

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.]

Real English Pudding.

Dear Miss Grey—I am sending you an excellent recipe for Christmas plum pudding. I am an Englishwoman, this coming Christmas being my third in this country. I have been married over 20 years, and have always used this recipe, and as I often get some help from your page, thought some reader might benefit by the enclosed real English Christmas plum pudding—2 pounds stoned raisins, 1 lb. currants, 1 pound salted butter, 1 pound sugar, 1 pound coarse brown sugar, 1 pound candied peel, 1 pound bread crumbs, 1-2 pound sweet almonds, 8 eggs, 2 ounces bitter almonds, pinch of salt, one grated nutmeg, four enough to stiffen other ingredients; a small portion of spirits is an improvement if liked. Put into boiling water and boil about three hours. When wanted for use, put into a bowl and beat with a wooden spoon. Then when wanted for use, put into a bowl and beat with a wooden spoon. Then when wanted for use, put into a bowl and beat with a wooden spoon.

HELP ON A BIT.

(Another farmer's wife.)
Ans.—I am sure our readers will greet this "real" English pudding with pleasure. I must confess to ignorance as to the meaning of "salted butter." Perhaps others who may wish to try the recipe may understand. Thanks for your "bit of help." Come again.

A Sad Experience.

Dear Miss Grey—I have never written to you before, but when I saw your request for opinions on mothers' neglect to their daughters, I thought I would tell what I know from experience. My father died when I was a baby and I lived with strangers for nine years; my mother's thoughts seemed only of me then, but when she met and married my stepfather everything changed; she seemed to lose interest in me, and when a son was born to her, I think she forgot she had a daughter. It was then I started going to strangers with my childish troubles and as I grew old it was just the same. I often longed to be able to talk to mother or like other girls talked to theirs, but we seemed too far from one another. I ever made any attempt to interest her in things that concerned myself, she was always too busy to be bothered, at least that was what she always told me. But all mothers are not like that, and I advise any young girl who can make a confident of her mother to do so by all means. But we cannot judge those who come to strangers with their little troubles, not knowing how much or how little mother is interested.

I have a couple of questions to ask you before I close.

1. Why is it that some married women know the names of their husbands' first names and some sign with their own?

2. A married woman should sign her own Christian name at the foot of a report written by her, at the bottom of a letter and so on. If it is a business letter, and she expects a reply, it is well to add her husband's initials at the bottom of the sheet, or on a separate slip. For instance, she might sign the letter "Mary Brown" and add in the lower left hand corner "Mrs. J. P. Brown, 21 Blank Street."

2. Yes, I do.

A Return Visit.

Dear Cynthia Grey—I come to you again for some of your much-sought-after help.

1. Could you please send me the address of the McClure Newspaper Syndicate?

2. If one can play the piano is it difficult to learn to play the guitar?

Thanking you for this and former kindnesses, I am, A. DANKIE.

Ans.—McClure Newspaper Syndicate, New York City, will find them.

2. I do not think that being able to play the piano helps in learning the guitar, apart from the fact that you will have learned to read music, and will understand time, etc.

Word For Farm Life.

Dear Miss Grey—I have read your column for a long time with much interest, but this is my first time to visit it. A man declared to me the other day that you were a man. I told him no man had the patience and good sense to answer such questions as you have to deal with, especially the ones the young girls come with sometimes. I told him I would have to have to go to a man with the troubles some of them have. I often smile to myself when I think how some of them will look back in years to come and think how foolish they were one day.

Now I will tell what I think of farm life. I always had a great longing for the farm, and think I always will, although not on one now; and as far as the work the farmers' wives have to do, I think it depends on how many there are to work for, and how able one is to do the work, and also how much help one has. We all know there is lots of

work on a farm, but any person who likes nature cannot help but like farm life. It is certainly an interesting, healthy and independent life in every way—that is, if the farmer has any chance. And there is where the nice things are to eat, without paying such a price for everything. Of course, some people would not farm because it is too busy a life, and it wouldn't do for all to want to farm, or things wouldn't go on in towns. However, I always wanted to be a farmer's wife, and always will.

Now, I am going to tell that person who asked for a cure for an ingrowing toenail to take a broken piece of glass and scrape a notch through the centre on top of the nail, from the flesh to the edge, scrape it as thin as you can stand it. Then it will grow together again, and out of the corner, and give it a chance to heal; then put your finger on it, and it will grow together, and that was the only cure I found, but it is a sure one if treated right.

