

## Better English

By G. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "In politics, I differ from you, and I shall direct a letter to you regarding this."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inveigh"?  
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Alleviate, allusion, allotted, elusion.  
4. What does the word "inundate" mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with pro that means "dissipated"?

## ANSWERS

1. Say, "In politics, I differ with you, and I shall write (or address) a letter to you regarding this."  
2. Pronounce as though spelled in-vay, accent second syllable. 3. Allotted. 4. To cover as with a flood; overflow. "Many homes were inundated when the river overflowed."  
5. Profligate.

## The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

### For Tomorrow

The day starts off on a note of high glee and anticipation, with the young and ardent ready for any

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By Roberta Lee

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### Brazil Nuts

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### Driving Nails

To drive a nail or screw without splitting the wood, first push the nail or screw through hard soap, or dip it in melted paraffin.

sort of diversion or excitement that may be in the air. However, as the day grows, it is probable that there may be regrets for all forms of temperate indulgence. Especially is there a warning against dangers in traffic or in other erratic tactics. Keep to the middle of the road, in all associations.

### For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may feel the year beginning under excellent stimuli for activity with mental and nervous energy keyed to high tension and rare accomplishment. It's a time for renewing contracts, considering new deals and strengthening public relations. But under the spur of excitement, or drawn by novelty or speculation, it may be easy to blunder into a critical impasse, having sensational actions on the personal life.

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## ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

In sun, in shower or crisped by night-frost, quietly now the farm-lands await the arrival of winter, that season of contrasts: of blizzards with noisy winds raging and of calm, and gently falling snow and virgin-white mantling the landscape.

There is a fascination in the first snowfall. It comes after hours, we fancy, have been broody, but know later have been only patiently expectant... overhung with grey clouds which droop to the hillslopes and in the air an edge of chill. We like to watch from a window the old flakes appear, drifting down lazily like the notes of summer bird-song; to be followed presently by a like legion, white, feathery graceful to cling to bare branch and fence-rail and cover earth's drabness, until at length every meadow and furrow of farm has been tucked away to rest beneath winter's clean coverlet.

"The damp and frost we have already had have mellowed this surprisingly," James said, indicating the extent of plowed land along which we walked on a recent evening. Through the twilight it was, though in the west the afterglow still lingered. Then day, spent and weary, was giving over her watch to the night. He stooped then to rearrange a length of cord, to settle it more to his liking by treading the grassy side to earth. He chuckled when we finally continued on our way.

"When we plowed with a team in a single-furrowed plow, Ellen," he observed, "we could take time to leave every furrow in its place — indeed we'd be a little ashamed if it did not lie level and nice. But now that it's done in a fraction of time by a tractor and a several-horse plow to make light work of it, there just isn't time to step for the like that. It's a queer age we're living in now, when one comes to consider it, isn't it, Ellen? More aids than ever to farming but less leisure than before!" "It's about the same indoors," we offered, "the time we once put towards accomplishing some work of the house — say, the washing or cleaning goes now to cleaning the cleaners!" "Aye," he agreed, "a strange era, this — one of contradictions, in truth."

Dipping her into the shadowy valley our steps led, the silence of "far-away places" deepened by the tinkle of stream; climbing then to summit of hill which only minutes ago seemed to reach up and touch the close sky, there at length to look out upon reaches of countryside. How cozily now the farmsteads sat as their lights near and far twinkled forth! And how exceedingly pleasant the hour! To our backs, the fading tints of the afterglow, ahead the evening stars. And James offered us we skirted the mystery and fragrance of a stretch of woodland to enter then a familiar farm-lane: "The water in the stables should lessen the choring considerably, Ellen. If," we recall he added, "the pipes are beyond danger of freezing."

Ay, that was it! There below a bluish of light which spread in the deepening twilight lay Alderlea. Our steps involuntarily quickened. We would inspect the added improvements about houses and buildings; visit the family in the House across the Lane — catch old smiles, follow known paths. Though it could be for an hour or two only, hearts beat high in anticipation... We were coming Home!

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

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## DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

### Secretive Girl

Young Woman Won't Confide In Beau

DEAR MISS DIX: We would like to have you decide an issue for us. For four years I have been going with a lady two years my junior. During the last two years she has been at college in another city and I



Muriel Nissen

relatives, even they usually break down barriers for a person who is truly beloved. Such sharing of confidence is indeed a sign of love, and unwillingness to impart it can almost certainly be taken as proof that love is not complete.

### IS SHE INCAPABLE?

Your lady may be constitutionally incapable of a deep love that implies mutual faith and trust, or again she may simply not be in love sufficiently to share confidences. The latter is most probably true. Only you can make the final decision and only you can judge whether or not she will make you a good wife. I would say it's doubtful. What she fails to give now will not be forthcoming when you marry, so be prepared to face a tremendous void in your married life if you wed a woman who is not sufficiently eager to awaken your interest by giving you her confidence.

