

# Straight Talks to Women

About the Home and Other Things

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I have a letter signed "A Mother," in which she says:

"My son is twenty-one years of age and wants to enlist, to go to the front, but says he will not go without my consent. He is our only son, in fact he is our only child, and I can't bear the thought of letting him go. Will you tell me if I am doing right?"

As this question is one which is facing thousands of other Canadian mothers, I think it is a very suitable subject for this week's Straight Talk, and my answer is this:

Your love for your son is SENTIMENT—indeed it is the deepest instinct within us, and while the world could not last long without sentiment; neither would it last long under German rule.

As against sentiment, there are the duties of manhood, which, like the duties of citizenship, must take precedence over every other consideration—that is, if National Honor and the Peace of our friends are to be upheld and guarded. It is better to die in honor than to live in dishonor. It is better to lose your son than to suffer the double dishonor of turning a deaf ear to the Mother Country's cry for help, and the horrible thought of living under military rule.

In letting your son go to the front, you do make a great sacrifice—the greatest sacrifice a mother can possibly make—but you must remember that all the millions of men under arms today have mothers, too, and all those mothers are making the same sacrifice, and you must also remember that SACRIFICE, FOR DUTY'S SAKE is the highest ethical function which the human soul can perform.

Yes, you must let him go.

If he returns, alive, and you see him marching home, with his victorious comrades, great joy and high honor will be his—and yours.

Should he not return, the honor that will be yours will be none the less, for you did your duty—and he his.

Should you still refuse to let him go, the call to arms—to aid his country in her hour of need—it will be but a question of time, when

shame will fill his heart, and yours too.

HIS son may some day ask "Father, you were able and the right age, why did you not go?" What will his answer be?—and what will YOUR answer be?

I am glad that you sent me your letter, and I sincerely hope that my answer may help other mothers, as well as the great numbers of able-bodied young men in this community who apparently seem more than willing to stay at home and enjoy their peace and SAFETY at the cost of the lives of others.

"Canada! Canada! Wake from thy slumber! Britain is calling for aid in the fight. Foes are besieging her; rush to the rescue."

Hasst thou forgotten the debt that thou owest? Dost thou remember how much she has done. To make of this people a truly free nation. Counting as nothing the conquest she won?

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Miss Richmond:

Could you give me a real good recipe for Irish Stew, and oblige,

Mrs. P. C.

Answer—Cut two pounds of mutton into cubes, and saute in a frying pan. Add the following vegetables, cut into slices: 1 carrot, 1 onion, 1 stick of celery, 1 turnip and two cups of potatoes. Now put the meat and vegetables into a stewpan, season with salt and pepper, cover with cold water and stew gently for two hours; thicken with a tablespoonful of flour mixed in a little cold water, before serving.

Dear Madam:

Will you please give me a recipe for chicken salad and tell me if this is suitable to serve at a supper, after a skating party.

Miss L.

Answer (1)—Take two cupfuls of cold chicken, white meat only, cut into cubes, add 1½ cupfuls of blanched almonds and two cupfuls of diced celery, mix well and serve in lettuce, with French dressing.

Answer (2)—Yes; it is quite correct

to serve salads of any kind, at supper parties.

Dear Miss Richmond:

Please tell me how to whip thin cream. "Subscriber."

Answer—Cream, to whip properly, should be thick (xx cream.) If it is thin, add a few drops of lemon juice or the unbeaten white of an egg, before you begin to whip.

Miss Richmond:

Can you let me know how I can get rid of dandruff as I am very much bothered with it.

Nellie.

Answer—Wash the hair thoroughly, in warm water and castile soap, and apply sulphur ointment. If there is a crust, almond oil may be rubbed in at night, to soften the scalp, and the hair well washed in the morning.

It may be necessary to repeat this for two or three days before the head is free from scurf.

Dear Miss Richmond:

When a near relative dies, how soon afterwards may I pay formal visits.

"In Mourning."

Answer—Six months is the conventional time.

## HOUSEHOLD HELPS

To remove mildew stains, boil the garment in water, to which cream of tartar has been added, and lay in the sun to dry.

