

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

"To my mind" James said last evening, looking up from his reading, as we sat by the fire "what boys need to keep them on the farm is a liking for livestock — and by that I mean a pride in those in their care. And another requisite of a good farmer, and doubtless I should have put this first; he should have a love of the land and all its ways. . . . not just as a means of livelihood, but as his choice of a living.

It is a lovely experience to listen to James reading. It is not at all continuous but may be interrupted to emphasize a point or even to await a brief discussion. It reminds us of the old minister in the Church at home when he read the Scriptures.

Stopping at the end of a passage or verse to look over his steered glasses to ask: "Do you hear that now? Then, let it find an echo in your hearts!" Or "There now! Perhaps you didn't know the like of that was in the Book? Well, there it is. . . . and there can be no question about it! . . . not a shadow of doubt!"

The fire sang a comfortable tune which defied the wind of fall in the chimney; the tea-kettle bubbled over its blaze and the black dog, good friend now of his, reared a sleek head against James' knee.

And he read aloud an article written by Alan Reidpath of N. B., whose writings pertain to rural life, and to us are always interesting and discerning. . . . The wide expanse of open with which we broke the soil as a boy, long since gave way to the horse. As we watched our boys grow up with the horse, while all around us people rolled around on their tractors we felt that through being outdated we were losing our boys to the towns; and e'er the last ones went, we too, entirely for the sake of retaining the young ones, went tractor-wise as well. The nature of our way of life did not make it imperative that we modernize or quit. We had our eye to a few other occupations that were stepped on when the tax bill got too hot, or the store account threateningly in arrears. We modernized to retain the boys — as we thought.

These boys have life measured in dollars and cents per day. With them it is what you earn that counts — not the portion you retain. They love the concerted action of the crowd. Their vocations reflect the accentuation of mathematics in their meagre education. They are not thrilled to the sound of the mower in the clear carrying atmosphere of an early summer morning.

They have never pressed a rare wild flower between the pages of loved books. . . . I do not dare to look in the school books of today. I am afraid of my own ignorance. Still I remember my own school book and so many of the verses are retained in my mind.

I never lift my head to the sky in the morning without thinking of some few lines from one of our readers. Some fair words endearing country life to me binding me to it in spite of any opportunity that might present itself to lure me to an easier life. I seem to fear that my kind would not. . . . But,

Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night

A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

A good book is like a garden carried in the pocket. — Arab proverb.

Garden books should be ordered now for your garden friends and I shall tell you of some that I have found helpful and interesting to read. . . . All About House Plants, by Montague Free, formerly the Horticulturist at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, is a complete book of indoor gardening—the very book for the garden enthusiast who wants to add this branch of horticulture to his achievements, or to improve on what he has already started.

All About House Plants gives full information on what to grow and how to grow it. Whether you are interested in just a pot or two of flowering plants on the window sill, or an elaborate indoor garden of many species, this book will tell you what to select to suit your particular needs and conditions, and how to develop its full possibilities.

Photographs, many of them in full color, have been carefully chosen to supplement the text in a practical way. You are not only told, but shown, just how to care for and propagate all kinds of plants adaptable to house culture. Both text and pictures cover such points as how to provide suitable conditions for growth, the arrangements of plants for decorative effects, sowing, potting and repotting, combating pests, and everything needed for indoor gardening.

There are chapters devoted to flowering plants, foliage plants, bulbs, ferns, vines and creepers, cacti and succulents—those fascinating denizens of far corners of the earth, many of which thrive under the most adverse growing conditions. These chapters are followed by an alphabetical list of plants with cultural directions for each, and lists of plants suitable for specific purposes. The making and care of such indoor scenes of gardening as terrariums and dish gardens are treated in detail.

The author, Mr. Montague Free, has not only had years of experience in growing plants in his own home, but a life-long familiarity with them in his professional work in England and America. More than a thousand plants are discussed. Mr. Free recommends many species not generally used as house plants, and mentions those which he judges too difficult for the amateur to grow under ordinary conditions. No one who grows, or plans to grow, plants of any sort under house conditions should be without this book, by far the most complete and authoritative ever published on this fascinating type of gardening.

Almost everyone is fond of house plants and will not make any mistake in giving this book as a gift.

The Fragrant Path is one of my favorite books and it was written by Louise Beebe Wilder, a writer of several garden books. Readers who would go beyond the mere planting and care of plants find here much of the history and legend, as well as new ideas and interesting experience with those plants which have sweet-scented flowers and leaves.

Through every season of the year Mrs. Wilder tells her own experiences with fragrant plants in her own gardens and about the home. The book also includes what is perhaps the most complete descriptive list of fragrant plants to be found. From old herbals, catalogues, and from many little-known sources she has gathered together this information which will be of great interest and value to garden makers who are in search of the unusual and interesting.

