

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN 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 letter can be answered privately.]

Has No Mother.

Dear Miss Grey—Have just finished your interesting page, which I never miss reading, as it would seem almost as bad as not to hear from my own sister, for I think a great deal of some of our correspondents. When some dear mother gives her advice, I wish I could fly into her arms with some of my troubles sometimes. Oh, the girls who have mothers to go to don't know what they have. I can scarcely remember my mother, but everyone says she was a dear mother, so I often shed a tear as I read some of the mothers' letters. I am a mother now myself, and I pray I may be a mother in everything to my little girl.

There was a letter signed "In Distress," which I think I felt very sorry for, but I think your advice would be just what I would say. She is in the very trouble I was myself once, so if she would care to correspond with me just say so in the Mail-Box. I kept right on, and it turned out all right for my case, but I can see now what a risk we run, dear friend, so be very careful. Miss Grey says "Pray"; so do I.

I think a lot of "Star That Guides," I wish she would write often, and "Beautiful Doll," please sign your right name, as I don't know you now at all if you have changed your name, although I am signing a different one myself for certain reasons, so please excuse me saying so much this time.

SYMPATHY.
P. S.—Would like to know a good polish to put on a range not in use in summer, as mine gets rusty, and I have to keep blackening every week. Ans.—Am glad to hear that some of our Mail-Box folks seem really like friends to you. "Beautiful Doll" has been signing herself "Optimistic Peg" in her last letters, but she hasn't called for some time.

For your stove, try rubbing it over with a rag moistened with boiled linseed oil. Ans.—I am glad to hear that some of our Mail-Box folks seem really like friends to you. "Beautiful Doll" has been signing herself "Optimistic Peg" in her last letters, but she hasn't called for some time.

Will Help Piles.
Dear Miss Grey—Just a little cooking hint. If those having trouble with the lower crust of their rhubarb pies getting soft, would try spreading the white of an egg over the pastry just before they put the rhubarb into the pie they would find it will help a great deal. I found the hint in a magazine, tried it and found it a great help.

I will sign myself my real nickname, DUTCH.
Ans.—Oddly enough a reader was just looking for a hint along this line and I am glad to pass yours along. The clipping you ask for will be mailed you in a day or so.

Missed His Letter.
Dear Miss Grey—I am coming again for more help. Where is "Deserted" gone or was it a woman like "Mac"? she must be a German. Now for a few questions. Where would I write to reach a cousin of mine? He is in the 3rd Battalion. I would have liked to have gone with him at the time, but I wasn't old enough. I was 18 last March, and my father wouldn't let me go. I am sending a recitation and some coupons, all I got this time. I sent some a week or so ago. I guess they never got there. I will sign myself "Deserted" No. 1. This time, I have been deserted since the last time I wrote, and signed myself

OUTSIDE.
Ans.—You evidently missed seeing your letter in print, for it appeared, all right. If you write your cousin, giving platoon number and company name, in care of 3rd Battalion, C. E. F. army postoffice, London, Eng., a letter should reach him. Did you forget the recitation? I didn't find it enclosed. The coupons have been sent to "E. A."

Girls on the Farm.
Dear Miss Grey—I received those nice flags some time ago, and am very pleased to have them. "Nuts in May" was very kind to send them. I hope she will watch this page from now on, as I will call again soon to let her know when to call for what I promised. "I do not know your name, and I've never seen your face, but I will be there awaiting in the very same place." I also read where "Dufferin" would send me some soldiers on but-terflies if I would like them. Certainly I would, and am sending stamped and addressed envelope to Miss Grey for when she sends them. I have been so busy lately I haven't had time to send an answer. My only brother has left the farm to be with the soldiers, so it leaves us girls plenty to do outside. I fancy I hear Miss Grey's pen writing of this long letter, so will just ask a few questions, then close, wishing this page every success.

1. "Juna" would like to know whether you received those gum wrappers which she sent on to "Napier."
2. What is your opinion of my writing?
3. What do you think of a person who is always using a spy-glass on your house every time company comes?
4. Would you publish a good recipe for banana pie?
5. What is the latest style for a girl of 21 to do her hair? Yours as before, GIRL OF ALL TRADES.

P. S.—What will remove a brown patch of the back of the neck?
Ans.—So your brother has enlisted. Think we shall have to start a honor roll column for all our members who have relatives serving King and country.

