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HOME

O, Artist, please paint me a picture
That never on canvas was seen,
And put in it all of life's treasures,
Yes, even the heartaches between.

Now fashion a dear little cottage
With an archway lovingly made
By roses all over the doorway
With just enough sunlight and shade.

Dormer windows, gay flower boxes,
A porch with a hammock or two,
Where soft summer breezes play gently
When all the day's labor is through.

Catch the song of birds in the tree tops,
The light on the glistening brook,
The sound of its purling 'er pebbles,
The scent of the violet's nook.

The rose-covered summer house near it,
The cherry tree blossoming by,
Honeysuckle, clematis twining,
And humming birds hovering high.

Be sure to put in the garden
With vegetables all in a row,
Choice fruits, and old-fashioned flowers,
The prettiest ones that you know.

Make the strongest note in your picture
Love's incentive lightening the whole
Of labor from seed time to harvest,
With growth of the gardener's soul.

—Ellis Jarrett.

Parent-Teachers' Associations

Parent-Teacher Calendar for May

May 4th—Lincoln school, Friday.

May 7th—City Council, Monday.

May 11th—Roosevelt school, Friday.

May 18th—Washington school, Friday.

May 21st—Junior high school, Thursday.

Note—There are two fine addresses yet to be given before the high school student body under the auspices of the High School Parent-Teachers. The public is invited. Notice will be given of the dates.

City Council

Remember the meeting of the city council on May 7—first Monday in May. The threads of the year's work must be caught up. New business of importance will be discussed. Plans will be matured for the important pre-school clinic to be held the latter part of May and first part of June. Every association should be well represented.

Ed. Mr. Homer Platt is president of the city council.

Summer Reading

O, we went to Barcelona,
In a boat, boat, boat!
She couldn't sail, she couldn't row,
She couldn't even float!
So we went to Barcelona,
In a boat.

Only one day more and May will be here. Summer and the long leisurely days are not far away. Mothers are already planning ahead how best to fill the time and make it count for as much as possible. In these "precious little years" of the younger children and the hurrying years of the older ones.

And now comes a bit of good news from the library. Miss Marjorie Wooley, children's librarian will publish in this column a short list of children's books with comments on each, during the month of May. That list will be published in full just before school closes, so that mothers may have it for handy reference all the vacation.

Miss Chrysler is soon to address the children of the Junior high school and all the grade schools on the subject of reading. Her special aim is to encourage more use of the splendid books in the children's library. Miss Chrysler will talk only on the new books, since an especially fine number has been added recently.

Happy the children who can visit the mountains, the lakes or the sea. Take along some good books. And happy the stay-at-homes if Mother will have plenty of good reading. Especially happy those whose mother will plan cozy hours of reading aloud. In the end they will travel farther and perhaps just as happily as those who go by auto or train. And there's a joy—a companionship in a good book shared that is one of the happiest things in life.

Mother as Film Censor

Can mothers and teachers afford to ignore the character and effect of such a force as the movie in the education of children. A great deal has been said about the evils of censorship and it can be and very often is destructive and ineffective in producing the desired results. But that is the variety properly called official censorship and it is a dangerous and difficult method.

But there is a form of censorship which is part and parcel of responsibility. Mothers exercise it all the time till their children are old enough to exercise it—more or less wisely—for themselves. They censor the food their children eat, the clothes they wear, the schools they go to, the companions with whom they associate, and a dozen other things.

Don't they? Then why shouldn't they investigate and censor the mental food they get in their growing years?

The movies are here to stay and the important thing is to know what they are and what they are doing to your children. You can't shift that responsibility to the shoulders of any board or group of people.

And when you know, keep the children away from the wrong ones and support the right ones by your presence and your commendation.

"Mind every man's life stands mother. She, more than anyone or anything else, molds his destiny. Love is not enough. Mother love may become a smother love, that weakens with indulgence. Love must be wise and strong and loving in our mad century or its heart will break."

Mrs. Wallace Held, maker of the motion picture, "Human Wreckage" and "Broken Laws."



Children's Pleasure Column

Edited by Mary-Ann

This department is for our younger readers. We want you to write freely, telling of your experiences, adventures and of interesting happenings in your neighborhood. Tell of your favorite books or authors, favorite flowers, etc. Original poems and stories will also be appreciated.

