

## 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.]

## Hints for "Twenty-Seven."

Dear Miss Grey,—I noticed "Twenty-Seven's" letter on the Page, and just thought I'd try and give her a few hints from experience.

"Twenty-Seven," if they won't pay up their account when they do have the money, send them a statement telling them if they do not settle in a certain length of time you will add interest. Then if they do not settle by the date stated, send them another statement adding 6 per cent interest. It usually works fine. At least we find it that way.

Another plan which has been tried with success (but not by us), is to send the people who simply will not pay their accounts, a statement doubling the amount which they really do owe you. They will soon "show their face" (and their money, too), at your counter, telling you that they do not owe you only half the amount, which was specified on the statement, and in consequence they will pay you what they do owe you.

Hoping you see this and that these few hints may help you, "Twenty-Seven." Am changing my pen name this time for personal reasons. Yours, ONE OF MUCH EXPERIENCE AS A MERCHANT.

## What's in a Name?

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you answer a few questions, please?

1. A simple way for a girl of sixteen to do her hair, which is very short and thin?

2. Do you think a person with a bare face should pump their hair? I think this makes the face appear larger.

3. A good remedy for oily hair: also what could be done to prevent the skin from looking oily or greasy?

4. Miss Grey, could you tell me a nice lunch to serve to a gentleman friend before going home in the evening? SUPERMAGNAPALOTUS.

Ans.—Whoops, what a name! As

## DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

"Faithful Unto Death." Rev. II, 1-17. Golden Text—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." Rev. II, 10.

1. Verse 6—Intellectual and moral errors are frequently combated from the pulpit now, as then, but would you say that spiritual declension is as much retarded?

2. Verse 7—What is the Spirit now saying to the angel of the churches on supernatural living, and spiritual victory?

3. Verse 8—What actual, or experimental knowledge has a true Christian that Christ is now alive?

The servant said to the foreign professor, who announced his name at the door—come right in, and bring it in with you!

1. You could part in the front or at one side, braid the ends in two strands, cross them, twist round the head and secure with bone hairpins; this is not new, of course, but girlish. It is always difficult to describe any way of dressing the hair without the use of pictures. Study how some of your chums do theirs, and follow some style that seems to become you.

2. Rather hard to say; some girls with a very broad face do not look well with the hair parted in front; it seems to add to the broadness, while a pompadour gives more length.

3. To put a tablespoon of powdered borax in the rinsing water when washing the hair helps to destroy the oil. For the skin, soak a handful of oatmeal in a pint of lukewarm water, use a little of this on the face instead of soap, when washing.

4. Nothing really seems to take the place of sandwiches for evening refreshments; there are many fancy fillings and combinations, but to the average man the plain ham sandwich, seasoned with mustard, usually appeals most of all. Crisp lettuce, with dressing, and a few chopped nut meats, is nice, with either brown or white bread; cream cheese mixed with dressing and a few chopped olives is another favorite filling for brown bread sandwiches; date and nut bread in thin buttered slices serve as a nice substitute for sandwiches, and with a piece of iced cake, or small fancy ones, constitute a very dainty lunch. Most men are fond of pie and seldom refuse a piece for an evening lunch. Chocolate, cream or lemon pie with a nicely browned meringue on top, is a temptation to any man—or at least as I've heard the creatures say.

Candies For Christmas.

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you please answer the following questions?

1. If a boy, who has been corresponding with a girl, writes and tells her she can suit herself about writing, should she write or should she not?

2. Will you please publish the meaning of the following names: Theresa, Ethel, Clarence, Gladys, Franklin, Roy, Agnes, Cyril, Edmund, Meda?

3. What is a good recipe for candy for Christmas?

4. A nice present to give a soldier friend—not too expensive?

5. What do you think of my writing?

P. S.—Are sailor suits worn much this year?—T. C.

Ans.—1. Seems to me if I was the girl, I would be sure to drag another line from my pen, to this young man, after such a suit.

2. The name Theresa means "bearing ears of corn"; Malcolm, don't know; Ethel, a princess; Clarence, illustrious; Gladys, from Roman name, Claudia, meaning lame; Franklin, of France; free; Agnes, pure; Edmund, defender of happiness; Meda, merry.

3. Candies, both toothsome and attractive, may be made at home with little practice. For fondant, warm a tablespoon of milk, remove from fire,

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Pen-name..... Date.....

Return to Miss Grey, in care of Advertiser.

add icing sugar to thicken, a little butter; mix to a thick "dough," divide into three portions, flavor one with vanilla, form into small candies, using the fingers (icing sugar will prevent sticking), place on buttered paper, press half a walnut on each. For the second portion flavor as before, add some cocoa to the "dough," mix well, form into candies, and roll in shredded cocoanut. To the last part of the fondant, add a tablespoon of strawberry or cherry juice, more sugar if this thing is too much, shape into candies and place a candied cherry on top of each. Another method is to mix up the fondant, adding nut meats, preserved ginger, and cherries, all finely chopped; roll out on a board well covered with the powdered sugar, leave quite thick, cut in squares with a thin-bladed knife that has been greased. Stuffed dates also are delicious; remove the stone, add part of a walnut meat and some fondant, press together, roll in granulated sugar.

