

## ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

James himself would have taken over the fascinating chore—or Rob. "If we knew where to look for them," in place of Jamie who today is a victim to the misery of mumps. But it was a woman with a shaggy companionable black dog for her escort who stole away to visit his trap-line scarcely past the first flush of dawn this morning.

These days James is bent on rising early to come in good time to the field-work in an endeavour to bring it to a satisfying completion before plows are stayed in furrows for this year and winter grips the land. At this place, interests of late have been centred in restoring order to a boundary of field left in a state of upheaval in autumn when a giant machine uprooted a hedgerow of ancient spruces. From these selections of firewood were made and then to the delight of the children all discarded were burned in fires that glowed and faded and flamed again and were beautiful against the dark of the windless night the farmers chose for the burning.

At Alderlea . . . ay, it is towards those acres of rolling—and level farm-land James' thoughts, and often his steps have turned in more recent days. There a corner of stump-land has been cleared, and this very evening last sods of it turned in a first plowing. As a sequel to this, at supper James presented us with the various measurements, according to his generous steps of the piece, so that

## The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

**For Tomorrow**  
A VERY active day, with much stirring of a surprising and unpredictable nature. A sudden boost toward the fulfillment of high ambitions may be incident to plans, ideas or proposals of superiors, employers, or perhaps those holding places of distinction and far-reaching power. Be ready to meet these by coming across with meet proposals of special importance. Strike out with vim, resolve and conviction to win over the opposing forces.

**For the Birthday**  
Those whose birthday it is may anticipate a year of constructive change, new affiliations, but meager support from those in influential places. Be ready with clever ideas and suggestions, backed by energy, astute vision and a definite program for operation along fresh lines and with bold objectives. Timely and progressive suggestions may be rewarded by some sort of future honor or token of appreciation. Be ready when such opportunity knocks, and be practical and forceful in attack. Neglect not the time of waiting.

A child born on this day is endowed with energy and exceptional mentality, ready to take advantage of opportunity when it arrives we might reckon the area contained therein.

Not that he had not already arrived at the total. But that thus we might have a share in the ceremony which adds virgin land to that already under cultivation there. "An acre and a quarter," he smiled. "Well, well . . . what can be accomplished with a little extra effort? To my mind," he offered, "there's nothing more satisfying than a bit of new land. There's no telling what a help it will be."

With obvious disappointment over the enforced absence from his school-classes, Jamie came down with an attack of mumps this morning—gave in to this misery and kept to the kitchen couch. Odd tears welled and flowed . . . quietly and without a word of complaint. Not we fancied altogether the inconvenience of the illness but that young thoughts turned with longing to his nurse of former days. James came indoors, when about, to sympathize and console this namesake of his own; to whisper in passing as he returned to the outdoors. "Poor little lad!"

When the November night-fog was being lifted from this valley by the sun climbing above a hill-top, we set out for his trap-line. Down the slope, the scent of the dying season sweet on the air, to the silver of the stream which now slipping beneath a log or rounding an aldered bend hurried happily on its way to the mill. It is a lovely peace which enfolds such quiet places of farm-land, one which tends to lighten every care of day. Indeed, here one could forget Death itself or see it in a new perspective—only as incidental to life.

"If there should be a rat, Ellen," James called after us, "tap him on the nose with a bit of stick. It's no trouble—if you find the right place!" But later, "No luck to place!" Jamie whispered, and "No luck today," we returned . . . and now farmers and lads—Jamie himself, into their dreams.

Until tomorrow . . . Diary . . . Good-night . . .

## Just Right

The regimental cook was fed-up. He gazed around gloomily and remarked that he wished he were dead.

His small but energetic assistant looked at him witheringly. "That's about right you lump of laziness," he retorted. "Just suit you, that would, lying in the bottom of a box with nothing to do!"

