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## RED CROSS AND C.W.C.A.

We really are beginning to wake up. Have you seen that cartoon of our exceedingly neutral neighbor, Uncle Sam, where he is looking up in astonishment from his newspaper and exclaiming "Well, I swan! If there ain't a war in Europe!" That is our photograph. Some of us women are just finding out that we are at war, and that our army is depending upon us for hospital supplies and field comforts, and some of its clothing.

There is tangible proof of the awakening. Last Tuesday was the banner day for the C. W. C. A. at Hyman Hall; 541 pounds of wool went out, to be presently knit into something for the soldiers, and over $300 was received. And the socks are fairly tumbling in! Beauties, too, that can be sent to the front at once, and do not need to be overhauled at the Sock Hospital. Between the 1st and the 17th of January 5,000 pairs were shipped from Hyman Hall, and the committee is hoping to do it again before the month is over.

And now that I have told that I am sorry, and think I had better take it all back, because some woman is sure to say, "Why, they are getting too many socks; we really must stop knitting right away," and turn over and go to sleep again. What most of us need is not assurances of plenty, but warnings of coming famine. So please do not let this small bit of pardonable rejoicing act as a lullaby. Let us not forget that had we shipped twice as many we would not be more than meeting the need. Every other district is making strenuous efforts to increase its output, and London district must not be behind. So let us continue to act as alarm clocks to those who have not yet heard about the war, and never stop until every woman is either sewing or knitting or both.

Last week there came from a neighboring organization of war workers word of a delightful plan for increasing their work. The secretary's letter will tell the story:

"A circle of women, the Maple Leaf Knitting Club, have been meeting each Monday night for a year and a half. . . . Early in November they started a contest. There are 34 women in the club; they chose sides, 17 on each side, and each woman tried to get all her friends to knit for her. The contest closed last Monday night, and in the two months (Christmas holidays included) the club and their friends turned in 748 pairs of socks. . . . It was a very close contest, the winning side having only nine more pairs than the losers. The losing side is going to put up a little supper for the club at their next meeting.

Well done, Maple Leaf Knitting Club, and more power to your needles! May your numbers increase, and may you be used as an example by every society in the London district! A contest in sewing or knitting would add zest to our work and perhaps shake up those women who are still sound asleep.

It is time we had a look at the fine list of names that is to be displayed at the head of 25 cots in the Princess Patricia Hospital for Canadian soldiers at Ramsgate, England. Here it is, and a proud showing it makes:

Each of the following donated one cot: Byron Red Cross Circle; West Lorne Women's Institute; Willing Workers, Crinan; Walkers School Red Cross Circle, Elmbro; Women's Institute, Duart; "Crediton Cot" Red Cross Circle; Camlache Red Cross Circle; Aylmer Red Cross Branch; London, East End Red Cross Auxiliary; Wardsville Relief Society; Thamesford War Relief Society; Bothwell Women's Institute; Protheon Bible Class, Brown's Corners, St Marys; Salford Red Cross Workers; Dunnanon Women's Institute; Nightingale Club, London; North Missouri and Blanchard Red Cross Circle; Thorndale; Ilderton English Settlement and Presbyterian Church; Vanneck Red Cross Workers; King's Daughters and Sons, Aylmer; Salem Women's Institute; Turin Red Cross Circle; Ladies' Aid, St. James's Presbyterian Church, London; Ilderton Red Cross Circle; The Women of Parkhill; South Harwich, Fourth Line Methodist Sunday School, Blenheim; London Red Cross and C. W. C. A.; also the Khaki Club, Wheatley, and the South Yarmouth Patriotic Women of Elgin County each donated a chair to the hospital.

MARIAN KEITH, Press Secretary.

## The Female of the Species

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.
[Published by Request.]

When the Himalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride,
He shouts to scare the monster who will often turn aside;
But the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

When Nag, the wayside cobra, hears the careless foot of man,
He will sometimes wriggle sideways and avoid it if he can;
But his mate makes no such motion where she camps beside the trail—
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

When the early Jesuit fathers preached to Hurons and Choctaws,
They prayed to be delivered from the vengeance of the squaws—
'Twas the women, not the warriors, turned those stark enthusiasts pale—
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Man's timid heart is bursting with the things he must not say,
For the Woman that God gave him isn't his to give away;
But when hunter meets with husband, each confirms the other's tales—
The female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Man, a bear in most relations, worm and savage otherwise,
Man propounds negotiations, Man accepts the compromise:
Very rarely will he squarely push the logic of a fact
To its ultimate conclusion in unmitigated act.

