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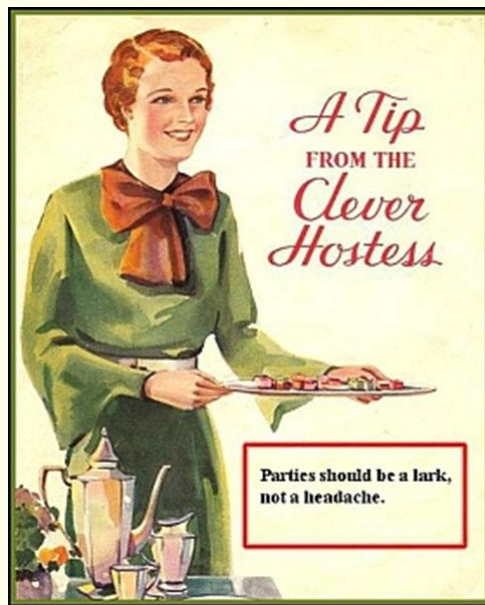
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## EllynAnne's Apron Memories® Newsletter | December 30, 2010

Y'all, Hey! For days now, I've been looking through boxes of old magazines, specifically searching for the December issues from earlier decades when America was experiencing trying times. What I found is that the women's magazines provided readers a respite from the reality of ever-tightening belts and purse strings, with offerings very upbeat and forward looking to much better days.



Even in troubling times, dinner parties are held. Click [here](#) for the Clever Hostess's tip on the conundrum of seating guests and finding conversational balance.

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### Domestic Arts Know- How

Use the finger from an old glove over the end of a curtain rod, when slipping the curtains on, so they will not tear.

**The Jewel  
Homemakers' Institute,  
Mary Dunbar, Director -  
1924**

### Feeding the Soul Ham Banana Rolls

6 thin slices boiled ham  
yellow mustard  
6 firm bananas, peeled  
cheese sauce

Spread each ham slice with mustard and wrap around each banana. Place bananas in a buttered baking dish and pour Cheese Sauce over the bananas. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bananas are tender... easily pierced with a fork.

## Usher in the New Year with

*A Toast: Into each life some caviar comes, some lemons are bound to fall.* Ladies Home Journal, 1941

*A Table Setting: Scatter shiny green holly leaves with clusters of scarlet berries all over a snowy white cloth. Silver candlesticks with red candles, and silver serving dishes will complete the picture. Cut cookies or sandwiches in the shape of holly leaves. Bits of cherry or pimienta may be used to suggest berries.* Women's Home Companion, 1935

*A Fashion Resolve: After the rush and bustle of the day, a bath and an entire change of dress-to either a formal or an informal hostess gown-will do wonders to give you a new lease on life for the evening.* The Home Arts Magazine, 1933

*A Make-Up Tip: Liven the new year using Kurlash's flattery to curl your lashes up from your eyes, showing off their size and brilliance!* Good Housekeeping, 1939

*A Cure for Untidy Spending: Purchase a good family accounting book to write down all household and allowance expenditures. You'll find that keeping a record of what you spend can be a really interesting occupation.* The American Home, 1938

