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.]

Getting More Sensible?

Dear Miss Grey,—Your page has always been very interesting to me. I notice that you don't get quite so many foolish questions as you did at first. I have been going to write for some time, and have kept putting it off. I saw a formula of a hand lotion that we have used for years, only they had given it wrong—had 1¼ ounces of gum tragacanth where it should have been just ¼ ounce. We got ours of a druggist, and it is as follows: Gum tragacanth ¼ oz., glycerine 1 oz., alcohol 1 oz., rose water 1 oz., and best cologne ½ oz., water 1 pint. I put gum into quart sealer with the pint of warm water, and keep near stove and shake often. After several hours put in other liquids and still shake often; if too thick, add a little more water. Now for one question please:

1. What days of the week did the following dates fall on: September 9, 1890; November 12, 1892; April 27, 1894; December 17, 1896; September 13, 1901?

Thanking you in advance, I am

M. E. W.

Ans.—I am very glad indeed, "M. E. W.," that you wrote us about the hand lotion. I had a complaint from another reader that when she mixed it, the mass formed a solid lump in the jar. I presume this unfortunate error in the figures (which I did not detect) is responsible for the trouble.

The dates you give came on these days of the week: Tuesday, Saturday, Friday, Thursday, Friday.

Present for Him.

Dear Miss Grey,—1. Do you think it looks nice to see a young girl going for a car ride at night in the country with a gentleman friend?

2. What would be nice to give a young man of 21 for his birthday?

3. What do you think of my writing?

4. What does Ernest, Albert and Frank mean?

AN INTERESTED BRITISHER.

Ans.—1. No, there are wiser hours to choose.

2. If he reads much, a small volume of Service's or Kipling's poems would doubtless be appreciated; if he smokes, how about an ash tray? Handkerchiefs, letter paper, a small picture for his room, a pretty "pennant" cushion, a paper knife, fountain pen, inkstand or fancy penwiper, are suggestions that you might choose from.

3. Very good.

4. Ernest, in earnest; Albert, all bright; Frank, free or frank.

Old Song Asked For.

"Gee-gee" asks if any reader can supply words and music (especally the words) of an old song "The Upper Ten and the Lower Five." Would anyone having either or both kindly let me know as soon as possible.

From a Lone Girl.

Dear Miss Grey,—I have indeed enjoyed the letters that have appeared on your page. A friend of mine gave me The Advertiser to read a few days ago, and I enjoyed this page so much that I get the paper everyday. I am a lone girl, no parents, brothers or sisters, and I think it nice to receive advice from those older than myself.

1. Would you think a young man really loved you if he did not buy you costly presents?

2. What will take wrinkles from the forehead?

3. What other stone do you consider nice for an engagement ring besides a diamond?

4. What do you think of my writing?

SUNSHINE.

Ans.—Dear lone girl, I am glad to welcome you to the "Mail-Box" and how pleased I shall be if we can really help you at times. In regard to your first query, if the young man is but in moderate circumstances, it is a sign of excellent common sense if he does not buy you gifts beyond your means. In fact, I dare say it is a proof of his love rather than otherwise. No doubt he would delight in buying expensive bits for your adornment, but if he is aiming for a little home, with you as the mistress, will not the realization of this be far better than any number of gifts?

2. Nothing, I fear, unless you are prepared to pay a big sum to a "beauty doctor" for a course of treatment.

3. Why not have a ring set with your birthstone? A garnet is quite appropriate as it signifies "constancy and fidelity"; or a sardonyx, "married happiness.

4. It is fair.

Waiting for Music.

Dear Miss Grey.—Seeing in yesterday's paper a letter from Mrs. Homebird saying she had an old songbook with the words and music of the song I had asked for—"I'll remember you, love, in my prayers"—and that she would let me have the pages containing the song if I would send my address. Hoping you will thank Mrs. Homebird through you valuable page for her kindness, and wishing you every success, I remain, yours as ever,

AN ADVERTISER READER.

P.S.—Please tell me what day March 2, 1897, fell on?

