Women's realm

Happenings of The Week

A picturesque setting evoked from the yellowed pages of history to recapture something of the pageantry and romance of Olde England formed an appropriate backdrop in Montreal for one of the most brilliant assemblages which has ever marked a social event in the city. The occasion was the annual Spring Ball of St. George's Society, held at the Windsor Hotel, with an attendance of 600, and because the guests of honor were the High Commissioners of the seven nations of the Commonwealth and their wives the gathering is scheduled to be recorded in the annals of the organization as the Commonwealth Ball. Not only this, but the presence of a group of representatives from Argentina, Mexico, Brazil and Egypt to the International Civil Aviation Organization, now with headquarters in Montreal, introduced an unwonted international touch which added more than a dash of piquancy to the scene.

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Other notables present included cabinet ministers, top ranking figures in navy, army and air force and personalities highlighted in civic affairs. Deep regret was felt at the absence, through illness, of Mr. P. J. Banerjee, Acting High Commissioner for India, and Mrs. Banerjee. In salute to the honored guests the flags of the sister nations blended their colors with those of the Union Jack in the elaborate decorative scheme, while the occasional glimpse of an Indian sari, bespeaking Oriental affiliations, supplied a pleasing touch of the exotic to the sartorial picture.

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After having dined with Mr. Arthur Melling, M.B.E., president of St. George's Society of Montreal, and Mrs. Melling, the guests of honor were received in the president's suite by Mr. and Mrs. Melling and Mr. H. G. Norman, C.M.G., chairman of the ball committee, and Mrs. Norman and had presented to them His Worship Mayor Camilien Houde, the representatives of sister societies in Montreal and their wives, as well as representatives of the navy and the army.

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Rome—Italians gathered in brilliant sunshine to greet Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visited the City Hall this week. Mayor Salvatore Rebecchmi welcomed the couple. The princess has returned to Britain by air following her vacation in Italy. Her husband will remain in Rome another week before returning to Malta, where the frigate he commands, HMS Magpie, is being refitted.

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Miss Mary Pickford who was in Ottawa over the week-end to officiate at the Canadian film awards at the Odeon Theatre, was honored at a dinner at the Chateau Laurier Saturday evening given by the Association of Motion Picture Producers and Laboratories of Canada. Leon Shelly of Toronto was chairman and Leonard W. Brockington, K.C., proposed a toast to Miss Pickford. Hon. Stuart S. Garson, Justice Minister, brought greetings from the Canadian government, and Mayor Grenville Goodwin, from the City of Ottawa. L. Mitchener, of Toronto, chairman of The Canadian Association for Adult Education, also spoke.

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The Governor-General and The Viscountess Alexander of Tunis received Miss Mary Pickford, and officials associated with the Canadian Film Awards on Sunday afternoon.

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Mrs. D. L. MacLaren, wife of the Lieutant-Governor of New Brunswick, who has been spending some time in Fredericton, has again taken up residence at Government House, Saint John.

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Mrs. J. Watson McNaught, wife of the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries, was hostess at an informal luncheon party this week in Ottawa in Room 14 of the West Block. The luncheon followed an interesting demonstration of ways and means of preparing and cooking fish in the test kitchen of the Department of Fisheries.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mackay, Rothesay, N. B., have left for Montreal and have sailed on the Canadian Pacific Liner Empress of Canada, Friday, on a two months trip to England and the Continent. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Mackay's sister, Mrs. Douglas Macaulay of Montreal. Mrs. Peter Leggat, Montreal, who spent a week with her parents in Rothesay, returned with them to her home. Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mackay in Rothesay are Mrs. Alexander Fowler of Santa Monica, California, and Miss Rosalie Skinner.

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Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse have taken up residence at Government House.

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Mrs. Noel H. DeBlois has returned to Charlottetown from Montreal where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. F. Clarke Fraser and Dr. Fraser, and her younger daughter, Miss Audrey DeBlois.

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Mrs. Ernest Champion, Longworth Avenue, entertained at a supper party for the members of the Saint Paul's Girls' Choir on Thursday evening.

