

TODAY'S WILSON SPEAKS TO YOUNG WIVES ON THE RIGHT WAY TO KEEP HOUSE

to the One Who A Peck to Bring Home Meats—"Oh, Anything!" Marketing as It Should Be Done and Some Valuable Hints About Planning and Cooking

By MRS. M. A. WILSON

A YOUNG married woman recently complained about the dreary, monotonous life in her boarding house; the same food week in and week out; in fact, she could with perfect truthfulness invite her friends to call on Thursday to a roast of veal or a lamb stew on Saturday with the assurance that comes from the knowledge of having dined on this for months.

This young woman is a college graduate, supposedly trained to assume responsibilities, yet she chooses to spend her married life fitting from one boarding house to another. She explains it by saying that her nerves are in such a condition that she becomes distracted at the thought of the continual worry with a maid.

It really is astonishing how many a woman misses the idea when she marries that marriage is a real true partnership; she feels that the housework is just an ugly accessory, and that the cooking, sweeping and marketing for supplies are favors she confers upon her husband, if she chooses. Then again we have the woman who, if she does condescend to make a bluff at housekeeping, sometimes in an apartment, will depend entirely upon the corner store or delicatessen shop for the entire commissary supplies, or may be she is one of those who call Jack on the phone about noon and tell him to bring home some meat for dinner. And when friend husband inquires what kind, she answers breezily, "Oh, any kind you want, dear; steak or chops will do, dear; anything you decide."

Women Only Consumers Now Think of it! Ye gods of fame! We, the descendants of the husky pioneer Pilgrim fathers and mothers. Think what would have been our station in life today if these well-bred women who came out early in the sixteen hundreds to this country; think what would have happened if they had reneged upon their job. They came out and endured all manner of hardships; they improvised their own tools; these doughty housewives in those good old days, spun, wove and made their own candles, carpets, etc.

These housewives cured and dried meats, vegetables and fruits for winter use and frequently they were known to lend a hand in the fields. All this in addition to their household duties. They were up at dawn and they worked with candlelight. These doughty dames gave us an inheritance of thrift and an example of their untiring efforts, among them the Liberty Bell, with its wide crack, and this glorious land of freedom. Truly, our grandams were the producers, while we of today are only consumers.

VERMONT ORANGE CREAM PIE



Vermont orange cream pie makes a delicious dessert. To make it, line a pie tin with plain pastry; then cream one egg yolk, one-half cupful of sugar and one table-spoonful of butter; add three-quarters of a cupful of water, one cupful of sifted flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one orange cut into bits. Pour in prepared tin and bake in moderate oven for ten minutes. Place fruit whip in spoonfuls on top of the baked pie. To make the fruit whip, take the white of an egg and one-half glass of jelly and beat with a Dover eggbeater until very stiff.

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Under the present social conventions, the wife is the purchasing partner in the home establishment and she should, therefore, take an active interest in the establishing and maintaining of a home. She should prepare herself by careful study to get full value for each cent spent and how to prepare appetizing meals.

Paying out the good cash earned by the husband entitles him to know that, for the money spent, he is receiving full value in a home and food. The making out of a household budget will help materially toward this end and will prevent spending the money upon the hit-or-miss plan. Give this detail serious attention and definitely estimate just what proportion of the income is to be devoted to rent, clothing and food. This last item will usually require from 30 to 50 per cent—no two women will figure it out the same.

Know Your Markets The food purchased must be of good quality, clean and fair in price. If no canning and preserving are done at home a woman should speedily become acquainted with the various brands of canned goods. Lists may be easily obtained which will help the housewife to differentiate between the various brands. Never order food by the telephone, saying send up a can of this or that. Instead order by the brand name. It is your duty to demand a good article at a fair price and then see that you receive it.

Dishonest tradesmen soon know that the housewife who weighs and measures her food at home and who will not pay for short weight or measure will find that it will spell loss for them to sell her poor or inferior goods. Require the butcher to send home with the meat all the bits of fat and trimmings. You have paid for this, so why not utilize it? By placing these trimmings in the saucpan and covering with cold water, and cooking them slowly over the simmering burner for one and a half hours and then straining into a bowl where they can cool, and by then removing the fat which forms on the top, you will find that they will have a fat which can be used for shortening or making of soap. The liquid may be used for stock

Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

Wants Stamp Conversation Dear Cynthia: Will you please print the stamp conversation, as I have received several letters with stamps in different corners of the envelope and I don't understand it. READER OF THE EVENING LEDGER.

Stamp Language At right angles in the upper right-hand corner—"Expect immediate reply." At an angle of forty-five degrees in the upper right-hand corner—"Provoked at your long silence." Upside down in the upper right-hand corner—"You are very cruel." One-half inch from the upper right-hand edge—"Expect me tonight." One-half inch from the upper left-hand corner—"Be careful how you reply." In the lower right-hand corner—"Be aware." Tearing the stamp in half, leaving a slight white space between—"Friendship ended." Tearing in the upper left-hand corner—"You have broken my heart." Two one-cent stamps in the upper left-hand corner—"You have a rival." Two one-cent stamps placed one above the other—"I will call to see you tonight." Two one-cent stamps reversed—"I am thinking of you."

