they get away with murder because their husbands are so afraid of scenes, but practically every one of them could be turned into a good wife if the men to whom they are married had nerve enough to make them behave themselves. Not necessarily by corporal punishment, though undoubtedly there are many cases in which a razor strap would save a divorce.

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