Woman's Page

O woman, in your hours of ease,
Uncertain coy and hard to please,
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering aspen made,
When painand anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou.

And she is certainly in her own sphere when she is preparing for Christmas. What delightful things her hands are concocting to delight the children. The smell of the jumbles are wafted afar, and the fruit cake and the candy and all the other good things, put aside for that happy occasion.

Those who are watching her wish it were Christmas right away that they might taste the delectable preparations

There is a woman who lived in the last century. Mary Anne Disraeli who know well how to please her husband Disraeli, Earle of Beaconfield. The following is taken from Maurois' history of Disraeli.

'TILL DEATH DO US PART'

Society found Disraeli's marriage at 33 to an uneducated and frivolous widow of 45 ridiculous. To him it was a paradise of adoration, a refuge of lasting tenderness. True, Mary Anne was uneducated, but what did that matter? She had good sense, gave sound political advice, and was a useful companion in campaigns. Her frivolous talk amused and relaxed Disraeli; he had too many brilliant friends in women to want to withstand assaults of wit in his own home. Frank to the point of tactlessness, of freakish and detestable taste in dress and furniture, Mrs. Disraeli was continually exposing herself and her husband to ridicule in the noble houses they visited. But though pride and sensibility made Disraeli alive to the situation he never reproached her. A daring friend once remarked that he must be a man of extraordinary qualities if his wife's conversation never annoyed him. Disraeli replied: 'Not at all; I possess one quality in which most men are deficient—gratitude!'

Mary Anne indeed understood and adored her Dizzy. She spared him every care of house and servants. After debating in Parliament till 5 in the morning, Disraeli would find that, to make his homecoming gay, Mary Anne had got up from bed, and had lights blazing, and a great fire in the hearth. Sometimes she waited hours at night by the door at St. Stephen's with a cold supper for him. Nor did he disappoint this devotion, even refusing to attend a supper-party in his honor after a big Parliamentary triumph. To Mary Anne, who had a pie and a bottle of champagne for him, he said, 'My dear, you are more of a mistress to me than a wife!' She was then 77.

Disraeli never left her without sendingcountless letters; when both were ill, they corresponded from one room to another. Dizzy to Mrs. D.: 'Being on my back, pardon the pencil. You have sent me the most amusing and charming letter I have ever had. Grosvenor Gate has become a hospital, but a hospital with you it worth a palace with anybody else. Your own D.' After her death, nothing could replace for him her tender devotion. During all the rest of his life, the notepaper of his letters was edged with black.

How well one can occupy enforced leisure if one would only set his wits to work. We read of a young woman who was shut up in prison until she could show her permits.

She looked around on the prison walls of her small cell. No books nor sewing within her reach. Then she thought she would recall the different countries in whic hshe ahd visited. So she took up one country after another through which she traveled and in her minds eye, went over each country and soon found real enjoyment and when she was at last released she felt that her minds and perceptions had grown stronger and better as she went in memory all over her past travels.

Norman Hall, who went out to sea with no books found great pleasure in remembering the different persons he had met, their characters and habits, and he found it a most pleasant pasttime, as well as a great help in planning his story of his history and traveled.

'My min dto me a kingdom is,' says rare old Ben Jonson many years ago, and if we use our intellects rightly we will never be bored.

RECIPES

Orange Custard

Blend together: 1-3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1-8 teaspoon salt
Add 2 egg yolks, well beaten
1 cup orange juice
1 cup evaporated milk
1 teaspoon grated orange rind

Place the mixture in the top of a double boiler, over boiling water and cook until thickened. Place 1-2 cup of orange sections, free from membrane, in a serving dish and add the cooked custard. Chill.

Beat until stiff: 2 egg whites
Add: 4 tablespoons powdered sugar.

Cover chilled custard with meringue and brown lightly under broiler.

CANDY POTATOES

1 1-2 cups sugar
1-2 cup evaported milk
1-8 teaspoon cream of tartar
1-4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons cinnamon
Small pieces of walnuts
1 tablespoon butter

Place sugar, milk, butter, cream of tartar and salt in a saucepan and heat, stirring constantly to boiling point. Cook, stirring occasionally to 238 degrees F. Remove from heat and cool until lukewarm. Add vanilla and beat until stiff and creamy. Shape with finger in small pieces to resemble potatoes and roll in cinnamon. Insert small pieces of walnuts for eyes of potatoes.

PUFFED RICE AND NUT CANDY

3-4 cup corn sirup 1-2 teaspoon salt
1 1-4 cups sugar
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons vinegar
3-4 cup Brazil nuts, chopped
1-2 box of puffed rice

Boil together corn sirup and sugar to 248 degrees F. Add salt, vinegar, and butter, blend well, and remove from heat. Add puffed rice and nuts and pour into greased pan 8 inches square. Cut in squares when cold.

CREAMED HAM

2 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
1-4 teaspoon salt
A small piece of bay leaf.
1-2 teaspoon onion juice
1 whole clove
2 1-2 cups milk
1 1-2 cups cooked ham,
Cut in 1-4 inch cubes.

Melt butter: add flour, stir until well blended. Add seasonings. Add milk slowly, stirring constantly until thick and smooth. Bring to boil and boil two minutes. Add ham.

DID YOU KNOW?

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DID YOU KNOW:

That the Maryland Primary School system was established by act of Assembly in the year 1826.

DID YOU KNOW:

That the Expense Account of Governors Shirley and Morris, April, 1756, shows that they passed by way of Fredericktown, Cecil County, Georgetown in Kent County, then to Chestertown, (known then as Newton or New Town) in Kent County where they ferried over Chester River, reached Dockery's (Chester Mill, Centreville) at night were ferried across Kent Narrows (at Kent Island) the following morning and reached the Bay Side (Broad Creek Ferry) at noon, were then ferried across the Chesapeake Bay to Annapolis. It would be interesting to know whether the distinquished visitors travelled by Chaise or on horseback.

DID YOU KNOW:

That the Stoop, Jefferson, running out of Chester River in the year 1814 was captured by the British. The Jefferson was running as a pocket between Queenstown and Baltimore.

DID YOU KNOW:

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DID YOU KNOW:

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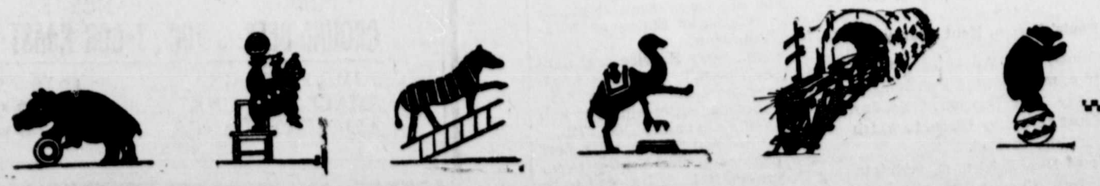
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