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## My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

HYDE PARK — On Monday afternoon Mrs. James Roosevelt, the widow of my husband's half-brother, died in her home here after a short illness. She had been failing for a long time, and every since her husband died it seemed to me, life for her had been more an existence than any active participation that held any real interest in the affairs of this world. She adored her husband. After his death in 1927 we thought we would never arouse her interest in everyday things, but she continued to live in his house up here and as long as my mother-in-law was alive I think she had some companionship. For a time we were able to get her to come to stay with us in Washington at Christmas time, and she kept up with some of her husband's friends.

The last few years, however, she had been so ailing that her only diversion was a short drive in the afternoons in good weather. She would sit by the hour in a chair near the window. Her one enjoyment was the flowers that were brought in from her garden and greenhouse. She would cheer up somewhat when any of us went to see her, and she seemed to show interest in what we told her.

Before I went out to Phoenix, recently for the wedding of my granddaughter, sister, she gave me a wedding present to take to this first member of the younger generation to be married, and showed a great deal of interest in the event. Yet, one felt that it was almost as though she were talking from another world. Now she has passed over to that other world, and one can only hope that the suffering and the sorrow through which she passed here are completely over.

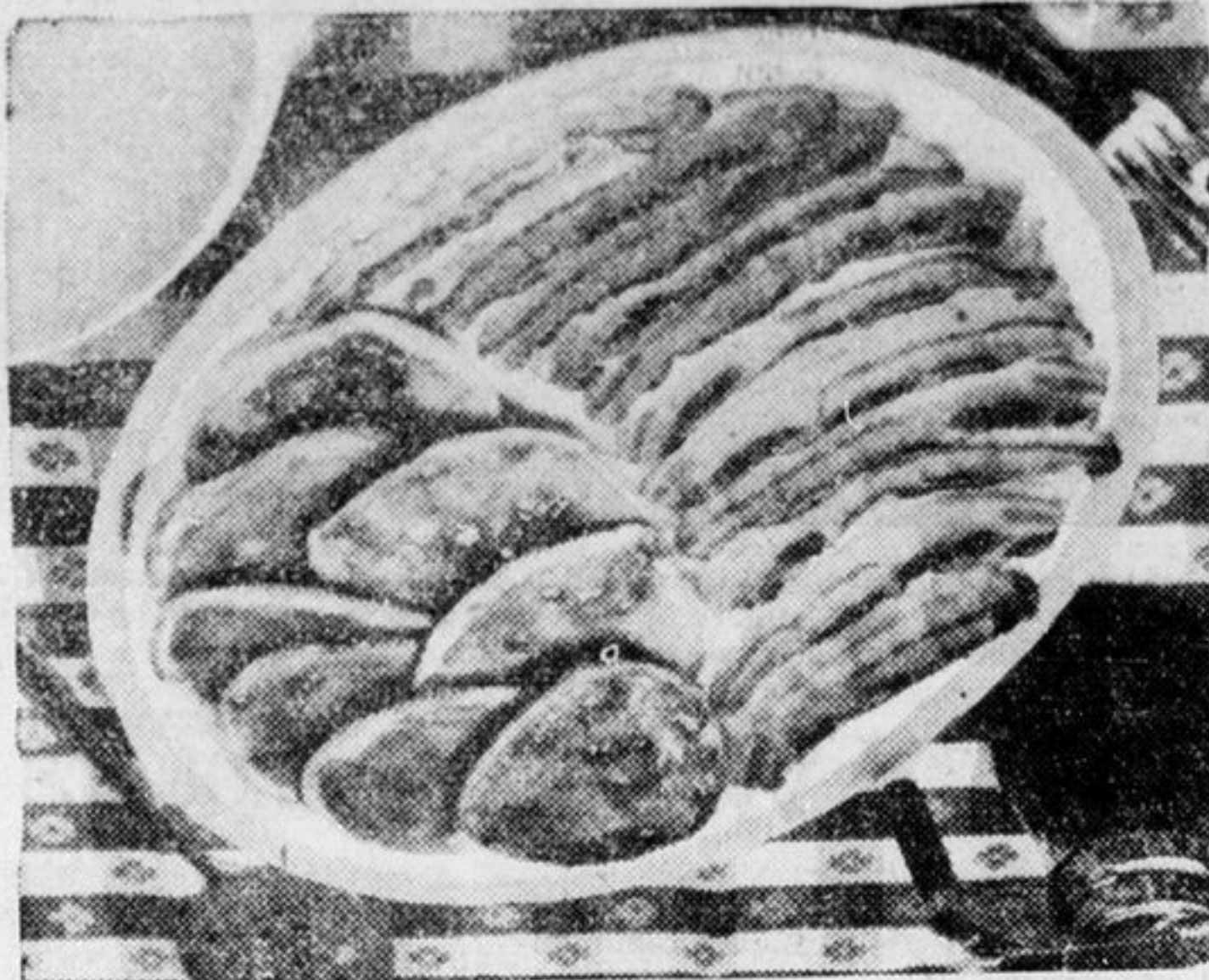
If unselfishness and love of others are traits highly prized in human beings, then Aunt Betty, as all my children called her, will be met with the words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Her stepdaughter, Mrs. Theodore Douglas Robinson, is here, and some of her children are coming to help Mrs. Robinson with the details that always have to be attended to when a death occurs in the family.

