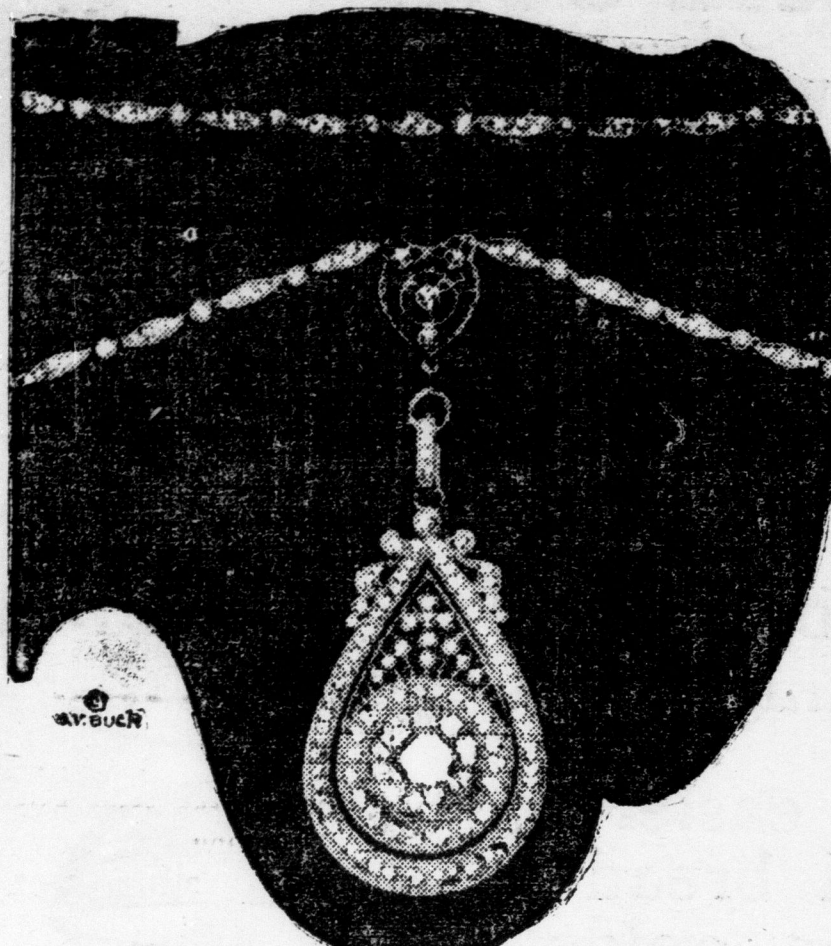


A Page of Interesting and  
Helpful Reading Matter  
For All Women

# FOR THE WOMAN OF TODAY

Cynthia Grey's Column  
Style and Home Hints  
What Women Are Doing

## Diamond Pendant Congressmen Give to White House Bride



The necklace and diamond pendant selected by Miss Genevieve Clark for the members of the House of Representatives as their gift to Miss Jessie Wilson, now Mrs. Francis B. Sayre. Its value is \$2,000. The pendant is outlined in pear shape and weighs 6 1/2 carats. The small diamonds are placed around the large stone in rings of platinum lace work. The contrast of the blue and white of the small stones and the yellow of the Canary diamond, the large stone of the pendant, gives it both distinction and beauty. The chain around the neck consists of delicate platinum work and contains 154 small diamonds.

## 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 letters can be answered privately.]

**Wants Flowers for Christmas.**  
Dear Miss Grey: As this is my first letter to you, I will be like the rest, come to you for help:

1. How will I clean a bright red sweater-coat?
  2. How do you wash a home-crochet fascinator?
  3. What time should bulbs be planted in order to have them flower about Christmas?
  4. Now for the old question, what do you think of penmanship?
- Thanking you in advance for my troublesome questions, I remain,  
SUNRISE.
1. Rub cornmeal well into the coat; put into empty drawer for two or three days, rubbing it frequently with the meal. Then take out, shake and brush. If very much soiled, a second treatment may be necessary.
  2. Make a bath of tepid water and white soap; wash through the hands, rinse twice, and dry without bluing. Another method is to steam the fascinator over a suds for several hours, then rinse.
  3. They should have been planted about two weeks ago. I fear it is a little too late now. But, of course, if they bloom in January the blossoms are always bright and cheery.
  4. It is fairly good.

