

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE
Q. What might be said to be the most important thing to acquire to become popular in one's social group?

CLIMBS IN ROOF TO ENTER OFFICE

OTTAWA (C)—R. J. (Dick) Gorman, grey-haired chief engineer at the government central heating plant here, has one of the queerest jobs in Ottawa. He sits in an office in a building, entered by a door in the roof, containing the opening of a mile-long subterranean passage under the city and controls the comfort of the prime minister and the members of parliament at the turn of a switch.

GREEN ATOMIC THEORY
The Greek philosopher Democritus in 400 B.C. developed an atomic theory to explain the structure of all matter.

MIGRATING BUTTERFLIES
Monarch butterflies stream down south in autumn to winter on the Gulf coast, following by instinct a route they never have seen before.

ENGLAND'S OIL
England now has 240 oil wells, producing about half a million barrels of crude oil a year. They were drilled during the war by an Oklahoma contractor for the British government.

The set-up sounds like something out of a mystery story but the work is large-scale and practical. The plant, which has a staff of 15 besides Mr. Gorman, burns an average of 16,500 tons of coal each winter to warm 16 downtown government buildings, which include an estimated 35,000,000 cubic feet of space—equivalent to about 3,500 homes, or a city the size of Cornwall, Ont.

The central heating plant, from which he directs operations, is built into the side of the 60-foot cliff which rises from the Ottawa River with

PORT SIMPSON ELECTS COUNCIL

PORT SIMPSON—Annual village elections here resulted in the following citizens becoming councillors for Port Simpson in 1946:

Chief councillor, Steven Morrison; councillors, Phillip Green Sr., Henry Kelly, Moses Wesley, W. R. Sampson, William Kelly, Sam Hughes, Joshua McKay, Eli Pollard, John Sankey, Isaac Sankey, James Lawson.

stone hewn from the cliff itself. The entrance to the building is on the roof. Where dump trucks also release their loads of coal into two giant bins holding 2,000 and 1,000 tons.

On the ground floor, reached by elevator from the entrance, are a pump room and a boiler room, the latter housing four automatic chain grate stockers and two pulverized coal blowers. The grate stockers burn a ton of slack coal every hour.

Only four of the fires are ever used although the plant has six in case of emergencies to take care of any future increase in the number of buildings heated.

The first floor houses Mr. Gorman's office and on the second are the turbines, circulating pumps and hot water heaters as well as the iron door leading to the lengthy underground tunnel. On the third, in addition to the entrance, are the coal weighing scales.

The tunnel, two feet below Ottawa's winter, has a near-Turkish bath atmosphere surrounding the pipes which carry 160-degree steam and water. Dick Gorman has had only one misadventure with his tunnel since he helped build the plant after a fire which destroyed the old parliament buildings in 1916. Ten years ago he was caught in the passage when live steam was hissing from a break in the main line but escaped and shut off the broken pipe without serious result.

PAINTING CHINA MAKES COMEBACK IN HOBBY FIELD

Old Art of Grandmother's Era Takes New Turn With Cartoons Used As Bright Illustrations

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Do you remember the old barber shop mugs, emblazoned with the name of the proud owner? If not, you may be acquainted with the old custom from "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," in which a touching scene shows the child, Francis getting her father's mug after his death.

A new chip off the old mug idea, a bit more fanciful and a bit more modern, is the idea originated by Rosemary DeCamp, who paints coffee cups for friends and family, ornamenting them not only with names, but with amusing cartoon art of their characteristics, hobbies, habits and ambitions.

Rosemary hit on the hobby during the war years, when her husband, Lieut. John Shidler, was absent in the Air Force, and Rosemary and baby Nana went to live in the big house of Mother DeCamp in Beverly Hills. Mother has a fine flair for people. She's a great coffee drinker, and Rosemary and her friends, a circle which extends to include the post-man, Mr. Morris, enjoy a bit of the cheering brew at odd hours during the day or evening. The collection of personal cups and saucers is growing steadily, for they make wonderful conversation pieces. Friends have taken up the hobby and on Sunday mornings are likely to be observed working diligently around a newspaper-covered table in the sunny breakfast room.

China painting, and old art, attained great vogue in grandmother's day. The bunches of cabbage roses, sprays of forget-me-nots and clusters of violets that were found on every sort of china gimmick from moustache cups to hatpin holders and tea sets, has been thoroughly modernized by the DeCamp clan. For one thing, you don't need to work

on grandma's fragile expensive Haviland china; use any cup and saucer, mug, plate, pitcher, even the kind obtainable at the ten-cent stores.

Get china paints from an art shop; the salesman will explain the simple technique of the art. Get an old smock, and with a few ideas in mind, go to work. If you make a mistake, it's easy to rub it off and you can try again. When it's done to your satisfaction, take it to the nearest kilm (the local art store can tell you where), have it fired, and you have something your grandchildren may treasure.

A little thought suggests many uses for this ware. You can make birthday cups for the children, anniversary cups, plates or pitchers for friends, with names, dates and inscriptions appropriate to the occasion. Funny or sentimental ash trays or candy dishes, too, can have original treatments planned for them. Your own ingenuity and the tastes of your friends are the only limits. These objects fit particularly well into homes with breakfast or luncheon rooms.

An example is cited from Miss

Pt. Simpson Doctor Takes Prairie Post

Dr. Gladstone W. Fiddes, 31, formerly of Port Simpson hospital, has been appointed medical superintendent of Brandon General Hospital.

A graduate of Queen's University in 1940, he came to B.C. in 1941, practiced at Port Simpson and recently moved to Ocean Falls. He will take over his new duties next month.

DeCamp's collection. A saucer for Jerry DeCamp, Rosemary's brother, contains in the centre a cartoon portrait of his wife, with her masses of red hair. Listed around the rim in graphic color cartoon form are his hobbies—airplanes, hunting, food and dogs. The bowl of the cup bears his name in letters around it.

If your hand is completely untrained, it might be well to work out designs on drawing paper first, then copy them freehand with paints until you develop a certain surety of touch before attacking the china itself. Simplest designs will make the best effects.

Omar and the Gorgeous Coffee Bird! Many are the legends about the discovery of coffee. One tells how the excited and saintly Hadji Omar was faint with hunger on the Mountain of Ousab. He heard a sweet and heavenly song and a gorgeous bird alighted on a nearby bush. He attempted to seize it. It disappeared! His hands closed only on the fruit of the bush. Inspiration led him to boil this fruit. He obtained a delicious drink... coffee!

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