

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it proper for women to shake hands with each other when being introduced?

A. Women may or may not shake hands with each other, as they prefer. Unless the one who is about to offer her hand is certain that it will be agreeable, she will do well not to be too hasty about making this advance.

Q. If individual salt and pepper shakers are not used on the dinner table, how many should be provided?

A. Salt and pepper shakers should be placed between every two covers.

Q. When a girl is introducing the man she is to marry, should she speak of him as her fiancé?

A. Yes.

The Stars Say

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

THE day is one of "mixed influences" in astrological terminology. While the energies, mentality and aspirations may be concentrated on high goals, with much incentive for forging ahead to desired accomplishment and fulfillments, at the same time there might be social frustrations, sensitive feelings and emotions, especially in domestic or romantic contacts. With tact, revision of approach, there is promise for ambitious plans and objectives, with ideals and dreams realized.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may be subject to certain conflicts or complications, especially in their private life—social or romantic aspirations and ideas may not be as harmonious as desired. Revised hopes and wishes may materialize, perhaps by tact and diplomacy rather than forced techniques. Keep suave, gracious but shrewd, inaugurating new ideas of scope and magnitude. Such may stimulate interest from influential sources, convinced by clever plans rather than personal or sentimental urges.

A child born on this day is rich in talents, ideas and ideals for a successful, honored and happy life, with some measure of public recognition.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Their sleighs routed to catch lingering drifts of snow along the fields of the farm, our farmers hauled their sawlogs to the mill this afternoon. . . . James preferring "our own mare" for the task, the younger farmer driving the last-bought, a darkish animal, respected and much used about the place. Of the others, the Nell-mare is infrequently hitched, to go may be as far as Rob's or the other farm on some "light" outing, while her filly, destined to replace her one day as our driver continues to "live the life of Riley" at the hands of the staff.

Granddaughter is sure, "She is a friendly mare—you can tell by the way she says, 'Hallo' when you come to the stable, 'Just listen' she will say, her eyes shining as she waits for the animal's neigh. She can only pet the velvet muzzles that in expectancy of a handful of grain are thrust through above mangers to the feeding-floor. And we wish for some beloved trusty old steed of the past, well-broken and quiet, born only it seemed, for such small ones to handle, to return to a stall.

Blackie the dog, taking up a favorite watching place at the gateway, in a pleased bark told us of the teams' passing—sleighs laden, the drivers alighting to ease the loads along the bare bridges. These pieces of sawing are intended for present improvements in "that other barn." In some magical way it is to be moved back from its site to angle its neighbor instead of partly concealing it as now. The interior is to be changed to provide for wider storing of hay and new quarters are to be added to take care of stabling the horses and such other overflows of stock as find their way there.

When remembering this only as "the horse-barn" we enter to catch the sweet scent of hay on the feeding-floor we find these about: a row of next year's "feeders"—coming a year and not too bad for their age. James will tell you; a wondering-eyed cat; you had not expected to see will look up to greet you and what have we over here? Ay, a pen of shoats!

We fancy on that morning when the dismantling of the present horse-stable with its quaint wooden harness pegs and other tokens of days now gone, will be undertaken, it will be distressing to James. Who but his hands will take down the kept shoes above the stalls? The dainty one, nails and all "just as it came off her hoof" of one respected and lost; that of the old mare of all or "the young mare" that in minds never grew up.

Shall we, lips dumb, accept them to put away with other saved items, souvenirs of a past that was good? Or, perhaps, "afraid" one that we are, we shall slip away on an outing that day and no one shall suspect our motive has anything at all to do with the march of progress and its momentary unsettling demands at Alderlea.

Through this March afternoon, the farmers hauled sawlogs to the mill. Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

TRAINING THE OVERAGE EMPLOYEE FOR RETIREMENT

Now that the life span has been lengthened to an average of 66 years, a gain of 16 years since 1900 it means that there are many old and aging men and women in the world.

In former days, elderly people depended on their savings or upon their children for support when they were no longer able to work. Today employers and governments recognize the need for something more than financial security.

In The Journal of the American Medical Association, Phil N. Scheid, B. Sc., Chicago, writes of training the overage employee for retirement. He speaks of programs in mind and already in use planned for two groups: postseparation, that is, employees already retired and preseparation, employees who will be retired within a short time.

In pre-separation programs, there is the group type and the individual consultation programs. In the group type, some time before retirement the group of employees is organized in a series of five sessions, each of one hour duration. The following topics are covered: What Is Retirement? Your Health, Planning Your Retirement, What Have Others Done? and, finally, A Round Table of Plans. The main feature of the group plan is the sharing of personal plans and ideas that come through participation in a group—possibly also, the formation of friendships which will develop and mature in retirement.

In the individual consultation program some time prior to retirement the employee and his supervisor are contacted by the personnel unit and arrangements are made for a private consultation. At such times, the problems concerning his retirement are reviewed and resolved as far as possible. Actually, while we may think that financial problems are most important to the mind of the employee, this is not always the case, and therefore psychological problems are given a thorough discussion.

A new set of principles may be necessary before we can effectively educate the overage adult to cope with the problems of his special concern. Considerable cooperation, work, and research contributed jointly by the medical and educational professions will be necessary before an adequate solution to the problem of training the overage employee for retirement is developed.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Oil Mop

A dry mop can be made into an oil mop, or you can renew the oil mop after washing by this method: Into a tin box large enough to contain the mop pour 2 tablespoons of paraffin oil, or 1 tablespoon each of linseed oil and spirits of turpentine. Tip and turn the box until the interior is fully coated and then pour off the surplus. Put the mop into the box, cover, and allow to stand 48 hours before using.