## False Face

By E. C. Buley

The trio adjourned to a cosy room which held, among other things, a grand piano. Pinaud lit his cigarette at last, and "planted himself in a corner remote from the instrument. The two performers talked a little, and then Marthe played, and College Boy sang. He sang his songs about painting the clouds and the white lights of Broadway; while Pinaud watched the pair, softly rubbing his hands.

Ever and again the player spoke, look up from the keys, to the man who sang. His eyes were liquid and her cheeks flushed, while the soft curve of her lips was all tremulous. After four songs, Doctor Pinaud came forward, and the little concert was over. He listened to the mutual congratulations of the performers, his head aside and his little beard quivering with satisfaction.

Back in the consulting-room he expressed his enthusiasm. "Decidedly, you are a type, my friend," he said. "Now, let us get down to details. I shall require six months. During that time you will undergo, not one treatment, but a number. None of them will be dangerous, but you must endure some pain and much inconvenience."

"I reckoned for that." "You will have recreation," Pinaud went on. "Daily exercises to preserve the health of that fine body, and daily instruction, to free you from your abominable method of speaking the good English language. You must learn to drop your voice at the end of a sentence, instead of raising it; and you must be cured of speaking through your nose. And singing! You must sing as the English do; as though the words meant nothing at all."

"That sounds good to me," the Boy said. "But an Englishman would not so express himself," Pinaud objected. "You must learn to think as an Englishman thinks; I know that it will be difficult. Until I give my consent, you must not look into a mirror or attempt in any way to inspect your special which I shall give you. Special precaution will be taken to prevent you doing so. I require from you a disciplined agreement. Is that understood?"

"Anything you say," College Boy agreed. "I want a good job, and no trouble afterwards." "One thing more," Pinaud said. "There is a genuine Mr. Marchant, languishing in America. His appearance in Europe, if he were desirous of tracing the adventurer who used his name and passport might . . . Hein?"

"Show booming, but a flop if rundum bults in." "Can you have that cabled to Lola?" he asked, supplying the address. "She'll keep him, somehow. She's got a head on her."

Pinaud twisted the paper in his fingers, grinning sardonically. "You have a just horror of killing, my friend," he remarked. "That is typical. You will not seek to know what may happen to this unfortunate Monsieur Marchant?"

"I have nothing to do with that," College Boy said, uneasily. "I never saw the man in my life." "Exactly," Pinaud agreed. "Now all that remains is the payment of the fee. You will please understand that none of this money sticks to my fingers. I embark on an experiment, for which special accommodation is required, and many discreet assistants. All they will know is that Pinaud is performing another experiment. For that reason, and because they will be well repaid—silence ever afterwards."

"But what do you get out of it, Doctor?" College Boy asked, as he counted bills. "I am writing a book," Pinaud explained. "I make it my life work. It deals with what you Americans have called sex appeal. That is a quality which you possess in a marked degree; and you give yourself to me for six months, for experiment. My friend, the fee I exact is an addition to the sum

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## DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

### Foolish Mother

#### Sacrifices Children For Worthless Mate

DEAR MISS DIX: I am in a deep rut and desperately need help. I have talked to a lawyer, but he says only I can solve my problem.

Six years ago I was divorced and given custody of my two children. Two years later I remarried. My husband has a terrible temper, sometimes getting up and leaving the house for half an hour, an evening, or even a day or more. When I married him, I felt he was superior to me in so many ways that I would improve my own lot with him, and I was sadly mistaken. We have a small business and are quite successful in that line.

Our only trouble is my husband's temper. He beats the children, and a few weeks ago my son left home to live with my mother. He is 16. He has changed towards me, and slams the receiver when I telephone him. He says as long as I stay with my husband I'm not his mother.

There seems to be something wrong with my husband but, unless he is willing to undergo treatment voluntarily, I am told nothing can be done for him. This, of course, he refuses to do, saying he is sane and everyone else is crazy. I'd leave him if I only had somewhere else to go. My mother is very down on me for preferring him to the children. One part of me says leave him, the other part says stick it out. My children will leave me anyway when they get older.

