

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Continuing May showers encouraged the grass today but left the farmers with a sense of frustration over the suspension of the cropping and somewhat uneasy over the fate of the sown grain. However the farming must continue. In intervals of clearing and with "our own mare" hitched in the farm-cart they were away along the farm-lane to the fencing making a pasture ready to receive the fattening cattle. This appears to be a lengthy chore and granddaughter assures us "It's taking more than one reel of wire" to make it all secure. She returned at supper-time rather weary, damp curls about a forehead, balsamy earthy hands, to tell us of numerous wild strawberries in the woods by field-side, of great yellow dandelions and the brownish-coiled ferns unfolding. Jamie brought a pair of sparrow fledglings in to show his mother today, then carried them back to their nest in the garage, he like James not "having the heart" to destroy them. He had no qualms in dispatching the barn rats that in a succession of three found their way into the trap, thus quickly settling no small hazard to the chick-raising at that house "in the road."

Would you see the farmers perched on the front of the farm-cart leave the yard for the fencing, she in the circle of her grandfather's arms? The younger farmer, the smallest man of the family, of studied words and movements—none of the latter are wasted. We have tried matching skills with him in the potato-field at the planting or often at the picking, bending every effort of will and strength and quick-fellow in emptying or filling a basket—without success. Serious-minded, since a small boy, taking every care conscientiously, he nevertheless finds much to amuse and entertain him in the contacts on and off the place, while about the affairs of farming. Whether or not he is a good farmer, we may not say. We only know that therein for him lies every delight.

He is sure to smile, even chuckle over James' last minute reminders to us, an amusement in which though not quite understanding it all, she joins with a quizzical grin. We must "see that all the stable-doors and barn are kept closed" in the event of returning cattle entering, and "if it should happen to rain much, Ellen, get that ewe and her lamb in from the orchard (just pick up the lamb, Ellen—the ewe will follow it)". And altogether keep an eye to the state of affairs about the farm at all arduous, this condition of perpetual alertness is not conducive to meaty reading or otherwise broadening one's education and knowledge as we might wish.... But the apple blossoms above are pink and scented in the dampness, when we must carry to shelter the lambkin, and along the stream where lies "up the creek" and beyond, and beautiful in their places amid the tiers of colorful spring woodlands, on the slopes of our valley, the wild cherry trees are in bloom.

And James—would you see James? "Do tell us what James is like?" a visitor begged us recently, when, a speck in the distance, he sowed a far grainfield. Boyish in figure ("Can't understand, Ellen, why farmers want to ride after their teams, or take the car when they're only going a mile! Why I would much rather walk—you're nearer to things that way"). Face lined a bit now by the winds and weather of years, hair whitening beneath the cares of this place—an arm protectively about granddaughter to see that no harm should befall her. And she obviously in a seventh heaven

Our Trip To Europe

By Helen M. Jack (Continued)

In direct line with the Arch of Triumph, also erected to commemorate Napoleon—a smaller arch capped with a roman chariot drawn by four horses. Connected these two arches is the famous Champs-Elysees, one of the widest and busiest streets in Paris, lined with commercial buildings, de luxe shops and restaurants and first class theatres. Following the Champs-Elysees one comes upon the Place de la Concorde (Revolution Square formerly) which is called the Pride of Paris because of its spacious dimensions and harmony. To us, trying to get through the continual maze of traffic, it was a nightmare. In line with the Carrousel Arch is the Louvre Palace covering 600,000 square feet, renowned for its artistic treasures. The artistically minded could probably spend a week in this building, but we were content with a quick glance, noting particularly the "Venus de Milo" and the "Mona Lisa".

The Pantheon, dedicated to the Patron Saint of Paris (St. Genevieve) is topped with a harmonious cupola with a colonnade in the foreground. Under the main floor are buried many of the famous French—Voltaire, Victor Hugo, Emile Zola, Rousseau and many others. In the heart of Paris is the Opera House, the biggest theatre in the world, beautifully adorned with golden bronze ornaments. Unfortunately, we were unable to get tickets for the Opera and so didn't have the opportunity of seeing the inside which we were told was so beautiful. The famous cathedral "Notre Dame de Paris" is an imposing structure on Cite Island, of fine Gothic architecture somewhat resembling Westminster Abbey. The ceiling of the cathedral is in the shape of an upset boat and hanging from this roof are the hats of all the cardinals, and their tombs line the choir loft. The Night Club section of Paris is known as the "Montmartre." Asleep through the day except for a few artists, the cabarets, theatres, and dance halls are a blaze of lights at night. At some of the smaller cabarets, entertainers will drop in and entertain and after passing around the hat will pass on to the next place. The Lido, one of the larger night clubs, has a two hour floor show mostly of half nude dancing girls, which apparently is the type of entertainment most popular to Parisians.