My husband was fond of Mrs. Roosevelt and I shall miss the short visits I was able to pay her now and then. Many of the kind things she did for people in an unobtrusive way will long be remembered in this neighborhood, and there will be many of her neighbors to mourn her passing.

Slowly the old generation is disappearing. For us who are left behind it becomes increasingly clear that we are the older generation and that the time we have left should be made to count to the utmost.

E. R.

## "Food For Fun and Fitness"



By Martha Logan

Tempting, colourful flavour-right menus give sparkle to mealtime and make history of lagging summer appetite. Such menus are those which include a family favorite meat and a combination of garden fresh vegetables and fruits so abundant now. Perfect flavour companion with vegetables is the sweet smoke taste of bacon — a family breakfast choice that is gaining favour as a summer luncheon and dinner entree.

There's eye appeal and savoury goodness in a platter of rosy brown bacon strips and stalks of garden green asparagus with a bright accent of golden pineapple or broiled halves of sun ripened tomatoes. Crumbled crisp cooked bacon is a flavour-treat also in generous servings of cooked vegetable; or a hearty accent to a fresh vegetable salad.

Usual method of bacon cookery is pan-frying. Secret of the golden even-browning for picture-pretty service is the cooking of the bacon slowly, letting the bacon float in the drippings as they accumulate. When done to the family's liking, press the bacon gently between paper towels to remove excess drippings and flatten the slices.

For family luncheon or dinner service, quantities of bacon may be even-baked or broiled. Plan an oven menu to include baked bacon and scalloped potatoes or make it a broiler meal and accompany the bacon with broiled tomato halves, butter-

brushed peaches, pear halves or banana. Tiny boiled new potatoes, cooked peas or green beans will be heated and flavoured by the bacon drippings beneath the broiling rack.

Quick and easy is the method of baking bacon. Place slices on a wire rack set in a shallow baking pan. Bake in a hot oven (400 degrees F) about 10 minutes, or until brown. Just as simple is the broiling of bacon. Place the slices on the broiling rack, broil about 3 inches from the source of heat. Turn once to cook evenly.

### HOT POTATO SALAD

Yield: 1 quart

- 1/2 pound bacon
- 4 medium sized potatoes (1 qt diced)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 table-spoons drippings
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 table-spoons sugar
- 2 teasp-oons salt

Cook potatoes in jacket in boiling salted water until tender. Peel and dice. Meanwhile brown diced bacon and onions in frying pan. Remove from frying pan. Pour off drippings and measure back 2 table-spoons. Stir in flour. Add vinegar and water and cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add sugar and salt and simmer 2 or 3 minutes. Add potatoes, onion and bacon to sweet sour sauce. Heat thoroughly.

\* If cider vinegar is used, decrease accordingly to taste. Add water to dilute to same measure.

## Successful Parenthood



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There is no better plan for making family life run smoothly than to have as few a rules as possible and then see that these are enforced. A group of friends who have taken a summer place together so that their children can enjoy country life have found that this minimizing of rules, but being very strict about the ones decided on, making for a harmonious summer together.

Each family has two young sons, ages ranging 12 to 14 so that their interests aren't too far apart. There is a rising bell and one-half hour later the bell is rung again for breakfast. Anyone who doesn't appear on time, dressed and with hair combed, misses breakfast. Being healthy boys absences are few. The occasional laggard finds it expensive to stay in bed, for this means bicycling to the village for a drug-store breakfast out of his weekly spending allowance.

The boys make their beds and take care of their own dormitory and sleeping porch. Then the morning is theirs though they are most obliging about errands to the village. Lunch is at 1:00 o'clock and is bought out doors on fair days. Since there is an iron-clad rule against rifling the ice-box between meals, hungry boys appear on time, leaving their various morning activities, even if it means having a crucial cricket game or tennis set interrupted. It is the boys' job to pass the food to their parents and guests and to gather up the waste.

