

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN 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 letter can be answered privately.]

Wants His Address.

Dear Miss Grey,—If "Maiden of Canada" has her brother's address handy, will, please the pie, and I'll start the ball a-rolling. I am sending an envelope this time as I forgot before. Is the Western Fair going to be a good one? If it is I guess I'll visit London for a few days. Well, so-long "M. E." I'll

see you later.

KIST KANUCK.

Ans.—When "M. of C." sends the address, I'll send the stickum to you. Is the fair to be a good one? Why, of course! Isn't it always "bigger and better" than ever?

Not a Grouch.

Dear Miss Grey,—Here I am again but I am not coming with a kick this time, but with a little help. I don't want you all to think I am a grouch. I saw someone wanted a copy of "The Kaiser's Dream," don't know if there are more than one, but thought I would copy the one I have. I saw it to you. Also ten cents toward "Aunt Nannie's" quilt; she is a brave little woman, and I would like to do more for her if I could. I remain as before, for her if I could. JEMIMA.

Ans.—Am quite sure not one of us

classifies you in our minds as a "grouch." This is the right "dream," I believe, and shall gladly pass your copy on to an inquirer. Thanks for the dime.

Be a Friend.

Dear Miss Grey,—In reading the Mail-Box page I was interested in "A Poor Man's Wife's" letter, and about the way the soldiers' wives spend their money that they get from the Government. I do not readily see any Government pay, nor patriotic pay either, but if I did I would save every cent of it that I could, as we may have hard times for a while until the war debt is paid. We ought to be willing to sacrifice a few luxuries now so we would be sure of the necessities later on.

"Poor Man's Wife," be a friend to that young girl, as her husband asked you to, and advise her to put her money in the bank, as it will be so nice for her to have a nice bank account when her husband comes home. It is hard to go against her mother, but it is better than to have her husband think she squandered his very dearly-earned pay. I know a young wife whose husband left her with two children and a mortgage on their house. He went to fight for his country, and she has paid off the mortgage, and is putting money in the bank, so he can have a well-earned rest when he comes home.

Now, I want some help. Can any of the Mail-Box readers send me a few ideas on a paper on "The Influence of

Environment," as I have to read a paper soon, and I am so busy I don't seem to have time to collect my thoughts? Do you get any other letters from this village?

A SOLDIER BOY'S MOTHER.
Ans.—I referred to readers with bright ideas. Someone may have notes on a paper on the subject.
2. A few, not many.

Page Rather "Coony-y."

Dear Cynthia Grey,—Could any of the readers supply me with a short poem? I think it is called "Jack." It is the story of two boy chums. One boy's mother was cross to them, but when her own boy died she was glad to make friends with the boy who had been his chum.

The page is getting rather "coony-y." Miss Grey, I have in mind a woman's page in a popular paper which turned into a regular begging page. I hope we have no help to give you this time. Will close with best wishes and a new name.

DORTHA.

Ans.—Who is familiar with the poem for which "Dortha" inquires?
The vague for exchanging coupons is certainly strong just now. I'm hoping dies a natural death, as it makes Cynthia a heap of work. I've written you re the other matter.

Hired Man's Troubles.

Dear Miss Grey,—When I wrote to the Mail-Box about "Soldiers' wives' money," I had no intention of keeping up a correspondence, but after seeing letters from "Farmer's Daughter" and the "School Girl of 13," I felt I must write again, although my time is precious. I still hold to what I said in my letter, because I have good reasons for it. No doubt the hired help that is living right in the house with the farmer gets a fair living, but I was chiefly alluding to the hired help that is married. When a man and wife are living in a separate house I don't see that it's anything to do with anyone what they have to eat or what furniture they have, but in our own case (and lots of other cases that I know of) the farmers thought they were having too good a living and when my husband got my letters, he considered to save me work, they wondered who I was that I couldn't scrub bare boards. My husband just told them that I hadn't scrubbed bare boards yet and he didn't intend for me to as long as he had two hands to work. But when all is said I will own that the farmer is the most independent man and we couldn't do without them. But they can't do without the hired help and have been glad to get the soldiers' help too. Although my husband has had a sickening of farming life, he turned out and did his "bit" on the farm for a month.

No one need envy the soldier's wife if she had twice as much money. We

went to the station today to see my husband off to camp again, and only those that have watched the trains pull out of the station, filled with soldiers, know what it is and how lonely and quiet everything seems when you get back to the empty house. I would just like to say to "Girl of 13," that I don't need any menu of the day's meals. I have enough to do to get a menu out for our own meals, and to try and make the large sum of money I receive go as far as I can. When "Girl of 13" is three times 13 she will perhaps know more about dividing money up to pay rent, grocery, meat, clothes, boots, doctor and insurance, without speaking of all the other things that keep popping up.

Ans.—You didn't expect all your letter to get daylight? Why not?—It is only fair to you, for it to be printed. Your writing is large for a woman, but easy to read.

Helpful Joey.

Dear Miss Grey,—As this is the first time of asking, I suppose I must not tarry, but I hope that some of the inclosed coupons may be a help to those readers who may be needing them. First there are two Sweethearts for "Stepmother's" cabinet. I have one, and know what a boon it is. Only two, but every little helps. And One Clear Coupon, 3 Sweet Caporal, 12 Mocha, 3 animal series on satin, 2 soldier series on satin, 12 coupons for getting panels, 35 cards of infantry series. I was going to make it a trifle warmer by firing them, but after reading folks' wants, I declined. Hope I've not detained you too long to tire of me first go off.

JOEY.

P. S.—Inclosed find a mite for dear "Aunt Nannie's" quilt lining.—J.
Ans.—"Tired"—I should say not. "Joey." The Sweetheart coupons have been placed to "Young Stepmother's" credit, the tobacco "coups" divided between "Apple Blossom" and "Nancy." "Newly Wed." "B.C.S."—You asked for Sweet Caporal coupons. Send a stamp and these are yours.

"Joey," did you overlook the inclosed for "Aunt Nannie"? I failed to find it in the envelope.

Says "Let It Drop."

Dear Miss Grey,—Don't you think when "O. F. O. B." apologized that it was quite time to let the matter drop, but they seem to ignore her apology and keep slamming. I can sympathize with "O. F. O. B." I think they are overworked and tired and it relieves you to open your mind if only on paper. I know when I'm tired and worried I sit down and write to one of my friends, not always telling my trouble, but just a friendly letter, and then I feel better. It's like having a chat. I think soldiers wives ought to be allowed to spend their money as they wish; if they spend it wrong that's their own look out; if wisely, all the

better for themselves.

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And the old question: What do you think of my writing?
With good luck to you and your page, I will sign myself,
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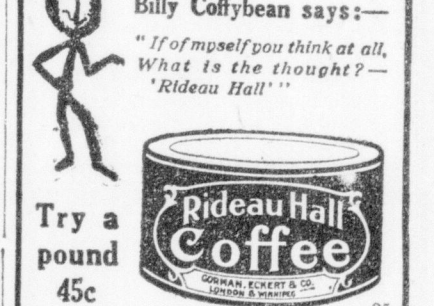
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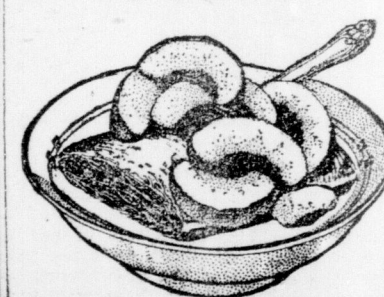
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