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Mrs. J. T. Lines, was guest of honour at a farewell tea given by Mrs. Earl Taylor and Mrs. Eric Found at the latter's home on Tuesday afternoon. May flowers and snapdragon were arranged in the drawing room. The attractive tea table was centred with a bouquet of pink and white snapdragon and lighted tapers. Mrs. Gordon Roper received the guests and Mrs. J. T. Montgomery ushered. Mrs. J. Wendall MacKenzie and Mrs. T. D. DeBlois presided over the tea cups. Those serving were Mrs. L. E. Wellner, Jr., Mrs. Lebaron Tait, Mrs. William Johnston and Mrs. Robert DeBlois. During the afternoon remembrance gifts were presented to Mrs. Lines by Mrs. H. H. Pierce, president of her Junior W. A. group, by Mrs. Loran McLellan on behalf of her sorority sisters of the Beta Sigma Phi, and a gift was also presented by her hostesses. Mrs. Lines will be greatly missed by all who associated with her in various club activities and by the large circle of friends she made while in Charlottetown.

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Mrs. Lines, whose home is in New Westminster, B. C., was preparing to leave Charlottetown to be with her mother who was ill. Before she left Mrs. Lines received word that her mother had passed away on Wednesday. Sincerest sympathy is extended her on her mother's sudden death.

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Dr. David Wallace MacKenzie, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S., of Eldon, P.E.I., and Montreal, was 76 last Friday.

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In Toronto recently Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson entertained at their home, 29 Maple Street. Islanders who attended were Mrs. Frances Holl Trainor, Miss Betty Jean Beer and Miss Lillian Lewis.

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Mrs. W. C. MacLeod, Park Terrace, entertained at tea for Mrs. Stanley Herring of Burlington, Ontario, who is visiting in Charlottetown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jardine, Prince Street.

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The Board of the Children's Art Centre entertained at a tea on Wednesday afternoon to raise funds for their work. It was held at the apartment of Mrs. C. P. MacKenzie, 5 West Street, where spring flowers and pussy willows were arranged in the reception and drawing rooms. Mrs. Arthur Clark and Mrs. MacKenzie received, while Mrs. G. B. Whiteside, Mrs. Frank Curtis and Mrs. Inez Sweetwood ushered the guests. Mrs. James Blake and Mrs. R. R. Bell presided at the tea table. Those serving were Mrs. Julian Herring, Mrs. Gordon Foster, Mrs. D. M. Gass, Mrs. Harry Sear, Mrs. W. E. Scantlebury, Mrs. Bramwell Chandler, Miss Mona Clay, Miss Margaret Riley, Mrs. P. A. Creelman and Miss Alice Fraser. Mrs. J. P. Lantz was convener for the tea. During the afternoon the guests enjoyed the exhibition of children's paintings which was placed in the sun room.

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The four branches of Saint Paul's Women's Auxiliary held their closing meeting at the Parish Hall on Monday evening. Mrs. J. A. Rodd, president of the senior branch was in charge of the joint meeting which was addressed by the Rector, Mr. J. T. Ibbott, and Mrs. A. B. Cosh of the Diocesan W. A. Members of the W. A. served refreshments.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Bentley of Kingston, Ontario, are visiting with Mrs. Bentley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. MacLeod, Park Terrace, who also have with them their son Mr. Don MacLeod, of Halifax, student at the Nova Scotia Technical College.

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Of interest is the recent engagement announcement in Halifax by Mrs. Peter Ryan of the coming marriage of her daughter Sheila, to Ian Allan Cameron MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. MacDonald of Charlottetown. Dr. MacDonald, a graduate of Dalhousie Dental School, is practising dentistry at Hantsport, N. S.

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On Wednesday evening Mrs. Farquhar MacRae entertained for Mrs. Fulton Proude (nee Esther MacIntosh). Mrs. Proude received lovely and useful gifts. On Saturday evening Mrs. Hylson Proude and Mrs. Shirley Brydon gave a pantry shower. Again on Friday evening Mrs. R. Pratt, St. Peter's, entertained for the bride.

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In Montreal Mrs. Alex Wilson and Miss Jennie Johnstone have been appointed Provincial Representatives for Prince Edward Island on The Maritime Women's Club of Montreal, Que.

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Miss Minnie Lefurgey of Ottawa arrived at her home in Summerside East to visit her mother, Mrs. John Lefurgey whose illness is regretted.

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Mrs. E. T. Tanton entertained at bridge at her home in Summerside on Monday evening.

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Miss Annabel Allen of Charlottetown spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen, Summerside.

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Mrs. Evelyn MacAlpine, Summerside, was hostess at bridge on Wednesday evening.

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Mr. M. L. Bradshaw has returned from Halifax, N. S., to his home in Summerside greatly improved in health.