1. No, wrappers for "Napier" were never received by me.
2. Fairly good, I think.
3. It is a contemptible thing to spy on another person or persons in this way.
4. Line a pie plate with crust and

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bake; when cool, fill the shell with a plain custard, into which has been stirred a banana, broken finely with a silver fork; beat up the white of the eggs used in the custard and place this, brown in the oven, or in place of the beaten egg use whipped cream if you prefer.
6. If you have a Watteau-shaped hat one of those turned up at the back, you'll need a hairdressing to match. Apart from this, perhaps the newest style is the owl knot on the back of the neck.
7. Depends on what caused the patch. To dab with peroxide, diluted a little with water, might help. I shall hope to hear from "Dufferin" with flags for you.

A Kind Donation.
Dear Miss Grey—I am inclosing a number of flags for you to distribute among the readers of your Mail-Box. Some are smaller than the rest, but I hope they will be of some use to someone. Best wishes to you and all the rest.
A. SARNIA READER.

Ans.—Why, we'll have to vote you a paper medal for sending this nice lot of flags. Shall take care to distribute them where they'll be sure to be appreciated.

Yes, your letter was correctly addressed.
Writing Not Good.
Dear Miss Grey—1. What magazine or newspaper buys short stories? Could you give me their address? Also what magazine for children buys children's stories, and their address, please?
2. What is the address of the company that makes rugs out of old carpets?
3. What is Grace Cunard's address, and does she answer letters?
4. What do you think of my writing? Is it too cramped?
5. Where is "Mrs. Homebick" and the wee birdie? I like "Coal-Box's" letters, also "Twenty-One's." Where is "Beautiful Doll"? I remember. JUANITA.

Ans.—1. Newspapers very seldom pay contributors for short stories, but buy them from a syndicate. On the other hand, practically all the magazines purchase stories for children's stories, and a good field is in the Sunday school publications.
2. Now, don't you know I cannot give these business addresses here?
3. I do not know.
4. Yes, your writing is anything but good.

Queries Rather Vague.
Dear Miss Grey—Here comes someone to bother you.
1. I would like to get a comic recitation suitable for a picnic concert.
2. Also some contests or tricks; am sending envelope for same.
3. What day did June 23, 1880 fall on; also May 13, 1902?
4. What do you think of my writing? Yours as D. 4.

YOUR LEAF CLOVER.
Ans.—1. It is rather difficult to know what sort of a piece you would deem "suitable." However, I had one on hand that may do, and it will have reached you by now.
2. This query also rather vague, but I've sent you a clipping or two.
3. A Wednesday; Tuesday.
4. It is quite like a schoolgirl's. Couldn't you practice some at home, and try to improve? I think it would be quite worth while.

Must Send Direct.
Dear Miss Grey—A few days ago I saw on your Page that "Faded Lily" wanted some tobacco flags. Now I have found a white cat on one of the flags of the different nations on I had been wanting to get a switch made of combings, so if the offer still holds good, will mail the combings and flags to you.
What day of the week did June 6th, 1878, come on?

BUSY MARGARET.
Ans.—If you wish to accept "Faded Lily's" offer you must write her direct, as to send the parcel to me would necessitate my re-mailing it, and hence double postage. Send a stamp for "P. L.'s" address. The date you name came on a Wednesday.

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When the Germans are so cruel in other things, is it not possible that they would take these goods and convert them to their own use; and don't you think in acknowledging these gifts the Germans, at the point of the bayonet, could and are making our boys write and say they received the goods and were grateful for them?
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I have letter scales. I put my letter in the envelope, then clippings, till the 10 cent limit for stamp is reached. Try this. You will be surprised at the amount you can put in, of good, wholesome, cheery short articles, for the dear boys. My heart goes out to them all, and especially those who have been in the trenches. I want to send them encouraging letters. Won't it be a glad day when "Johnny comes marching home." Then we will surely have our picnic. Will you kindly address the enclosed letter to "Ice Cream"? With love to all from "Aunt Nannie."

Ans.—That was just dear "Coal-Box" to write you from the trenches, and I am sure he'll be amused and interested (as will all the Mail-Boxes), to hear of his letter's triumph. I am sure, past the censors, too! Your idea, re the clippings, may be welcomed by others, wishing to brighten the lot of loved ones in the trenches.

I have quilt blocks on hand for that "love quilt" of yours, and more coming in each day. The quilt will surely be an interesting one when completed.

Let Mother Write.
"Starlight"—Your first letter was not printed because I thought you were desirous of obtaining her address simply to have a bit of fun. Don't you realize that I cannot send the names of young ladies correspondents to youths of whom I know nothing? If your mother is interested, let her write for her, and she'll be glad to do it. I'll gladly pass it on.

Troubled With Ears.
Dear Miss Grey—Could any of the readers of this page give me full particulars of the cure of deafness by mentholatum, how to use it? Do you put it in the ear, or on the back of the ears, or put it on batting and put it in the ears? I am very anxious to try it, for sometimes I have such ringing sounds in my head, and I notice I can't hear so well. If not too much trouble, I would like to see it in print, and oblige. MAX.

