

WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE, PAGE

Mother Here From New Zealand, No Son Waits At Journey's End

But It Was a Mistake Over Railway Lines—Travelers Aid Establishes Connections—Reunites Lovers As Part of Day's Work, Teaches Colored Girl to Read.

She stepped off the C. P. R. train Thursday forenoon at 11:15 o'clock, a woman advanced in years, laden with bags, bundles and wraps. She looked eagerly around, then an expression of keen disappointment replaced the one of joyous expectation. The woman with the travelers aid badge, the every-day-in-the-year friend-in-need, noted the stranger's apparent anxiety and nervousness. Could she do anything to help?

It was just another of the cases that occur every day owing to mistakes of various kinds. Mother had almost reached the end of her journey, coming all the way from New Zealand to visit the best-loved son in the world—her own. He was coming in his automobile to meet her at London station, but she didn't see him anywhere. What in the world could have happened to him?

Travelers aid secretary explained that there were two trains arriving about the same time, one by C. P. R., one by Grand Trunk. Had she told him which line she should be arriving on?

Mother hadn't dreamed there would be two railways to London. In any case that didn't comfort her much. All she could do was to pace up and down, looking anxiously at every man on the platform.

A new fear had come to her. It was so long since she had seen him possibly she wouldn't know him, and he might have forgotten what she looked like.

Travelers aid begged her to put down her bags and rest, to go to the waiting-room and sit down there, the place her son would inevitably expect to find her. But mother couldn't rest, after three weeks' journey and no son at the end in sight.

"I'm certain he will be waiting for you when the train comes in at the other station," reassured travelers aid. "Won't you come with me?"

Mother wouldn't take such a risk of missing her boy for anything in the world, and travelers aid hurried off to her duty at the Grand Trunk, assuring she would hunt up the missing son there and send him along.

Finds "Lost Boy."
She knew in a minute the "lost boy" in the mature man who stood beside the train which had just arrived from the east, asking eager questions of a trainman. The answers left him as disappointed-looking as the mother from New Zealand impatiently waiting at the

C. P. R.
"Are you looking for a lady from New Zealand?" asked the travelers aid.
Like a shot the man turned and fired the question, "My mother, where is she?"
And when he learned she was pacing the platform at the C. P. R. he was off in that direction before the travelers aid could recover her breath.

Averting "near tragedies," uniting parents and children, patching up mistakes for lovers, all these tasks are part of the "day's work" for the busy travelers aid secretaries.

Long as are their hours and taxing at times the duties that devolve upon them, the occupation, because of its human interest, its close touch with real life, never loses its appeal.

Sometimes, owing to unfortunate circumstances, two hearts that should beat as one are sadly out of time and tune for dreary hours. Frequently it is the cable or telegraph service that is to blame; frequently the failure on the part of the expected one to realize Canada has more than one railway.

The travelers aid, under such circumstances, proves a real first aid to harmony by explaining just how such mistakes as missing connections are occurring all the time, then assisting in locating man or maiden, as the case may be.

"And There Was She."
A few days ago a smartly-dressed young woman with handsome English "tugs" was amongst those waiting in vain for a familiar face when she arrived in London to make connections for the last stage of her journey to a new home. She had telegraphed her fiancé when the boat docked, the hour of her arrival in London, where he was to meet her. She had come on a C. P. R. boat and he didn't dream for a minute she would arrive on a Grand Trunk train.

Failing to get a second message from her, which told of a change in route, he took for granted she had been delayed and a wire would be awaiting him when he got back home.

At the close of the day travelers aid was just putting the bride-to-be on the train to go on when a young man hurried towards them, joy written on his face. It was just by accident he was taking that train after a desolate afternoon trying to kill time in a local theatre. The train went out while mutual explanations were in progress. Under the circumstances it was decided to make a trip to a clergyman known for his

Shower Their Gifts On Parsonage Baby.