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Miss Joan MacPhee was hostess at bridge at her home in Summerside.

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Mrs. A. Rewakwasky and Mrs. John Steele were joint hostesses at the home of the former in Summerside last evening at a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Gertrude Gallant, R. N., whose marriage will take place in the near future.

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Mrs. Eric MacKay, Summerside, entertained at bridge on Monday evening.

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Miss Barbara Smith, Public Health Nurse, Summerside, spent the week-end in Charlottetown.

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Miss Elaine Inman was hostess at bridge on Wednesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Inman, North St. Eleanors.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Crockett of Windsor, N. S., have been the guests this week of Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Grant, Summerside.

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Mrs. Ernest Walker entertained a number of friends at her home in Summerside on Thursday evening.

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Mrs. Charles Hogan was hostess to the Kinette Club at her home in Summerside on Thursday evening.

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At the Hospital Bridge on Wednesday afternoon at the Nurses' Home, Summerside, prizes were awarded to Mrs. E. T. Tanton, Mrs. Llewellyn Roger and Mrs. Lorne Read. Mrs. W. A. Currie and Mrs. C. H. Stewart were the conveners.

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The many friends of Mr. Vincent Blake are glad to see him out again after his severe illness.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

But last night's rain ended before this morning's sunrise and the pond and stream settled into an enticing shade for Jamie to come to his promised spell of angling today. Indeed it inveigled those of mature years to leave their Saturday's work unfinished, to enjoy with him the delight of the outing. His pockets held a store of extra hooks, a versatile jacknife, lengths of cord and floats and sinkers, in preparation for the misfortunes that attend the sport. He was joined by granddaughter and her mother and later when her cares recalled Jeanie to the house across the lane, we came to take her place. Because the breeze carried a keen edge today, gathered over the farm-lands to the north, we were obliged to choose the more sheltered spots along the stream for our trouting, those favored by the family down the years and we were agreeably surprised at our takings. When the westering sun, edging towards the tree-tops "up the creek" reminded us that suppertime was nearing, and we must rewind our lines, "Now" Jamie said "let's see which of us caught the most or the biggest. There's really not much difference, is there? I wish" he sighed "I had landed that big one that slipped off my hook. I'll bet he was longer than any one of these! But anyway, it's been fun hasn't it?" It was —so entertaining it was difficult to come away from the lure of angling in those dark rippling depths to take up again the less fascinating affairs of the place.

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And today, as the farmers had hoped, the sheep was turned to their pasture, this being James' recollections of the earliest date he has known for the like. This is always an eagerly awaited event at Alderlea, since at this season appetites lag and they pick and choose at the indoor fare, craving, we suppose, the succulence of the sweet new croppings. "Another month, and the cattle will be out to theirs — stable feeding done" we observed to James at supper. "Another month!" he considered our words. "Maybe — but that will depend on the season." Fried trout, we ate, and today's rolls, and the cake to which we had almost neglected to add the baking powder, in the face of the increased activity about the house at the time.

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This week the fencing received the spare time of the farmers. It is an endeavour which James likes to have completed before the cropping begins, to have as he says "a mind at rest" for the field work. New cross-fences have appeared, but the lines remain always to mark the sacred boundaries of "mine and thine." Even to set foot beyond is to come at once to a foreign strand, no matter how friendly and familiar the reaches appear. But on the hither side! Ah, there is an affinity in that land, a security, a kindness, a comfort, demanding though in certain seasons it may be. One indeed of April's week's this one has been — of sun and shower, of warm winds and chill breezes, of blue sky and grey. But it is a world pulsing now with new life we have, a clean winter-washed abode, wherein birds carol matins and evensong from the depths of their hearts which lays before us again, the old adventuring paths.

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"I meant to do my work today,
But a brown bird sang in an apple tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field.
And all the leaves were calling me.
And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses too and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand —
So what could I do, but smile and go?"

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

Morning Smile

Experiment

The Professor: "I am about to perform a very interesting chemical experiment. Should I do anything wrong, the whole class including myself, might be blown through the roof. Kindly step nearer, so that you can follow me better."

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Collecting Memories

Store Of Pleasant Recollections Insurance Against Loneliness

An old friend of mine used to say that she had spent her life "collecting interesting and beautiful memories." Could any hobby have been more delightful and brought richer rewards than that? How poor beside it a collection of stamps, or old china, or Japanese prints, or Jacobean silver would have been? What a comfort it must have been to her old age, when her sight grew too dim to see material things, to turn the eyes of her mind back upon the long series of vivid and colorful pictures that hung on her memory's wall!

