

As We Live

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Profit by Successes As Well as Mistakes

It is common advice to suggest one should profit by one's mistakes. But few people suggest profiting by one's successes. And why not? Surely, no success is great enough that it could not be improved upon. There is no question that one can learn a lot from one's mistakes. A person who is smart will see to it that a similar mistake does not happen again. Even when he is discouraged, ashamed and disheartened, he sooner or later takes hold of himself, recognizes some mistakes are inevitable, and then analyzes the cause or causes to make sure he will not do the same thing again.

Profiting by mistakes is a way of learning what to do and what not to do. But, it is more often negative than positive in form. Most people emphasize the negative side, making mental notes that they must not do this or that in the future. But few carry through and decide what they should do in the future.

Profiting by one's successes, on the other hand, is positive in nature and, as a result, is likely to be more effective. The person who has done well, who is successful and confident that he is recognized and respected by others, may make the mistake of resting on his laurels, assuming that future successes will automatically follow his earlier successes.

Will Analyze Successes
However, if he is smart, he will not allow himself to be so blinded by his present success that he will be unable to see possible failures in the future. To avoid these, he will analyze his successes, just as a smart person will analyze his mistakes.

With this knowledge to work on, he will then be in a position to prepare himself to avoid pitfalls that might lead to failures in the future. By strengthening his chances for success, he is likely to increase his successes. In this manner, his successful experiences can be turned to profit just as his unsuccessful ones are.

Questions—Answers
Forgetfulness: "My husband is one of those men who forgets family birthdays, anniversaries, and errands I ask him to do. He seems to be able to remember well enough in his business, and I am wondering if this means

he is just selfish."—T. W.
(A) Your husband may be selfish, especially as you would expect him to be interested enough in his family to try to remember days in their lives which he knows are important. On the other hand, he may be so used to being reminded what to do in his business that he has not learned to assume the responsibility of remembering things himself.

Why not try to remind him, in a tactful manner, of approaching events of importance to members of the family, such as birthdays? I am sure he is embarrassed by his forgetfulness and will welcome little reminders from you.

Crowded Schedule: "I notice my children get tense and nervous when their days are crowded. Is there some way I can correct this?"—A. M.

(A) The only way you can correct your children's nervous tension is to relax their schedules so that they are not so crowded. Even adults become tense and nervous when they must do things under pressure. Children, who are accustomed to doing things at a slower speed, cannot stand up under the strain of pressure. Try to plan their days to avoid pressure except in emergencies.

Trial Separation: "A year ago I decided I did not love my husband and wanted a divorce. Our minister suggested a trial separation and assured me I would change my mind after a year. I haven't and think a divorce is the only solution. Do you agree?"—U. D.

(A) The tone of your letter suggests you decided you wanted the divorce before you tried the separation and that was that. If you have sincerely tried to get a better perspective on your marriage and still feel you can never be happy, then there is no reason to delay action on the divorce if that is what you want. I am sure your husband would not want you to come back, feeling as you do about your marriage.

Spicy fish sauce: mix 1/2 cup ketchup, 1/4 cup diced celery and 1/4 cup lemon juice. Season with 2 tablespoons horseradish, grated onion and a dash of pepper sauce. Bring to boiling point, chill and serve.

Sleeves will wear longer if they are reinforced with an inch wide bias strip clipped to both edges of the open clipped seam. The strips will take the underarm "pull."

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Superstition Said Reliable By Maker of Good Luck Charms

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY United Press Staff Correspondent

New York —(U.P.)— Women change their hairdos and their hemlines and their taste in husbands, but when it comes to good luck charms they'll take the same old four leaf clovers grandma trusted.

Our superstitions are highly reliable, reports a young lady who specializes in designing charm bracelets. The horse may have lost out to the horseless carriage, but the horseshoe has never been threatened by the rubber tire as a good luck piece.

Our sentimental moods are something else again. Sheila Tucker added. You simply can't predict what women will pick as sentimental mementos.

Has Jewelry Store
Miss Tucker spends her days in a small Fifth Avenue jewelry shop which boasts the world's largest collection of charms. If the 2000 bracelet charms in the store don't fit your needs, Miss Tucker will sketch your sentimental favorite and have it made up.

"Hardly a woman comes into the store who doesn't have a good luck charm on her bracelet," the attractive brunette said. "Four leaf clovers and horseshoes are the favorites."