Lemon juice will remove match scratches from paint.

Spirits of camphor will take out peach stains.

All traces of mud spots will disappear by rubbing the goods with a raw potato.

When embroidering initials on handkerchiefs or table napkins, sew the corners of four together. This not only saves time, but the hoops fit better.

To mark linen easily, dip the article in cold starch and let it dry. The pen will then write without scratching.

When cutting out clothing, you can do away with pins and weights on tissue paper patterns. Lay the pattern on the material and press it lightly with a warm iron. The pattern will cling to the cloth, and the cutting will be more accurate.

DOROTHY RICHMOND

## The Wretchedness of Constipation

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## CRITICISM LEVELLED AT "MADE-IN-CANADA"

Who is Most Loyal—the Man Who Pays the Duty or the Man Who Provides Work?

Nothing succeeds like success! The "Made-in-Canada" appeal has been so all-pervading during the past few months that it has stirred up criticism here and there among some Canadians. This is perhaps the best tribute possible to the compelling force of the movement, which has swept over Canada since the war began. If the propaganda for the purchase of products made by Canadian workmen in Canadian factories was lacking in strength or logic, if it was not meeting with a ready response from the great majority of Canadian consumers, no one would pay any attention to it. It would perish of neglect. It becomes interesting, therefore, to note some of the isolated objections that have been raised against it.

Not a Huge Monster

The commonest criticism runs something like this: That the purchaser who buys a foreign-made article pays a certain sum of money in the form of customs duties on it. This money goes to the National Treasury, helps run the country and helps keep our soldiers on the firing line. Whereas if the purchaser buys "Made-in-Canada" product no duty flows into the National Treasury, and according to the theory of the critics an amount corresponding to the customs duties is pocketed by the manufacturer in the form of increased profits. These who take this position cannot see beyond the manufacturer. That is their difficulty. To them the Canadian consumer has in his pocket and thinking nothing of the welfare of Canada or her citizens as a whole.

The Case of Plows

One Western farmer has written a letter to a prominent Western farm paper explaining that he bought an American-made plow because the duty on it would go to the Government. Has this correspondent no regard for the thousands of workmen or so who would be employed in the Canadian plow company, whose goods he rejected in favor of the foreign article? Do they do nothing for Canada? Are they of no value to the community in which they are working and spending their wages? Are they not contributing through their daily purchases just as large a portion of our national revenue as is the farmer?

In the transaction in question this particular farmer paid, we will say, \$8 to the Dominion Government in the form of duty. A Canadian plow factory the writer has in mind in a Western Ontario town would probably average 1,000 employees, whose average wage would be \$60 per month, or \$720 per year. Every dollar of this income is spent in Canada. It is spent for food and clothing, house furnishings, etc., some of which will necessarily have to be imported, and on which duty will be paid. Assuming that the average employee only pays 2 per cent. of his income out in the form of customs duties or \$15 in round numbers in a year, we have a contribution from the employee of this factory alone of \$15,000 to the national exchequer.

A Bad Example

If every farmer followed the example of our correspondent and bought a plow made in United States there would be no plow factories in Canada, and not only the \$15,000 contributed to the national revenue by this one firm's employees would be lost, but also thousands of dollars by the employees of other plow and implement factories, which would be forced to close down through lack of business. And what of the tradesmen who supplied these Canadians with the necessities of life, and the mechanics who built their homes, paved their streets and operated their transportation systems? What of the doctors, lawyers, school teachers and clergymen who minister to their social and spiritual needs.

It is a peculiar strain of patriotism that would impel a Canadian to-day to send his money to a foreign country for a foreign product, to build foreign workshops, to develop foreign towns and cities, and increase prosperity in a foreign country at a time when his fellow countrymen are suffering from lack of employment, when there are breadlines in some of our cities, and when we are striving our national resources as never before to keep the wheels of industry turning and the ship of state on an even keel. This is not a time for individual choice and action. It is a time for national co-operation. Keep the workmen in Canadian plow factories employed. Busy workmen will keep our national revenue buoyant and achieve the object which our Western friend had in view when he bought the foreign plow.