A short distance from Paris is the City of Versailles, with its beautiful Palace. The Palace, planned by Louis the XIV, is surrounded by elaborate flower gardens and lawns with fountains throughout. The interior, with its beautifully painted ceilings, tapestries and bas-relief work, represents years of work. Numerous paintings are in almost every room. The table on which the Treaty of Versailles was signed is also in the Palace. South of Paris, passing through France's largest forest, is the Palace of Fontainebleau, second to Versailles among the royal residences of France. (To be continued)

because "Do you see how we're going this time? Not in the truck or on the tractor but" with a happy smile, "with our own mare". But now does this farmstead of ours, stream-bound, rolling and abounding with intriguing leafy paths, come to its rest? Until tomorrow --- Dairy --- Good-night ---

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Girl Ignores Boys

Nothing Wrong With Teen-ager Who Prefers Baseball To Beau

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My friend Sue and I are both 15-year-old girls, but I am very worried about her. She doesn't go with boys and doesn't really seem to care about them. Isn't it usually natural for a girl her age to have some interest in boys? She makes wonderful marks in school, and is very well liked. After school she goes home, helps her mother and for pastime reads, plays baseball or makes airplane models with her brother. She says all these things are fun and a whole lot more interesting than trying to attract the attention of every Tom, Dick and Harry. Is there anything I could say to make her want to be popular with boys, who like to play popular with younger boys, who like to help with their lessons, but for boys her own age or older?



she has no use.

JANET

ANSWER: Is it possible, Janet, that I detect a touch of envy here because Sue is so happy and contented with her way of life and you are so befuddled in your efforts to win the attentions of your various Toms, Dicks and Harrys? While it is true that most fifteen-year-old girls like to be popular with boys, and have dates, there are some who take a little longer to reach this state. Their teen years are just spent savoring life to its limit and not being disturbed by emotional upheavals.

SHE'S HAPPY

Sue's lot is a happy one, never fear! She does the things she likes without worrying about the approval of a boy. At the end she goes to bed, tired from a vigorous game of baseball, and drops right off to dreamless slumber instead of lying awake half the night wondering whether Jim's smile was really directed at her today or was a friendly gesture for the whole group. And why didn't Bob call tonight? And will Jack offer to take her to the class dance next month? All this turmoil is not for her—and fortunate is she that it is not. Sue's day for popularity will come and when it does—watch out for your own boy friends. Her natural manner, good companionship and sportsmanship may lure all your beaux away, and will put to shame the rouge and lipstick that other girls need for color. Instead of wondering what you can do to make Sue think of you more, see if you can't get a little advice from her on how to make good marks.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: How much have children a right to expect from their parents? We have a daughter of 25 to whom we have given every advantage that we could possibly afford, and who is now in a position to care for herself, but she lives at home three months of the year without contributing one cent. Frequently has company of the year without contributing one cent. Goes out and spends the night and comes home the next day without one word of explanation. Yet she complains all the time that she does not have the privileges that her friends have and makes the home very unpleasant with her continual nagging. She is in fine health and has a good position nine months of the year. Would it be best for her to stay some other place, or shall we permit her to stay here and continue to disrespect the home and all that we hold dear?

A BROKEN-HEARTED MOTHER

ANSWER: When parents have reared and educated children and fitted them to make their own living, they have done all that should be expected of them. It is up to the children then to take care of themselves. Even a bird has sense enough to push its young out of the home nest and make it use its own wings and grub for itself. If your daughter makes herself unpleasant as a guest in your house, make her get another place to live. It will be better for you both. Perhaps, if she knew that being respectful to her parents and keeping a civil tongue in her head would save her the price of a board bill, she would make herself more agreeable.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 14 years old and like a boy who is 16. My parents heard from a friend that this boy drinks, smokes and swears. My parents don't think it right for me to like him. They have never seen him do any of these things, so do you think I should believe them?

BETTINA

ANSWER: "Where there's smoke, there's fire." Bettina, and your parents' knowledge is undoubtedly right—at least to a certain extent. And in matters as serious as this, even if a portion of the gossip is true, the boy is no fit friend for you. Being engaged in any one of the pursuits you mention should put him beyond the pale of your friendship for good. There are plenty of nice boys around. Pick one of them for a friend.

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

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Who are the first to leave the church when the wedding ceremony is over?

A. The ushers escort to the door all the women who are in the first pews—the bride's mother, the bridegroom's mother, then the other women in the first pews on either side of the aisle.

Q. Is it necessary to thank a doorman at a hotel when he opens the door for you?

A. While it is not necessary or expected, it most certainly is never improper to say "thank you" for any service rendered.

Q. When a girl stenographer is being introduced to a man in the office, should she rise?

A. No; this is not required.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashby

Q. How can I impart a high gloss to linens?

A. Use lukewarm water instead of cold when mixing the starch. Mix to the desired thickness with boiling water, add 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and stir with a white wax candle. Proceed with the starching as usual.

Q. How can I keep my window sills in good condition?

A. Wax them about once every three months and dust them every day. This will protect them from rain and dirt, and they will always be in excellent condition.

