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Stretch your imagination

Take one bottle. Fill it three-fourths with oil. Now, add vinegar to the top. What do you have?

Put the top on the bottle and fasten securely. Turn the bottle on its side. Have you figured it out yet? If it looks like tonight's salad dressing, then you haven't been exercising. Exercising the imagination, that is.

Our minds, our imaginations, our inner visualizations can carry us through the obvious into areas that aren't so apparent, so plain, so easy to explain. Our minds alone can entertain, inspire, be a playmate. Most of all, our minds have the ability to never let us be bogged down in the mundane.

But, exercise is needed to retain this free-floating view of everyday objects. Even children's minds can become lazy when not challenged to expand.

Practice is all that's needed to allow our inner resources to be used with daily adventures. So, just add a few drops of food coloring to the oil and vinegar, tilt the bottle back and forth a bit, and look through the glass. This may be the first time you've seen an ocean in a bottle. Look closely, you may even see a merman!

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The first new book question usually is "What are you going to call it?" This is a tough one. The only people who never ask me that are publishers. I know what I want to call it, but I've known that for the other books and it hasn't made the slightest difference. Books seem to get titled whatever publishers think will sell, which isn't all that bad. Let's just call it No. 3 for the time being.

Question No. 2 is: "When's the deadline?" That, at least, I know. The book will be in by the time the kids get out for summer vacation in 1981. Writing and simultaneously keeping three adolescents occupied is wild. One summer, maybe — two summers, never.

The book will be about needlepoint and there's where you come in — everyone of you who has ever touched a canvas. Needlepoint is a big subject about small stitches and you're my guinea pigs.

What problems have you had in your stitching careers? What didn't work, wasn't clear, wasn't available in stores or proved so difficult that it simply wasn't worth the effort? Where did the system break down for you?

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