

WOMEN

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A COUNTRY GARDEN

"Best trust the happy moments. What they gave. Makes man less fearful of the certain grave. And gives his work compassion and new eyes. The days that make us happy make us wise."

John Masfield, Poet Laureate of England, wrote these words and I am sure many of us believe these happy summer days make us wise because of the happy moments in every one of them.

There is a gaiety, a lightness and joy, in the realization that the promise of spring have been fulfilled. Leaf and bud and every flowering, fragrant spray seem created to delight us.

A garden is never finished, and perhaps this is the chief reason it is such a joy! Today the Azalea was spotted for winter blooming and now is a good time to root slips of Geraniums and other house plants for later bloom. The little garden room is crowded with Tuberoses Begonias and they are especially fine this year. Garden visitors like them and ask about the soil used.

In country gardens there is everything needed for good gardening. A visitor from the largest city on this continent when telling me of her garden she moaned the fact that she could only obtain the soil and soil listening I realized that very few of us living on the farms were thankful for the good soil near us, all suitable for gardening.

Tuberous Begonias need rich porous soil, and large containers to give the very large colorful blooms so much admired. It is possible to keep the bulbs for several years and so they become much larger, with finer blooms.

It is a busy time with weeding and transplanting but . . .

"It is good to lie in the sun and forget the things to be done. The ills that fret the heart of man, whose ambitious eyes Rob him of joy in these summer days."

For I count him truly wealthy who can dream all day, with nothing to do.

But watch the old mare on the fence. Scratch her mane, or make pretence.

That butterflies in noontime hours are disembodied souls of flowers.

The noontime hums with busy bees. But more industrious than these. The Lark, with ceaseless effort, soars.

To cast his song at Heaven's doors. In scorn of idiot-cuckoos. Low on earth, who only two notes know!

And my four poplars will not bend their heads, nor even condescend to throw their shadows on the ground.

Where two old cows, in a profound and tranquil meditation, keep aloof from woolly-headed sheep.

—C. Roberts.

There are many perennials blooming: the Astilbe in creamy plumes requiring very little care. Divisions have been made here of these satisfactory plants and now there are many of them in the garden.

They do especially well in shady places but they are grown in the perennial borders in this garden and grow to a great height in any ordinary season. There are beautiful dwarf varieties in several good colors so that there are some of these perennials for any situation in the garden. The feathery spikes of Astilbe are very good for cut flower decoration and they require very little care in their cultivation.

sedums are blooming in rose and red, also yellow and white in the rock-gardens and the foliage is so attractive that garden visitors are very interested to learn that they were grown from seed without any other help at all.

The perennial Phlox is beginning to bloom and it is one of my favorite perennials. Fragrant, colorful, and long-lasting. The bedding Dahlias in scarlet are also blooming for which the gardener is very thankful, and of course the daylilies and hollyhocks. The fragrant Honeysuckle vine is covering the lattice fence after all these years when it was a feeble thing and for evening fragrance in the garden cannot be excelled.

Nearly all the pale pink roses of that good climber Dr. Van Fleet with the seven Madonna Lilies at their feet, but raised up on a rock-garden making it easy to enjoy their beauty and fragrance.

The dignified grace and beauty of the Lilies distinguish them above all other flowers and confer on all members of the family an air of refinement that stamps them as kin despite the diversity of their size and color. Among the very oldest inhabitants of gardens, they are also among the best beloved, and it is a matter of common knowledge that many people who have little or no interest in flowers and gardens have a deep and lasting regard for Lilies.

In Europe pride of place has always been given to the Madonna Lily. No one is now certain of the wild home of the Madonna Lily although it has been found in one or two stations among the Balkan mountains. The suggestion has been made that at least many of these colonies may be the remnants of plantations made long ago. In these old years the Madonna Lily has a high reputation for healing wounds and curing internal disorders.

When Skies Are Blue and Days Are Bright

A kitchen garden's my delight, Set round with rows of decent box. And bounteous girls of hollyhocks.

