

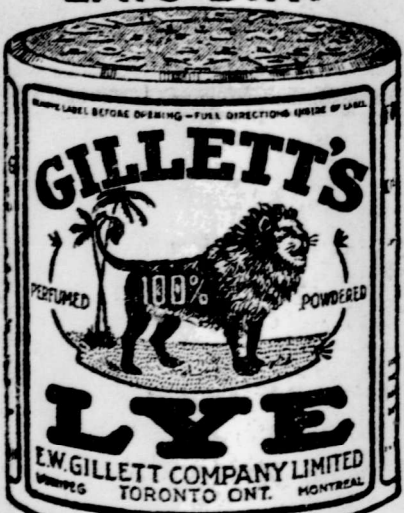
## A Page

Cynthia Grey's Daily Mail Box.  
Talks on Styles We'll Be Wearing.  
Recipes by Advertiser Readers.

## For

Series on Backyard Gardening.  
Activities of London Women.  
Items of General Interest.

## Women

GILLET'S LYE  
EATS DIRT

WITH THE I. O. E.

The soldiers' comfort committee of the I. O. E. acknowledges the following contributions: Lord Roberts' Chapter, 45 1/2 dozen towels, 113 huckaback towels, 11 suits pajamas, 8 shirts, 4 grey shirts, 4 suits pajamas, 2 pairs socks, 3 pairs hospital socks, 6 hospital night shirts, 6 dozen Turkish towels, 2 grey flannel shirts, 1 dozen wash cloths.

Trasler Chapter—Three pairs socks, 8 suits pajamas, 1 grey flannel shirt, 3 scarfs.

St. George Ross Chapter—Two dozen Turkish towels, 1 dozen huckaback towels, 5 pairs bed socks, 2 dozen handkerchiefs.

Seventh Regiment Chapter—Two grey shirts, 38 pairs socks.

Additional bales have also gone forward to Shorncliffe Hospital as follows: Contents of sixth bale: 13 bed sheets, 18 suits pajamas, 36 huckaback towels, 3 dressing gowns, 6 pairs socks, 1 dozen wash cloths, 3 grey flannel shirts, 3 dozen cholera belts, 24 handkerchiefs.

## Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

(Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.)

## Best Story Writers.

Dear Miss Grey: This is the first time we have written to the column, and would be pleased if you would answer the following questions.

1. Can anyone write the short stories in The Advertiser, and does the writer get paid for writing them? Would be pleased if you could give us any more information on the subject.
2. What do you think of my writing? ALBERTA AND SUSAN.

Ans.—1. No, my young friends, the stories appearing from day to day in The Advertiser are all written by writers who are paid for their work. It is not necessary to write for the world over. No amateur efforts could be considered.

2. It's a fair sample of school-girl penmanship.

Mr. Edison Not Dead.

Miss Grey: Will you kindly answer the following for me as soon as convenient, please, as I am very much interested in the matter.

1. Is Thomas A. Edison, the inventor of the light bulb, still alive?

2. What is the name of the rifle used by the United States army, and how does it work, as to length of rifle and bayonet, with the Lee-Enfield?

3. What days of the week did the following dates fall on: February 27, 1907; December 12, 1908; August 4, 1910, and March 27, 1913?

Hoping I have not outstayed my welcome.

Ans.—1. No, Mr. Edison is still very much alive. He lives at West Orange, N. J.

2. The Krag Jorgson rifle is used by the regular army in the States. It is somewhat shorter than the Lee-Enfield; the National Guards use the old Springfield, which is about the same length as the Lee-Enfield.

3. Wednesday, Saturday, Thursday, Thursday.

Not at all Rastus.

Mothers' Day Soon.

Dear Madam.—1. To settle a discussion, who is it should wear the flower on Mothers' Day: mother or child? Also what day does it fall on this year?

2. Are late hats going to be worn this summer? Also going coats?

3. What are the meanings of these names: Francis (a girl's name), Bella, Leona, June, Jean, Willa, May, Sarah and Martha?

