

# OUR MAGAZINE SECTION

Interesting Features for the Entire Family

## Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

### THE JOY OF LIVING

THE little New England village of Puritan Crossroads didn't know what to make of Robert Adaire when, one fall after the summer people had left, he stayed on. For Robert Adaire was outside the ken of Puritan Crossroads. He wasn't serious, said the verdict.

That October, Prof. Alden Standish invited the doctor and Reginald Prince II, in to test his elixir; and the conversation as it had been going for a month turned upon the newcomer. "His good spirits!" said the doctor. "Merely excellent health!"

"Personally," put in Professor Standish, "I think he hasn't the brains to worry about anything—he doesn't know enough to feel sorrow."

"Some Celtic strain, if we knew his ancestry, I imagine," ended the heir of all the Princes.

Then Puritan Crossroads forgot all about Robert Adaire because the influenza reached them. The town was struck very hard, and the thick, foreign settlement down near the Prince mills was a plague spot. The town rolled up its sleeves and gritted its teeth and felt to work with good Puritan spirit. Everyone did his bit—it was a case of noblesse oblige. Professor Standish was therefore scandalized to find Robert Adaire joking with a dying Portuguese mill hand, whose temperature he was taking. But the workman would have no one near him except Adaire. Then the doctor discovered that Adaire's gaitery was a valuable medicine among his stricken families, and that when Adaire came his patients seemed to think it worth while to try to get well. So the unscrupulous Robert Adaire was worked night and day until he himself fell ill. Then Reginald Prince, who appreciated the work among his operatives, went to see Adaire. The newcomer to Puritan Crossroads was in the worst throes of the disease. But he welcomed Prince with his usual amused smile.

"This is what I call knowing influenza from the inside," said he. "For days it was nip and tuck. The whole town seemed to have been thawed out by the warmth of his personality. Everyone, sooner or later during the day, came to hear that life was still flickering; and those three old friends—Alden Standish and the doctor and Prince—stayed by Adaire's rickety bedside.

They were talking in undertones. "It's his vitality," said the doctor, "that's so wonderful: he likes to know that he's alive; he wants to feel experience; he doesn't have to have a smooth road."

## Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

### IMPERFECTIONS

SO THINKING, the dogmatic young man or woman sallies forth to show the staid, sober elders at the head of large industries how to do things in a modern way.

Being fanatics, these young folk have no fear. They are sure of their ground, positive, too, that they can support their own unworthiness and march to victory with flying colors.

The young man with a literary bent will tell the old editor how to run a newspaper to please everybody and get a million subscribers within a year.

He has given a great deal of thought to the subject and knows there is not a single flaw anywhere in his self-discovered theory.

The editor removes his glasses and gasps. But he understands himself as he understands his newspaper.

He begs to be excused from the humiliating explanation of the fact, readjusts his tortoise-shell, settles down again to his work and chuckles good-naturedly as he beholds the swagger youth being shown the way out by a copy boy.

The impudent young man or woman

## Mother's Cook Book

"I sometimes think that never blows so red The Rose, as where some buried Caesar bled. That every Hyacinth the Garden weeps Dropt to her lap from some once loved Head."

### WHAT TO EAT

TASTY biscuits which may be used for tea or breakfast are:

**Tea Biscuits.**  
Sift a pint of flour with four teaspoonsful of baking powder, one teaspoonful of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Rub into it with the fingers four tablespoonsful of butter, mixing it thoroughly. Add enough rich milk or half milk and half cream to make a rather soft dough. Roll out to one-fourth of an inch in thickness, cut

"He has no ulterior motives," said Professor Standish. "He does a thing because he wants to do it, not because it will get him something else."

But all three of them felt it was Prince who hit the bull's-eye.

"Robert Adaire has the habit of *joie de vivre*," said Prince. And perhaps it was joy of living that pulled Adaire through.

## The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says she doesn't wonder after what he did to Carpenter, that Jack Dempsey can't get anybody to wrestle with him.

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## SCHOOL DAYS



Hot Dog!

who has never painted fine pictures or carved statues of merit, will tell you that he or she knows all about art.

There are swarms of the perfect in imperfection, preying every day in the great cities upon the salt and staff of life.

Like Mary's doll, or Willie's Teddy bear, they are stuffed with sawdust, whirling in the great maelstrom of hard knocks from which there is no escape except by noble work with hands that are unafraid.