In a vague way we all realize that among the chief joys of life are the pleasures of memory. We know that there are no people whose society we enjoy more than those with whom we can reminisce, and that almost the strongest tie that can bind us to another is having a common background of experiences and being able to say, "Don't you remember?"

Yet for all that and our secret knowledge that recalling the past is our favorite indoor recreation, few of us are wise enough to set out deliberately to collect the kind of memories that will enrich us and that we can gloat over as long as we live.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Aside from the old lady I have mentioned, the only person I have ever known who did this was a woman I once met in the Orient, hobbling along on maimed feet that made every step a torture. I asked why she undertook such a trip in her condition and she replied: "To have something to remember. In my family thirty people have been paralyzed and have laid helpless in their beds for years. If my time comes, I want something to think about that will be interesting and pleasant."

And it happened to her as she said. I remember hearing her reply to the doctor's query: "How are you this morning?" by saying: "Oh, I had a beautiful night. I didn't sleep any, but I spent the night in Japan." And the memory of far places and gay adventures did cheer her to the grave.

If we realized what an important part our memories played in our lives, we would try to be happier. We would not deny ourselves so many innocent pleasures. We would not do without the book we longed for, the play that would give us a chuckle every time we thought of it, the music that would sing in our minds forever, just to save a few cents. We would enjoy them now and in retrospect.

RECAPTURE THE PAST

For memory is the magic that enables us to eat our cake and have it, too, and it is foolish to deny ourselves a thing that we can feast on for a lifetime. The most wrinkled old woman in the world has treasured in her heart some memory of a pretty party dress that she had when she was 16 that has made her glow with delight every time she has thought of it. There is no man, however rich he may have grown, who doesn't feel young again when he remembers his first dress suit that he paid for on the installment plan.

There is no such insurance against loneliness and dullness as making a good collection of memories. It is the people who have nothing to think about, no interesting experiences to mull over, no adventures to remember, who are bored to death with their own society and who will go anywhere and do anything to get away from spending an evening just with themselves.

If there were no other advantage in travel, it would be worth a thousandfold what it cost just because it leaves one so rich in memories. No one can travel in foreign lands and see the wonders of strange cities and rub shoulders with alien people without bringing back a priceless collection of memories.

And surely if we realized how important a part our memories played in our happiness we would be a little kinder, a little more considerate to those about us. We would not let them take away with them a recollection of a harsh word, or a cruel criticism to fester in their minds as long as they lived. And especially would we try to start every child's memory collection with a picture of a tender and loving mother and father and a peaceful and pleasant home. For the memory of an unhappy childhood poisons a whole life, just as the memory of a happy one blesses it. Doctors tell us that we all need a hobby. What better one can we have than collecting happy memories?

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

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a woman has been dining with a friend and her hostess has no maid, is it all right for the woman to help her hostess clean off the table, stack the dishes, and the like?

A. She may offer to help, but she must never insist if the hostess declines her offer.

Q. When a man escorts a girl to a small dance, is it necessary that he dance all evening with her alone?

A. Not at all. He may ask any girl's partner if he would like to exchange dances.

Q. Is it proper for women to refer to their husbands by their last names, as "Barnes" or "Smith," instead of "Dick" or "Bill"?

A. This sounds rather coarse or ill-bred to me.

Cook's Corner

APPLE PECAN CRISP

4 cups apples (sliced thin), 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ lb. butter, ½ cup water, 1 cup sugar, ¾ cup flour, 1 cup pecans (chopped). Butter casserole, add apples, sprinkle with cinnamon and add water. Blend together sugar, flour and butter until crumbly, add pecans, spread over apples mixture. Bake 35 minutes at 400 degrees. Serve warm with whipped cream.

TRIFLE CAKE

Line a glass bowl with a layer of sponge cake. Cover with red currant jelly or raspberry jam, then more cake. Sprinkle over this a handful of cocoanut and ½ cup chopped almonds. Saturate with ½ cup brandy. Pour over all a custard made of 1 pint milk, 2 tablespoons sugar, pinch of salt, vanilla. When cold serve with whipped cream.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I wash vegetables most satisfactorily?

A. Try using an ordinary ten-cent corn-popper. This can be shaken around several times in the water, and when lifted out the vegetables will be bright and clean.