Fear, or foolishness, impels him, ere he lay the wicked low
To concede some form of trial even to his fiercest foe;
Mirth obscene diverts his anger; Doubt and Pity oft perplex
Him in dealing with an issue—to the scandal of the Sex!

But the Woman that God gave him, every fibre of her frame
Proves her launched for one sole issue, armed and engined for the same.
And to serve that single issue, lest the generations fail,
The female of the species must be deadlier than the male.

She who faces Death by torture for each life beneath her breast
May not deal in doubt or pity—must not swerve for fact or jest.
These be purely male diversions—not in these her honor dwells—
She, the Other Law we live by, is that Law and nothing else!

She can bring no more to living than the powers that make her great
As the Mother of the Infant and the Mistress of the Mate;
And when Babe and Man are lacking and she strides unclaimed to claim
Her right as femme (and baron), her equipment is the same.

She is wedded to convictions—in default of grosser ties;
Her contentions are her children, Heaven help him, who denies!
He will meet no cool discussion, but the instant, white-hot, wild,
Wakened female of the species warring as for spouse and child.

Unprovoked and awful charges—even so the she-bear fights;
Speech that drips, corrodes and poisons—even so the cobra bites;
Scientific vivisection of one nerve till it is raw,
And the victim writhes in anguish—like the Jesuit with the squaw.

So it comes that Man, the coward, when he gathers to confer
With his fellow-braves in council, does not leave a place for her
Where, at war with Life and Conscience, he uplifts his erring hands
To some God of Abstract Justice—which no woman understands.

And Man knows it. Knows, moreover, that the Woman that God gave him
Must command but may not govern; shall enthrall but not enslave him.
And She knows, because She warns him and Her instincts never fail,
That the female of Her species is more deadly than the male!

## DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.
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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

"Reverence of Jesus For His Father's House." John, ii., 13-22.

Golden Text—"My house shall be called the house of prayer." Matt., xxi., 13.

1. Verse 13—What was the "Jews' Passover," what date was it held, and how was it observed?

2. What do you consider the religious anniversaries to be, that the Christian church should now observe, and why?

3. Verse 14—What do you think were the causes that led to making the Jewish Temple a market place, and what similar causes are now at work, which are making the Christian church a commercial institution?


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## 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.]

### A Soldier Wants It.

Dear Editor,—Kindly give me the words of poem, "Since Daddy Went Away.
PTE. R. A.

Ans.—Perhaps some reader can send in a copy of the poem for this man in khaki.

### Earl Kitchener's Death.

Miss Grey,—Dear friend, could you please tell me the month and date that Lord Kitchener and his crew was drowned?
M. A.

Ans.—The date of the tragedy was June 6, 1916. I have sent you a few clippings in the envelope you inclose.

### Our War-Prisoners' Fund.

In acknowledging receipt of $10 from our war prisoners' fund, Miss Gunn, treasurer for London and district, writes me as follows regarding the possibility of its being especially devoted to the purchase of boots:

"Dear Cynthia Grey,—I am inclosing you a receipt for your readers' further kind donation for war prisoners' fund. When I send the money overseas I will state that amount is for shoes, but I cannot say for sure whether there is a special fund for such or not. The clothing they send the prisoners is requisitioned from the Red Cross supplies, but, of course, there would be no boots among them. I will inquire about it and any way we can rest assured it will be used to the best advantage. Yours sincerely,
DOROTHY GUNN.

Of course we are assured of that, and, I hope every single one of you read that fine article on this page the other day, which told of the work of the central committee in London, England, where the packing and shipping to prisoners in Germany is carried out.

Isn't it glorious the way our readers are contributing? When we began the fund some time in October (was it not?), it was with the full understanding that it be a sort of "overflow" fund—just a gathering together of the mites spared by folks already giving according to their means to other worthy objects. But some of the "mites" have assumed really wonderful proportions, and the fund has grown more quickly than I ever hoped.

All our contributors do not come from Ontario. From far away British Columbia "Tillicum" has been remembering us each month. And what do you think she writes me now? That through reading our page, her husband and a friend have each been moved to "adopt" a prisoner all their own! Just see what a widespread influence is yours, readers of The Advertiser. But read her letter for yourself:

Dear Miss Grey—Still read the page and enjoy it very much. You must give the page credit for the adoption of two prisoners of war beside the two you have adopted.

Through reading your page my husband and friend became interested in the prisoners of war, and each adopted one, so see what the Cynthia page is doing.

Inclosed find 25 cents for prisoners' fund. Best wishes for 1917.
TILLICUM.

### Wooden-Wedding Table.

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you kindly answer the following requests as soon as possible?

