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WYOMING, Oct. 31.—The appeal of the Wyoming Red Cross Society for papers, books, magazines, rags and rubbers was heartily responded to by the citizens of Wyoming and vicinity, and these articles were sold last week and realized \$46.43. The society has the use of the concrete building, formerly used as a barber shop by A. Butler, in which to store further contributions.

Katie and Willie.
Dear Miss Grey,—May I drop into your "cosy corner" for a few minutes? I noticed some days ago that "Friend of the Mail-Box" asked for the words of "Katie Lee and Willie Gray," so it gives me great pleasure to send them along. Best wishes to all readers.

MERRY MARY.
Ans.—Anyone with a jolly name like yours is surely welcome. Shall be glad to forward "F. of M. B." the verses.

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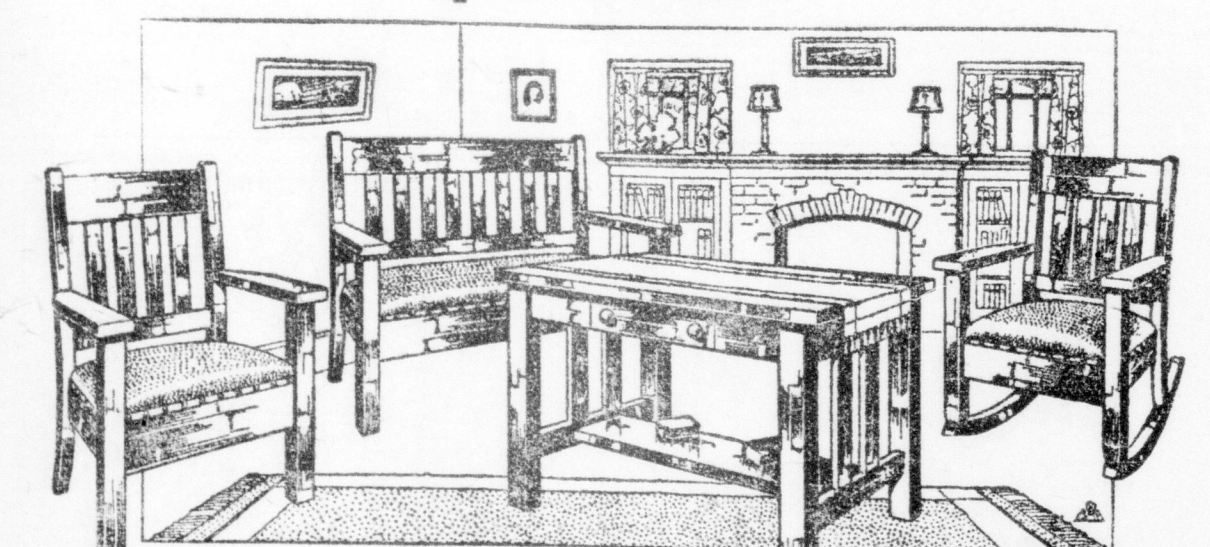


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Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[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 letter can be answered privately.]

Have the Cake.
Dear Miss Grey,—Will you kindly advise through the columns of your valuable paper whether it is considered good form to have a wedding cake when there is to be no wedding breakfast or reception, the bride party going direct from the church to the train? Yours truly,

PERPLEXED BRIDE-ELECT.
Ans.—Yes, no reason why the custom should not be followed. Have the cake placed in little boxes used for this purpose, wrapped and addressed, all ready for someone to deliver or mail a day or so after the wedding.

Deserves Our Thanks.
Dear Miss Grey,—As I have seen a number of inquiries for Christmas cards, and as it is coming near the time to make Christmas cake again, and butter and eggs are so high, I thought I would send my recipe for fruit cake with eggs, which I have used with good success.

ESSIE READER.
Ans.—You deserve a vote of thanks, so please consider it all moved, seconded and passed!

"Sea Breeze" Again.
Dear Miss Grey,—I am back after an illness of three months to bother you with my little book of pieces and tobacco coupons. If so, will send stamped envelope for them. With best wishes to the corner, I am,

A GENTLE SEA BREEZE.
Ans.—Referred to readers, sorry to hear of your illness, "Sea Breeze." May you soon convalesce.