Ans.—Will Mrs. Homebird forward me these pages of music, so that I may mail them to this reader, whose address I hold.

The date you give came on Tuesday.

Pudding and Pie.

Dear Miss Grey.—1. Could you print a recipe for carrot pudding, also one for lemon pie?

2. What will take freckles and blackheads from the face and neck?

3. I have dark-brown hair, blues eyes, and a fair complexion. What are my colors?

4. What are the meanings of the following names: Helen, Rose, Lillian, Violet, Audrey, Grace, Dorothy, Maud, Ruth, Le Roy?

5. Could you give me a recipe for a good shampoo that will make the hair fluffy?

Thanking you very much, I remain,

A SOLDIER LASS.

Ans.—1. Carrot Pudding—One cup suet, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup currants, 1 cup grated raw carrot, 1 cup grated raw potato, 1 cup flour, 1 cup yellow sugar, 1 teaspoon soda, pinch of salt, 1 teaspoon each ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg. If a very large pudding is required double the recipe; steam two hours.

Lemon Pie—Make the crust fairly good, bake it, then add this filling, which is cooked on top of the stove: yolks of two eggs, juice and grated rind of 1 lemon, 1 heaping tablespoon cornstarch, two-thirds cup sugar, beat the eggs, add sugar, then the lemon, and lastly the cornstarch dissolved in a little cold water, place over the fire and stir in 1½ cups boiling water, keep stirring often to prevent scorching, when thick remove from fire and pour into the baked crust. Beat up the whites of eggs, sweeten a little, put over top, and brown delicately in oven. This should make two small pies.

2. For freckles, try using a little lemon juice diluted with water; wear a veil (chiffon preferred) when out in the spring winds and sunshine. For blackheads, if the system is in good working order, you should not be bothered with these. To remove them, soften the skin by bathing with warm, soapy water, dsy, and press out, using a soft handkerchief or towel to prevent the skin breaking. Rub in a little cold cream afterwards.

3. You should look well in Belgian and Russian blue, and the new greys and "sand" shades.

4. Helen, light; Rose, Lilian and Violet are names given after these blossoms; Audrey, a ruler; Gsace, favor; Dorothy, gift of God; Maud, heroine; Ruth, beauty.

5. Tincture of green soap, one teaspoon, cologne, one teaspoon; the whole of an egg stirred into a cup of water. Beat this up thoroughly and shampoo with it as you would with ordinary soap. Then rinse the hair thoroughly.

This Is Flattery.

Dear Miss Grey,—Here I am again for help. Your column is getting more interesting every day. I wonder if the poor soldiers at the front get time to read their favorite newspaper. Now for some questions.

1. How often would a person's birthday come on the same day who was born in 1896? It was Easter time then. When has it been at that time since, being April? Has it been over every day in the week until now?

2. What is the birth stone and flower for the same month? Yours ever,

APRILITE.

Ans.—I can't imagine what earthly use the information can be to you, but here it is: Since 1896 to 1915 (inclusive) your birthday has fallen three times on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; twice on Wednesday and Friday.

2. Diamond or sapphire; daisy.

In a Theatre.

Dear Miss Grey,—If a young fellow were to take his lady friend to an opera, which would be proper: the girl to go in first and come out first, or the fellow to go in first and come out first? In case there was no usher, which would be proper?

A DAILY SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—In entering a place of public entertainment, if the door is not open the man open it, then steps aside to allow his companion to enter first; if there is no usher, he leads the way to a seat, the woman following. If there is an usher, he goes first, then the lady, and lastly the escort.

Desires a Song.

Dear Miss Grey,—What will remove red ink from a panama straw hat?

2. Could you obtain for me the words of the song "I Am Trying So Hard To Forget You"? "Snowdrop" asked for the song "Manda Lee." I have not the words, but they can be obtained in the 5, 10 and 15 cent store in the book for beginners.

Thanking you in advance for the space in your precious columns, yours truly,

MAC.

Ans.—1. Sponge the spot carefully with oxalic acid diluted in water. Be careful in applying, or the red tint may spread in the straw.