Write with pen and ink on one side only of the paper. Do not use pencil. Help one another to make this page both interesting and instructive. Address your letters to Mary Ann, care Mail Tribune, Medford.

Home Decoration

By Jane Snedecor.

This department on Home Decoration is for the benefit of all women who have household problems to solve. Queries pertaining to problems of this kind may be addressed to Miss Snedecor, care of Women's Department of the Mail Tribune.

Query: What is a Dutch door?
Mrs. D. P.

Answer: A door made in two parts so that the upper half may be opened while the lower half remains closed. These doors were used extensively as front doors by the Colonial Dutch settlers in New York and Pennsylvania. Heavy iron hinges should be used on such doors.

Query: When a piece of goods has been dyed and rinsed well how should it be dried?
Mrs. E. R. W.

Answer: Do not hang it up unless there happens to be a stiff wind until after you have shaken it almost dry. Otherwise the dyest settles in the lower edges. Shake the piece of cloth well turning it constantly. After it is partly dry it can be hung up.

Query: What is chintz?
Mrs. P. T.

Answer: Originally the name was applied to an English cotton fabric with a small figure in gay floral design.

Query: What colors can I combine in my kitchen? The walls are yellow.
Mrs. E.

Answer: If the walls are not too bright a yellow and the room none too sunny, use a gray green wood work and small touches of Chinese red. However, if the walls are bright yellow have the wood-work done in a soft gray and then use touches of bright green and dull red for accents.

Query: What color is best for lining lamp shades?
Mrs. P. H. D.

Answer: Yellow in almost any shade is best as it helps to increase the value of the light and is easy on the eyes.

Query: Are cushions used as much now on tables as they were a few years ago?
Mrs. T.

Answer: No, a small piece of tapestry, old embroidery or brocade finished simply around the edges and laid flat is preferred now.

THE WORLD LAUGHS AND CRIES

The world is getting over the fluff spell which has held it in a fast grip for the past few weeks. Little by little the loud, blustering days are passing away. Those were the days when nature knew just what to do. Before winter could let go her hold upon the earth, snows, frosts and upland had to be lashed by the winds of March and swept clean by the howling winds of old Troas.

But just now it is a question whether nature had better laugh or cry. One moment out dashes the sunshine and warms things up so that the old dog creeps around on the south side of the house and stretches himself out to take a nap. Then in almost no time along comes a shower, darkening the sun and awakening Fowler from his slumbers. Laughing and crying almost in the same breath, this is April.

But isn't there more of sunshine than of shower? And do not the little rains make the world brighter and fresher every time they come? The boys brought home from the woods this morning some spring flowers, the first of the season. How pretty they look on the table now! Listening we can hear the world whispering, "It will be better tomorrow. You'll see. Even now I am beginning to think out so many good things for the days to come. But just now, let me have my cry out. Don't blame me for shedding a few tears when April comes. I'm so happy!"

Yes, April, month of the smiles and the tears, laugh and cry to your heart's content. We have done the same more than once, and we know how much good it does a-body to be so happy we don't really know whether to wipe our eyes on our coat sleeve or pull down the window shade to keep the carpet from fading where the sunlight strikes.

We will take you at your word and wait for the morrow when the staid hours will come and this old earth will be bathed from morning till night in a great flood of glory. Song birds will be here then and flowers everywhere. We can go out and tramp the fields to our heart's content and never think of needing an umbrella. So keep it up! Laugh till you cry and cry till you laugh. It is April's way and who ever knew a better way?

Birds and Frogs Friends to Dahlias

I wonder how many Dahlia fans realize how many insects the birds and frogs will kill in the dahlia gardens. We have put many bird houses around our dahlia gardens and in the summer there are dozens of birds among the dahlias, hunting insects, many of which are too small for us to see. Aphid, leafhoppers, trip, etc., both of us very little and we do very little spraying since the birds have taken up their homes with us. We read a few days ago that one pair of insect-eating birds will do more good in a garden than a five-gallon spray used every week, and since having the birds, we do not doubt it.