1. A way to decorate tables for a wooden wedding, the number of guests being about 30.

2. A good recipe for a three-story light cake, and oblige,
ORIANA.

Ans.—For a wooden-wedding anniversary celebration many folks have the table bare and polished, with dainty dollies beneath the plates. This is not always feasible, however. A pretty centre, to carry out the "wooden" idea, would be one of the attractive baskets of birch bark, in which one can purchase cyclamen, flowering begonias, ferns, etc. A large one for the centre, and two or three smaller ones the length of the table, would be very nice floral decoration. Dry viands, such as cake, bread, raw fruit, etc., may be arranged upon wooden picnic plates, a lace-paper doily placed on the bottom of each for daintiness. Small wooden butter bowls may be purchased, decorated or not, with crepe paper, and the vegetables either served therein, or the china vegetable dishes may stand inside the bowl. The platter containing fowl (which you probably wish to serve) could rest upon an oak or mahogany tray, and present a very lordly appearance. Afraid that beyond this I have no more suggestions to make.

2. Recipes for three-layer cakes seem rather scarce, just when I want one. However, this sounds very good. A different filling could be used, of course, if preferred, but the fig is nice: Fig Layer Cake—One cup butter (or half-lard, half-butter), two cups sugar, one and a half cups milk, four eggs, lemon essence to flavor, three cups flour, two and a half teaspoons baking powder. Bake in three layers. For the filling use one cup chopped figs, two-thirds cup hot water, half-cup sugar; cook till soft; spread on the cake when cold. Ice top with white icing, and cut figs on in a pattern.

### For the Minister's Wife.

Dear Miss Grey,—I received the parcel you sent me from "Balm of Gilead," and I am delighted with the contents. When I looked from one to another of those handsome pieces, I was quite carried away, imagining how I would look in a lovely dress like either of the pieces. Then it suddenly dawned on me, that I was an old lady with white hair! So please don't blame the young girls who are desirous of dressing well and looking pretty. I think I will use those pieces in making a quilt for a village minister's wife. Poor things, they have not much time to do for themselves; they are always so busy at church work. I am often surprised they do not get a salary as well as their better halves. Convey my best thanks to "Balma."
ANTIANNE.

Ans.—There surely were some handsome pieces in "Balm of Gilead's" bundle of patches, and you should evolve a nice quilt therefrom. Heaven's best blessing should rest on the ministers' wives of our smaller communities especially. It's no easy task, I am sure, to "make ends meet," and be sweet, tactful and patient, as they are expected to be. Theirs is no path of roses, and usually it's the women of the congregation that make the trouble.

### How to Clean It.

Dear Miss Grey,—Here I am again. Will you please tell me how to clean a white organdie vestee and collar without taking it off the dress. The dress is brown silk.

I was glad you printed the soldier's letter I sent you. I meant to ask you to but left that part out.

In last night's paper "Pussy Cat" gives a good list of things to put in a soldier's box. I also send tooth paste and brush and towels and cookies—the kind that don't get stale quickly; wrap them in wax paper. When sending socks to soldiers would the ones you buy in the stores be all right if I haven't the home-knit, and does it make any difference in the color?

Thanking you in advance, sincerely,
S. E. B.

Ans.—You might possibly clean the vestee by immersing it in gasoline; have someone else hold the dress carefully out of the liquid and wash the soiled white material with your hands. Rinse in fresh gasoline, dry slightly (rolled up in white cotton) and press. The more satisfactory way for dresses of this kind is to have the "dickey" removable so it may be cleaned separately.

Re the socks, as I understand reports from the trenches, hand-knit are best, of course, but any soldier will welcome a pair of "boughten" ones, too, as long as they're DRY and warm. Color is best in grey or khaki.

### Is the City to Blame?

Cynthia Grey,—I saw in The Advertiser that a young lady last week asked for a way to use a watch as a compass. As I am able to give that information you may advise her either through the columns of the 'Tiser or personally by sending her the inclosed.

I am a member of this battalion and am stationed here in Chatham. My wife is a London girl and resides there and the 'Tiser is a regular caller at the house in the evening. But although we have been in London nearly eight months we have not even had a member of any of the good people of London look in. So much for the peace and good-will among the women of London. However, maybe everyone thinks of themselves only and don't care how our families get along, so much as they go to their theatres, etc.

I was home on New Year's and I saw the crowds go from church services to the dance hall New Year's eve. It sure was heart-sickening to think of my pals dying in France, while these light-hearted (fools), pardon me, but it seems so, at any rate. However, so much for this; let it drop. All people don't think alike. Here is the directions for compass work.
A 136TH SOLDIER.