2. As you will have noticed, the words of "Manda Lee" have been sent in. The song you ask about is not an old one, and could not appear in our column, but if anyone sends in the words I shall notify you.

Making Graham Bread.

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you please answer a few questions for me.

1. A good way to make graham bread.

2. What do you think of my writing?

Thanking you in advance,

MRS. F. A.

Ans.—1. Perhaps some of our household readers will supply a recipe which they know to be reliable. In the meantime, here is one that sounds very practical:

Make a stiff batter of one cup warm water, thickened with graham flour, add to it one-third of a yeast cake dissolved in lukewarm water, and a teaspoon of salt; let it rise over night; in the morning add a small piece of butter, half cup sugar, and wheat flour to mold, put it in well-greased pans let it rise, and bake slowly for an hour or more; graham bread bakes slower than white.

2. Fair.

Someone Has To Wait.

Quite a number of letters remain unanswered from last week. Will correspondents not replied to as yet please be patient for a day or so longer? All will be answered in due time.

Why "Tommy Atkins."

Dear Miss Grey,—Can you tell me why the British soldiers are called "Tommy Atkins"? I should like very much to know.

BETTIE.

Ans.—The term arose from a little pocket book or ledger, which at one time was given out to British soldiers; in these were to be entered the name, age, date of enlistment, length of service, wounds, medals, etc., of each individual. The war office sent with each little ledger a form for filling it in, and the name selected, instead of being the legal "John Doe" or "Richard Doe," was "Tommy Atkins." The books were instantly so named, and it was not many days before the soldier himself was dubbed "Tommy Atkins."

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Nosegay On Her Finger, Bouquet On Her Wrist Is Flowery Fad of the Easter Girl.

"WON'T HE BE PLEASED WHEN HE SEES THE LOVELY BRACELET I'VE MADE OF HIS FLOWERS?"

Where will the Easter girl wear her Easter violets?

Not on her belt—that's so old-fashioned.

Not as a corsage—that style's been out of date for weeks!

The Easter girl will make her Easter beau happy by wearing his "floral tribute" as a ring—maybe on the third finger of her left hand—or as bracelet on her wrist, or upper arm.

It's the latest fad in girldom—the flower bracelet, and its twin fad the flower ring is brand new, too.

The flower bracelet is a Chicago invention. Lange, the "flower man", demanded a bouquet that would not be "ruined in the very first dance." But you'll see them now, at dinners and bridge parties, and they've already appeared on the streets decorating the sleeves of new spring suits.

Rings of violets and rosebuds cannot be worn with gloves, of course, but for home wear they are charming—and so very new.

Old Songs and Poems

ERIN-GO-BRAGH.

[Sent by "Scotty."]

My name is Duncan Campbell, from the shire of Argyle,
I travelled this country for many a mile;
I travelled through England, through Ireland, Scotland, and a',
And the name I go under is "Bold Erin-go-Bragh."

One night in auld Reekie, as I walked down the street,
A saucy policeman I chanced for to meet;
He glowered in my face, and gied me some jaw,
Saying, "Whence came we ower from Erin-go-Bragh?"

O, it's I am not a Paddy, though Erin I have seen,
I am not a Paddy, though to Erin I have been;
And if I should be a Paddy, that's naething ava!
There's many a brave hero from Erin-go-Bragh.

With a switch of blackthorn I held in my fist,
Around his big body I made it to twist,
The blood from his napper I quickly did draw,
Saying, "That is the game played in Erin-go-Bragh."

They gathered all round me like a flock of wild geese,
Crying, "Catch that cursed rascal, he's killed our police."
If I had no friends, I'm sure he had twa,
It was pretty tight times for poor Erin-go-Bragh.

I spied a wee boat that sailed on the Forth,
I picked up my oars, and I steered for the north,
Saying, "Farewell, Reekie, old police and a',
May the devil go with you," says Erin-go-Bragh.

Silence is the ambrosial night in the intercourse of friends, in which their sincerity is recruited and takes deeper root. The language of friends is not words, but meanings. It is an intelligence above language.—Thoreau.

