

# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem Of The Month - To become perfect, just follow the advice you give to others.

A man arrives at work covered in scratches and bite marks, his suit torn, his tie all crooked and his face bruised.

A colleague asks, "What happened? Did you have an accident?" "No", the guy replies. "I just buried my mother-in-law". "But how did you get all those injuries?" "She didn't want to get into the coffin."

In modern life, there are many loud noises that can affect our hearing. Any prolonged exposure to sounds over 90 decibels can cause gradual hearing loss. Any sounds above 100 decibels can cause permanent hearing loss. Here are some common noises that may require ear protection:

Airplane Takeoff - 140 db; rock concert - 120 db; snowmobiles - 110 db; power tools - 100 db; motorcycles - 90 db; traffic noise - 80 db; (Reader's Digest)

Lying battered and bruised in hospital, a man explained to his friend, "I told my wife that when football is on, it would take a team of horses to drag me away from the T.V. I still have no idea where she got them".

## Maple Bran Bread

Sift together

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour 1 tsp. salt  
3 tsp. baking powder 1/4 cup sugar

Add and mix well

1 1/2 cups bran 3/4 cup milk  
1/2 cup chopped dates 1/2 cup maple syrup  
1 egg 4 tbsps. melted shortening

Pour into greased 8" x 4" loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 50 min or till done.

## GOLDEN WINDOWS

Do you remember the story of the boy who, looking off into the west each morning, saw a house on a far off hill with windows that gleamed like gold? What a beautiful house. He resolved to go to the house with the golden windows and one morning he started out. It was afternoon when in joyous anticipation he reached the hilltop. But the house with the golden windows was not there -- just an ordinary looking house, not much different from his own. To a little girl playing in the yard he asked, "Could you tell me where to find the house with the golden windows?" "There it is," answered the little girl, pointing down the valley. "I see it every afternoon." The boy looked, and lo, he saw the windows of his own house shining like gold in the sunlight.

How often we see the golden windows of opportunity in the other person's life and miss them in our own. How often we see golden windows in the Land-of-Tomorrow that never comes. We do not have to wait until tomorrow or next year; we do not have to go into another territory or take another position to find them. Like the little boy in the story, we need to discover that there are golden windows right where we are today.

The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have, and be able to lose all desire for things beyond your reach.

Few are born to do the great work of the world, but the work that all can do is to make a small home circle brighter and better.

He who makes room in his heart for others, will himself find accommodation everywhere.

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