The currant-bushes, spiky small, Homely and honest, likes me well. And while on strawberries I feast, And raspberries the sun hath kissed.

Beans all a-blowing by a row Of hives that great with honey go.

With mignonette and heaths to yield The plundering bee his honey field.

Sweet herbs in plenty, blue borage And the delicious mint and sage, Rosemary, Marjoram, and Rue, And Thyme to scent the winter through.

—Hinkson.

Thyme was weeded last week, and like all my seedling was so weedy that it was difficult to find the small plants. The fragrance soon told me what row I was weeding. Her I love all fragrant flowers; and it is some years since Thyme was grown here. By the steps leading down from the terrace is the spot where it will find a home when it has grown large enough to be transplanted. Then, whatever this week, also against the lovely fragrance will be enjoyed.

This spring many new annuals were sown and now they are difficult to weed as varieties are not familiar to the gardener. Some have been transplanted this damp weather to the different borders. It is a wonderful time to do this work because of the moisture and a reserve garden is necessary if continuous bloom is needed. Violas in blue and yellow, Anemones and Wallflowers, have all been transplanted this week, also golds and Zinnias for later bloom.

New Fabrics Have Warmer Color Tones

By Mariel Penn LONDON. (Reuters) London fashion houses will sing the blues when they reveal their new autumn fashion offerings today.

The day scene, if recent fabric shows are any indication, will abound with blue—not the ordinary shades of navy and the cold blues of spring, but deep blues with a frosted softness on the surface which suggests warmth in winter. Green and warm shades of red are also popular.

The showing by top couturiers will last three days. The altho' itself has not been revealed, but everything points to it being softer and more feminine. Latest indications are that there may be a definite break away from the pencil slim silhouette.

IN TUNE WITH PARIS

A preview of millinery shows that the British fashion picture is very much in tune with Paris. Where milliners are at present showing their autumn collections. Crowns are deeper. Madame Claude St. Cyr, who works with Norman Hartnell, Queen Elizabeth's dressmaker, is featuring fur in her millinery collection.

Ronald Paterson, one of the few top designers who also designs his own millinery, also is using fur. He shows a "little boy" peaked cap in South West African lamb. Many of his models have big, deep-rimmed crowns which fit tightly to the middle of the ear before they flare out in a wide sweeping brim.

PERSIAN LAMB

Canadian fox, popular last winter, is giving way this season to Persian lamb, particularly to the silky, luxurious light-weight type. At least six of London's top designers are giving this fur a younger, gayer look, using it not only for sophisticated full-length boleros, narrow double long stoles and big soft mufflers.

Hats, too, will carry a huge hatpin of fur, large bows of lamb will appear on evening jackets and many of the new length coats—what that length may be still top and other styles. Second in popularity among furs will be mink and next, carrying on the theme of softness and moulding, broadtail and moleskin.

Morning Smile

La Voz de Espana. San Sebastian: Ont day Rossini was told by friends that a project was afoot to erect his statue in Rome.

The famous Italian composer, who had known poverty, asked: "How much is it going to cost?"

"Thirty thousand lire (about \$1,000 at the time)," he was told.

"Thirty thousand lire!" Rossini exclaimed. "Give me half of it and I'll stand on the pedestal myself!"

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culberts. DIRECT ACTION

High and low signals are of course indispensable to sound defense, but there are occasions when a player should resort to more direct action — to the sort of action which cannot possibly be misunderstood by partner. Observe the chance East had in the deal below.

The recommended play is almost chivalry simple, but the sad truth is that this is the sort of play consistently overlooked by the run-of-the-mill defender.

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Newly Weds



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Blaise Boyd who were married June 26 in St. Ann's Church, Hamilton, Ont. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hynes of Vernon River, P. E. I., and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boyd of Antigonish, N. S.

