

# ELLEN'S DIARY

by an Island Farmer's Wife

The desired black lambkin was added to the flock today, to be the last born of all. Its mother is the young dark ewe, a gift to Jamie last fall from the younger farmer at Alderlea. "But," James was sober over the happening, "I'm afraid it's been born not to live." Some hours later the wee dusky-wooled creature went, we fancy, to some evergreen pasture where all such little lost lambs black and white go, there to play about and to run engaging races in the sunshine or in the serenity of the after-glow when all their world is still.

"And that's that!" Jamie said, accepting his loss quietly but not without regret. "Perhaps it would only have grown up and died then," Gage, a knowing fellow for his years offered. "And that would have been worse. And besides," he smiled, "you couldn't have kept him anyway—he would have to be sold. And that," he said with emphasis, "is a day I don't like! Don't you remember that day we sold our pet lamb? Poor little fellow."

When Granddaughter and Mack came to visit there was cleaning done by the young three in the playhouse and an old apple tree in the orchard against the hill.

"First thing, we'll hang out the clothes line," Granddaughter laughed.

"And then we'll go over to the field where the men sawed the wood and gather up sawdust—that will be our flour," Gage added his bit to the puns.

"I'll mix a cake then," Mack chuckled.

"How can we mix cakes when we have no cupboards cleaned and everything about is topsy-turvy?" Granddaughter queried.

"Then what'll we eat?"

"Eat!" she returned in assumed seriousness "that's all men ever think about! Besides you're too young to mix . . ."

"How about I'm young?" he interrupted. "Didn't you just say I'm a man? And so I am! I'm four past now." The sun lent his warm approval to their play and looking back along their holiday-time which had given them many happy hours along the stream and in the open, it was to remember that the interval had been blessed, in the main, with lovely weather.

The farmers baled hay—that stored in a barn at "the other farm" this afternoon, feeding it "nose" to a magic machine which quickly gave it back to them in neat bound bundles, to close at sunset the endeavour . . . We watched the sun leave the world about, withdrawing last beams from the hilltops, pausing a moment to take a last look at the quiet farmlands and the rose-flecked stream, before it settled behind the dark spires of a woodland.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### WHY CONCEDE A TRICK?

If the hand below had occurred at rubber bridge there would be little point in criticizing the line of play that delivered 12 tricks, but under the actual match-point conditions there was need for the best technique.

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.  
Match-point duplicate.

♠ AK843		♥ 7972
♦ K5		♠ 53
♣ 852		♥ 9832
		♠ Q96
♠ Q105	N	♥ 7972
♦ 72	W	♠ 53
♥ Q104	E	♥ 9832
♣ K1074	S	♠ Q96
		♥ 7972
		♠ 53
		♥ 9832
		♠ Q96

In view of the 11 sure tricks in the North-South hands, including every first-round control, and three second-round controls, it was not surprising that in the eight-trick duplicate game every North-South pair reached a small slam. Two pairs — to their own subsequent distress — tried for six trump, but the others were content to land at six hearts. Of these six pairs, four came out with the required 12 tricks, easily enough, but they did not earn very high match-point scores because the other two declarers just as easily brought home 13 tricks.

This was the uniform course of play for the unambitious declarers at six hearts: The diamond queen was led by West and taken with the king in dummy. The various declarers drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond, and discarded a club on dummy's second spade trick. At the end they conceded one club.

The play by the other two declarers was just as safe and appreciably wiser. They took the first trick with the diamond ace, conducted the same trump investigation by laying down the king and queen, and when the 2-2 trump break was revealed, took advantage of that break. They cashed the two top spades, ruffed a spade, led to the diamond king and ruffed another spade, then trumped their low diamond in dummy and cashed the fifth spade for all the tricks.

What could be simpler?

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## DOROTHY DIX

### Adolescent Assurance

DEAR MISS DIX: There's considerable friction between me and my sixteen-year-old daughter because I disapprove of her dating boys I don't know. There is a rather fast crowd at her school and all I want is the assurance that the boys she dates aren't from this group.

She claims the mothers of other girls don't supervise their dates, so why should I set myself up as a watchdog over her. This isn't the point at all. I just want to meet the boy who is taking her out. She is free to invite friends to the house at all times—for an evening of dancing and light refreshment, for supper, lunch or any other occasion that calls for a gathering. Her friends have always seemed to find me a pleasant hostess. Why my daughter should suddenly decide that my attitude is old-fashioned, I don't know. Perhaps you could enlighten me.

Mrs. W.

ANSWER: Young people do reach that certain age when they feel capable of deciding everything for themselves. They want to select their own clothes, arrange their own dates, in fact, do anything and everything away from parental supervision. This is a phase that passes quickly, but can be most distressing while it lasts. When these young people don't realize that a good family background, with parents who take an interest in their children and their children's friends, is the best social security an adolescent can have.

### YOUNG PERSON'S VIEWPOINT

They see only their own concern, without realizing that every boy and girl they know has or certainly should have the same sort of supervision, the same parental interest, the same necessity to satisfy family requirements. One of the chief requirements in practically every family is that young people bring home the boy and girls with whom they are most friendly. In the case of a boy friend this should not be a difficult request to meet, since any young man of manners will call for his date and bring her home.