I don't suggest that she should share with you her every thought or action; most people do keep to themselves a small reserve of dreams. However, you surely can be expected to share in the future plans of the girl you are going with. That is one point any couple should face together, with complete and mutual confidence.

You aren't happy in your present dilemma and I think a change is quite plainly indicated.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 37 years old, my husband nine years older. We have six children and until recently operated a fairly successful business. Four years ago he became infatuated with a 14-year-old girl who worked for us. Her parents broke up that affair and the girl soon realized how right they were. Then he became interested in another girl who responded quite ardently to his attentions. The children and I were soon doing most of the work in the place while he spent his time chasing the girl. Finally I sued for divorce but, due to my husband's pleading and promises of reform, I dropped it. He is still interested in the girl who caused my divorce action, while I have had to assume a financial responsibility for our children (we sold the business during the divorce action). Should I go ahead and sue for support or let him go?

MRS. W. W.

ANSWER: You sure are married to a first-class heel, but you've been altogether too willing to let him get away with anything short of murder. By all means sue him for support and keep after him to make sure he pays what the court allots. Stop being a softie. Straighten the backbone and jut out your chin. The least you should get is financial help, but the greater good of your children and yourself would be served by leaving your husband altogether.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been going steady for two years, during which I have met my friend's parents about five times. Their birthdays are approaching and I would like to know if it is in good taste to send cards to them?

A. R.

ANSWER: Greeting cards are always a gracious gesture and it would be very thoughtful of you to send them.

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

## Morning Smile

### Simple

Master of House: "Why did you tell your mistress what time I came home last night after I had told you to be quiet about it?"  
Maid: "I didn't, sir. She asked me what time it was, and I told her I was too busy getting breakfast to notice."

### Teeth Like Pearl

"What a lovely necklace you're wearing, my dear," remarked the lady to her friend in a teashop.  
"Do you like it?" said the proud possessor, fingering her precious exhibit. "It is nice—it's real pearl, you know; cost me five thousand dollars at that jeweller's on the corner."  
"Of course, you've had it insured?" queried the friend.  
"Well, I was considering it, but I thought of a better protection. I leave it on my dressing-table at night."

"But aren't you scared of burglars?"  
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## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it proper for one who is in mourning to send out Christmas cards?

A. This depends entirely upon one's own feelings. Naturally one would not send cards to mere acquaintances, but certainly there is no impropriety in wishing friends happiness.

Q. Is it necessary to give a dinner, or any other form of entertainment, for the purpose of announcing an engagement?

A. This is popularly done, but it is not absolutely necessary. The news of an engagement can very well be conveyed by a newspaper announcement, or just by word of mouth.

Q. What is a good fruit course to serve for luncheon?

A. The most popular fruits are grapefruit, melon, or a mixture of fruits cut into small pieces.

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## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

## ACTH AND CORTISONE TREATMENT IN POISON OAK

While thousands of arthritis patients waited for ACTH and cortisone to be available for them, research workers were testing out these new "miracle" drugs on various diseases, including diseases of the skin.

In the Journal of Investigative Dermatology, Drs. M. S. Falk, M. F. Allende and J. H. Bennett report that inflammation of the skin due to poison oak is very common in the Oakland-Berkeley area and is often of such a severe type that it prevents patients from working. These physicians put many of these patients in hospital to ensure proper care.

Until recently treatment consisted mostly of application of cool compresses (with potassium permanganate or boric acid), antipruritic lotions, antibiotics (germ-killing drugs), quieting drugs, pain-killing drugs and antihistamines (for allergy).  
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The fact that these miracle drugs can shorten the duration of skin ailments and decreases the severity of the symptoms gives us an idea of their all-around value in the treatment of various illnesses. We are likely to hear more of their help in the days to come.

## How Can I

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prepare a mustard foot bath?

A. Don't just sprinkle the mustard loosely into the water when preparing a foot bath for a patient. It will not dissolve quickly and may adhere to the skin and blister it. First mix the mustard to a paste.

## From One Cook to Another



by Mary Blake  
Carnation Home Service Director

## LIGHTER, FLUFFIER, RICHER-FLAVORED PANCAKES

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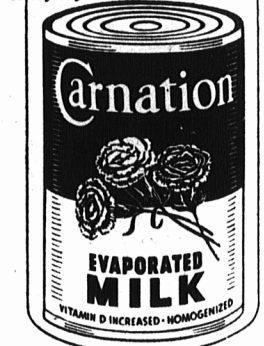
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2 tbsps. butter  
2 1/2 cups Carnation Milk  
1 tbsps. chopped parsley  
Fry pork gently until deep brown. Remove to paper towel. Cook onions in the dripping until clear but not brown. Put potatoes, onions, pork dripping, and the water in saucepan. Cover; cook 15 minutes. Until potatoes are tender but not soft. Add corn, season (simmer 5 minutes). Add butter, undiluted Carnation Milk, parsley, and if desired 1/4 tsp. nutmeg. Heat; add pork; serve.

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