Ans.—Glad to print your plea. Believe one of our readers wrote previously that her brother was cured of deafness by this means. Will she send some more definite directions for Max?

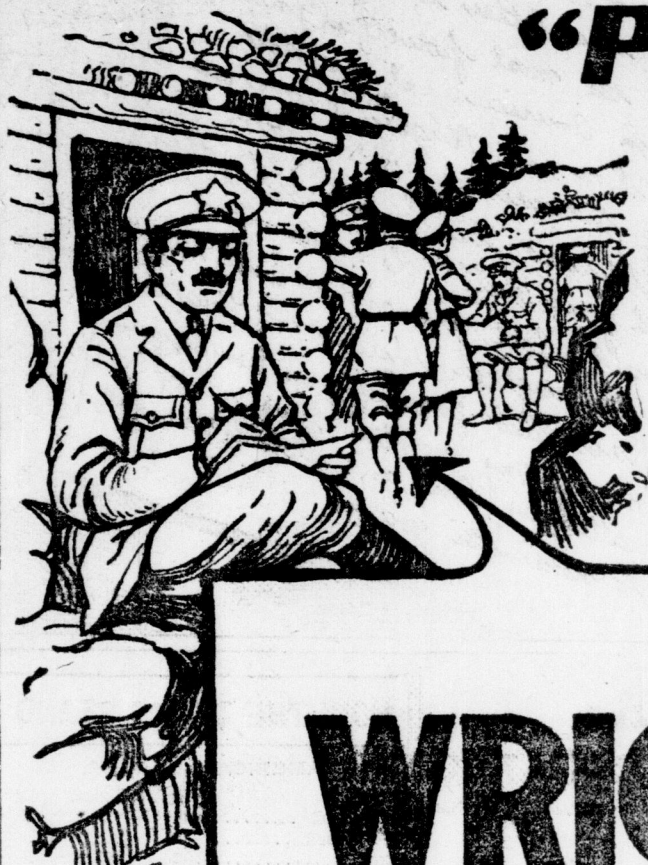
Thinks It Helps.
Dear Miss Grey—Your page very much helps me. I see something every day that helps. I am trying to do my "bit" for the soldiers. Saw a short time ago where "Napier" gave me a list of I am preparing to get hair from turning grey, so would like very much to get it. Also I saw where "True Patriot" sent in her recipe for growing hair. Would like to get it. Would copy and send back. Would like to hear soon, please. Good luck to the Mail-Box, and soldier boys. ANXIOUS.

Ans.—Send your address and a stamp; think I can send you part, at least, of the information you seek.
Meaning of Naches.
Dear Miss Grey—Some time ago I saw where "Mrs. Winnie Reader" wanted to know the meaning of the word "Naches." Here it is as taken from Everybody's Cyclopedia: Naches, or Natchi, sometimes called Nahi, or Naxetee, a tribe of the North American Indians who formerly lived on St. Catherine's Island, near the present city of Natchez, Tenn. The name was also applied to the confederacy of towns, of which in 1699 there were eight. Owing to numerous

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Now for a few questions:
1. How to keep stovepipes from becoming rusty when put away for the summer months?
2. How to remove mildew from a navy blue serge dress?
3. How to remove rust from a heavy tin bread box?
4. A nice way to use watercrust?
See by tonight's paper where two readers have sent in poems of "Mary, Queen of Scots." May I have one copy, please; also I have your idea of quilt blocks, and shall send in at least two just as soon as I can.

4. It may be used as a salad, served plain with dressing; or combined with sliced tomatoes, and hard-boiled egg, if liked. Afraid I don't know any other methods.
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Etta.
Bread Recipe—Pare and boil six (6) medium-sized potatoes, strain and mash fine, dissolve two (2) cakes of Fleischmann's yeast in one quart of the potato water, mix into it the mashed potatoes, add two tablespoons sugar, 1/4 desiccated yeast, two tablespoons butter or lard, mix into this about 1 1/2 quarts flour; set to rise; when it is light, add sufficient flour to make a medium stiff dough; knead well, put into pans, set to rise; when well risen, bake in a moderately quick oven.

There's no use trying to set sail on the sea of matrimony until you raise the wind. One touch of scandal make the whole world chin. The reason a married man wears such shabby clothes may be that his wife wears better ones.

It is no sign a girl smokes because she is anxious to strike a match. Opportunity knocks once, but opportunity is always knocking. Whatever its defects, spooning at least teaches a fellow a lot about astronomy that he never knew before.

NOT A BAD WAY.
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