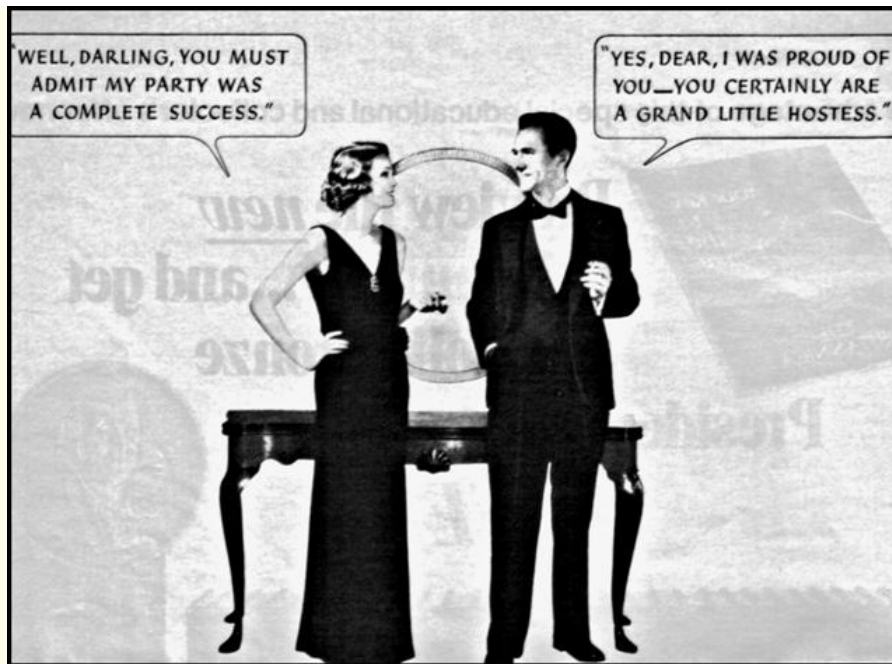
*A Compliment:*

## How to make Cheese Sauce

1 1/2 T butter  
1 1/2 T flour  
3/4 cup milk  
1 1/2 cups grated American cheese

Melt butter, add flour and stir until smooth. Stir in milk slowly. Add cheese and cook, stirring constantly until sauce is smooth and thickened.

Recipe courtesy of United Fruit Company, Dec. 1947



## A Resolution:







*The Romance of Cookery and Housekeeping, 1932*

## News from the Apron-Hood

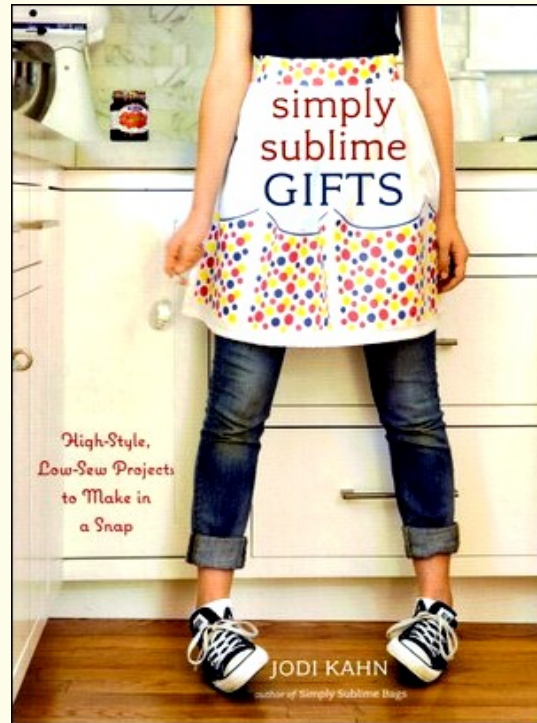


**Me!**...as a guest on SEW IT ALL! the new [PBS sewing show](#), hosted by my friend Ellen March, managing editor of Sew News and Creative Machine Embroidery. [Episode 2](#) is titled *Awesome Aprons* and for the segment, I designed an apron of dishtoweling. On camera, Ellen sewed parts of it, with me chattering like the nervous wreck I was, as I am a much better designer than seamstress. The show is different from other sewing productions - very welcoming and encouraging to sewers of every level. It's an energetic, unique production and to see it in your area, the local PBS station must carry it. Thanks ever so for taking the time to contact your PBS station - here's the [link](#).

**Mark** Lipinski tapped me to be on his radio show, and it was the most fun interview and not just because he laughed when I tried to be funny. If you'll click [here](#), you can listen to my piece (7+ minutes) or visit his [website](#) to hear the entire show. Honestly, this is a very interesting show and the eclectic line up of guests are entertaining and enlightening.



**Creative** mojo abounds in Jodi Kahn's latest book, which features an apron on the cover that's sewn of bread wrappers! Idea upon idea and none require more than most of us have on hand anyway. I'm delighted to offer a copy of Jody's book via this [link](#) on my website. To enter this giveaway, just leave a comment. This Simply Sublime Giveaway winner will be announced Wednesday, January 5th.



**The** new year begins with [Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections](#) opening January 7th at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. Events are planned for 6th and 7th, including a luncheon, which is open to the public.

Here's the [link](#) for information on all events and contact info for the luncheon. Apron Chronicles is America's exhibit - I hope you will find your way to Ft. Worth to experience it.

**I** so miss chatting the old fashioned way, when there was no impatience to hurry things along, to make a point in 140 characters or less, to use icons instead of language, or the worst - tippy-tapping an email to someone else as I'm speaking.

**I** miss when we made time for real conversation. Perhaps this is a new leaf to turn over in the new year!



Alrighty!  
xxea