Birds are so interesting to have around, and with good treatment will become very tame. We have a bird bath in the garden and on warm summer days have seen as many as 50 birds (of many kinds), on the bushes around the bath, at one time, waiting their turn to drink or bathe and sometimes three or four in the bath at once. We have also seen them take a bath in the winter when the temperature was almost down to freezing and it made us shiver to see them do it. We also put up feeding stations for the winter when their food is scarce, for we do not forget the help they were to us in the summer.

Frogs and toads are also wonderful friends to the garden. We have a lily pond about 14 feet by 12 feet, and on warm summer days

we have counted as many as 55 frogs sitting among the lily pads or around the edge of the pond. But at night not a frog could be found at the pond, for they are out in the gardens hunting insects and in the morning you will see them on their way back to the pond. We sometimes find tiny tree frogs no larger than a dime, sitting in the petals of the dahlia blooms looking for insects there.

So our friendly birds catch the insects during the daylight, while the frogs catch the bugs at night. And we also have a dozen pet banty chickens running loose in the garden which are always on the lookout for bugs and worms and do not harm the dahlias. Yours for better dahlias, Lee's Dahlia Gardens—(In bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.)

The Teachers' Influence

What you, today, have taught these girls and boys. They may forget. Too soon the mind employs itself with needless cares and counts as naught. The lessons which in early youth were taught. But what you are within your heart today is marked indelibly upon the clay of their young lives, to help or harm the plan. Which God designed to make a perfect man. And trusted then to you, His artisan. —T. P. Wag.

Keep salad oil in a glass syrup jug instead of in its own can. The oil can be poured conveniently from the jug and it is easy to see just how much is on hand.

CAMPUS QUEEN—HANDSOMEST MAN



Here is the 1928 edition of the campus queen of Wittenberg college, Springfield, O.—Miss Louise Holl, chosen by her fellow students and who is to be crowned June 5. Inset is Roger Jackson, senior, chosen the handsomest man at the school in a contest conducted by the student publications.

THE PLANT ALPHABET

A is for aster that blooms in the fall. Its colors are dainty and pleasing to all.

B is for bluebell, that grow in the wood. 'Tis a shy, modest flower that bows as it should.

C is for clover—the red and the white. It has a fine flavor that bees find just right.

D is for daisy, dotting the fields. A pretty June picture, the no fragrance it yields.

E is for edelweiss, star-shaped and white. When it buds in the spring, it's a glorious sight.

F is for forget-me-not, tiny and blue. Bidding us ever be faithful and true.

G is for golden-rod, flower of the prairie. It looks like the plume on the cap of a fairy!

H is for hollyhock, graceful and strong;

Brightening the garden wall all summer long.

I is for ivy, that glorifies all—Clinging to castle and cottage so small.

J is for Jack-in-the-pulpit so gay. He has his own church in the woods every day.

K is for kuden, a vine that is known. To grow fifty feet the first summer it's sown.

L is for lily, that floats on the pond. Of sleep on its broad leaves, the frog is quite fond.

M is for mignonette, shyest of flowers. Its fragrance we breathe thru soft summer showers.

N is for narcissus which brings Message of springtime and early birds' wings.

O is for orchid, flower of the bog. 'Tis often found springing from half-rotted log.

P is for pansy, with dear, saucy face; Each garden reserves for this posy a place.

Q is for Queen Anne's lace, ever so fine; Each blossom unfolds in a dainty design.

R is for rose, whether garden or wild. Its loveliness charms both the grown-up and child.

S is for snapdragon, children's delight; If can open its mouth and then shut it up tight.

T is for tulip, with colors so gay; It will dance in the wind like a lassie at play.

U is for umbrella plant from afar. Kept on the porch in a crockery jar.

V is for violet, loved by us all; No flower more welcome, altho it is small.

W is for willow, with "pussies" so gray. And when the wind blows the "kittens" will play. —M. N. D.

Dear Mary Ann: Here's a story I have written:

The End of the Trail

Long ago before the white men came over, there was an Indian boy who was very strong. He was the strongest of the Indians. He had a wonderful horse which he liked very much.

One year the white people started to come over here to live. The Indians hid behind the trees.

One day a boat load of Russians came over, and they treated the Indians mean. The boy said, "Let us stay in the mountains; these people will soon leave."

But they did not leave. Instead, they started to kill the Indians.

One day the Russians killed this brave's mother. Then he started war, all the Indians fought a very fierce battle. This caused many wars in Oregon.