But the worst phase of this situation is that there is a new crop being grown every season, for which there seems to be no visible demand.

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into rounds two and one-half inches in diameter. Bake in a hot oven for ten to fifteen minutes. Brush over the tops with milk shortly before taking from the oven. Serve cut in halves.

### Lightning Cookies.

Beat until creamy one cupful of butter, add one at a time, beating after each addition, four eggs; add one cupful of sugar the grated rind of a lemon, and beat again. Lastly add one-fourth pound of chopped almonds and one and one-half cupsful of flour, beat well and drop by spoonfuls on baking sheets. Bake in a moderate oven. Add more flour if it seems necessary.

Helie Maxwell  
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## WHAT WILL YOU DO TO LIFE?

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

WHAT will you do to life, I wonder?—It isn't much that the world requires. You will sometimes fail, you will sometimes blunder.

You will sometimes follow the wrong desires; But, if one coal to the watchman's fires

You add that will make the highway brighter. If your heart, your hand, your help, inspires

One traveler; makes one burden lighter. It is well you lived, it is well you do, Though little or much life brings to you.

What will you do to life, I wonder?—It isn't much that the world requires. That we follow on, that we follow under

The splendid flag of our splendid sire; And, when the arm of the elder tires,

We lift the banner and never waver. That the race may be, when the day expires,

A little better, a little braver. Not what you have—it is what you do

That really matters the most to you.

What will you do to life, I wonder?—It isn't much that the world requires. When the lightnings flash, when the thunders thunder,

Here is the man that the world admires. Not him whom purple and gold attire,

Not him who is richer than all the others, But whose successes were signal fires

To point the path to his toiling brothers. Both joy and sorrow will come to you;

To life I wonder what will you do? (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

## Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By HELEN ROWLAND

NOWADAYS when a man actually says, "I love you," a woman doesn't know whether to accept it as a jest—or a "gesture."

Just about this time of year a wife stops speaking of her husband's lassitude as "brain-fag," and begins calling it by its right name, when he drops the rake and sidles toward the fireplace.

The most pathetic sight on earth is that of a middle-aged married man who has suddenly been seized with the hallucination that he is the romantic ideal of every sixteen-year-old debutante he meets.

Among the men whom a woman has loved there are many degrees of difference; but a man mentally hunches all his past loves together like radishes and tucks them away en masse in the refrigerator of his memory.

Before he selects a motorcar a man spends two or three months looking them over; but he will decide on a wife in two or three minutes after he has met her—and then spend the rest of his life "looking 'em over."

Every flirtation is a fascinating experiment in the laboratory of love, in which the foolish carelessly play with combustibles.

Some people take their culture so seriously that it seems almost like a vulgar display of refinement.

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## GOOD ROADS

### SOUTHERN SISTERS TAKE TIP ON ROADS

The recent visit of a distinguished group of Pan-American road engineers to the United States has resulted in stimulating greatly the laying out and building of good roads all over the western hemisphere, according to information received by Roy D. Chapin, chairman of the good roads committee of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

"The work will not be completed in a day," said Chapin, "but the seed has been sown and the example and the inspiration are there. Lively good roads campaigns are under way in a number of countries. The whole subject will come to a more definite head at the first Pan-American highway conference at Buenos Aires next May. There are particularly optimistic reports from Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

An encouraging fact is that the leaders are laying out in each case a national system of roads, so that development can proceed logically and effectively.

"The Argentine ambassador to the United States, Dr. Honorio Pueyrredon, who accompanied the Pan-American mission on his American tour, is one of the enthusiastic sponsors of an adequate system of good roads built under a national plan. He is to make good roads one of the important commercial questions which he will discuss with Argentine officials when he arrives home.

"In Mexico a highway association is being formed. In Cuba a bill is to be introduced shortly into congress for the immediate construction of a Cuba central highway. The Cubans are thoroughly awake to the possibilities of good roads.

"A factor of importance is that railroad construction is almost prohibitive in cost in such countries as Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. The governments of these countries are especially interested in highways which will in part at least, take over the usual tasks of the railways.

"In other countries the more normal condition of the motor roads as a valuable and essential adjunct of railroads, for the proper development of the national resources, is to be expected."