"Canada Governed by Women" Is B and P Speaker's Topic

TORONTO. (CP)—A subject to make men shudder, Canada governed by woman, will be speculated on by Estie Gregory MacGill, Canada's top aeronautical engineer.

She speaks Tuesday night at a banquet in connection with the biennial meeting of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs here this week.

Miss MacGill will outline special policies for an all-woman government in her address. She will also stress women's place in politics today and take out her crystal ball to predict the "Amazon government" of the future.

A woman who has pioneered in a man's field for years, Miss MacGill will call on her own personal experiences for her address. A practising engineer for 27 years,

she was chief engineer for Canadian Car and Foundry Co., at Montreal during the Second World War, supervising production of Haker Hurricane and Curtiss Hellfire fighters.

Some 400 delegates—ranging in age from 18 to 65—are expected today for the convention of business and professional women. Theme this year is: "Women, horizons unlimited."

The theme is topic of another special address at the closing banquet Friday by Lillian Moller Gilbreth, distinguished management engineer from the United States.

The 76-year-old woman, mother of 12 children, is best known as the real-life mother in the popular book, "Cheaper by the Dozen."

Last night the convention was officially opened by national president, Mrs. Margaret Campbell of Vancouver.

Oyster Fry Lobsters

(Serves 4)

- 8 slices bacon
- 5 eggs
- 2 tsp. water
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper
- 1 doz. shelled small oysters
- 1/2 cup finely-sifted dried bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup bacon dripping
- FRY bacon till crisp and drain on paper towels.
- BEAT eggs with water, salt and pepper.
- DIP oysters in egg mixture, then roll in crumbs.
- QUICKLY brown in hot bacon dripping turning the oysters once.
- PLACE bacon on top, pour rest of egg mixture over all.
- COOK till firm without stirring.
- WHEN slightly brown on bottom, turn out on hot platter and serve right away.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "His only fault is that he takes himself too serious."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Strength, Independence"—not "Charity and Despair."

ANSWERS

1. Say, "takes himself too seriously." 2. Pronounce the *u* as in *use* not *use-um*. 3. Scintillation.
4. Indicating beforehand; introductory. "A few preliminary drops of rain warned them of an approaching shower." 5. Felicity.

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Ants

To keep ants away keep a small bag of flour in drawers and boxes. Or dampen a sponge in a solution of sugar and water, put it in a saucer and place near the haunts. It will soon be full of ants and can then be plunged into boiling water.

Pies

If the pie pans are greased with butter, the bottom crust will not become soggy, but will be soft and crisp.



Cook's Corner

SWEET AND SOUR SPARE RIBS

- 1 1/2 lbs. fresh spare ribs cut in 1 1/2 pieces
- 1 lbs. Soya sauce
- 3 lbs. brown sugar
- 1 lbs. corn starch
- 1/2 cup of vinegar
- 1 cup of cold water

Cook spare ribs in skillet until a delicate brown. Combine all other ingredients. Cook for 10 minutes or until starch is cooked and sauce is smooth. Add spare ribs which have been drained free from fat. Cook for 5 minutes in sauce. (Serves 4)

—Mrs. E. G. MacKinnon, Morell W. I.

DOROTHY DIX

Her "Right Man"

DEAR MISS DIX: I know there can be only one "right man" in my life, and I met him some time ago. I am 24 and he is 21. He was very much in love with me at first, but when he realized I was in love with him, he stopped dating me. I think he did so because he didn't want to hurt me, as he was going into service. He has been friendly when we've met since, but hasn't asked me out. How can I win him back?

ANSWER: Do you have the patience for a long wait? If so, re-establish friendly relations with the boy—and keep it that way. Very few young men are ready for marriage at 21, especially when a service stretch is before them. Most men like to feel they have some sort of security to offer a girl before they propose. You scared your beau off with your impetuousness, now learn to relax. Bear in mind, too, that at 21, 24 seems quite a mature age. Don't try making him jealous; it won't work. A friendly, but not overwhelming interest is the answer.