Ans.—The compass information having already been received and published, I need not repeat, although I thank you sincerely. The remainder of your letter makes me feel very sad in one way and (may I say it?) rather "put out" in another. Perhaps you have never lived in a city before; that makes it harder to understand, I guess, and no doubt it seems selfish and cold of people not to call at your home. But it is the way of the cities; one may live for years in the same house and not know the name of the neighbor across the street, or you may know your neighbor's names, but have scarcely speaking acquaintance with them. Perhaps if you come to know them better, you are sorry for it, for the cities are the "melting pots" for all kinds and conditions.

I honestly believe if your wife would join a church society of some sort, or attend meetings for patriotic sewing, she would soon make friends of the right sort. Don't forget, too, that sometimes when the "good people" "look in" they get snubbed and are sorry they tried to be friendly.

I'd really like to hear from you again, for to me the loneliness of a city is a terrible thing to contemplate.

### Must Have Justice.

Dear Miss Grey,—I know the resolution is "no more scrappings," but really we must have justice. I have reason to believe that "Peaches" is referring to me about boys of 16 enlisting. I didn't mean boys of 16 old enough to enlist—that was a piece of sarcasm on the part of another reader of the page, saying that all the fellows that were left were only kids of 16. As for these so-called recruiting girls, I hope I have the honor of calling myself one. I have put myself in a boy's place, and I don't understand how ever they can be content to stay at home and let other fellows go and fight for them. Where is their manhood? I want you to understand I mean men of military age. I know a lot of girls who would give anything to enlist. We are not all jellyfish.
70TH BATTALION MASCOT.

### Here's "Star That Guides."

Dear readers of the 'Tiser all,
I've come to make a little call;
This time it is just to ask why
The old 'uns are so awful shy?

Where is "B. D." and "Calamity Ann,"
And all the rest of the Circus Clan?
Come, "Star of the East," on us do
shine,
And bring the regiment back into line.

Where is "Deserted," "Jack" and
"Windy,"
"Curley Head" and "Margaret Lindley"?
Come, "Ugly Duckling," flop your wing
And encourage "Laurie" to join the
ring.

Where is "H. J." and "M. C. J.,"
"Molly O" and "Mrs. Gay"?
Come, "Dove of Peace," a message
bring,
And help our "Uncle Josh" to sing.

Oh! "Caesar," thou hast guessed quite
well,
The city and its streets so swell.
'Nuff said—could you e'er surmise,
"S. T. G." BACK in disguise?

Now, Miss Grey, my appeal I've made,
I'm sorry if my visit's outstayed.
Hand me my hat and I'll go home,
And promise you no more to roam.
STAR THAT GUIDES.

Ans.—No, "Star," you must not go home, but remain right up in front of the Mail-Box as a sort of magnet to attract all the old-timers you ask about. Now, "Twinkle, twinkle, little 'Star,' and see who'll be first to answer your appeal.

### A Tragic Event.

Dear Miss Grey,—In the issue of The Advertiser of January 15 I see where "Historian" wanted to know the date of the Donnelly tragedy and a few facts about it.

It happened on February , 1880. Therefore isn't it 37 years ago?

There were five all told lost their lives—the father, mother, two sons and a niece.

Trusting this will satisfy the disputers, "Historian," and his friend, I remain (so many say, I remain as before), I think I'll change it and say: I remain as behind (like I always am),
PETER.

Ans.—"Historian" will be very much obliged to you, "Peter." Somehow, with that sense of humor of yours, I think you should be signing yourself "Pat." Do you know the story of the foreign professor, who remarked as a student, usually late, once arrived in the classroom before the others: "Ah, I see you are first at last; you were always behind, before."

### Who Knows How?

Dear Miss Grey,—Can you or some of the Mail-Box readers tell me how to make a quilt of gum flegs? I have over sixty on hand, but do not know how to put them together.

Thanking you very kindly in advance, I am,
AN ADMIRER OF THE MAIL-BOX.

Ans.—Referred to readers who may have more time for handicrafts than C. G.

### Interested in Hypnotism.

Dear Miss Grey,—Someone asked in Friday's paper about using a watch as a compass. Suppose it is 10 a.m. Hold the watch so the hour hand is pointing at the sun, and between that and 12 will be towards the south (which will be pointing south. I suppose this is as clear as mud, but it's sometimes hard to explain on paper.

Please tell me this: Does one have to be awakened from a hypnotic sleep by the same one that put them in that sleep?