THE BACKYARD GARDEN

EASILY BUILT COLDFRAMES WILL GIVE BACKYARD GARDENERS EARLY START

CHAPTER III.

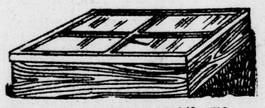
COLDFRAMES.

(By Professor Spade.)

If the backyard gardener wants to be just a little bit ahead of his neighbors on his table while others are paying fancy prices for them, he must build a coldframe. The coldframe is the same as a hotbed minus the artificial heat, and can be constructed easily. Besides its use in producing lettuce, radishes onions and such small vegetables it will serve to starting those which are to be transplanted in the garden plot when settled weather comes.

Coldframes are usually placed near a building, on the south side, of course. The possession of one or two old windowsashes—storm windows are fine—make the construction of one easy. A box, minus a top and bottom, is built out of 12-inch planks, rich soil to the depth of from 5 to 7 inches is placed in it, the seeds planted and the window sash placed on top. Watering should be done with care. Too much water tends to pack or puddle the soil and to chill the plants, and too little water naturally defeats the purpose for which the frame is intended.

Frequently radishes, beets, lettuce and such, are sown right in the garden and the glass frames affixed over them in an inverted V or roof-shape. Then when settled weather comes the frames



An Easily Built Coldframe.

are removed and the plants are growing right in the field. The work of transplanting is done away with. This method enables the grower to get a two or three week's start on the natural planting season.

As water is usually cold at the time of the year the coldframe seeds would be sown, the grower is advised against moistening with ice-cold water. Water at a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees is best. The soil should be wet thoroughly, but not drenched, and then let alone until the plants need it.

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Russian Princess Deplores Odd Ideas People Have of Her Native Land

Writes Some Amusing Experiences for English Publication—Dispels Popular Ideas.

Princess Bariatinsky, member of a distinguished Russian family, now on the English stage, writes in an Old London publication about Russia:

People still have the oddest ideas about Russia and the Russians. They seem to imagine the country as some vast, wild, primitive kind of place at the other end of the world, and inhabited by millions of weird, half-civilized folk. It would be amusing if it were not so lamentable.

The other day I half-jokingly suggested to a friend that she should accompany me to Moscow. She looked at me incredulously.

"To Moscow?" she exclaimed. "Why, surely no one can go there, or anywhere else in Russia, at present? How can they?"

She had evidently quite forgotten the fact that it is not necessary to go across Europe and through Germany to Russia from here, that there is a way through Norway still open, and she was perfectly amazed when I told her that every day about seven hundred people travel from this country to Russia, and vice versa, despite the war.

It is a little difficult to recall many of the queer things I, as a Russian, have been asked about my country and its people since the war began; the questions are so frequent and so varied that I have come to take them—and forget them—as a matter of course. However, I remember a rather amusing instance of misunderstanding which happened during my recent tour in Ireland.

Farmers Wanted in Siberia.

A friend of mine, in a lecture, spoke of the possibilities of Siberia as an agricultural country, stating that settlers are badly needed there, and that Irish immigrants would do well and be welcomed in Siberia.

The following day the local paper came out with the following words in great big type on its contents bill: "Siberia for the Irish!"

To those who had not been at the lecture, or read the full report of it, this sounded very startling and terrible, no doubt, and for days afterwards I was busy explaining that Siberia is not a barren wilderness, with some quicksilver mines, where criminals are condemned to work till they die, that it is a place almost as big as Europe with the climate and possibilities of Canada, and with a splendid agricultural system, and that it contains thriving and prosperous towns and several notable universities, not to mention many beautiful theatres. Siberia must surely be one of the least understood parts of the whole world, I have come to the conclusion.

But then, as I say, the popular notions about the whole of Russia are very strange. There is, for example, a very general belief that it is an excessively cold land and far more Asiatic than European. It is cold, of course, but the cold is not so trying as that of Great Britain, because one is ever so much better prepared for it and against it when it comes; people who like a warm, even temperature indoors in winter should go to Russia. As for being Asiatic—well, I think it is now far more American than that. At least, so English or Americans who have travelled in Russia tell me.