MRS. T. L.  
ANSWER: Your letter made me slightly ill; for the sake of my readers' sensibilities, I deleted some of the more unsavory details, but what I am able to print is shocking enough. Why are you seeking advice? You know you won't take it; you've already quite definitely made up your mind that nothing will pry you away from the side of this inhuman creature you have acquired as a husband. Not until irreparable harm has been done to your children (if it has not already happened) will you come to your senses. Thank God they have a grandmother to look after them.

### WON'T RESPECT YOU

Certainly, you can't expect your youngsters to grow up with any love or respect for you. Day by day they are exposed to brutal treatment while you meekly stand by without raising a hand to help them. You boy has more spunk than you—at least he had the fortitude to leave the sorry excuse of a home you are providing for them.

That you are confronted with a heartbreaking situation is evident, but why complicate it by forcing the misery on your children? You say you have no place to go! Wouldn't your mother give you shelter and, as a woman who is running a good business now, couldn't you get a job elsewhere? No, you are making a mere excuse for maintaining your present position.

You also offer as an excuse the fact that your children will, in time, leave you. What will happen in fact that your husband will leave you and, having forfeited the respect of your youngsters, you'll indeed be forsaken and alone. If, on the other hand, you leave your husband now, you will have your own self-respect to sustain you, as well as the love of your son and daughter.

I earnestly urge you, don't continue in this sorry mess; what you have gone through already is nothing compared to the misery ahead. Your relatives and friends have already given you this advice; take it while you still have a chance of salvaging something from your wretched marriage.

DEAR MISS DIX: This problem has been bothering me for quite a while. I am going with a boy and I'm not sure if I like him or not. When I don't see him for two or three days, I seem to like him very much but, when I'm with him, I don't care for him. When other girls tell me how cute he is, I also like him a lot.

PUZZLED PEG  
ANSWER: Your trouble is, first of all, extreme and uncertain youth. Second: you have a most unyouthful possessiveness that makes you want what someone else likes. If you break off with the boy, you'll be desperately in love with him the next day. On the other hand, if you stay with him, you'll be bored stiff. Better give him a break and call it quits.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of general interest through this column.

### How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashley

#### Q. How can I stop the rattling of windows?

A. By having them weather-stripped, or remove the stop or molding that holds the sash in place and resetting it closer to the sash. Weather-stripping would be the better way, as it accomplishes a saving in fuel, as well as stopping the rattling.

Q. How can I make paint adhere to "inverts"?

A. Rub the surface thoroughly with a piece of rough pumice stone or coarse sandpaper. Then apply a thin coat of shellac varnish, after which the surface may be painted very nicely.

Q. How can I prevent tarnish of silver that is in a felt-lined drawer?

A. A ball of camphor in the silver drawer not only prevents tarnish, but if the drawer is lined with felt it will keep away the moths.

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### Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Leo

#### Stiffening Rugs

To stiffen a rug, stretch it tight and true and tack face down. Then sprinkle the back of the rug generously with a solution made by dissolving 1/2-pound of flake glue in 1/2-gallon of water. This should be prepared in a double boiler or a container surrounded by hot water. Allow the rug to dry for twenty-four hours.

#### Furniture Scratches

Light scratches on mahogany and walnut furniture can be made almost invisible by carefully applying some tincture of iodine. When this is dry, rub down well with furniture polish on a dry cloth.

#### Waterproofing Shoes

Apply castor oil to the shoes about twice a week, and they will be waterproof.

#### Poor Business

An old lady went up to the beggar. As she handed him a coin said: "Oh, my poor man, it must be dreadful to be lame. But you know, it would be much worse if you were blind."

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### Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Leo

Q. How should one take leave of persons to whom one has just been introduced?

A. You can say, "Good-bye. I am very glad to have met you." To one who has been especially interesting, or who is somewhat of a personage, you may say, "It has been a great pleasure to meet you."