4. Do you know when the 33rd Battalion is going? Also how long before the second contingent will be at the front?

5. What day did July 8, 1901, fall on?

6. Do you think the Tipperary shapes will be worn later in the summer?

Well now, I am just going to say the "Star That Guides" is a pretty queer woman, I think, don't you?

SOCIETY NOTE.

[Cleveland Plain Dealer.]

A New York woman tells a gossiping society party that no one can maintain her social position on less than \$5,000 a year. And nine-tenths of the population arises and shouts "What do you mean social position?"

TOP-COATS, SHORT SKIRTS, BOOTS!  
LATES EDITOR FROM FASHION ZONE

(BY MAYBELLE MORTIMER.)

Have you noticed the swaggar little top-coat that has pushed its way right up to the front of the fashion procession?

Take a good look at it when one comes your way, for everybody will be wearing a top-coat before spring is far advanced.

The "swaggar coat" as it is called, is built for utility, but even if it is to be worn in "wind and rainy weather," it's quite the smartest thing Dame Fashion has turned out this season.

Many of the coats are made of lightest shade of tan covert cloth, though grey and shadowy grey checks in lightweight materials are also good. The usual length is three-quarters, but whatever the color or length the "swaggar coat" must have a "flare" at the sides and hem, a very decided ripple or "flare" pockets, buttons and a military collar add to its smartness.

Some women—not you or I or our neighbors—are wearing high Russian boots with their new spring suits. The boots are soft tan or yellow leather, and give you a very smart, very much wrinkled and crinkled about the ankle.

The top-coat has brought the separate skirt into popularity. Navy blue, small checks, gorgeous plaids are made up in yoked skirts which just touch the shoe tops. They are just as smart as the little tan-colored coats with which they are worn.

Many of the new spring street suits have the high empire waistline outlined on the coat with narrow bands of soutache braid.

A bolera jacket of navy blue with a skirt of striped cloth cut on the bias is one of the popular spring models. Dark green, dull yellow and blue are the colors in the skirt.

The little hats will be with us until May, at least. Then watch for wide-brimmed leghorns.

sets his hat at the "smart" but really should angle, smokes a cigarette, and freshly accosts every nice, modest girl by lifting his forehead "angelized" hat, which means "angelized" hat, his companions as "Oh, you X-ray" or "Do you pipe that Jane?" or "Oh, how do you do?" and so on. I am sure "Rosebud" will think very highly of such little attentions.

Now, Miss Grey, would you be so kind as to give me your candid and "candid" opinion of my writing? I am sure you will.

Now I will close, and if this misses the W. P. B. I hope to see it in The Morning Advertiser. Thanking you in advance, "ROSEBUD" OF INJUSTICE.

Ans.—"Rosebud" will, I am sure, be interested in your communication, as well as in one sent in by "Anthony." Your writing is very good, and your grammar particularly so.

Wife's Kiss Brings Luck.

Dear Miss Grey.—After reading Aunt Pollie's letter, I wish to give my opinion. I do not think there is a love more sweet or sacred than that between husband and wife. I have been married twelve years, and I love my husband more now than I did when we were married. I love my little children, but it is a different love, and no daughter could love her mother more than I do mine, and I do miss her now that she is gone to her last home. My last thoughts were for my father.

Just a word to "Star That Guides." I think she will be very happy in her married life. I am not ashamed to say I always kiss my husband when he comes home and when he goes away. He says he has better luck. When he gets home on Friday nights he always tells me all his troubles and I do the same.

Hoping I will not be taking up too much space, and wishing this page every success.

MRS. M. J. P.

How To Escape Tan.

Dear Miss Grey.—There is the marsh-mallow recipe for Nellie. Please answer these questions:

1. How can you get rid of large black spots?

2. What day did January 9, 1902, fall on?

3. I have black hair and brown eyes, and a rather rosy complexion—what are my colors?

4. What will keep me from tanning in the summer?

A READER.

Ans.—Thank you for the recipe, which appears in the Cook-Book column.

Please see answer to "Maple City Girl."

2. Thursday.

3. You will surely look well in shades of brown and blue, especially the dark shades.

4. Go bury yourself in the cellar, my child. I'll not answer for your health, but assuredly you would not tan!

A Faithful Reader.