Because few extra jobs are sprung on them they are willing and eager in the dispatch of their regular responsibilities.

Dinner demands a slicked-up appearance, and again, promptness. And bedtime is left to nature — a day of outdoor fun makes sleep appeal to weary lads.

Even the few restrictions imposed on the boys are not from an arbitrary sense of discipline, for this is vacation time and school will bring its heavier duties in the fall. But if the boys followed only their impulses about meals, appearance and keeping the place tidy, too much of a burden would be put on the parents. Their sense of fairness is appealed to in having the rules apply to all alike — children, parents and guests — and in having them based on consideration for everyone's comfort.

Basic to the success of the plan is the rule about allowances — when pocket money is gone there is no more forthcoming until the end of the week. This has kept the boys of the look-out for part-time jobs.

The parents have veto power over jobs that appear to them dangerous or too taxing for fast-growing boys. But other decisions regarding paid work are made by the boys.

The boys aren't angels, and occasionally there is an infringement, such as breaking the rule about helping themselves to food other than milk (which is always available). No one lectures or punishes, but the meal for which the pilfered food was intended is simply left minus — that is, no dessert for lunch if the left-over apple pie is gobbled the night before. This keeps the communal budget from going haywire and spares the meal-planners extra shopping trips.

So, if a few adamant, but well-thought out rules can simplify living together for three families, why not for one.

## EASY DOES IT

By Helen Hall

PERMANENT FINISH FABRIC and real linens will not require any "tackling." They should be very damp, and ironed with a very hot iron until they are completely dry. If left damp, wrinkles will appear as the fabrics dry.

If kitchen towels have become very thin and worn, and if they have a lot of lint, they should be very lightly starched.

If you use starch on dark brown cottons, add a little bit of strong tea to the starch so that a white film does not develop on the material.

Keep a glass jar in the laundry room so that you can place in it buttons and fasteners as they come off the clothing. Take the jar with you when you sit down to do your mending.

TABLE LINENS should be soaked in cool water before washing. The cold water will remove the stains in the linen before the hot laundry water gets a chance to set them.

Heavy lace articles such as table-cloths, if they are stretched to dry very tightly, will rarely need ironing. Squeeze out as much water as possible before hanging to dry. Squeeze the corners with a dry towel at intervals to prevent their sagging.

IF MEN'S WORK SOCKS are soaked several hours or overnight before washing, they will require less rubbing. After washing and rinsing, stretch the stocking back to its original shape before hanging so they will be smooth and nicer to wear.

Never dampen clothing until you are certain you'll have time to iron. Clothes may mildew or develop a musty smell if they are damp and remain unironed for long.

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A new idea will do more for you than marrying the boss's daughter, or waiting for Aunt Eliza to put your name in a codicil. And here is the story of a man who gave to a business something it had not known, and as a result became important in his field.

Robert H. Rolfe was graduated from high school in West Bend, Wis., and went out to run down a job. That's an old story, and you could run down one anytime without even a legman to help you. (A legman, in newspaper lingo is a reporter who is sent out to get facts; who legs it from breakfast to dark.)

Mr. Rolfe's job with a small company was to make leather goods, and his particular job was "billing clerk." That's starting pretty close to the bottom in manufacturing.

He said to himself, "If I'm going to stay in this business, I'm going to learn all about it." So he rose to become bookkeeper, then traveling salesman, and next secretary of the company. Good old Horatio Alger stuff. But sound.

By and by he started a company of his own in a small back room on the second floor of a store in West Bend; the whole place not much bigger than a piano crate. He called it "The Amity Leather Products Company."

One day he got an idea for something new in leather goods; to put the stamp of the manufacturer on each article made; this stamp would guarantee the quality of the product. He was scoffed at from San Diego, Calif., to Lubeck, Me., by those in the business. He let them scoff plugged his idea, put it over. Today it is regarded as exactly the right thing to do. Buyers like it, and they like it from the selling angle as well. In other words, it's standard practice, but when Mr. Rolfe started it, it was like dynamite.

He dug up a second idea: to advertise his leather goods nationally. This was so sensational that his rivals said the fine, keen edge of a once-bright mind was gone. Too bad; nice chap.

But those two ideas have brought Bob Rolfe to every leather goods manufacturer in the world.

Maybe you can dig up a new idea in your line. There's sure to be one lurking around somewhere.

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