Q. How can I remove a kerosene stain from cloth?

A. Scour the spot with turpentine, then with soap and warm water.

Q. How can I improve the flavor of cocoa?

A. If a drop of vanilla is added to each cup of cocoa after pouring, it will greatly improve the flavor.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

EARLY INFORMATION ABOUT POLIO

Our medical journals recently have been carrying articles upholding both sides of the controversy as to whether or not the serious type of poliomyelitis, bulbar, is caused by the removal of infected tonsils and teeth a few weeks before the usual onset of this disease. It, may, of course, be a coincidence, but physicians and surgeons who do not think that recent removal of tonsils causes the bulbar type of infantile paralysis, still advise that no operation that is not an emergency should be performed shortly before the polio season occurs.

For years many physicians believed that youngsters returning from summer camps in an exhausted condition easily contracted the disease because of their tired condition.

That recent cuts, scratches or other injuries to the skin provide the openings into the blood vessels of the tiny organisms of polio and allow them to enter is reported by Dr. J. G. Cumming in Military Surgeon, Washington, D. C. Dr. Cumming presents evidence that poliomyelitis is the result of a "carrier" state and of autoinoculation of nerve tissue through a wound. He points out the similarities between rabies (hydrophobia) and poliomyelitis. First, both attract organisms that affect nerves; second, for both diseases to occur there must be disruption or cutting of nerve fibers, and the virus or tiny organism of the saliva of the rabid animal or poliomyelitis carrier, must have sufficient concentration to make direct contact with the axon or central part of the disrupted nerve fibers; third, the disease process of both ailments attacks the nervous system only; fourth, occurrence of the disease is rare in proportion to the number of wound exposures and fifth, there is no generalized inflammatory involvement at the portal of entry in either disease.

On the other hand, the virus of polio is found in the nose, throat, along the intestines, and in the stool. It is transmitted from person to person by direct contact.

In a poliomyelitis outbreak in 1945, 59 patients were studied in regard to injuries of the mouth and lining of the intestine and to the skin. Twenty-one had a history of mouth injuries and 33 of surface injuries within four weeks of the onset of the symptoms—a 92 per cent injury rate.

The two points emphasized by Dr. Bercovitz are first, that as the spread of the virus is from one person to another, personal contact with a patient should be avoided, and, second, cleansing of accidental wounds which serve as portals of entry to nerve fibers is an important factor in prevention of the autoinoculation of the virus of poliomyelitis.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

A DIFFICULT and dangerous state of affairs, with affairs under the menace of mishap is forecast. Mistakes and misery come from within as well as outside by contacts or challenge, with unhappy reactions on the personal as well as business affiliations. It could be that a reckless pursuit of pleasure, extravagance, prodigality in activities or objectives, could tear down all constructive efforts. Aggressive, lawless and violent tactics could bring about a most regrettable and profitless crisis.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may plan to flee from all sorts of losses, difficulties and inharmony, due to a too extravagant, wayward and highly-stimulated state of the feeling, emotions, impulses, with exaggerated notions of enjoyments. Strange ideas, wild emotions and runaway instincts could bring havoc to the best intentions, aims and aspirations. Keep within lines of logic and common sense. Inflated ego could invite dire disaster.

A child born on this day, while innately proper and ambitious may be carried to extremes by strange urges, false notions, rampant feelings and emotions.

Day After Tomorrow

The astrological forecast is a most benign and pleasant one, a happy climax to mop out memories of recent calamities, misdoings or frustrations. Benign calm after the storm could have connotations of religious consciousness in which security and emotions are grooved in pleasant places, domestic, social as well as philosophically or sentimentally.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may find their energies and ideas sourced in worthy, constructive, perhaps idealistic plans and projects, in which real values may be realized in expansive, profitable and pleasant pathways, in which associates and partners are of prime importance. Cultivate such to promote practical as well as pleasant contacts. There could be intriguing angles, also.

A child born on this day may be blessed with much personal charm and appeal, which it may wield with exceptional grace and persuasion. Social, business and financial arts also have influence.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Good Cleanser

The leftover rinds of lemons make a good cleanser for unfinished bread boards, chopping bowls, and other wood surfaces. Merely rub the rind over the surface and the wood will be rendered white again.

Darning Woolens

When repairing a woolen material of several colors, use a strand of each color, if possible, in your needle. It is less liable to be noticed after darning.

Green Vegetables

Cook peas and green beans uncovered to insure their retaining their color. Be careful not to overcook green vegetables.

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