

You require a cook for your mutton and beef,

I require a far greater thing;

A seamstress you're wanting for socks and for shirts,

I look for a man and a king.

A king for the beautiful realm called home,

And a man that his maker, God,
Shall look upon as He did on the first
And say: "It is very good."

I am fair and young, but the rose will fade

From my soft cheek one day—

Will you love me then, 'mid the falling leaves,

As you did 'mong the bloom of May?

Is your heart an ocean so strong and deep

I may launch my all on its tide?

A loving woman finds heaven or hell
On the day she is made a bride.

I require all things that are grand and true,

All things that a man should be;

If you will give this I would stake my life

To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot be this—a laundress and cook

You can hire and have little to pay,

But a woman's heart and woman's life
Are not to be won that way!

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Hints to Young Stenographers.

When you fail to catch a word,—or mayhap two or three,—and the dictator is going ahead full speed, it is not always wise to interrupt him to inform him of the fact. Maybe he has his letter already planned in his mind, and the interruption would put him "off the track," so to speak. Better wait until the flow of oratory has ceased, and then say you would like to read a certain part over to him, as you did not quite "get him." The chances of "ruffling" the dictator are much reduced by this method.

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Some dictators have a habit of giving the address as well as the name of the person to whom they are writing, and the stenographer takes down the sounds that have reached her ear,

and transcribes them. Sometimes it is all right, but even young ears catch wrong sounds occasionally. Don't "go it blind," and put down just what has been heard, unless you *know* it is correct. There is usually some way of checking it. Probably you have the letter to which the reply is being sent, or there may be other letters from the same party already on the file. Look them up.

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Insist on there being a good dictionary, a Canadian Almanac and Parliamentary Guide available for reference in your daily work, and learn to use them intelligently. Do not ask your Chief if the Deputy Minister of the Moon and Stars Department spells his name with or without an "e." Look it up yourself.

DOROTHY DAY.

EXPATRIATES DINED ON DOMINION DAY.

The Canadian emigration staff from all parts of Great Britain and the Continent celebrated Dominion Day by dining together in London under the presidency of J. Obed Smith. Among those present were Hon. George H. Perley, Acting High Commissioner; G. Maclaren Brown, Fred. Salter, James Parton and others. The gathering was the first of its kind and was highly successful. It is hoped to make it an annual event.

WALKING TOUR.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

I should like to get into correspondence with some member of the Service who would like to go on a walking tour with me during his holidays.

Yours truly,

"PEDES."

Care *Civilian*, Box 484, Ottawa.
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