## Car Owner Wants Smooth Pavement for Pleasure

"The pavement's the thing," opines the modern Hamlet as he steps on the accelerator of his car, looks over the green fields and woods on either side and decides that things are not so deplorable in Denmark after all.

Yes, the pavement's the thing. Any old cow path will not suffice for a road in these days when an automobile ride is the shortest distance between two points. People like to say it with balloon tires nowadays. They want roads that will get them some where else—in a hurry—without bumping their heads through the top of the gasoline pashion.

That means that they must have paved roads and wider roads too. There must be wide pavements so that cars can pass safely and easily. The motorist on the roads today finds that such a condition means that automobiles can't pass each other if road builders stick to narrow highways.

And road builders know this too. They're building 'em wider. And the old ones, that were too narrow, even if they were mighty good pavements and served royally when they were built, are being widened by building strips of concrete pavement at the side of the old pavement.

The pavement's the thing, and the motorists are going to have it—they're going to have it wider, too.

## Good Road Notes

More than half of New Zealand's 44,000 miles of highways are hard surfaced.

Congress has appropriated \$7,500,000 for improvement of roads in the national park areas.

The Canadian experts said that our roads are not wide enough, but the driver who is content to keep within the speed limit should be able to stay on them.

Let us travel over all the countries of the earth and whenever we shall find a town, or from a village to a hamlet, we may pronounce the people to be barbarians—Abbe Reynal.

Forty-four states are now using trucks in the work of maintaining existing highways.

Much of the highway work on the mountain passes and elsewhere in the mountainous districts is inside the boundaries of the United States forest reserve.

Montreal, Canada, is going to replace its white paint directional signs with colored markings inlaid in the roadbeds. Varied colors will be used to denote various classes.

The total annual taxation in the United States is \$9,000,000,000, of which \$654,000,000, or about seven cents out of every dollar, is expended for highways. Only two cents out of every dollar of federal money goes for roads.

Heroditus tells of a road built 4000 B. C. It was in Egypt and reached halfway across the African continent. It required 10,000 men working ten years to build a single mile of it. The stone for the Pyramids was hauled over this road.

## POULTRY

### SKIM MILK FAVORED FOR LAYING FOWLS

Hens must have some form of animal protein in their feed. This is usually supplied by beef scrap. Two years ago an experiment was started at the experimental farm, Nappan, N. S., to determine the relative values of beef scrap and skim milk when added to the laying ration. Two pens were made up of ten birds, as uniform in breeding, age and type as it was possible to select. The rations fed to each pen were alike and constant except that Pen 1 received beef scrap and Pen 2 skim milk.

The results show the possibilities there are of realizing good value by feeding skim milk. The average production from the ten birds receiving beef scrap for the two six-month feeding periods (November 1 to April 30, each year) was 615.6 eggs, at a feed cost of \$13.75, or 26.5 cents per dozen, leaving a profit over feed cost of 97.2 cents per bird.

In Pen 2 the ten birds receiving skim milk over the same period had an average production of 620.5 eggs, at a feed cost of \$12.70, or 21.8 cents per dozen, leaving a profit over feed cost of \$1.49 per bird. By taking the average of two years it was found that 598.7 pounds skim milk, valued at 20 cents per hundred and thus costing \$120, gave greater returns than 89 pounds beef scrap at a market price of \$7.24 per hundred, thus costing \$2.02.

If, as believed at the experimental farm, the increase in production from the pens receiving milk can be attributed to the value of skim milk as a food for laying hens, it would only be fair to state that the farmer had received slightly better than one dollar per hundredweight for his skim milk when he marketed it through his eggs.

As this feeding test has been carried on for two years only, it does not permit the drawing of definite conclusions yet. However, the results to date would lead one to believe that a part of the skim milk available on the farm can be very profitably marketed through the egg and would seem to be a more profitable proposition than paying \$7 per hundred for beef scrap in order to supply the amount of protein so essential for profitable egg production.

## Early Hatched Fowl Is Sure to Be Profitable

The early hatched pullet can be made the most, or the least, profitable pullet on your farm.

Cared for in the usual way, she will begin laying during August; lay until fall, and quit, to go through a moult, when eggs are highest in price and when they are needed most.

A hen moults because she quits laying, therefore our problem is to keep her laying, fighting anything that tends to retard production.