Best Man Does Not Provide Flowers Dear Cynthia—This is my story: I will give you the best man I ever had and was discharged February 22, 1917. Now I am home, one of my friends is going to be married and I have to be the best man. I hated to refuse to be the best friend I have. You know, I'm not very short on money.

Adventures With a Purse IF there is any thing which will do much to impart a feeling of self-respect, it is a nice, attractive, well-made purse. There is something about the swish of a trim little undershirt that gives one a most superior feeling. For Easter, now, when you have a smart new suit, or a new dress, you will want to have a trim little "undershirt" as well. So it is that I tell you of a real bargain in undershirts. Some are silk-ruffled and jersey topped, others are of taffeta which will rustle merrily as you trip along, still others are of sleek, soft satin. And blues you will find, and our new, yellow, brown—oh, any number of colors. The price? Oh, yes, that is the best part of it. The price of your choice is but \$3.95.

Young Country Onions Tomatoes a la Beucaire Cream Sauce Asparagus Shoestring Potatoes Lettuce Strawberry Shortcake Coffee Or instead of that Radishes Cumberland Cutlets Tartar Sauce Whole-boiled Potatoes Peas Lettuce Strawberry Parfait Coffee

A Helpful Thought But the nearer the dawn the darker the night. And by going wrong all things come right. Things have been mended that were worse. And the worse, the nearer they are to mending.—Longfellow.

Labels Save Time To know where one's things are, in which bag or box or trunk, in packing the boxes and bags and make a list for what you are taking. This list laid on the top tray of the trunk, this time and labor when one is hunting for a particular dress and it can be changed as wearables are taken out or put into the trunk.

Warning and Greeting Be nice to the daughters of England. And polite to the belles of France; Be good to the orphans of Belgium; Give the signoritas a glance. But remember you're out on business. And whenever your sympathies stray. Keep your heart tied up in your kit bag For the girls of the U. S. A. —A. E. F. Exchange.

In Yellow Silk Net With Rose Velvet



The little evening dress shown today is of yellow silk net, decorated with rows of ribbon, placed in groups of two. The upper row is of rose-colored velvet ribbon and the lower of yellow velvet. The narrow foundation is decorated about the lower edge with narrow puffings of the net, edged with the ribbon.

WHY DORA OUGHT TO SPEND HER OWN SIXTEEN DOLLARS

For Pretty Clothes and Not Give It at Home—There Is Always a Time When a Line Must Be Drawn and a Young Girl Has a Duty to Perform Toward Herself

THE other day I read of a wealthy old lady who left a large sum of money to be devoted to the founding of a hospital for girls. As what do you think the chief feature of the home was to be? A regular up-to-date dressmaking room where the girls might go and have dresses made at very low cost.

It seems almost like a coincidence that I should have stumbled on that little bit of news the morning I received the little note from a young girl reader who signed herself Dora. A part of Dora's letter follows: I have been wearing the same dress for a long time with once in a while a different collar. Now that I want to know this, I have saved up sixteen dollars and my father thinks he ought to have it because we are poor. But I pay money each week at home and I had to take just a cup of coffee and a roll to save the money. My father did not know I had it until my sister found it out and told him. My father and I have four little brothers and sisters but I would like to have a pretty dress like the other girls. Would it be all right for me to keep this money I saved and buy a dress and a straw hat? DORA.

DEAR Dora, do you see why I connect your question with the home of the old lady founded for girls? The old lady knew that the girls are so important that she made getting them a feature of her whole plan. The right kind of pretty clothes are not an expense, they are a necessity. One tell you differently. DORA.

And So They Were Married

By HAZEL DEYO BATCHELOR

START THIS STORY TODAY RUTH and Scott made a game of their economy. The \$15 that Scott had given Fleta Sears had made a big hole in their allowance for the week, but nothing mattered now but the fact that each understood the other. At least nothing would have happened if they had not found it out all alone by themselves, but as it would have it, Mrs. Rowland dropped in one evening for dinner.