2. What effect has it on one's body—I mean, is it in any way harmful to nerves, etc.? Sincerely yours,
JIMMIE VALENTINE.

P. S.—I must add that this near-compass is like a sun dial—it refuses to work at night.—J. V.

Ans.—You're an old friend, "Jimmie," and I half fancy "Mrs. Jimmie" has called on us too. Welcome are you for the information you bring, but why ask questions that force me to expose still further ignorance? Hypnotism is a subject I've studied but little, and understand less. Hence my skepticism, perhaps. I've always read and heard, though, that "the subject" cannot be awaked until the one hypnotizing releases him, and that the person acts in a dazed way for some time, as one waking from a deep sleep.

Can any student of hypnotic arts inform "Jimmie Valentine" further?

### NOTES.

North Devon.—Your letter has been forwarded as you wish.

"Tillicum."—Sends verses "The Farmer Feeds All." I'd like to know very much if they are original, for they are certainly excellent, and I'm glad to print them.

"Wynne." — Your letter for "Hen Wlad" is mailed to her address. Best wishes for yourself and please acept my sincere sympathy.

## Advertiser Patterns

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Children's Corduroy Velvet Dresses, made with self girdle, white poplin vest, collar and cuffs; size 5 in brown, sizes 5, 6, 8 and 10 in copen, sizes 8 and 10 in navy; regular price, $5.00. Clearing at ..... $3.75

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## Fashion's Realm

Serge, gabardine and wool poplin continue to be Dame Fashion's favorites for winter suits, says a writer in McCall's. Many times she makes them all of the same material and, again, she combines a woolen fabric with silk or satin. Sometimes she makes a blue serge suit with a waist of checked silk and then lines the coat with the same silk. A suit of checked fabric she will trim with a collar, cuffs and belt of plain material and a suit of plain with striped, checked, or plaided fabric. Coats sue makes from zibeline, velours or chinchilla, and sometimes plush or velvet. For she uses for collar and cuffs, and bands around the edges of coats and skirts. The fur may be skunk, beaver, rabbit, seal or squirrel. She shows a fondness for large collars and conspicuous pockets, and puts the latter on dress, coat or skirt with naive impartiality.

Wool embroidery is to be counted among the leading trimmings for winter dresses. This effective decoration gives a wide scope for artistic color combinations which may be carried out accordingto each one's original ideas. Some wonderfully rich effects are obtained by using the Bulgarian colors on dark backgrounds, such as black, blue or green. Equally charming also is the combination of two contrasting shades; for instance, steel grey or buckskin yellow on blue or green, and purple on black. A very chic French dress of striped tan material was ornamented with tan wool embroidery, which is still another smart suggestion. As outline-stitch or long and short darning-stitch is usually used for the embroidery, the work is made extremely simple and accomplished very quickly.

Almost as popular as wool embroidery is the metal embroidery, in which steel and gold threads are employed. All of these embroideries are used on wool, satin or silk dresses.

### Warm Coats Needed.

When the days begin to get cold and the snow flies, every mother is happy to see her little folks clad in warm, comfortable and well-cut clothes. The material for these clothes need not be so fine, if only it has the requirements of warmth and is cut by a well-designed pattern. In these days, when cotton frocks are worn by girls almost entirely during the winter, the warm coat is an especially important feature of the winter wardrobe. The model, made from a thick wool mixture and trimmed with a collar of plush, is simple and girlish, comfortable and warm. An interlining of wool, which may be bought by the yard, adds the extra warmth needed in the cold climates.

### INFANTS' THUMBLESS MITTENS.

Materials—One skein three-fold Saxon yarn, white, 2 steel knitting needles No. 15.

For the Wrist—Cast on 50 stitches, first row, slip the first stitch, than k. 2, and purl 2, to the end of row, ending with purl 3, turn. Work 20 more rows like the first row.

For the Hand—K. plain back and forth for 20 ridges, or 52 rows (two rows of plain knitting form a ridge). Now begin to decrease in the next row as follows: Slip the first st. * then K. 6, K. 2 together, repeat from * to the end of row. K. 3 rows. Next row—Slip first st. * K. 5, K. 2 together, repeat from * to end of row. K. 3 rows.

Next row—Slip first st. * K. 4, K. 2 together, repeat from * to end of row. K. 3 rows.

Next row—Slip first st. * K. 3, K. 2 together; repeat from * to end of row, K. 3 rows.

Next row—Slip first st. * K. 2, K. 2 together, repeat from * to end of row. K. 2 rows.

Next row—Slip first st. * K. 1, K. 2 together, repeat from * to end of row.

Next row—K. 2 together until 7 stitches are left on the needle. Bind off. Break the yarn, leaving a long enough end to draw the seven stitches together, and to sew up the side seam.

Narrow ribbon may be run in at the wrist, and finished with a bow.


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