Q. At a wedding reception, in what positions should the wedding party stand in the receiving line?

A. The bride should stand at the right of the bridegroom, with her maid of honor at her right, the bridesmaids next. The best man and ushers do not stand in the line.



## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

### THE ECZEMA, ASTHMA, HAY FEVER COMPLEX

A group of symptoms (syndrome) that has been known to physicians for many years is what is called the eczema-asthma-hay fever complex or the atopic state.

In Medical Clinics of North America, Drs. Thomas H. Sternberg and Victor D. Newcomer, professor and assistant professor of medicine (Dermatology), University of California, state that "atopic dermatitis (inflammation of the skin) is an hereditary predisposition to abnormal reactivity, particularly involving the skin, mucous membranes and nervous system. Commonly associated clinical symptoms include certain types of eczema, asthma, hay fever, migraine (one-sided headache) and disturbances of the stomach and intestines and also mental and emotional disturbances. Any of these symptoms may exist alone or in combination with any of the others."

Close questioning in atopic dermatitis brings out the fact that a grandfather suffered with asthma, the father with hay fever, and the grandchild with eczema. This group of symptoms may occur at any age, but is rare before three months and after 40 years of age. The outstanding symptom of atopic dermatitis is pruritis (itching) which is often severe. This intense itching often occurs before the skin inflammation and this itching may remain after the skin inflammation has disappeared. The itching becomes sometimes unbearable and patient may tear his skin trying to obtain relief.

Patients with atopic dermatitis, in general, possess an intellect that is above average. Atopic dermatitis occurring in infants, usually called infantile eczema, is the most important skin disease of infancy and childhood. Occurring before three months of age it starts as an eruption of tiny pimples on the cheeks, but may occur on outer side of legs and arms.

In children, teen-agers and adults it is similar to infants but is more common in the bend of elbows and knees, the face, sides of neck and wrists. The eruption blends into the normal skin. There is less oozing onto the skin in children and adults than in infants. Cause is unknown, but there is a definite hereditary history and patients are sensitive or allergic to foods and substances floating in the air. Emotional disturbances and stress may bring on the syndrome. Unfortunately, treatment is difficult in both infants and adults: in children to lessen the oozing and itching and in adults the itching and nervous and emotional dis-

turbances. Overheating and rough clothing, too much soap aggravate the symptoms. Even such nourishing foods as milk, eggs, are what aggravate some patients.

This is one group of symptoms where the miracle drugs, ACTH and cortisone, quiet the symptoms, but reactions to these drugs are not uncommon.

## Better English

By G. C. Williams

### 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I have two other suits besides this one, incredible as this may seem."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "en route"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Dissatisfy, disseminate, disappoint, dissimulation.

4. What does the word "importunate" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with fo that means "a personal weakness"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I have two other suits besides this one, incredible as this may seem." 2. Pronounce an-root, a as in ah, oo as in root, accent second syllable. 3. Disappoint. 4. Troublesome; urgent; overbearing in request or demand. (Accent second syllable). "He was willing to listen to their importunate pleas." 5. Foible.

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## Cook's Corner

### FEAR UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

4 tablespoons softened butter, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 6 canned pear halves, 1/4 cup shortening, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind, 1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup milk, or syrup from pears.

Mix softened butter and brown sugar together and pat into bottom of 8-inch square cake pan. Arrange pear halves over this, cut side down. Cream shortening and sugar together, add egg, lemon juice and rind, and beat until fluffy. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together and add alternately with milk. Pour batter over pears. Bake in a moderate oven, 375 degrees F. 45 minutes or until cake tests done. Serve plain or with fluffy cottage cheese. Six generous servings.

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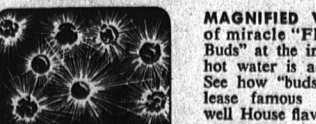
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