While you definitely should stick to your guns about knowing your daughter's friends, don't give her the impression that you don't trust her judgment. Remember, she isn't a child any longer; at this critical point in her development she needs the assurance that you consider her trustworthy. Be generous with praise of her choice of friends and subtle in whatever criticism you feel it is absolutely necessary to make.

### Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Where is the proper place for the bride's mother and father to be seated in the church?

A. The usher conducts the bride's mother and father to their places in the front pew at the left. The bridegroom's parents occupy places in the front pew at the right.

Q. Is it proper for a business man to remain seated at his desk while shaking hands with a man visitor?

A. When shaking hands, a man should always rise. Usually, however, and especially in a busy office—a pleasant greeting from where he is seated is all that is required.

Q. If one wishes to give a very good woman friend an engagement present, should this be something for her personally or for her future home?

A. Either is proper.

Annual poppies should be sown where they are to grow, and their seed may be broadcast whenever the soil can be loosened an inch or so deep with a rake. They stand freezing weather without injury.

### Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

#### Cutting Soap

Soap can be cut into cakes without its breaking into small pieces by use of a string. Place the string around the bar at the place where the cut is desired, cross the ends, and pull. The string will cut the soap neatly.

#### Berries

To keep berries fresh, pour them out of the basket into some receptacle where the air can circulate freely through them. They will keep twice as long.

#### Mice

Bunches of peppermint, or essence of peppermint, placed around the haunts of mice will drive them away.

# WOMEN

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## Managing Editor



Margaret Alderson, telegraph editor of the Northern Daily News, Kirkland Lake, Ont., has been appointed managing editor of the paper, becoming the third woman in Canada to hold the position of managing editor. Miss Alderson started her daily newspaper career as a proof-reader on the Galt Evening Reporter in 1946, six months later took over the women's department and later assumed the duties of telegraph editor as well. She joined the staff of the Northern Daily News in November, 1952, as telegraph editor. Other women editors of daily newspapers in Canada are Mrs. M. S. Wilson, managing editor of the Port Hope Guide, Port Hope, Ont., and D. G. Taylor, editor and director of the British Columbian, New Westminster, B.C.—(CP Photo).

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### Morning Smile

During the Depression, a Government agent traveled through the Tennessee mountains granting small allotments to impoverished farmers for seed, stock or needed improvements. He found one woman who lived alone and scratched out a bare living from two acres of barren ground. Her cabin had no floor, its windows were patched with newspaper, light came through the broken walls.

"If the Government should allot you \$200, what would you do with it?" the agent asked her.

The woman thought a moment, then: "Reckon I'd give it to the poor," she said.

### The Stars Say

By Estrellita

For Tomorrow

USE good judgment in business and personal relationships now. You may find it advantageous to make minor concessions in order to gain more important benefits.

There are propitious influences for home and family affairs today and, if you are planning to entertain during the afternoon, the occasion should prove pleasant and stimulating.

During the evening hours, steer clear of expensive amusements and expenditures, or you may have reason to regret. The configurations suggest well, however, for simple pastimes, indulgences in hobbies and cultural pursuits.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, your horoscope indicates that there is an excellent chance of gaining both professional and financial aid through the support of an influential person during the next few months, but your success in the main will be achieved through your own constructive and meritorious ideas, backed up by steady endeavor.

Socially, the summer months indicate a gain in popularity due to new contacts and, where travel and romance are concerned, the aspects will be excellent during this period. Make the most of the next six months for, if you do, you will find that, by year's end, your affairs will be in excellent shape.

Child born on this day will be ambitious and strong-willed, but inclined toward obstinacy.

No matter what the vegetable, it will taste better the sooner it is cooked after being harvested. Half an hour may be sufficient to dull the flavor of those that are rich in sugar, which quickly begins to change the starch.

## Butterscotch-Pecan Cookies

Grease cookie sheets. Preheat oven to 350° (moderate). Mix and sift twice 2½ c. once-sifted pastry flour (or 2¼ c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 2 tps. Magic Baking Powder and ½ tsp. salt. Cream ¾ c. butter or margarine and gradually blend in 1½ c. lightly-packed brown sugar; add 2 well-beaten eggs part at a time, beating well after each addition; mix in ¾ tsp. vanilla and ¾ c. chopped pecans. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture part at a time, combining thoroughly after each addition. Drop dough by spoonfuls, well apart, on prepared cookie sheets; flatten with the floured tines of a fork. Bake in pre-heated oven 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from pan immediately. Yield—6 dozen cookies.



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## How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make pot lifters?  
A. Circular-shaped lifters for hot pots are preferable to square ones, as the corners will not get into the food. Several thicknesses cut from discarded overalls, then bound with tape, will make a serviceable pot lifter.

Q. How can I make good potato salad?  
A. Potato salad will be twice as delicious if left in French dressing overnight. Add the mayonnaise the next morning.

Q. How can I make a good implement for scouring purposes?  
A. Try using a large cork. Dip one end of the cork in the cleanser and rub briskly over the soiled surface to be cleaned.



### Salad Dressing

1 cup cream (put in double boiler)  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 dessert spoon flour  
1½ teaspoon mustard  
1 egg  
Mix all together and stir into scalded cream, stirring until thick. Then take off stove and add 3 tablespoons vinegar and a pinch of salt.

—South Bedeque W. I.

Swiss chard should be harvested when the leaves are ten inches tall. They lose quality when allowed to grow taller. When a plant becomes overgrown cut all leaves off at the base and new ones will soon develop.

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