DEAR MISS DIX: You write so often on kindness and cooperation that I wonder if you could print a few words to boost our organization—the National Rehabilitation Club. Few people seem to understand that helping one another makes living easier and more worth while. We actually need more religious teaching, regarding the denomination, but far less greedy thinking of "what's in it for me." We are a group of handicapped people who are independently employed and trying seriously to create employment all over the nation for handicapped people of any description. Could you interest more people in our project?

ANSWER: Little need be added to your appeal except to remind employers that they are overlooking a gold mine of worthwhile labor by neglecting to inquire into the abilities of handicapped persons. Many of these people have exceptional capability along the very lines a particular business may need. If you have an employment problem, contact the N.R.C. whose motto is "Strength, Independence"—not "Charity and Despair."

DEAR MISS DIX: About a year ago my husband and I were legally separated due to an affair he was having with another woman. We returned together when he assured me nothing of the sort would ever happen again and that he would love me always. Now, I find he is trying to get in touch with the girl, although he denies it. I am working, trying to help out, but I am torturing myself with the thought that he's seeing her again.

ANSWER: Be very sure that you aren't fostering jealousy unfounded suspicions. If you are certain, beyond all doubt, that your husband has resumed his philandering you should make the final decision of resignation or permanent separation. This business of going off and coming back every few months will accomplish only more heartache for you. If your husband knows you'll always forgive him, he will continue his philandering.

The Stars Say

By Estrellita

For Tomorrow

POSSIBLE complications in social, domestic or romantic affiliations, with interference, particularly from elders, is indicated now. The subtle undercurrents in these relationships, however, can be met with tact, diplomacy and, above all, with a sense of humor.

Make no extravagant purchases and do not commit yourself to any long-term agreements, especially if a large financial outlay is involved. The evening hours are favorable for correspondence, creative and cultural pursuits.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you should find your personal and romantic affairs quite stimulating for the balance of the year. Initiative and enterprise are favored during the next two months but do not go to extremes. Despite a feeling of great optimism, pursue all goals in a conservative manner.

There may be some tension in a personal relationship during October but if you will keep your emotions under control this tension should disappear in a short time. During November and December there are indications of an increase in occupational responsibility, to result, eventually, in promotion or some other sign of approval from superiors.

A child born on this day will be talented, unambitious but inclined, at times, to be intolerant of others.

ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

The waters of the millstream, there where having curved broad along the green of a meadow, they narrow to flow beneath the rustic bridge for Mr. A's farm, are red and troubled this evening; the sky above veiled in a listless gray. The shadows of the twilight, usually beautiful in the lingering afterlight, are dull as, falling early, they already commence to fill the valley.

Because a day of scattered showers this has been; of silver mists about the hillsides . . . of a deep peace, calm and quiet. And no work of the fields—that is, none at the haying.

"Just listen to that, Ellen!" James commented on awaking, obvious disappointment in his voice. Then with a sigh of resignation he added, "It's nothing more than I expected of this morning: rain."

Softly it fell on the yard below, with a silken sound like that which a sunny wind makes when it stirs gently the leaves of the lawn trees in their fullness of summer. Or the break of the sea, which has stolen in over the shingly bars, to claim quietly more and more the glistening gold of the sands.

A glonging trilled in the orchard—a friendly robin it was in his fetching run of notes, confident, happy. Despite the present suspension of field-work and beclouded skies, the world was still good.

"There'll be haying-weather again, James," we offered.

"So many showers—so many broken days," he commented. "I can't seem to recall another haying just like this . . . And by

Were ever pansies more demure and sweet than those that in the border lifted damp faces to the quiet gray skies? Or fragrance more alluring about the lawn than that liberated by the showers? Scent of old gardens in a choice distillation—rose, mignonette, feverfew, southernwood, "sweet hay." We found "Mother's" hands in most of the plantings and heard the "Don't you remember?" of their more complete years.

And no sign of clearing skies yet. Not clear wind, no star, no moon. But over and about all, that expectant hush of a night of summer which awaits another shower.

