

# **DAILY PAGE FOR ADVERTISER WOMAN READERS**

## **Letters to Canadian Women in War Time** **The Patriotic Woman's Best Giving Is Employment**

[Written for The Advertiser]

What would you do if someone rang you up at the telephone and said, "I have some work to give. I want to give it to someone who needs it. Do you know anyone who is in need of work?" That has happened twice within the last week. If you had been asked, what would you have done? In the first place, you would run over in your mind every one you knew who wanted work. It may be that you were able to think at once of the right person—someone who needed work and was able to do the work offered, and could rightly afford to do the work at the price offered. What satisfaction you gave the person, and secured the work for the person.

But suppose you did not know of anyone who could do the work? Then you tried to think of someone who would be able to do the work. This is where the great usefulness of the Labor Bureau comes in. A labor bureau has a list of those needing work, with particulars of what the person needing work can do. The labor bureau should be in charge of someone who is particularly qualified to deal with such employment.

We have few moments of greater happiness than when one of us has been able to secure good work for the person who is in need of it. It is the duty and the happiness of the patriotic woman by every means in her power to keep this country in a condition of healthy prosperity. This work is the best work she can do for the empire. The most effective means the patriotic woman can take to keep Canada prosperous is to give work to those who need it in her own country.

How much employment is controlled by the average woman? More than one would at first think. There is a "war" in everything we buy—every single purchase made by a woman—adds employment, helps someone else to make a living. The patriotic woman is doubly anxious in wartime to buy with discretion. Because Canada is at war, and Canadian employment is threatened with the difficulties of armaments.

she will buy first Canadian-made goods, and goods manufactured in Great Britain. Generally speaking, it is wise for the woman whose income has not been affected by the war to continue living as usual. With this exception, that she will use what money she can rightly spare to increase employment among her own people.

For instance, if the woman with money to spare is knitting and sewing for the Red Cross work, one does not say that she should deprive herself altogether of that pleasure. But she will at the same time pay some woman who is without work, and needs work, to knit and sew Red Cross supplies in her employment. This course of action has been suggested by Queen Mary to women with money in Great Britain. It should be followed as well by women with money in Canada.

If, then, there is a labor bureau in your neighborhood—no matter if it is a number of miles away—ask it to have the cooperation of the labor unions, who are making a canvass of the unemployed. This is a fine thing. When you have done this you will have helped to employ some woman who is without work and needs the money. If there is no labor bureau working for the employment of women, you should help to organize one.

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This is where the patriotic woman of Canada can help. [To Be Continued Tomorrow]

## 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. All letters have to be answered in turn. No letters can be answered privately.]

A woman of 72 writes to the woman who is worried about her housework on the farm: "I was raised on a farm, and lived on a farm quite a few years after marriage, and I always found that early rising and getting things done in the morning was the best way, and if one thing was not ready to do, I did some other, and planned each day's work like I do now in London."

We get up at half-past five; I get breakfast, and if the milk is not here, I make the beds, and I often have all my work done at half-past seven. On Monday morning (wash-day), I get my clothes in to soak before breakfast, then after, while they are soaking, I do up my work, and I have my washing out between 9 and 10 o'clock. Tuesday is ironing-day, and do a little baking if you need it, and do the mending soon; don't leave it until Saturday night, or you may want to go out and cannot on account of it. I knew a woman like that.

Wednesday I wipe up the dining-room and kitchen floors. Thursday I do just what there is to do, and perhaps go shopping in the afternoon, or do some sewing, or read. I am making a log in my quilt now, in my spare time. On Friday, of course, I bake and clean up. Last Saturday afternoon I took some flowers to the church harvest home to help decorate, and on Sunday, was to all the services, nearly three

blocks away. On Monday I did two weeks' washing, and on Tuesday afternoon went to a ladies' aid meeting; the all letters have to be answered in turn. No letters can be answered privately.]

You see it doesn't take all my time to do my work like my next-door neighbor. She never has time to go out. She is very slow. Why, I could go out every afternoon if I cared to, but I have to take my rest, or a nap. It is in learning to work fast. If you think this will help any, will you please print it? MR. J. C.

Ans.—Of course, I think it will help. You have your household machinery running like clockwork—a matter not quite so easy where there are children requiring attention. System is certainly a splendid thing, and just as necessary for the housekeeper as for the business woman. May you long live, dear woman of 72, to perform your household tasks, and give such royal help at outcallings!

Pickled Muckleton. Dear Miss Grey:—Would you kindly publish in The London Advertiser a recipe for pickled muckleton? and oblige your reader, C. K.

Ans.—You will find this recipe reliable: Peel and cut fruit into strips

about 1/2 inches long, 1/2 or 3/4 inches thick, put into stone jar, pour over enough scalding vinegar to cover, heat vinegar three successive days and pour over fruit. Then weigh the fruit and to every five pounds allow three pounds sugar (white), one quart vinegar, cloves, cinnamon and allspice to suit. Boil all together until fruit is tender or clear. Put fruit in jars or bottles, boil down syrup until just enough to cover, pour on scalding hot.