A HAPPY event of Wednesday evening was the miscellaneous shower given by the ladies of Centennial Methodist Church in honor of Baby John Thompson, the first baby which has honored the Centennial parsonage in the past 30 years. Many dainty and handsome gifts were presented to Mrs. Thompson on behalf of her young son.

skill in tying securely nuptial knots. Thursday forenoon was a quiet one in the Grand Trunk station from 9:30 until 11 o'clock. Seated in her corner, the travelers aid secretary noticed a young colored girl deeply engrossed in a book. What was she reading? The girl looked pleased at the interest, and confided she was earnestly striving to learn to read English, lacking schooling. She had three or four hours between trains, and thought she would make the most of the golden moments. That is how it came about that the travelers aid secretary devoted her hour and a half of leisure in the forenoon to teaching a chance acquaintance, a young colored girl, all she had time to about reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Laing of Exeter, Ont., announce the engagement of their only daughter, Margaret Hazel, to Mr. Uric Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Snell of Exeter, the marriage to take place in June.

CLUB NEWS

What Women Are Accomplishing In London.

RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY.
In aid of the organ fund of the church the Inasmuch class of Tolbot Street Baptist Sunday School is holding a rummage sale Saturday afternoon, May 20, beginning at 1 o'clock sharp, at 629 Dundas street. It is stated that a valuable collection has been made of clothing and other useful things, which will be offered at rare bargain prices.

REGRETS OMISSION.
The War Memorial Hospital committee regrets that in the list of endowments published recently the R. C. Struthers endowment of \$500 for a crib was omitted.

DON PARTY PINS.
After only a few minutes of business on Wednesday evening, the London Women's Labor Party adjourned the weekly meeting to join the labor men in hearing Major T. J. Murphy speak on the eight-hour day. Before doing so, however, arrangements were made to hold a rummage sale, and ways and means discussed of bringing to the attention of people who have been unemployed or who have suffered need from other causes in the past winter, the backing which the city is giving to vacant lot gardening. The new London Women's Labor Party pins were on view for the first time, fashioned on maltese cross-lines of silver with the letters "L. W. L. P." in black, showing up in relief against a background of white enamel on each arm. A number of the members invested in these.

APPOINT CONVENERS.
Holding the final meeting until the autumn on Wednesday, the Ladies' Aid of Askin Street Methodist Church appointed committee conveners as follows: Parsonage, Mrs. J. E. Jackson; refreshments, Mrs. J. E. Jackson; visiting, Mrs. Charles Talbot; program, Mrs. J. Ballantyne; pianist, Mrs. Dulmage; flower, Mrs. John Heaman; relief, Mrs. James Rowntree; house, Mrs. D. Wilson.

COUNTRY HOME COOKING.
The Seventh Line Ladies' Aid has announced a real country home cooking sale to be held in the basement of the London Market House on Saturday, May 20.

SERVED 6,131 MEALS.
During the past winter, the Women's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. has done its bit in helping along the association work by serving a total of 6,131 meals to the various clubs and classes which meet there. This report was given at the final meeting of the season, held this week, presided over by Mrs. J. P. Finnegan. The auxiliary will resume its service when Y. M. C. A. activities are re-organized in September.

ENTERTAIN SCOTCH CHAPTER.
Mrs. A. Wootton, 714 Maitland street, is entertaining the Loch Lomond Chapter, L. O. D. E., at the next meeting, to be held Monday next.

WAITING SIGNS OF GROWTH.
Dear Miss Grey—How are you, and the friends of the Mail-Box enjoying this weather? I saw where Cinnamon Vine kindly offered her bulbs again this year. I think it was very nice of her, don't you, Miss Grey? Could I have six bulbs, Miss Grey, if it is not too much trouble?

Where have just Me, Helene and Heart of the North Wind gone? We haven't heard from any of them for such a long time. Many of the Mail-Box members seem to have so much trouble. I feel so sorry for them, and hope the lining of their dark cloud will soon show. I have my vegetable and flower gardens planted, and am anxiously waiting for signs of growth. Please find inclosed mite for bulbs.

CURL WURL.
The bulbs are already on the way to you, Curl Wurl. It is a long time since you last wrote to us. I wish you the best of luck with your garden.

Personals

Mr. Roy Craig has left the city for Toronto, Mrs. Craig to join him there the end of this month.

Mrs. Weldon, Hyman street, has returned to the city after a most enjoyable trip through Europe.

Miss Marion Coles entertained at the tea hour Thursday in honor of Mrs. McKee and Miss Moya Flannigan, two interesting visitors in town.

Mrs. A. Black, accompanied by her niece, Miss Jean Hill of Chatham, is spending the week-end in London, with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Pook, Dame street.