GREEK ARMY OFFICERS ARE RECALLED

Geneva, via Paris, March 7.—All Greek army officers in Switzerland were recalled Saturday. Other Greeks of a military age must present themselves at the offices of the consul general in Geneva before March 11. The opinion is expressed by many here that there is to be a general mobilization of the Greek Army.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

SUNDAY SERVICES

### United Baptist Church

Rev. M. S. Richardson.

Morning service, 11 a. m.

Sunday School, 2.30 p. m.

Evening service, Newcastle, 7 p. m.

Mid-Week Service—Wednesday

Prayer and testimony meeting 7.30 p. m.

Seats free, all welcome.

### St. Andrew's Church

(Anglican)

Rev. W. J. Bate

Holy Communion—1st Sunday in month at 11 a. m. 3rd Sunday in month at 8.30 a. m.

Morning and Evening Prayer—Matins at 11.00 (except 3rd Sunday in month). Evensong at 7.00. Wednesday Evensong, 7.30.

### St. Mary's Church

(Catholic)

(During winter months from November to May.)

Early Mass with sermon, etc., 9.00 a. m.

Leto Mass with sermon, etc., 11.00 a. m.

St. Aloysius Society for boys, 1.30.

Children baptized, when there are baptisms, 2.00 p. m.

Sunday School Classes, 2.30 p. m.

Vespers, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, etc., 7.00 p. m.

### Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Garrison

Sunday Services 11.00 a. m. and 7.00 p. m.

Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

### The Kirk

St. James Presbyterian Church

Rev. S. J. MacArthur, M. A., B. D.

Worship Sunday, 11.00 a. m. and 7.00 p. m.

Sabbath School, 2.30 p. m.

### Salvation Army

Capt. P. Forbes

Holiness Meeting—11 a. m.

Praise and Testimony Meeting—3.00 p. m.

Salvation Meeting—6 p. m.

Public Meetings—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—8.00 p. m.

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## Notes and Comments

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION TO PARLIAMENT

A bulletin of information of "Facts about the War" published by the Paris Chamber of Commerce, under date of January 5th, contains the following:

"The Prime Minister, M. Viviani, has made on behalf of the Cabinet an important declaration to the Chamber of Deputies, and we quote the most remarkable passage on the causes of the present war, and the spirit in which France is carrying it on:

The Premier said: 'Germany has been disturbed in her rapacious dreams of victory by this wave of patriotic feeling, unforeseen by her. From the first day of the struggle, she ignored Right, appealed to Force, despised History, and to violate the neutrality of Belgium and invade France, she pleaded the rights of self interest alone. Since then, her government has understood that the opinion of the world had to be reckoned with and has frequently attempted a justification of its conduct by endeavoring to lay the responsibility of the war upon the allies. But above all the gross misrepresentations which no longer deceive even the obligingly credulous, Truth has appeared. All documents published by the nations concerned in the war, and even the striking speech made just lately at Rome by one of noble Italy's most illustrious representatives, bear witness to the fact that our enemies had long since determined to array their forces against us. One of these documents, if required, would alone suffice to enlighten the public; for instance, when at the proposal of the English government, the nations now at war, were to put a stop to their preparations for an outbreak and arrange for peace-parleys in London on July 31st, 1914, both France and Russia consented to the plan and Peace would have been insured at this eleventh hour if Germany had done likewise.

But Germany cut matters short by declaring war against Russia, on August 1st, rendering a call to arms unavoidable.

And if Germany 'nipped Peace in

the bud,' diplomatically, it was because the last forty years, she has had but one aim and object in view which she has unceasingly worked for, and that was: the crushing of France in order to obtain the mastery of the world.

All these disclosures have been brought before and will be judged by History, in whose tribunal no room for bribery or corruption is found—moreover since in spite of their desire for Peace, France and her allies have been dragged into war, they will carry it through to the bitter end, cost what it may."

### CASTORIA

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