Weighty Matters. Dear Miss Grey: Would you kindly answer the following questions: 1. How long should a girl of thirteen, who is five feet one inch tall, wear her dresses? 2. I have fair complexion, brown hair, and grey eyes. What are my colors? 3. What will keep stockings from turning blue? HILLEN.

Ans.—1. Half-way between her knees and the top of her shoes, or perhaps an inch longer. 2. You will look well in brown, grey and blue. 3. Wash in clear, warm water with any good laundry soap; then rinse twice in cold water, and hang to dry. Hosiery of a good make should remain black, if washed as directed.

An Early Rising Song. Dear Miss Grey:—Here I am bothering you again. I am enclosing an old song, entitled, "Silver Bell," and would like if you could publish the song, entitled "Rising Early in the Morning." The chorus is: "For it's far too early in the morning to wake me. Such a thing as early rising I don't see. As I have said, and with my health, it never did agree."

Rising early in the morning. 2. A good recipe for roll jelly cake. Thanking you in advance, I am yours sincerely, BETHEL J.

Ans.—1. The song you have written is a fine thing, and would be well to have it published. It is a splendid piece of practical work, and what we have to do is to find the work for the labor bureau to give to give to the unemployed.

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Driving Out Piles. Dear Miss Grey: 1. On what day did January 20, 1890, fall on? Please give me a tonic for grey hair. 2. What is a cure for flies at this time of the year? 3. The meaning of Madeline, Alex., David and Douglas? 4. A—1, Monday. 2. This formula should not only prevent the greyness, but stimulate the hair follicles as well: First make a tea of a handful of sage leaves (dried) and one pint of water; simmer down to one cupful of liquid; strain, and when cool add two ounces glycerine, two ounces bay rum, quarter ounce tincture of cardamom, and a few drops of oil of violet. Use in a room, drives out flies, but I have doubts whether anything but well-fitting screens has much effect in keeping them out. Be sure not to throw household refuse such as garden waste, milk, etc., or washing water (suds) near the house. 4. Madeline is really another form of Magdalene, which means "belonging to Magdalene"; Alex., a helper of men; David, beloved; Douglas, a chieftain.

Mrs. Home Bird Files In. Dear Miss Grey: I do not want to know how long I shall wear my dresses, or how I shall do up my hair, or how late I shall stay out nights (ye Gods), but I would like to know how I can keep steel knives and forks that are

not in constant use from rusting. There are only two in our family, and although I wipe the knives carefully and dry in a warm oven, they rust till they are almost uncleanable. 2. Also, can you give me a recipe for tomato catsup that is red when put in the spices, but when eaten, is almost uncleanable. 3. Also, can you give me a recipe for tomato catsup that is red when put in the spices, but when eaten, is almost uncleanable.

Also, I want to put in some of my leisure time this winter making a winter dress for summer, trimmed with handmade Irish crochet. Are the fashions going to be very different from this year? Will I be safe in making a moderately narrow skirt, or are they to be very wide as I have read about? Now, if any letter is not too long, I would like to give a recipe for curing pork, which one of your readers asked for. We have taken a pound in twelve years by this method. For every gallon of water, take 1 1/2 lbs. salt, 1 1/2 oz. soda, brown sugar 5 lbs., 1/2 oz. salt petre; boil together and dissolved. Let it get cold and pour over the pork in a barrel, being careful not to pour in the settling; leave in this pickle for six weeks, then hang up to dry. We smoke it lightly, and tie up in cotton bags, but it can be left unsmoked and hung up in tight cotton bags. If my letter is too long, just print the answers to my questions.

MRS. HOME BIRD. A—Glad you took a few minutes to fly into the mailbox; the "homebirds" are always welcome visitors. 1. After taking the precautions you mention, rub each knife with a little raw mutton tallow, wrap each in coarse brown paper, and keep in a dry, warm place. I hope you will find this good. 2. Can any of our housekeeper readers tell how this blackness may be avoided? The following is a good catsup recipe: Take 1/2 bushel tomatoes, 1 ounce salt, 1/2 ounce ground black pepper, 1/2 ounce ground cayenne, 1/2 ounce ground cloves, 1 heaping tablespoon ground mustard. Skin and slice the tomatoes, stew until soft, rub through a sieve, and add the spices slowly. It is quite thick; then add 1 pint of vinegar, to which has been added 1/2 cup of sugar and the above spices. Boil up twice, bottle and keep.

It is pretty difficult to predict just what the styles may be next year. Judging from fashion advances that I have studied, your benefit, the long tunic (fairly loose) and narrow skirt (similar to the present styles). Could you not make up some of the trimming and decide upon a style a little earlier. One can be much surer of these things in January or February. Your excellently practical recipe for curing pork, I am glad to pass on to our readers.