Take our trains, for instance. I know of no trains so smooth-running and comfortable for long-distance travelling as the Russian ones are. The tracks are splendidly even, and well-made, the carriages are roomy and warm, and sleeping-berths for all is the general rule. Oh, we are very far from the barbarians so many people still think us to be!

Ignorance Is Embarrassing.

Sometimes, because so little is known and understood here about my country and its manners and customs, I am sadly embarrassed. Let me tell you of a thing that happened to me a little while ago.

I was asked to a tea-party. I went, not suspecting that it would be anything but an ordinary sort of affair. But, to my intense horror, when I got there, what do you think I found had been specially provided for me?

Champagne!

Just imagine it—champagne for tea! I don't think I ever felt quite so awkward in my life as I did that afternoon, for although I loathed the sight of the champagne set before me, I realized that it had been provided in some terribly mistaken idea of hospitality due to me as a Russian.

No Lemon in Their Tea.

How the notion that Russians drink champagne at tea-time arose I do not know. All I know is that it is as false as the idea that they never take milk and always take lemon in tea, and that Russian women smoke cigarettes more or less all day long.

As a matter of fact, it is far more usual for us to drink milk with our tea than it is to squeeze lemon juice into it, while in Russia it is not considered smart for women to smoke. Most Russian women who smoke live abroad. When I was rehearsing at His Majesty's for my first appearance in England, an actor offered me a cigarette. With a look of intense sadness he said: "Oh, and I have always thought of every Russian princess with a cigarette in her mouth."

Altogether, indeed, Russia and the Russians are far from being as "wild and woolly" as so many people imagine.

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LADY ABERDEEN'S MESSAGE TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

The following letter from Lady Aberdeen, advisory president of the National Council of Women of Canada, was received by the national secretary too late, unfortunately, to be read at the executive session recently convening in Ottawa. Her excellency's message was:

Dear Friends of the National Council of Women of Canada:

Allow me to send you my heartiest greetings for your executive meeting at Ottawa, and my congratulations on the part that the National Council and the local councils have been able to take in the various patriotic movements, which have so distinguished Canada during this terrible time of war and stress.

It seems a long time since your representatives, led by your dear president, attended the remarkable meetings of the International Council of Women at Rome. I trust you have received copies of the volume containing the transactions of those meetings which has lately been issued, and that your members will read these reports in spite of the fact that at the present time our national work is necessarily at a standstill.

The time will surely come, please God, when the work will be needed more than ever, and meanwhile it is the duty of all our members to prepare themselves for that time, whilst not encouraging any premature action which would only prejudice our future influence.

National Councils to Confer.

It seems possible that the National Councils of neutral nations may confer together with a view of promoting the policy to which the International Council is pledged. But it seems also clear that the National Councils of belligerent nations could not properly join in any such conference, and would only do harm by so doing.

I am glad to see that the Premier has arranged to receive the deputation regarding two most important matters. All that bears on the care of mothers and young children should have our most earnest attention.

Wishing you a most fruitful session, and with warmest regards from Lord Aberdeen and myself, believe me,

Yours ever affectionately,

(Signed) ISHBEL ABERDEEN.

THE NEW SHAPE.

Satin hats are very popular. This one of purple satin with a band of violets is altogether irresistible.

AN EASTER MESSAGE.

Into what depths of misery thou art hurled,
Belgium, thou second Savior of the World!
Thou who hast died
For all of Europe, lo, we bathe thy feet
So cruelly pierced, and find the service sweet,
Thou crucified.

But thee we mourn, thy agony and loss,
And weep beneath the shadow of thy cross—
We know the day
That brings the resurrection and the life
Shall dawn for thee when war and all its strife
Hath passed away.

Then, out of all her travail and her pain,
Belgium, though crushed to earth, shall rise again;
And on the sod
Whence sprang a race so strong, so free from guile,
Men shall behold, in just a little while,
The smile of God.