Q. How can I prevent the hands from becoming rough on wash day?

A. A few drops of vinegar added to the rinsing water on wash day will prevent the hands from becoming rough.

Cook's Corner

RHUBARB WHIPPED PIE

2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin, 1/2 cup cold water, 2 1/2 cups stewed rhubarb, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup cream, whipped; 1 cereal flake pie shell. Soften gelatin in water. Heat rhubarb and water to boiling, add the gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool; when mixture begins to thicken fold in whipped cream. Pour into pie shell and chill.

RHUBARB CREAM PIE

2 tablespoons butter, 2 cups diced rhubarb, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 2 egg yolks, well beaten, 1/2 cup light cream, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Melt the butter, add the diced rhubarb and cup of sugar. Cook slowly until rhubarb is tender. Combine the quarter cup sugar, cornstarch, egg yolks, well beaten light cream and salt. Add to rhubarb and cook until thick. Cool; pour into baked pie shell. Top with meringue made from the egg whites. Bake at 350 degrees, moderate oven, 12 to 15 minutes.

CURRIED MUSHROOM AND EGG CROQUETTES

2 tablespoons butter or other fat, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon curry powder, 3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped; 1/2 lb. cooked mushrooms, chopped; 1/2 cup crushed cereal flakes. Melt butter, or other fat, stir in flour. Add milk slowly. Cook until thickened. Add seasonings, eggs, mushrooms and cereal flakes. Turn into shallow pan and chill. Shape croquettes. Roll in fine bread crumbs, dip in slightly beaten egg diluted with water, and roll again in crumbs. Fry in skillet containing hot fat about 1/4-inch deep. Serve with creamed carrots and peas.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

BOILS MAY BE CAUSED BY AND SPREAD FROM NOSE INFECTIONS

Most individuals during their lifetime have had a boil. This infection is taken to mean that they have been eating too much food for the amount of work or exercise taken, have allowed themselves to become constipated or have not been as careful about bathing regularly as they should have been. We are told that the greatest preventative for boils is constant cleanliness of the back of the neck, the armpits and the anus and genital organs. The back of the neck is the most frequent place, in men, for boils to occur. A boil is an inflammation of the deeper layers of the skin, usually around a hair root or an oil gland. The commonest organism found in boils is the pyogenes (pus forming) aureus, a staphylococcus organism.

A boil gives us a vivid picture of how nature sends its white corpuscles (defense fighters) immediately to the scene of an infection. They surround the spot where infection starts by a hard white wall which we can see as we look closely at a boil. This wall is to wall off the infection so that it will not spread to other parts. The soft dark center finally breaks down and thin pus comes out. Finally, the center or dead part, the core, comes out and the boil heals. The treatment to hasten the cure of the boil is application of equal parts of laundry soap and brown sugar or an ordinary bread poultice. When "ripe," a toothpick dipped in carbolic acid punctures the central spot and the boil opens up and discharges its contents. At no time is the boil squeezed, but drawing the skin away with thumb and fingers will help to empty the boil.

It may come as a surprise to many of us to learn that many boils are started because of the hands carrying infections from the nose to various parts of the skin. This is stated by Drs. G.P.B. Whitwell and Ian Sutherland in the British Medical Journal. The hand contaminates the nose or the nose contaminates the hand and causes boils. The distribution of boils to various parts of the skin, all or most of which can be reached by the fingers, would appear not only to cause boils on the individual's own skin but may also distribute the organisms in towels or other objects handled. Washing our hands often may prevent boils.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

IT is probable that some curious and extraordinary event or occurrence may have a profound effect on thoughts, feelings and emotions. The condition might be one of elation, with the inner forces and faculties prompting to unusual actions, inspirational, intuitive. It is advised that such exceptional mood or drive be managed with prudence and discretion, since it would be easy to become involved in some inexplicable, even sinister entanglement. Manage strange affairs objectively.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may be prepared to cope with some strange or unique situations, with the inner forces and faculties pitched to curious adventures or experiences. These could be, safely and spectacularly, kept within the bounds of reason and discretion, even though based on subjective revelations, sensations or emotions. Rigid guards should be employed, lest inspiration, psychic urges or occult promptings lure into dangerous entanglements. Keep the feet on the ground and although the head be in the high heavens, Religion and sound philosophy could mean safety. A child born on this day is born under a strange, unique and intangible state of mind and emotions, with curious spells of elation, illumination, psychic urges. Kept in rigid leash, negative drives and influences could be handled with safety and prudence.

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Better English

By B. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It sure is kind of you to leave me borrow your pencil." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "facade"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Anatomy, anachronism, analyze, apathetic. 4. What does the word "obtrude" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with cy that means "disbelieving in the sincerity of human motives"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "It surely is kind of you to let me borrow your pencil." 2. Pronounce fa-sad, both a's as in ah, accent second syllable. 3. Analyze. 4. To thrust out; eject. "Those who know the least often obtrude the most suggestions." 5. Cynical.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Removing Gelatin

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Trouser Creases

Try putting a teaspoonful of sugar into a cup of water and sponging the creases in the trousers with this solution, when pressing. The creases will last much longer.

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