Mrs. Harris Elliott entertained informally at the tea hour Thursday in honor of Mrs. Charles Flanders of Winnipeg, who is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Brickenden.

Mrs. Isaac Marlatt left Tuesday evening for New York, and will spend the next two months there, a guest of the home of her son, Mr. Lorne Marlatt, 8 Rutland road, Brooklyn.

Miss Porte, accompanied by her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Porte of London, England, and Mrs. E. H. Johnston are motoring to Toronto, where they will spend the week-end.

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Mrs. A. D. Jordan has returned home from Lindsay, where she attended the Sutcliffe-Flavelle wedding, which took place Tuesday, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Schell, and Miss Helen Schell of Woodstock, by motor.

Major Hume Cronyn and Mrs. Cronyn, and Misses Honor and Katherine Cronyn are leaving the middle of June for their summer residence at Beaumont, Muskoka, and will be joined later by Master Hume Cronyn, who is attending Ridley College.

Visitors at the Caledon Club include Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson, and Mrs. Frank Lawson; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kerrigan and their son Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Kerrigan, accompanied by their son, are sailing for England and France in July.

A marriage of interest to Londoners took place on Saturday, May 13, at St. John's Church, Port Dalhousie, when Aileen Margaret, eldest daughter of Alexander R. Irwin, Esq., of Port Dalhousie, was married to George Warren Hague, son of Rev. Dyson Hague and Mrs. Hague of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dyson Hague, assisted by Rev. A. R. Powell.

At the sewing-ten for the War Memorial Children's Hospital, held by the Wortley Road Mothers' Club this week at the home of Mrs. Floyd, Wortley road, the presentation was made to Mrs. W. Massel, Duchess avenue, of a handsome jardiniere, a farewell gift before she leaves the city to make her home in Kiteer. In connection with the presentation, warm appreciation was expressed of Mrs. Massel's work in the club, and regret at her removal from London. Mrs. William Ward has invited the club to hold the next sewing meeting at her home, Mount Pleasant avenue, on May 26.

Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill and Mrs. Hill and the officers and wives of the R. C. R.'s entertained at a farewell dinner party Thursday evening in the officers' messroom at Wolseley Barracks in honor of Major-Gen. H. A. Panet and Mrs. Panet, who are leaving in the near future for Toronto. Other guests were Col. and Mrs. Langford, Capt. and Mrs. Hemming, Capt. and Mrs. Bales, Capt. and Mrs. Holloway, Capt. Fenton, Mr. Prince, Mr. Belson, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, Col. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Harris and Miss Harris, Mr. Betts, Mrs. S. Smith, Major Lawless, Major Mortimore, Mrs. Bate of Ottawa, and General Shannon.

Thursday afternoon Miss Frances Cullis entertained at bridge at her home, 177 Wortley road, in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Roy Craig, who is leaving the end of May to make her home in Toronto. White lilacs and tulips brightened the rooms to which little Beth Atchison, the fairy-like door attendant, admitted the guests. An interesting feature of the afternoon, and one that was made very picturesque, was the presentation to Mrs. Craig, by her whist club, of an electric chafing dish. The gift was placed in a box, decorated with pink, white and green, on a little express wagon, drawn by two small boys in white, Douglas Russell and Donald Atchison, who were driven by Beth Atchison.

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Broiled Finnan Haddie.
One and one-half pounds fish, 1 lemon, 2 tablespoons butter, parsley, paprika.
If possible choose a three-pound haddie and split in half. Pour over boiling water to cover and let stand till cool. Drain and dry. Brush over the flesh side with melted butter and lemon juice. Place in a well oiled broiler and broil flesh side first. Turn and broil skin side. Broil each side till an appetizing brown. Remove to a hot platter, dot with bits of butter, sprinkle with paprika and minced parsley and serve at once.

Finnan Haddie a la St. George.
One pound finnan haddie, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon minced onion, 1 dessertspoon minced parsley, 2 eggs, few gratings nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon pepper, ½ teaspoon paprika, brown bread.
Pour boiling water over fish and let stand 10 minutes. Drain. Remove skin and bones and divide into large flakes. Simmer 15 minutes. Drain from milk and chop fish finely. Save milk.

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