Is No Relation.
Dear Miss Grey,—I have taken a silent interest in your page all summer, but now here goes, also here comes, for I am sending your crochet patterns back, with a few for interest, as I kept them so long. I was real interested in the letters re soldiers' wives and farmers' wives. I am a farmer's wife, but thank goodness, no relation to any of them.

MISS TRIVE.
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Our Prisoners' Fund.
Dear Readers.—The success of The Advertiser's Mail-Box readers' fund for prisoners of war seems to be assured. Up to and including Saturday, October 28, the fund has received \$5 of this amount to Miss Gunn, secretary of the Red Cross Prisoners' Fund. As soon as an additional \$5 accumulates it will in turn be paid in.

I realize quite well, friends, that many of you are already giving all you can towards charitable and patriotic purposes, and this fund of ours, being somewhat of an "overflow" aggregation, will possibly not reach a starting amount, but every penny counts when it's for the good of some hungry Canadian boy in a German camp, who do not withhold your dime or nickel because it seems small. If we could be assured of attaining the amount of five dollars monthly we could add a prisoner. More interest will attach to the fund if we know we are working definitely for a certain man's support, and this we would be to receive an occasional note from OUR OWN PRISONER.

If you are in favor of this latter method rather than of paying into the fund, please let me know.

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general fund for prisoners, please sign it on the coupon elsewhere on the page just what amount you would be willing to contribute each month. If twenty-five cents is inconvenient you may send a dollar, if you prefer, and it will be credited to your name for four months, and so on. If we can contribute five dollars monthly, it will send a man a parcel of food each week and supply of fresh bread twice a week. Or, if preferred, we can "adopt" two prisoners at \$2.50 each, and each will be sent two parcels of food a month and four deliveries of fresh bread from England. Please indicate your name and the coupon—which, I am hoping, many of you will.

Readers contributed to the sum in hand as follows: Miss Old Maid, \$1.10. One dollar each from "E. J." "Meg Hamilton," and "We Three." Fifty cents each from "John Slinkey," Mount Brydges, and "Miss Jane Jellicoe." Twenty-five cents each from "Dion," "Sussex Girl," "Sixty-Three," "Nana-Lighting," "Old Lady," "E. C. and "18th Battalion Soldier's Wife." From "Dominion Girl," 15 cents; making a grand total of \$8. All are respectfully submitted.

CYNTHIA GREY.

What We Owe.
Dear Miss Grey.—Am inclosing a few lines of 12th Battalion that you might care to publish. I send a daily reader of your column for some years, but have lost interest somewhat of late; seemed to be nothing but a coupon exchange. I had heard that an advertiser some months ago with address of prisoners of war, but have lost it. Would you mind printing some addresses again? I have a great deal to send but could send nothing matter—just a few clippings of interest. Am interested in the prisoners' fund and will inclose 25 cents and send you more later on. My mother also sends 25 cents for same fund. May interest some of my neighbors to send next time I write. I think they will realize as we should, what we owe to every boy or man that has gone to fight for us, and also to the anxious hearts that are left behind.

Ans.—We already have had the verses printed under the name of a Nova Scotia battalion, but thank you for your letter, and for the help. I have no prisoners' addresses, but if you write to the secretary Red Cross Prisoners' Fund, 138 Kent Street, London, your information will be given. Your half dollar is gratefully acknowledged.

Wants to Work.
An Ingenious Reader wonders if you would not like telephone work? Perhaps you could apply for a position as an operator, then if no vacancy of clerk in the interim. At this time many merchants engage extra girls for the Christmas trade, and often keep them until after stocktaking is over. If you had the capital to start a business course there are (and promise to be), many openings for young women in offices and banks. Judging by your letter, composition, etc., there is no reason why you should not succeed if you entered the latter field.

If you have a large amount of resources and courage you could "set off" the beaten track and start a small delicatessen shop, or if any land was available for gardening and you unobtrusively sought the way to more than probable you could start up a steady business. Afraid my little suggestions may not appeal, but here's wishing you success anyway.

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Are there any from Yorks or Notts?
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