Until tomorrow — — — — — Diary — — — — — Good-night

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a tooth powder?

A. By mixing thoroughly five ounces of area-nut charcoal, two ounces of cuttle-fish bone, one ounce of area-nut, raw and powdered. Strain through a fine sieve. Q. How can I prevent tearing corners of sheets when drying them?

A. This is caused by hanging on the line when the wind is high and will not happen if the sheets are fastened by all four corners.

Q. How can I keep pastry from shrinking?

A. Pastry will usually shrink from the pan if too much shortening is used.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Don't you consider it very bad manners for a dinner guest to be late?

A. This is considered one of the most serious breaches of etiquette. A guest who is late for a meal in one's home must have a very good excuse to justify any pardon.

Q. Is it proper to address a wedding invitation to "Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ferguson and Family"?

A. No. If the children or other members of the family are old enough to be invited, a separate invitation must be sent to each of them.

Q. Should the dessert spoon or fork be placed on the table with the rest of the silver at the beginning of a meal?

A. No; they should be brought in with the dessert plates.

under private care of a psychiatrist. A vastly greater number are actually in need of care and are not getting it.

There are indications of the state of mental health in the population of California and they are figures which could likely be reduplicated over many parts of the world. We can hardly grasp the vast extent of the problem.

Acknowledgements to A Report of the California State Mental Health Coordinating Committee.

HOLMAN STORE NEWS

"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME!" . . . You'll want to lounge in your own back yard and the most luxurious lounging arrangement that I've seen in a long, long time is the FEATHERWEIGHT ALUMINUM CHAISE LONGUES. The Furniture Department of Holman's in Charlottetown and in Summerside has beautiful Chaise Longues in three price ranges—All are the same basic construction, it's the mattresses that makes the difference; for instance—the Chaise Longue with the Felt Mattress covered with colorful Canvas is \$29.95—the Chaise Longue with the Hair-Lock Mattress covered with bright Duck is \$44.50 and the Chaise Longue with the Hair-Lock Mattress covered with rich, serviceable Satin is \$59. You'll really and truly enjoy your leisure lounging on one of the best rubber-tired Chaise Longues of the lightest and strongest Aluminum from the Furniture Department of either Holman Store.

"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME!" . . . Set your table with colorful simplicity, and nothing could be simpler than the smart new "GAJET" patterned English Pottery designed especially for Summer meals at your home or your cottage. The flat type plates are a soft chateaux shade while the bowls and cups are a highly glazed black—really startling and a conversational piece (if I have ever seen one)! To introduce this interesting Pottery the China Department of Holman's in Charlottetown and in Summerside have these STARTER SETS, consisting of Place Settings for Four, marked at a very reasonable 9.95. You'll love the fresh and happy shades—you'll love the deep cups and bowls—you'll love the saving price of "Gajet" Pottery in the China Department of either Holman Store.

"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME!" . . . And especially this "Good Old Summertime" the girls have gone in for huge sock-out Skirts and to give them the desired sucky-suckiness they need crisp, full CRINOLINE PETTICOATS. The Ladies' Shop in Charlottetown and the Lingerie Section of Holman's in Summerside have crackling CRINOLINES of fine Paper Taffeta. They are circle width at the hemline and are in a stitched tier style. Sizes are small, medium and large and the price is just 2.98. Choose a Crinoline of fine Paper Taffeta for your Summertime underpinning, you'll find just what you want in the Ladies' Shop, Charlottetown or the Lingerie Section of Holman's in Summerside.

"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME!" . . . Bared shoulders, toasted to a golden brown, are the height of fashion. The best and easiest way to acquire this lovely shoulder shade is to wear a SUN TOP. The Ladies' Shop in Charlottetown and the Sportwear Department of Holman's Summerside Store have SUN TOPS of fine quality Denim with a cuffed trim of crisp blister cotton. These faded blue, red or charcoal