

## Getting Ready

"It's a dream!" wrote Dorothy to her girl friend. "My graduation dress. I mean. You will rave over it. I know. Of course, I had to pay for it with many a sleepless night that was devoted to plotting and planning, but it was well worth all the exertion. It is a perfectly sweet dress. I love it, that's all."

Father is so peculiar. It is most amusing. I think it is a sign that he is getting old. He looked like a thunder cloud last night when I was just talking about my dress. Then he said, "I forbid you to say another word in my presence about that fire-some dress. I have heard nothing else for a who's month. My patience is completely exhausted. If you thought more of your studies and less of style and the clothes you wore, it would be more profitable to you."

"Wasn't that unsympathetic of father?" Why I felt perfectly dreadful about it. But men are queer, all except Bob. He understands me perfectly. Thank goodness.

"My graduation essay is just as beautiful as it can be, even if I do say so myself."

Mrs. Dimple helped me write it. She's our dress-maker, you know, but before her marriage she was a school teacher, so she knows an awful lot about essays and things. When I craved for my Latin examination last week Mrs. Dimple worked up my essay. It is entitled "The Categorical Imperative."

Mother says that she can't understand at all why Mrs. Dimple even pushed on little sewing this time while she has been working on me. I should have explained the matter to mother, for I'm sure if she knew she wouldn't object.

I read my "Categorical Imperative" to Bob. After he had listened to the whole fourteen pages he said, "Believe me, Dorothy, that's some composition. Isn't he a dear?"

I am trying to encorize my essay, but it is a very difficult task, especially when one gets no encouragement from one's family. I was reciting it out loud while taking my bath last evening and father rounded on the door and nearly shouted, "Dorothy, it's 12 o'clock! Has all this graduation stuff turned your head completely?" Your mother and I want to go to sleep. I'll see you in the morning about all this noise. Isn't father peculiar?" Really, I don't see anybody who makes so much fuss about nothing.

Our graduation exercises are to be held in the Masonic hall. There are only two graduates—Tony Tyler, Sue Perkins, Bob and you, truly. Sue and I are wild to know which one of us two will have to walk down the aisle with Tony. He's a nice boy, but I can't forgive him because of his stiff stick-up hair. Then besides, he has freckles, he trips and he's cross-eyed. Still, he is an awfully nice boy. Don't you think that Sue ought to let me walk down the aisle with Bob?

I mailed 125 invitations to friends of mine for our graduation exercises. Father said, "I don't approve of that at all. It's like begging for presents to send out invitation cards. Why, it's no better than the way robbers, but that's just nonsense."

I would much rather receive flowers than presents anyway. You see, I am to have four flower girls, and think how humiliating it would be if they had no flowers to carry. You understand what I mean, don't you, Marjory? Men are so dense.

I wonder what Bob is going to send me. Whatever it is, I'll love it because well, just because. I am giving him my photograph in a very little while.

brothered myself. Next time he is going away to a good college, where there will be hundreds of pretty girl students. I wanted him always to have a gentle reminder of me in his dresser, you see, although he insists that he will never, never forget me, even if he is thousands of miles away. Do you think he ever will forget me, Marjory?

"And now—since, as I must study my 'Categorical Imperative' I'll have to close the long letter I ever wrote in my life, with kisses of love and kisses."

### Cheap Land Clearing

In the neighborhood of Arlington, Washington, a partial solution of the problem of clearing land cheaply has been found in the use of gasoline engines equipped with cables and drums. What can be done with this equipment is shown in the experience of one farmer.

With a gasoline engine of local construction and with the assistance of his two sons a farmer living near that town cleared twenty acres of land and took out every stump during one season. The time devoted to the work was only that which could be spared from the main crop of a dairy farm. On the other side of the question the actual expenditures for gasoline and oil were but \$20.

### The Vital Range

The lieutenant rushed to the bridge and saluted.

"Captain," he shouted, "for the hour of battle was sounding. I regret to report that the enemy has got our range."

"How do you know?" roared the captain. "Now how can the cook get dinner?"



When making sweet croquettes add a little sugar to the crumbs in which the croquettes are to be rolled.

Custery can be much improved by soaking it for an hour in ice cold water in which a lemon has been squeezed.

Scratches on polished wood, if not too deep, can be removed by rubbing lightly with fine sandpaper and then with a mixture of olive oil and vinegar.

If you desire to serve a halibut fish whole, and have it stand upright on the platter, put a carrot inside the fish before cooking and it will remain in position.

When making lemonade one of the lemons may be peeled and run through a meat chopper with a small piece of the peel. This will give the lemonade a delightful piquant flavor.

### Sweet Milk and Soda

Many cooks look on in horror if you use soda in sweet milk, but in this recipe for devil's food it can be used successfully. One-half cup sweet milk, three-fourths cup grated chocolate, one-half cup brown sugar. Put this on stove and let come to a boil, then pour it over one-half cup butter. Let this cool, then add one cup brown sugar and one-half cup sweet milk, two well beaten eggs and 2½ cups sifted flour. Now add one level teaspoon of soda, dissolved in hot water. Bake 90 minutes.

### Soup of Rice

Put a half cupful of washed rice into boiling water and cook for 12 or 15 minutes. Drain off the water and add a quart of white stock. Boil up all the rice becomes tender. Strain, and add ½ cup of cream. Beat the yolks of 2 eggs with a cupful of cream. Add to the soup and stir for a minute. If it does not come to a boil, add a little more stock. Taste and serve.

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