"Are you going to get dinner?" "Run along, I think I'll stay with you children tonight, that is, if you want me." "Of course we want you." And Ruth disappeared into the kitchen where she stood in the middle of the room wondering what to do. A hasty survey of the ice box revealed nothing to get along with the meal which the Rowlands were to have and which consisted of warmed over stew. Ruth had always understood that stew was cheap, and she had learned how to make it by following closely a sensible recipe in one of her cook books. A novice at it, she had made too much and she had had remarked gleefully to Scott:

"Some one had given Scott a jar of strained honey one time, and after a search Ruth unearthed it in the ice box. She would make biscuits and they would have honey, that was what she wanted. As Ruth flew about setting the table, mixing her biscuits, putting the stew on in a saucpan to heat, a hundred frivolous thoughts entered her mind. She had learned her lesson, and never again would she take silly chances, but how she did long to be something else besides a poor wife struggling to get along on a small salary. She thought suddenly of Vi Halper. To live like that now, in a charming apartment in an exclusive neighborhood, to dress well as Vi did, that was what she wanted. But she worked, that was it. Vi worked. Helen had said that Vi made a good salary. The thought struck Ruth in a different way this time. Vi worked; well, then, why couldn't she, Ruth, take a position? The thought obsessed her, it frightened her with its attractiveness, it took her breath away with its possibilities. Why hadn't she thought of it before? Perhaps that would be the solution or all their troubles.

Of course as Ruth looked at it now, a position seemed the easiest thing in the world to get. She did not stop to think of the difficulties that might present themselves, she certainly did not think of what she could do. She simply dashed with the thread along the material when beginning to use a fresh length of thread.

Uses for Lime Water There are innumerable uses for lime water, and so no home should ever be without it. It is used to keep milk sweet wholesome, to make the milk digestible, to soften water, sweeten drains, etc. By heating lime water until it boils, it is used to remove the lime from the bottom of the pitcher. Strain through double cheesecloth and then keep in small bottles tightly corked. When using, always pour off a little from the fresh bottle or one that has been opened. This one gets rid of the crust that forms.

Advertisement for LAVA-VAR floor finish, featuring a woman in a dress and text: 'I'll give her a pleasant surprise, by freshening up the bathroom with LAVA-VAR.' 'Nothing but LAVA-VAR will do for me—it lasts; does not show scratches or marks easily, and has a smooth, elastic surface; won't turn white.' 'Hot water won't hurt it. Dries very quickly—in a few hours. I've really added value to my house by using LAVA-VAR.'

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Any One Know This Poem? To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—I should be very glad if you or some of your readers could give me the title, poet and author of "And Corner." I very much enjoy the woman's exchange. GRANDMA. I have searched through various collections, grandmas, and am so sorry I cannot locate this little poem. If I knew who wrote it, I would help you tell me at any rate. I refer your search to readers and hope some one of them will be able to supply your need. I'm glad you enjoy the exchange.

Information About Missing Soldier

To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—If you could inform me where to write to locate a soldier that we have not heard from since he went over there you would greatly oblige his cousin. Write to the casualty section, War Department, First and B Streets, Washington, D. C., to find out about your missing soldier. Mention his full name, company, regiment and division, if you know them all. This does not necessarily mean that he has been wounded, for all letters of inquiry about men in France, whether they are casual or not, are referred to this department. I hope you will hear some good news about him.

Scores Married Women Workers

To the Editor of the Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Now that business is again in its normal condition and the war is over, married women should quit and stay at home. You will say, "I am afraid that this is a rash statement." But I beg you to listen while I repeat the reason. The average "war bride" either retained her former position or secured another, her services were needed through the war. I fully agree with this and give her credit, but now the war is over, and the ruling of the career of the young, ambitious, single woman. She takes more privileges than the average business girl and flirts with the married and unmarried men at no age. She is absolutely dangerous. She is worse than the vampire. She acts ultra-sophisticated and laughs at jokes at which we feel ashamed and hide our blushing. All the men will flutter around them. I am not jealous; I and such a girl for the wives of these really good men. Let this fair to us? To the boy "over there" who served his country bravely. The speaker was one of the business women who had been in the service. —FRANK BOLLE.

Oh, Many Things!

To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—First, what does Bolshevism mean? Spartacus and Anarchism mean. Two, is Burton Holmes the movie picture traveling series man, an author of any books. If so, name them. Three, I read in your paper of Friday, February 21, that one million women in the state of New York are now engaged in gainful occupations. Name the gainful occupations they now hold.

The Question Corner

Today's Inquiries 1. What superstition is connected with being married on April Fools' Day? 2. How are peanut clusters for April Fools' Day made? 3. How can a very real-looking dollhouse be made from old boxes? 4. How is stitching braids to georgette crepe that keeps it from puckering? 5. What can be done with white silk stockings that have become yellow through washing? 6. Sweet potatoes can be kept in little boxes in which berries come in but?

Saturday's Answers

1. The island of Jamaica is famous for its beautiful species of ferns. It is said to contain 500 different kinds and that is about one-sixth of all the ferns in the world. 2. Gauze in many bright colors is being used in many well-furnished homes for summer curtains. 3. When the netting on Nottingham curtains has worn out, join the pieces together and use them for a border for screen curtains. 4. A loose-leaf blank book is very convenient to use as a scrapbook for favorite recipes. In one of these it is possible to slip new leaves in at any time and to clamp them in place with the little steel fastening that holds the binding in the book. 5. Sweet potatoes can be kept a long time in cool, dry sand. 6. You can get books about Theodore Roosevelt in any book store.