Mrs. Wilder was recognized as one of America's outstanding garden writers. From her early childhood near Baltimore she always had a garden. Furthermore, she had for many years experimented

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Marriage-Hopper

Man Advised Not To Make Habit Of Changing Wives

DEAR MISS DIX: I have a very influential professional position in my community. Four years ago I married a very nice girl. At that time I thought she would be an ideal wife for me in my position. For two years our home was very happy. Then another man destroyed that happiness and the home became a wreck. We separated, she taking our two children. A few months ago I married again and now have a fine wife whom I love very dearly. Two weeks ago my first wife wrote, asking me to give her another chance for the children's sake. I would like very much to be with her for the sake of our young-sters but I don't love her. Should I break up my present marriage in order to be with my children? My first wife still hasn't signed the divorce papers. P. C.



ANSWER: Your final statement brings up an alarming complication to your problem. It is possible that your second marriage is bigamous, and you should waste no time in ascertaining if this is so. Having reached a high point in your professional career, I assume you are old enough to have some sense. With this consideration in mind, it is difficult to see how you can reconcile your marital instability with your intelligence. If you leave your second wife and go back to the first, you'll wind up yearning for No. 2 again.

THINK OF CHILDREN

Even your children will be befuddled by your recurring appearances when you begin the hop from wife to wife. If your children are being well cared for by their mother, you had better stay out of the picture for a while. Make up your mind which wife you prefer to be with, which one will create the happier home for you, which one is more faithful. But first of all, find out which one is legally yours. Distance may lend a better perspective to the view, and I would advise a long talk with a good marriage counselor.

DEAR MISS DIX: I was married for three years, but am now separated from my husband. When I lived with him he did nothing but run around with girls and beat me. I have been away for three months now, am working and very happy. The other day I met my husband on the street and he asked me to come back. He said he was sorry for beating me, but somehow I can't trust him. He has made promises before and broken them. Should I give him another chance? I don't love him any more; I've taken so many of his beatings. MAGGIE

ANSWER: Believing as strongly as I do in preserving marriage and a home, I am loath to advocate separation or divorce, but I think habitual beating or other physical violence constitutes good cause for a wife leaving a husband. Since you have gone through this phase of broken promises before, you'd be foolish to try all over again. You have established yourself well on a separate maintenance basis. Going back to your husband will make you do it all over again later. A man given to wife-beating rarely reforms. The uncontrollable desire to hit someone becomes so instinctive that it cannot be stopped. You don't love your husband anyway, so what have you to lose by staying away from him? Going back means the same procedure all over. Don't risk it!

DEAR MISS DIX: Am I justified in getting upset and angry when my husband knowing what time dinner is served, stops in a neighborhood tavern and sits there for an hour or more? When he comes home I have to reheat his dinner. If I send for him, he gets angry. I don't mind him stopping for one drink but gosh, it's no fun to sit around and wait until he gets ready to come home. PRISCILLA N.

ANSWER: You certainly are justified. It's no fun to prepare a good meal and then have to spoil it by reheating. Your husband should have more consideration. Perhaps if you gave him a cold meal once or twice he might get a jolt and reform. Otherwise, just stick to meals that take well to reheating, such as soup, stew, etc.

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

Morning Smile

No Sale

The overnight millionaire wanted the best of everything. He went into a music shop and asked to see their most expensive violin for his son. The assistant brought out a beautiful Stradivarius, saying: "This is a 1730 Strad, priced at \$80,000."

The millionaire hesitated, then said: "You say it was made in 1730 and worth all that money?" "That's right."

"But tell me — is the company that made this fiddle still in business?" "Of course not!" exclaimed the assistant in shocked tones.

"Then it's no good!" said the rich man definitely. "What would I do for spare parts?"

How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashley

Q. What is one of the biggest factors in the laundering of clothes?

A. One of the biggest factors in the whiteness of white clothes and the clearness of colored clothes is thorough rinsing. Rinse until the water is clear and absolutely free of any suds.

Q. How can I remove an obstinate cork from a bottle?

A. Dip a piece of woolen cloth into boiling water and wrap tightly about the neck of the bottle. In a few minutes the cork can be removed.

Q. How can I prevent chapped hands?

A. Apply glycerine and rose-water or lemon juice, several times daily and at night before retiring.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is the fashion of "cutting in" at a dance considered in good taste?

A. "To my way of thinking, it is rude and irritating to a couple who may be enjoying that particular dance. However, some girls like it as an indication of their popularity, and the custom is generally accepted by polite society.

Q. If a man is walking with a woman and someone who is a stranger to him bows to his companion, should he also return the salutation?

A. Yes, always, by lifting his hat. Q. When a bride has no family, near relatives, or guardian, who should defray her portion of the wedding expenses? A. The bride must meet these expenses herself. And of course, the size of her wedding depends upon the size of her purse.

The Stars Say . . .

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

MOST propitious auguries make for not only a prosperous and gratifying state of affairs, but real progress and expansion. Perhaps some unique achievement may develop from sound and wise plans, as well as through some clever and subtle craftsmanship. The instincts, intuitions, feelings and emotions figure importantly in putting over novel or speculative ideas. But not all the experiences of the day will be of an industrious nature — social, romantic and dramatic moments will not be lacking.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may anticipate a period of the unusual, intriguing and strange, not only in business relations and plans, but in emotional, social, romantic and intellectual contacts. There could be a note of the mysterious and bizarre, adding zest and thrill to the most commonplace activities. Emotional and spiritual values may have significance in making all decisions. Be not carried away from practical considerations by these imprudent urges or other unusual fancies and lures.