Cold Cream

Cold cream can be made by mixing 2 tablespoons of oatmeal, ½-tablespoon powdered borax, ½-pint rosewater. Allow this to stand for two or three days, then strain, and add ½-ounce of alcohol.

Old Powder Puffs

Discarded powder puffs may be washed and used for shoe or silver-ware polishers.

Cook's Corner

TOMATO-ONION SAUCE

Onion gives quite a bit of flavor emphasis in this combination which also features celery and tomato. The result is a truly interesting and flavorful sauce, for serving on such things as spaghetti, meat, fish, or bean loaves or patties made with any of the same type of mixtures. Yield—5 servings of sauce.

4 medium-sized onions
8 tablespoons butter or margarine
½ cup thinly sliced celery
½ teaspoon salt
1 can (10 ounces) condensed tomato soup
Peel the onions and cut into eighths lengthwise.
Heat the butter or margarine; add prepared onions and celery; sprinkle with the salt. Cover closely and cook gently, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender and lightly browned—about 20 minutes.

Stir in the tomato soup. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes.
Serve piping hot.

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

Middle-Aged Marriage

Pair Should Settle Financial Arguments Before Wedding

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a widow of 50, with some income, and am marrying a man who is salaried. When we marry, does he assume the full responsibility of living expenses? Should this be discussed before marriage? Have you any further advice to give widowers and widows, grandfathers and grandmothers getting married?

ANSWER: To skip to your second question first, all problems that give an indication of future trouble should be thoroughly discussed before marriage. This is very important in financial matters. Complete agreement should be reached on income and spending programs. With middle-aged marriages, these problems are, of course, completely different than they are with younger weddings.

A certain amount of financial security has usually been reached by the 50's, there is no question of providing for a family, and long-range saving is not as important a factor as it is in the 20's. However, since money is potentially always a source of trouble, its management should be thoroughly established whenever matrimony is contemplated. Just exactly how you spend your incomes is a subject so dependent on personal tastes and obligations that it cannot be answered arbitrarily.

HE PAYS LIVING EXPENSES

Muriel Nissen Traditionally, the husband supports the family, in other words, pays all living expenses. Whether you have an income or not, it is still the best practice to have his salary cover essential expenditures. Your income could be used supplementally, to supply luxuries that otherwise could not be had, such as a car, travel, or special clothes.

By the time a man or woman has passed the mid-century mark, temperament and disposition are usually settled in a definite groove. Ofttimes the desire for companionship, the dread of loneliness, leads to marriage with an incompatible mate and subsequent unhappiness that is far worse than solitude. This is the chief source of trouble in marriage between oldersters, and its possibilities should be thoroughly weighed.

That the difficulties are by no means always present, or insurmountable, is seen in the many, many marriages between grandfathers and grandmothers that are congenial, happy and rewarding. Two harmonious people, with similar tastes and hobbies, can make a fine marriage, setting a splendid example even for their grandchildren.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm a girl of 14 with a problem that is very serious to me. I know and like a very nice boy of 16. When he comes over, which isn't often, I go out to talk with him, and I don't see anything wrong in that. I stay in our driveway. However, the minute I get out my father shouts at me very rudely to come back in. If he would only speak gently I wouldn't mind so much. It gets the boy mad at me instead of at my father.

ANSWER: Why do you have to go outside to speak with your boy friend? Your parents should permit you to have him in the house; then there would be no cause for shouting or embarrassment. At 14, you should be allowed to go to a school dance or basketball game with a boy, or to an occasional early movie, or a neighborhood party. But most important, you should be permitted to entertain your friends at home, with your parents' co-operation.

DEAR MISS DIX: I had been married eight months when my husband was sent overseas. He has been gone two months. A few days ago I received a letter from one of my old flames. Knowing I was married, he wrote me a letter that was practically a love letter, reminding me of "the good old days." I only had a school courtship with this boy, and liked him very much but have no feelings toward him now since I have found another and married. Should I answer his letter and tell him not to write any more, or ignore it?

ANSWER: To put the period of finally to the episode, write and tell the man that you don't wish to hear from him any more, and that you consider his letter in very bad taste. The matter should end there.

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How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I ice a cake properly?

A. When icing a cake, pile all the icing in the center of the cake and then smooth it out evenly over the sides. If the knife, which is used to smooth the icing, is first dipped into hot water, a smoother appearance will be added to the cake.

Q. How can I bore a hole in glass?

A. Use a regular steel drill, and keep the point of contact saturated with camphorated oil or turpentine. You will be surprised at the ease with which this is done.

Q. How can I increase the brilliancy of furniture polish?

A. Add a teaspoon of vinegar to each cup of furniture polish. This will also prove equally effective with shoe polish.



4764
SIZES
2-10
by Anne Adams

Better English

By V. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I did not know he was that old."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "amperage"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Benignity, beneficial, betrothal, bereavement.

4. What does the word "feasible" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ad that means "praise"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I did not know he was so old," or, "as old as that." 2. Pronounce am-per-ag, first a as in am, e as in see, second a as in age, accent second syllable. 3. Beneficial. 4. Capable of being done, or effected; practicable. "It is the solution if it proves feasible." 5. Adulation.

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"No. His books are all about married life."

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"Who was Cleopatra?"



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