**Poets and Swets.**  
Dear Miss Grey: As I am a girl of eleven years of age, could you help me?

1. Could you tell me about the lives of the two poets, Charles Dickens and William Bryant, and some of the poems which Bryant wrote?
  2. I would like if you could please give me a good candy recipe, a cheap recipe, if possible.
  3. What do you think of my penmanship?
- I remain,  
JEAN W.

A-1. It is impossible to give you more than a very brief account here. Charles Dickens, English novelist (not poet, as you state) was born in Portsmouth, in 1812. At an early age he became a reporter on the True Sun, and later on the London Chronicle. In the latter he contributed his "Sketches of Life and Character" later published under the title of "Sketches by Boz." The famous "Pickwick Papers" also appeared in the Chronicle, running as a serial. In 1838 he married Catherine, daughter of George Hogarth, a musical critic. Dickens, accompanied by his wife, paid a visit to America in 1842, and in "American Notes" satirized the people of the United States very freely. Other glimpses of his impressions of American life are given in Life and Adventure of Dickens, running as a serial. In 1857 Dickens purchased Gadshill Place, near Rochester, and resided here until his death in 1870. Unpleasant domestic conditions caused a separation between Dickens and his wife in 1857.

Besides the volumes mentioned, Charles Dickens gave the world his immortal David Copperfield, 1850; Oliver Twist, 1839; Nicholas Nickleby, 1840-41; Dombey and Son, 1848; Bleak House, 1852; Little Dorrit, 1857; and others. The Mystery of Edwin Drood was unfinished at the time of his death. Dickens was buried in Westminster Abbey.

William Cullen Bryant, an American poet and journalist was born in 1794, at Cummington, Mass. In 1810 he entered Williams College as a student of law, but left without a degree in 1815.

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Cures all blood humors, all eruptions, clears the complexion, creates an appetite, aids digestion, relieves that tired feeling, gives vigor and vim. Accept no substitute; insist on having Hood's Sarsaparilla. Get it today.

little vanilla flavoring may be added just as you remove the candy from the stove.

8. It is very good for your age.

**Send Stamped Envelope.**  
Dear Miss Grey: I am enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. Would you please send me a copy of the poem entitled "The Blind Girl"?

2. I am fifteen years old, five feet, six inches high, and weigh one hundred and eight pounds. What do you think of my size?

3. What is your opinion of my penmanship?

Thanking you in advance, I remain,  
AN INTERESTED READER.

A-1. The copy has gone forward to your address.

2. You are a pretty tall girl for your age, and rather slight. But no doubt as you grow older you will "fill out."

3. It is very neat and graceful.

No: Just Send a Card.  
Dear Miss Grey: Please answer a

few questions for me and oblige.

1. Would you advise me to send a gentleman friend with whom I have been corresponding for ten months (but have only seen once) a Christmas present?

2. My girl friend has dark brown hair, brown eyes, and a fair complexion; what are her colors?

3. I have dark brown hair, gray eyes, and a fair complexion; what are my colors?

4. Would it be advisable for a young girl and her gentleman friend to attend the show which is coming to the Grand Friday and Saturday (Salome).

Thanking you in advance,  
INQUIRER.

A-1. Send a Christmas card or booklet, but no gift.

2. and 3. You will both look well in brown, gray, black, rose, pink and probably pale blue.

4. Personally, I have not seen the opera, so can hardly advise. I believe the company presenting it here is a good one, however.

**The Advertiser Red-Stocking Club**  
At 6 o'clock last night some 100 Red Christmas Stockings had been given out, and the demand is steadily going on.

**OUR AIM NOW IS FOR 200 RED STOCKINGS!**  
When we first asked for 100 kind-hearted readers of The Advertiser to fill as many Red Christmas Stockings we feared that this might seem a good deal to ask.

But so generous has been the response to our appeal, that we believe the number will probably reach over twice that mark.

Won't it be great to feel that there is no little Christmas-tide of 1913. And best of all how good it will be to think you have had a share in it!

It will doubtless be better if the Red Stockings are not returned to us for a week or so, as the candy and other eatables will then be fresher. We ask, however, that all Stockings be returned by the 20th inst.

On each Red Stocking brought into our office be sure to pin a slip of paper stating the name of the person who filled it, whether the contents are for boy or girl, and the age for which the toys, etc., are suitable.