Land of the brave—soon, by God's grace, the free—
Thy woe is transient; joy shall come to thee;
It cannot fail.
The darkest night gives way to rosy dawn,
And thou, perchance, shalt see on Easter morn,
The Holy Grail.

—Beatrice Barry.

WHAT CAN WOMEN DO ABOUT IMMIGRATION?

President of Women's Canadian Club Says "Our Hands Are Tied."

Mrs. F. P. Betts, president of the Women's Canadian Club, occupied her post at Mr. Woodsworth's lecture on Saturday, for the first time since her return from England. Mrs. Betts stated how pleased she was to be present once more, and congratulated the members upon the very active and successful season they had had, under the guidance of Mrs. Donald McLean, the acting president.:

Women's Hands Tied.

At the conclusion of Mr. Woodsworth's lecture Mrs. Betts, in thanking him on behalf of the club, stated that his words had much impressed her. "But what can we do?" asked Mrs. Betts. "Women's hands are tied. We have tried to get the schools here for work among the foreign people of London, but without success. We have been working for years for better protection for the feeble-minded. But what do we accomplish? The men don't seem to wake up to the seriousness of things. It seems terrible to bring immigrants here, allow them to sever their ties across the sea, and perhaps turn them back, but it is hard to know how we women can prevent this."

Dr. Woodsworth said in reply that he believed this war was having an effect upon men as nothing else had done. They were thinking more seriously of these things than before. He had received many invitations to present his message this year, in places practically closed before. Dr. Woodsworth stated that if the Women's Canadian Club could do something along the line of finding trained social service workers to deal with the immigrant problem in Canada, this would be a very great assistance.

A solo, "Springtime," by Mrs. Riach, sung after the lecture, was very much enjoyed. Upon motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Bapty, it was decided to hold the annual meeting in May, as formerly, instead of October.

BUTTONED BOOTS MOST CORRECT WITH SPRING TAILLEURS.

These rather sensational military boots are, of course, only for the younger women who can successfully carry off ultra styles. The boot of accepted correctness for spring is, with street costumes of tailored style, is the beautifully shaped buttoned boot with long, tapering lines of aristocratic suggestion, a rather high curved heel, and a top of cloth in one of the fashionable neutral shades. The daintiest of these boots are in galter effect, a narrow, gracefully curved vamp of the patent or dull black leather, used also for the foxing running up above the heel and giving the light cloth top, at a little distance, the effect of a galter neatly strapped over the foot. Actual gaiters are also worn with patent leather pumps, but the strapped-on galter never has the exquisitely smooth fit over instep and ankle which makes the buttoned galter boot so elegant. Laced boots have been worn during the winter and will be worn some during the spring with tops of light cloth in the galter effect, but the laced shoe is an inconsistency which the well-dressed woman has refused to accept except as a novelty, and the boot that complies with the requirements of good form is of the buttoned type.

CLEANSING A WOUND.

If cuts and ordinary wounds are kept clean they will heal quickly, and there will be no serious results. The immediate local treatment of a wound is so simple that any carelessness in that direction is inexcusable. The cut should be washed with water that has been boiled, so that all foreign matter may be removed. Then it should be dressed with some clean, soft material, such as linen, muslin, lint, absorbent cotton or antiseptic gauze. Strict cleanliness must be observed in both operations, for the germs that produce dangerous conditions in wounds come from unclean things. A solution of carbolic acid and water is useful in the washing out of a wound—one tablespoonful of carbolic acid to a pint of warm water.

USES FOR COAL OIL.

The value of coal oil as a cleaner is not always appreciated by the housekeeper. With it iron rust and stains of many kinds can be removed from white porcelain tubs and sinks; windows can be cleaned in the coldest weather with a sponge or cloth dipped in coal oil, using it as water would be used, then drying with a soft cloth and polishing with another; blackened pots and pans are brightened by its use; the kitchen stove is cleaned by its application, made use of when the stove is cold. It brightens silver, cleans paint and helps to keep linoleum from cracking.

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