

DAILY PAGE FOR ADVERTISER WOMAN READERS

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.]

Both Used Tact.

Dear Miss Grey—First of all I must tell you how I enjoyed Khamochie's letter, with her imagination. It put me in mind of my invisible friend, Betty Butler; she and I were always telling each other that we were friends because if I got into mischief my mother would call me Betty Butler. Miss Grey, I have been married three years and have a dear baby, one year and a half old, and let me say my hubby and I just enjoy sitting in the house and watching the antics of our babe. We are as happy, if not happier, than when we went together, for now we have the quarrels to make up, and I only wish I could read of any matrimonial troubles I could tell the parties concerned to use just tact. My hubby and I, I daresay, could have quarrelled often, but we have both used judgment.

1. Can you tell me if Peru is a very warm country, as I am going there very shortly? Will it be all summer clothes I'll need?

2. Am I a fair writer? Some say I write too small. What is your opinion?

3. Kindly send me a good recipe for nut bread.

A DEFEATED RUGBY MAN.

Ans.—I agree with you that a little tact applied judiciously now and then, goes far towards maintaining peace in the home. Of course you enjoy watching the dear babe—I'll warrant there's not another child so cute in all the country round.

As to the climate of Peru, it partly depends upon which part you will visit. The general climate is tropical; the inland slopes are temperate, and fuelled to be wet; the coast region tropical and dry at this season. From this I should think you will require summer clothing rather than otherwise, but I suppose it will be wise to provide a certain amount of the other as well.

2. I think you write a very charming hand.

3. My recipe I have mislaid. Shall try to locate another and publish it for you tomorrow.

Pigeon Pie.

Dear Miss Grey—Would you please print in your paper a recipe for making pigeon pie. Thanks in advance. Yours truly,

Ans.—Here is Mrs. Rorer's method: Pick and clean the pigeons the same as chickens; cut them in halves, put them into a baking pan, baste with melted butter and bake for 45 minutes, basting with butter season with salt and pepper; remove line a two-quart basin with plain paste; have ready one pound ham cut into dice; put a layer of the pigeon meat into the dish, then a layer of ham, season, and continue until dish is full; dot with bits of butter, pour over a stock made of hot water and a little flour until the dish is covered; bake for one hour, and serve with a thick crust, leaving a crevice in the centre for the steam to escape. Bake 20 or 25 minutes. This is said to be a dish fit for a king.

Father's Housekeeper.

Dear Miss Grey—As I have received help from you in the past, I am writing again, and will try and help a little in return.

You are using gasoline for home cleaning, add a little salt to it, and there will be no ring left.

An sending a recipe for a cake, which I hope the readers of your page will try. It is lovely and cheap; also I am sending a special hair net, made with or without elastic; extra large size; fine mesh. We fill phone orders for these promptly—5c. Each or 10 for 25c.

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One-Egg Cake—Half cup butter, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 cup milk, 1 egg, 1 cup flour, 4 level teaspoons Royal baking powder, and 1 teaspoon vanilla; cream butter, add sugar and cream again; then add the beaten eggs; sift the flour and baking powder with flour; add milk and flour alternately to the mixture; flavor, beat well. Fold in the beaten white cake in greased layer tin 20 minutes.

Chocolate Icing—Two tablespoons cocoa, 1 teaspoon butter, melt together on stove. Have mixed in another dish 1 cup icing sugar and milk soft enough to spread and add to first mixture.

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Thanking you, "S. F. C."

Ans.—With pleasure, Friday, Friday, Monday, Friday.

People Will Talk.

Dear Miss Grey—I am very much interested in your column, it is the puzzle and the first place I look for as soon as the paper comes. I like to see what you would like to go to, so many have been so suspicious of you being a man, but people will talk, and I am sure you will find a way to answer a few questions for me. I would like to have a talk on "the farm," but I will leave it to you.

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