Dear Miss Grey.—I have been a reader of your page since it was first printed, and take great interest in it. Now I am coming to you for a little help. Could you, or any of your readers, furnish me with an old war song? I have forgotten the name of it, but some of the words are these:

"The wound I received no surgeon can cure.

The wounds I received are hard to endure.

As I write you this letter I lie on the ground.

The blood from my wounds like a fountain ran down.

I stopped it with my napkin to gain as much time.

As would write you this letter, you dear darling of mine."

I am not sure these lines are correct, as it is a long time ago since I heard them. Hoping to see them in print soon. Thanking you in advance.

AN OLD SARNIA READER.

Ans.—Am very glad to ask other readers for this song, which is not a familiar one to me. Could anybody send it for this "old reader"?

Help From Chatham.

Dear Miss Grey.—I received much help and many good recipes from your column and have been waiting for an opportunity to help a little.

In regard to the letter from "Daughter of Albion," I have cleaned rugs, a good Brussels one, at that, with success by simply scrubbing with a brush and gasoline, or plain water and a little soap is good, too, but the gasoline seems to



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## THE KEEP-WELL COLUMN

## EAT VEGETABLES AND FRUITS IF YOU WOULD AVOID "SPRING FEVER"

## SPRING.

Spring arrives. The children are full of life and energy, and they don't want to eat that stuff they call "spring food."

They want something to eat, but they don't know what. Mother is feeling all run down, and she's a little bit of a "spring fever" herself.

So-called spring conditions really are not new. They are the result of a change in the body's metabolism, and they can be prevented if as soon as the warm days approach they are given foods which contain a high percentage of iron.

Nothing gives a room such a depressing air of shabby gentility as grimy bric-a-brac. Cut-glass vases that have no sparkle, silver deposit ware that shows lines of black instead of gleaming silver, picture frames of tarnished gilt, linoleum, black or sage-green ornaments that are dulled in color for want of washing—all these take away from the distinction of even an expensively furnished room, and unless they are removed and replaced by better things, the charm of freshness and exquisite neatness.

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Do not leave the cleaning of bric-a-brac for the general housecleaning or roomcleaning time. Undertake the work on a special day; then carefully cover the small ornaments on cleaning day.

To freshen the cut-glass vases and ornaments of ivory, porcelain or china having ready the wooden chopping bowl filled with lukewarm water, into which a tablespoonful of ammonia has been dropped. Use pure, white soap and wet the pieces, as they are washed, on a flannel cloth laid over a strip of kitchen oilcloth. When drained almost dry wipe with a soft cloth and polish with another cloth. The ammonia in the water will bring out the brightness of gold ornaments on china and will give great lustre to cut glass.

Silver frames and silver deposit ware may be cleaned with any good silver polish. The pieces should then be dipped in hot water and scrubbed to remove any particles of the polish or paste used in cleaning, and finally rubbed dry with a clean cloth.

So many soft, fresh clothes are necessary in cleaning the fine bric-a-brac and household ornaments of a costly nature that it is best to have a special set of these clothes, made of cheesecloth and cotton flannel, hemmed by hand. After the cleaning day they will bring out the brightness of gold ornaments on china and will give great lustre to cut glass.

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## This School Girl Had Bad Fainting Spells

Was Weak and Run-Down, But Dr. Chase's Nerve Food Made Complete Cure.

The most critical time in a girl's life comes during the school age; when she is impelled by rivalry to put forth her best efforts in studying for examinations. At the time she should have beautiful outdoor exercise and abundance of fresh air, to keep the blood pure and rich, she is confined to her studies. It is a wonder that she becomes run down in health and suffers from headaches, indigestion, loss of appetite, and spells of weakness or fainting?

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"While attending school my daughter became weak and very much run down. She was frequently troubled with bad fainting spells, and nothing we tried seemed to do her any good. We were advised to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and did so with most satisfactory results. I am pleased to tell you that after using five boxes of the Nerve Food she was completely cured, and has no return of the fainting spells."

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