A child born on this day, while having a brilliant mind and shrewd intellect, may be swayed by subtle drives to the romantic, unique or extraordinary.



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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

REMOVAL OF TONSILS OFTEN FAILS TO BENEFIT PATIENT

I write often about tonsils and their removal because tonsillitis is the commonest surgical operation, accounting for about one-fourth of all operations performed. Because tonsils can be removed so easily by a snare, many general practitioners remove tonsils, with the result that many tonsils are not completely removed, leaving remnants or tags in the throat in which harmful organisms are present. Naturally, if tonsils are removed because they are infected and causing symptoms, and if symptoms remain after the operation, the operation is considered a failure.

In The Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. T. L. Hyde, of The Dalles, Oregon, reports his study of 1,000 patients (without selection) in a general surgical practice over a period of years. Every patient who had tonsils removed was examined and questioned as to age, whether surgeon was a throat specialist, why tonsils were removed, whether any benefit was obtained and whether, to their knowledge, any part of the tonsils was left in the throat.

Only 240 of the 1,000 thought their surgeon was a specialist. Sixty-eight per cent, that is, 689 of the 1,000, had remnants of tonsils (tags) left in their throat and only 32 per cent had tonsils removed completely. Patients with tags considered that their tonsils had "grown back." Dr. Hyde states that the tonsils do not grow back and in this he is supported by most throat specialists.

Tonsillectomy is not considered an important operation, as it is performed by general practitioners who do not perform other operations, yet it requires the same care and skill as any so-called major operation. "Tonsillectomy has certain inherent factors that make it a very difficult operation. The exposure is limited by the size of the mouth. Illumination can only come from one direction. Hemostasis (stopping the bleeding) is difficult because of the small size of the mouth opening and the small distance from lips to tonsils. It is necessary to use long clamps to tie off bleeding blood vessels and the knots at finger tip depth and position of patient's head as operation causes the blood to collect in the throat causing the patient to gag and cough, arousing fear of lung complications."

Dr. Hyde outlines a method of operating that surmounts most of the above difficulties without need of an assistant. Of 262 patients undergoing this method, only two had remnants of tags remaining. "The operation of tonsillectomy as ordinarily performed is considered a failure as evidenced by 68 per cent of tonsil tags in a group of tonsillectomized patients. Careful dissecting out the tonsils by the described method, especially the position of the patient, has been successful in 99 per cent of 262 patients.

Dirty Pans

The dirty, black bottom of aluminum pans can be easily cleaned by placing them in a shallow pan, in which a teaspoon of soda has been dissolved in a little water. Heat the water and let it simmer for a few minutes.

Cook's Corner

EGG YEAST ROLLS

Yield—3 dozen rolls. 1 cup milk 1 tablespoon granulated sugar 3 envelopes fast dry granular yeast 2/3 cup butter or margarine 2/3 cup fine granulated sugar 1 teaspoon salt 4 eggs well beaten 6 1/2 cups (about) once-sifted hard wheat (bread) flour.

Measure milk into upper pan of double boiler; cover and heat to scalding point over boiling water. Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm. Add the 1 tablespoon sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved; sprinkle with the fast dry granular yeast and let stand 10 minutes, then stir well.

Cream the butter or margarine until soft and gradually blend in the 2/3 cup fine granulated sugar and salt; add the well-beaten eggs, a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually stir in the yeast mixture.

Gradually beat in sufficient hardwheat (bread) flour to make a soft dough—it may be necessary to work the last of the flour in with the hands.

Turn dough onto a light floured surface and knead until smooth. Cut dough into 3 equal parts and cut each part into 12 pieces (making a total of 36 pieces).

Working on one piece of dough at a time, roll into a rectangle about 1/4-inch thick; roll up into a long slim roll, stretching each roll to about 12 inches in length; shape each long roll as desired on greased cookie pans, leaving plenty of room for rolls to rise—form strips into oval shapes, figure eights, knots, etc.

Brush with a little melted fat, cover and let rise in a warm place

Better English

By W. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We met them at New York some weeks since." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "permit" (noun and verb)? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hilarity, hygiene, hieroglyphic, hierarchy. 4. What does the word "despicable" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with so that means "to examine closely?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "We met them in New York some weeks ago." 2. Accent noun on first syllable, verb on second syllable. 3. Hygiene. 4. Fit or deserving to be despised; contemptible. "He was a man of despicable character." 5. Scrutinize.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Bed Bugs One way to combat bed bugs is to beat together some corrosive sublimate and white of egg. Apply frequently with a feather to both bed and mattress.

Stamp Removal A stamp can be easily removed from an envelope by placing a piece of wet blotter on it for a few minutes.

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