She doesn't even try to out-guess their sentimental favorites. One girl from Ohio wrote into the shop and asked them to make up a gold charm in the form of Gregory Peck wearing a full dress suit. She wanted the jaw of the model hinged so that when it opened she could read the inscription "I do" engraved inside.

Tombstone Charm
The most macabre sentiment Miss Tucker recalls was from a woman who ordered a charm in the form of a tombstone, inscribed exactly as her father's tombstone was.

One young woman who had completed her psychiatric treatment ordered a charm in the form of a room with a tiny couch, a woman's figure reclining and a man seated next to it taking notes. Women generally look for decorative charms, Miss Tucker said. Men who order sentimental charms for women are fond of commemorating special dates.

"The calendar charm is one of the most popular of all times," she said.

Men are excellent at remembering dates of their marriages or their wives' birthdays when they come in to order the charms, the designer said. But

they almost never can remember their children's birthdays if they decide to make it a family-memento affair.

Garden Notes

By C. B. CORDY County Extension Agent for Horticulture

Many gardeners with a green thumb like to grow their own seedling plants as they have a greater choice of seeds and can grow a few each of several different kinds.

With proper equipment this is a very satisfactory way of getting plants. A small hotbed is highly desirable but where this is lacking the plants can be grown in a flat of soil placed in a sunny window. The seeds should be planted rather sparingly and covered with a little soil. It is generally considered that the seeds should be covered with soil to a depth about three times their diameter. They should then be watered after which time they can be covered with a piece of glass or a piece of paper until the seeds begin to sprout through the soil. They should then be left in an uncovered flat in the house.

Transplanting Seedlings
Planting the seeds thinly makes it unnecessary to transplant them. Transplanting is needed only to supply the seedlings sufficient room in which to develop. If the seedlings are not grown thick there is better air circulation around them and less chance for damping off. Damping off is a fungus trouble which is favored by warm moist conditions. This makes it important that the surface of the soil be allowed to dry in between each watering.

Damping occasionally with fungicides will also hold down the amount of damping off. A good disinfecting solution can be made by mixing one level teaspoon of Semesan or Arasan in 1-1 1/2 quarts of water. One cup of this mixture is sufficient to drench 2 square feet of seed bed. The seedlings should be drenched at the time of planting. If damping off appears one or two further applications may be necessary to hold it in check.

Mrs. Randy Hugdahl To Be Hostess for Extension Unit Session

Griffin Creek — Mrs. Randy Hugdahl, 2230 Canal street, will be hostess to Griffin Creek Home Extension unit women Friday, March 2 at 11 a.m.

The morning will be devoted to business and planning participation in the annual home extension spring festival.

Luncheon will be served at noon.

Mrs. Hugdahl will give the lesson during the afternoon on the subject of decorating candles. Each member is to take candles to decorate and a bunch of very small artificial flowers.

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — Use a fan to help warm hard-to-heat rooms in winter. Mrs. Clara M. Leopold, extension home management specialist at the University of Nebraska, said a fan helps to distribute heat evenly, if run at low speed about three feet from a radiator or register. Face the fan toward a radiator and away from a register.

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Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By BILL HURN

Tuesday evening the American Red Cross group under Mrs. Marie Rehling and Mrs. Richard Gordon presented a square dance revue to Camp White members. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Fosbury of Medford, in charge of square dances at the Medford YMCA, with four couples from the Happy Harvester square dance club of Central Point favored demonstrated six numbers, with Fosbury calling the changes.

A door prize drawing awarded four of the audience followed by cookies and coffee.

criticisms prevalent through the world today.
On the rostrum were grouped representatives of different races, faiths and backgrounds. A program of group singing, delivery of prepared talks by Le Roy Haines and Lewis Lampkin and a song by Paul J. Goda made a representative contribution from the different representation present.

Friday evening George Harrington of Rogue Valley Country club presented his current floor show billing to a packed auditorium of VA members. The show included the Del Prado "Los Zeas" dance team from Mexico City and Dorothy Clair, star in the Broadway hit, "Finnian Rainbow."

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STUDENT EARNINGS
Brookings, S. D.—(U.P.)—Seven hundred and forty-eight students at South Dakota State College earned \$149,185.30 in part time jobs during the 1954-55 school-year. Most students held jobs on the campus; others worked at numerous jobs in Brookings, a town of more than 7,700 population.

In making meringue pies, sprinkle powdered sugar on the meringue before it's baked. This will prevent the knife from sticking when cutting the pie.

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