Seven Questions. Dear Miss Grey: I have never bothered you before, but would it be too much trouble for you to answer a few questions? 1. I am 14 years of age, weigh 142 pounds; do you think I am too heavy for my age? 2. I have blue eyes, golden red hair. I am 5 feet 6 inches tall; do you think I am too tall for my age? 3. Do you think I am old enough for a fellow to accompany me home at night? 4. I have a good friend, only she is married. She is nine years older than myself; do you think I am too young to chum with her? 5. What colors of dresses are to be worn this winter? 6. Do you think it is all right for a girl to join millinery? 7. Meanings of these names—Frank, Ernie, Grace, Alice, Cora, Amanda, Alvin. I remain, yours, A JOLLY GIRL. A—1. Yes. 2. You are very tall for your age, but will probably not grow much more. 3. No, I don't think about "fellows" for a couple of years yet. 4. No, it seems more natural for a young girl to have chums of her own age, but some friendships between girls are very beautiful. 5. Plaids, checks and mixtures are seen a great deal. Blue and brown appear to be leaders. 6. Perfectly yes. 7. Frank, Ernie, Ernest, Grace, favor; Alice, a princess; Cora, a maiden; Amanda, worthy of love; Alvin, winning all.

TRICK TOWN TRYING. Sew a small piece of muslin inside the shirt to the collar band and shoulder seam, leaving front loose so that it will not interfere with laundering. This protects the negligee shirts from the wear of stiff collars against the collar-band.

## OLD SONGS AND POEMS

For Old Time's Sake. Down in a lane two men had quarrelled. Over a girl whom they both admired; Brothers in name, but foes in feeling.

Passion, alas, their hearts had fired. One said, "You traitor, you stole her from me. Henceforth a stranger to England I'll be."

If we must part," said the other, with pain, Don't part like this—we may never meet again."

Chorus. For old time's sake, don't let our friendship be broken; For old time's sake, say you'll forget and forgive. Life's too short to quarrel, hearts to shake hands, and let us be friends, for old time's sake.

Anger prevailed, as foes they parted; Parted as brothers have often done. Jack sailed away to drown his sorrow, and And Tom at home with the bride he'd won.

Twelve months after, and then he was left With a babe of his mother bereft; How like she grew to her, when he revealed The cause of the quarrel, and how he appeared.

Chorus. Time rolled away, then the brothers one day Met face to face, and then turned away; But the little peace-maker, their rough hands she grasped, And whispered so softly as their fingers she clasped.

"In her arms and name, who looks down from above, My own argo-mother you both used to love."

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So generous has been the response from all over the country to the request for pillows, that we have more than two hundred in hand, after this shipment has gone. Part of these are being stored, in case supplies of another contingent should be called for, while some will be on sale during the exhibition, so that the generous donors will be helping out in a splendid and satisfactory way.

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## Red Cross Column

The thanks of the society are due to the A. Y. P. O. of Emmanuel Church, per Mr. Shoebottom, for a donation of \$50.

The full consignment of finished work is to be sent away on Wednesday night. An exhibition of all the work done will be held at the central rooms at Hyman Hall on Wednesday morning, October 7, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Work will go on as usual on Tuesday, October 6, and we wish to make a special plea to all members and associates who have work in hand now to bring it in before 6 p.m. on that day, especially the knitting.

No wool will be given out on Tuesday next for making out, but on Wednesday, October 7, instead of Friday, October 9.

Owing to the central room being needed for other purposes on Friday next, the usual work day will be held, for once, on Thursday, October 8, instead of Friday, October 9.

HOME RELIEF LEAGUE REPORT. The thanks of the society are due to the Excelsior Literary Society, Thorncliffe, per Miss M. Duffin, for a donation of \$25.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) is work day at the Red Cross rooms at Hyman Hall. Will all workers please be on hand early, and every member or associate, who has taken work home, make a special effort to return it that afternoon, as the consignment is to go away Wednesday night. In case supplies of another contingent should be called for, while some will be on sale during the exhibition, so that the generous donors will be helping out in a splendid and satisfactory way.

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His first task prompted by the coming of Lahoma had been to partition off the half of the dugout for the child's private chamber. "Clear post set in the ground and plastered with mud higher than his head, left a space between the top and the ceiling, and the temperature might be equalized in both rooms. This far, however, they did not stay in the dugout except long enough to eat and sleep, for the autumn had continued to rain, and the cave seemed to be a better place to stay in. "We, the members of the Home Relief League, wish to offer our services to co-operate with the Patriotic Fund, for the relief of the city suffering as a result of the war, not confining our efforts to the families of the soldiers, but helping all those who are in need on account of the financial depression."

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