There are three songs I would like very much to have when there is room for them. I think it wouldn't hurt if there were twice as much there and everywhere else.

"Please excuse my writing and long letter, if it does not catch the W. P. B. Wishing you all kinds of success, I am, A. SHOULD-BE FARMER'S WIFE."

Ans.—Another sensible letter of the type we are glad to receive. It seems too bad that when you love the farm so well, you do not live there. But perhaps your dream may be realized some day. Yes, I agree with you, the farm is a great place to study nature at her best. Visit the Mail Box again.

For Black-Eyed Friend.

Ans.—The propriety of "speaking first" seems to trouble quite a few of my correspondents, and yet I do not really think it is a matter for such anxiety. In the case of older people, better let them give first recognition, perhaps.

2. If the "gentleman" was your escort to the place, he certainly should be ready and willing to see that you reach home safely, as soon as you indicate that you are waiting. To remain talking to him, leaving you to go alone, was very foolish.

Keeping Husband Home.

Dear Miss Grey—Could you give any of the readers of this valuable column suggest a way for keeping a husband home at night? Have tried everything I can think of, and would be thankful if you would offer a few suggestions. This is really the only fault he has, but I realize it's enough, when I sit alone every evening after the children are in bed, while he is sitting down at the grocery store, where all the rest of the men of the village gather. If he stays home an evening, he will sit in his chair

and sleep till bedtime. Have tried reading to him, and talking on interesting subjects, but it's no use—he's fast asleep in a few minutes. His work is outside the year around, and being in the cold all day, then coming into a warm room, we know, will make one sleepy, yet he always seems to manage to keep awake at the store.

When I used to reproach him for leaving me alone so much, he would offer all kinds of apologies and vow he would "cut it out," but the next night would find him at the store, the same as ever. He would like nothing better than for me to go out with him in the evening, but not being very strong, am unable to do so.

I am troubled very much with my eyes, therefore cannot do much reading, or sewing, to pass away the time and the evenings are getting so lengthy now that I dread to think of the many evenings I will have to pass practically alone.

I did not intend to take up so much valuable space. Will close with thanks in advance. LONDSOME.

P. S.—Am sending a song which "A Henshall Reader" asked for in this morning's paper. I would be glad if someone could supply me with the words of the old song, "Nothing Too Good for the Irish."

Ans.—1. If most of the village men congregate at the store, why don't the women have a meeting-place, too? There must be other lonely women besides yourself—couldn't you arrange quiet little visits for the evenings, taking the kiddies along if necessary? As to keeping the Canadian lady at home in the evening, our married readers are asked for suggestions.

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2. You write a good hand.

From a Sympathizer.

Dear Cynthia Grey—I do sympathize with all the children sufferers. To wrap the feet in cold mashed potatoes will give almost instant relief, as it draws the inflammation out. When the potatoes begin to dry, I bath the feet in warm water, and then rub well with carbolic acid, using five drops to a teaspoonful of water.

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Ans.—Yes, chilblains are about as annoying a trouble as any. Your remedy is peculiar, but I am pleased to pass it on.

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Old Songs and Poems

Dreams of Home.

(Copy sent by a Reader.)

It is ten weary years since I left England's shore,

In a far distant country to roam, How I long to return to my old native land.

To my friends and the old folks at home, Last night as I slumbered, I had a strange dream.

One that seemed to bring distant friends near; I dreamt of old England, the land of my birth,

To the heart of her sons ever dear.

Refrain: I saw the old homestead and faces I love,

I saw England's valleys and dells, I listened with joy, as I did when a boy, To the sound of the old village bells.

The log was burning brightly, 'Twas a night that should banish all sin,

For the bells were ringing the Old Year out, And the New Year in.

While the joyous bells rang swift, I wended my way

To the cot where I lived when a boy, And I looked in the window, yes, there Sat my parents, my heart filled with joy.

The tears trickled fast down my cheeks, I gazed on my mother so dear.

I knew in my heart she was raising a prayer For the boy whom she dreamt not was near.

At the door of the cottage we met face to face,

'Twas the first time for ten weary years, Soon the past was forgotten, we stood hand in hand.

Father, mother, and wand'ring in tears, Once more in the fireplace the oak log burns bright.

And I promised no more I would roam, As I sat in the old vacant chair by the hearth,

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If I had a dozen sons I'd dress every one of them in Norfolk suits, writes Margaret J. Blair.

The Norfolk is the only suit that looks well on all boys—the thin boy, the chubby boy, the boy that's "overgrown," all look well in Norfolks.

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