One day this boy mounted his horse and rode over mountains and through woods. He soon came to a white man's camp. He got

Pointers for Parents

Oatmeal and whole-grain cereals are particularly nutritious and economical and altogether desirable for children. They should be cooked thoroughly. "Children, the Magazine for Parents," advises, not only to increase the ease of digestion, but to improve the flavor, for children should have no sugar on their cereals.

Taking a baby into a room full of laughing, noisy adults will very often bring out a fear reaction. After you have done this a few times your child begins to cry when he sees a stranger.

If your child habitually tosses in his sleep, he may be suffering from nerve strain, from incorrect feeding or from too heavy covering.

It is legitimate to pay a child for work he does about the home provided it is work for which you would have to pay someone else. However, a child should not expect pay for doing his rightful share in the household tasks.

Special Recipes

Chicken with Egg Noodles

Dress, clean and cut a 4 or 5 pound fat, young hen in pieces. Add salt and pepper and allow to stand several hours or over night. Place in kettle and cover with boiling water. Let simmer for three or four hours or until tender. Remove from broth, saving enough broth for gravy and noodles.

Place chicken on large meat platter and place hard boiled eggs all around. Cut some of the eggs lengthwise and leave some whole. Have noodles cooked ready to pour around eggs and chicken, then the gravy over all. Decorate with parsley and a sprinkle of paprika.

Eggs in Baked Potatoes

Six eggs, six potatoes, six tablespoons of grated cheese, six teaspoons of butter.

Bake the potatoes, cut off the tops, remove the insides and cream as you would mashed potatoes. Add seasoning. Replace potatoes in shells, filling almost half full and leaving room to drop an egg, saw, salt and pepper egg and sprinkle with teaspoon of grated cheese and one teaspoon of butter. Put back in oven and bake for four minutes.

Surprise Egg Salad

½ cup of chopped celery, ½ cup chopped cooked chicken, 8 eggs, 1 cup of mayonnaise, 1 head of lettuce, 6 stuffed olives, ½ cup of chopped nuts.

Cover the eggs with boiling water and set where the water will not bubble for three-fourths of an hour. Put into cold water until ready to serve. Mix the celery, cooked chicken and nut meats with half the mayonnaise. With a sharp knife cut off the end of the eggs and with a salt spoon remove the yolk, being very careful not to break the white. Fill each egg with the chicken mixture and stand cut end of the egg down on a leaf of chilled lettuce. Put spoonfuls of mayonnaise between eggs and then sprinkle with powdered yolks. Decorate with sliced, stuffed olives.

Orange Delight

Boil 2 cups of sugar and 1 cup of water together 8 minutes. Let cool, add two cups of orange juice. Make a custard of one cup of thin cream and yolks of two eggs. Let cool and add one cup of whipped cream. Then mix with the above and freeze. When partly frozen add one-fourth cup of candied orange or grape fruit peel. This is a delicious frozen dessert and very nice to serve at an Easter party, in yellow paper ice cups or in orange like little baskets.

Suggestion for Spring Cleaning

There is always danger of spotting or soiling walls when the woodwork is being cleaned. To avoid this, place a piece of cardboard along the edge of the door frame or window casing that is to be cleaned, moving it along as you work. You not only prevent the soiling of the walls, but the device enables you to work faster and more thoroughly.—Mrs. D. S.

After Removing Adhesive Tape

A very simple method of removing the after effects of adhesive tape or sticky plaster of any kind, is discovered the other day. By applying cold cream and then rubbing gently with a soft towel, the sticky marks disappear like magic, leaving the skin clean and not a bit irritated. I was especially pleased with the results after removing the marks left by a black adhesive porous plaster.—Mrs. R.

A Mending Hint

When mending kid gloves, always use either mercerized or cotton thread. Silk tears the kid.—Miss B. M.

For the Milk Separator

When straining milk in the separator, use three or four clothespins to hold the straining cloth in place. The cloth will never slip down in the milk if held in this way. —Mrs. F. J.

SOUTHERN BELLE IN CAPITAL



This unusual portrait is of Miss Janie McSwain, daughter of Representative and Mrs. John J. McSwain, of South Carolina, said to be one of the most beautiful members of Washington's younger set.