Many pullets, being fed on a narrow ration, begin laying before they are fully developed. After a short period they quit, because they haven't the physical strength to stand up under prolonged production.

Having your pullets fully developed is not alone sufficient. There comes the season when the long winter nights cut into the fowl's feeding, thereby reducing production. Here is where the value of lights comes in.

January and February pullets, rightly developed and properly handled, should start laying in August, and under lights, continue through high-priced fall season until about February, when they will spend a short period going through the moult.

## Protect Chicken Flock During Severe Weather

There is always the likelihood of a spell of cold, damp weather and it is just at this time that colds, roup and allied diseases are likely to get started, with the result that we have them to battle with all winter. Get everything in full readiness for inclement weather and whenever a bad day comes the flock should be given ample protection.

The houses should be thoroughly cleaned and if repairs are necessary this should be attended to. There should be plenty of clean, dry litter.

Many successful poultrymen follow the practice of supplying a little more feed than usual when the weather is unfavorable and some of them change the ration slightly, supplying a little more of the heat and fat-producing elements. This is done on the theory that the fowls are warmer and more comfortable when so fed and there is no doubt but that this is the case. In any event special attention when the weather is bad is the best way to avoid the beginning of disease and disorders.

## Cause of Damp Houses

A good many poultry houses are damp and some of them are well constructed, too. They are damp simply because they are not situated in the right place or because some small detail of construction has been overlooked. In such case the trouble can usually be remedied with very little labor and expense. Other houses are nearly hopeless because located in the wrong place or because there is some fault in the manner in which they were constructed.

## Prevent Chilling of Eggs

An egg does not need to freeze before it is unfit for hatching. Once an egg gets down to 40 degrees, it is at the danger point, and a lower temperature is apt to weaken the germ until it dies before the twelfth day, if incubation starts at all. A wooden bowl or box, filled with dry oats, is a good place to keep the eggs. If they are left open, they will dry out. Unless eggs are kept over a week, they need not be turned, if they are put in a box with the large end down.

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Time for a Change.  
Vegetarian's Husband (timidly)—Do you know, my dear, I really think we ought to have a bit of meat once in a while. Three times last night I caught myself whinnying!

Poet Laureates.  
The naming of a poet laureate is an English custom. The United States has never named one, and as far as it is possible to learn does not contemplate using the custom. Several of the states have poet laureates.

Well, isn't it?  
A doctor, on being charged in an English police court with having obstructed a funeral by leaving his motorcar in the main street, replied that "it was his duty, if possible, to stop funerals."

Evolved Famous Dish.  
A national dispenser of the popular food, pork and beans, says that they were first served by an Englishman, Daniel Day Good, who, on the first Friday of every July, invited his friends to a picnic of pork and beans.

Hope Basis of Everything.  
Man is, properly speaking, based upon Hope; he has no other possession but Hope; this world of his is emphatically the Place of Hope.—Caryle.

Bamboo's Short Life.  
Most species of bamboo live for from four to thirty years, bear a single crop of seeds at the end of that time, and then die back to the roots.

Reputation  
A fair reputation is a plant of delicate nature, and by no means rapid in its growth. It will not shoot up, like the gourd of the prophet, in a single night, but, like that gourd, in a single night it may perish.—J. Hawes.

Gibbon's Inspiration.  
In the church of Ara Coeli in Rome, on October 15, 1764, Gibbon, as he sat musing on the Capitol and the Forum, conceived the idea of writing "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

Flag Regulations.  
The flag is raised at 8 o'clock in the morning and lowered at sunset in the United States navy. This is in accordance with a naval regulation. In the army the flag is raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset.

Famous Lion.  
The Lion of Lucerne, work of Thorwaldsen, was executed in 1821 in memory of 29 officers and 760 soldiers of the Swiss guards, who fell defending the Tuileries on August 10, 1782.

Tripolitan Bride Marked.  
In Tripoli, when a girl marries, her husband brands her, as a sign of ownership, with a cut on the nose or a figure burned into her cheek or forehead.

Debt Adjustment Final.  
Washington, D. C.—The American debt commission considers the British debt-refunding settlement as closed. It is believed unlikely that any move will be made by the British government looking to a revision of those terms, even should another nation be granted more liberal treatment in a debt settlement.

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