If you know of any little boy or girl in need of a Happy Christmas be sure and let us know so that we may send him or her a Red Stocking.

**THE ADVERTISER RED STOCKING CLUB.**

**Victorian Order Made Good Progress in the Dominion**

Cottage Hospitals and District Nursing Two Outstanding Features.

The work of the Royal Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada has made wonderful progress during the past year. A special effort at the present time is to establish cottage hospitals and nursing homes in various parts of the Dominion.

Miss Mary Aldred McKenzie, the head of the Victorian Order in the Dominion, while on a western tour of inspection this summer, had the pleasure of opening the Lady Minto Cottage Hospital in Ashcroft, B. C. She will shortly inspect the new hospital at Chislehurst, Ont.

**District Nursing.**  
District nursing is another feature of the Victorian Order work and a phase which the branch of the order in London are specially interested in. There are now two nurses, and much need of a third, to carry on this excellent work here. The services of the nurse are cheerfully given night or day.

**Figures in Syrup.**  
Pick over a dish and drain a half pound of dried figs and steam until they begin to look soft. Boil together for five minutes a half cupful each of sugar and water. Into this drop the figs, cover closely and draw to the side of the fire where they will keep very hot, yet not simmer, for half an hour. Transfer the figs to a serving dish and boil down the syrup until quite thick and rich. Take from the fire, add a half tablespoonful of vanilla and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, pour over the figs and set aside. Serve very cold with cream and cake.

Women are for the most part, good mothers, as they fall among those who practice vice or virtue. — Samuel Johnson.

**Wrestlers and athletes should benefit under this position of the stars.** Jupiter is believed to strengthen the vitality and to insure resourcefulness when in a friendly aspect.

While the sun rules for fair fortune, it is wise to seek the presence of persons who have power to confer benefit. This evening there is a promising sign for state banquets and formal entertainments. The influences tend to make even the reserved jovial, generous and inclined to confer benefits.

There is a prophecy that the Balkan peninsula again will become the scene of serious trouble.

Rioting, bloodshed and revolts against authority are predicted in the west, which will have many labor difficulties. The death of a prominent strike leader is foretold.

Persons whose birthdate it is are warned to guard against illness and accident. Men will prosper in business and women have the promise of travel and pleasant change. Those who are wage-earners have the augury of promotion and prosperity.

Children born on this day are likely to be disappointed, but they have the forecast of success. Boys will rise in business or professional life, while girls will achieve their material ambitions. These subjects of Sagittarius are often inclined toward the sciences. They should be trained to combat a tendency to be despondent.

"The stars incline, but do not compel." (Copyright, 1913, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

**Horoscope.**  
TUESDAY, DEC. 2, 1913.  
God may hold sway This changeable day.

Astrology interprets this as a day in which good influences overbalance those of a threatening nature. Although Mars and Uranus are in an unfriendly aspect early in the morning, the astral conditions change for the better after noon. Then Jupiter and the sun rule powerfully for good.

Uranus is in a place said to be evil for careless persons. Those who are heedless concerning matters of trust should be exceedingly cautious during this configuration, which is said to affect the judgment, causing undue faith in precarious business enterprises.

The day is an auspicious one for university presidents and professors. Large endowments are foreshadowed and a close partnership between colleges and political organizations is predicted. There is a prophecy that municipal and state governments will ultimately rely a good deal on institutions of learning for guidance.

Bishops, priests and ministers are under a favorable rule. The stars foreshadow an astonishing socialization of certain churches.

With the waning of the year the seers discover many reactions in public sentiment. A united effort to check extravagance and to teach thrift is predicted. In this movement a western man will lead.

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The zebra's real home is over in Africa, but there are not many left there now. So we see them in zoos and menageries, where they are very

carefully kept and protected. The zebra is not as large as a horse nor as high as a horse. But it is very much the shape of one. Its distinguishing feature is its coat. The general color of this is a gray-white. The broad stripes are black.

The zebra has rather long ears and a short mane. The habits of all zebras are very much the habits of wild horses. They eat the same kind of food and run in herds in the same way. The flesh of some species of zebra is good to eat, and the hides are used for leather.

Next time you go to the Zoo, or the circus, watch for the animal, with the striped coat, that looks not unlike a horse!

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