4. It is useless to give a soldier anything but what he can wear, eat, or carry in his kit bag. Khaki handkerchiefs are always a welcome gift, a fountain pen, notepaper, celluloid soap box, pocket mirror, or one of the handy "kites" one sees in the stores, might do.

5. You write very well.

6. Yes.

Another Christmas Concert.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am sending an addressed envelope, hoping you or the Mail-Box readers would be so kind as to send me some good patriotic recitations, suitable for a Christmas concert. I would like if you could send it to me before the 15th of December. Thanking you very much, in advance, I remain,

CASSIE.

Ans.—Cheerfully referred to readers of the page, "Cassie," but do not depend on us too much.

Her Maiden Call.

Dear Miss Grey,—I noticed in the column a few weeks ago where some reader from Brighton, Sussex, received letters from other Brighton people. I wonder if there are any readers from Nottingham whom I could correspond with through The Advertiser?

1. Miss Grey, do you know any nice Christmas games that would be suitable for a party of grown-up people, who like to feel young, to play?

2. Could you give me a lonely soldier's address, as I would like very much to help cheer "the boys"? I have two brothers in khaki, and I know how they would feel if they never received a letter or a parcel from anyone.

3. Just before I close, could you tell me how to take a red acid stain out of a blue serge skirt?

Hoping I haven't made my maiden call too long, I remain,

JOY BATT. MASCOT.

Ans.—Several readers from Nottingham have appeared in our Mail-Box lately, so if anyone sends an address for you, I shall let you know.

I have a few Christmas games "up my sleeve," and they'll appear on the page in a week or so. Send address and stamp for name of a lonely soldier.

Afraid I cannot prescribe for the acid stain; they're almost impossible to remove, as a rule.

For Pa and Ma.

Dear Miss Grey,—We are girl chums and would like very much if you would answer a few questions for us.

1. What would be a suitable Christmas gift to give our father and mother, also girl friends?

2. When a box of candy is given you by a boy friend, is it proper to treat him?

3. Where is "Coal-Box" and "Twenty-One" gone? Has "Twenty-One" devalued all his cookies and candies?

4. Would you please send a dialogue and recitation for a Christmas concert?

Please send us the address of a lonely Canadian soldier boy who would like a correspondent? Inclosed find the envelope for the same. Here is a good cake recipe: cup white sugar, 1½ cups flour, whites of two eggs (well beaten), ½ cup milk, 1 tablespoon butter, vanilla; stir till smooth like cream.

5. Have you any correspondents from this town?

6. Have you a good candy recipe?

7. Now, what do you think of our spelling, grammar and writing? We sign ourselves THE TWINS.

P. S.—May we come again?

Ans.—1. The advertising columns of our paper are daily filled with hints for Christmas giving, and I am sure you will gain an idea therefrom.

2. Yes, open it and ask him to share.

3. "Twenty-One" (and probably "Coal-Box" too) is now in England, but as yet he has not found time, I presume, to write the Mail-Box.

4. Dear Twins—How can I possibly send what I do not possess? If you come in for your boy's envelope.

5. Yes, quite a number.

6. Please see answer to "Three Children."

7. All are very good. Yes.

## He Got "Stung."

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## Who Has "Toothache?"

Dear Miss Grey,—One of your Mail-Box readers has a recitation entitled, "Toothache." How I wish I could reach her, and have her read the only way is through your Mail-Box. I will exchange an original song with music or another recitation called "When the Cream Begins to Break," if she will send me the words of "Toothache."

Yours truly, MINNIE.

Ans.—I forget which of our readers offered the "Toothache" piece. Will she send it in for "Minnie" in exchange?

## NOTES.

"Snowbird" sends sincere thanks to "Old Maid" for parcel. The remainder of your letter I have read and digested, not without amusement. "Snowbird," and in future I shall be sure to remember the "A." You're awfully good-hearted to do what you have done; thanks too for the "shimplaster."

"Dominion Mail"—Your contribution received, with thanks. Yes, I think "S." is a dear, too; should like to know her personally—and you as well!

"Watress"—Glad to send you the addresses as you wished.

"Anonymous" is thanked for copy of "Somebody's Darling," copied from an old Third Reader. I am only waiting for space, before printing.

COLDSTREAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Coldstream branch of the Women's Institute will meet at the Forester's Hall, Poplar Hill, on Tuesday, December 12, at 2 o'clock, when the following program will be given:

Roll call; Christmas sentiments; paper, "Choice Christmas Recipes," Mrs. Hugh Brooks; leader of discussion, Miss Jean Fonger; solo, Miss Pearl McGugan; recitation, Miss Lettie Marsh; paper, "Inexpensive Christmas Gifts," Mrs. Hiram Cutler; solo, Miss Lettie Linsay; closing, "God Save the King."

Contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund are requested at this meeting.

TEESWATER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

TEESWATER, Dec. 5.—The Women's Institute held a largely attended meeting Monday afternoon, to hear reports of the district conventions for London and Toronto. Mrs. Linklater gave a helpful address bearing on the London meeting, while the president, Mrs. S. R. Brill, and Mrs. McNaughton dealt with the Toronto convention. Suggestions were received for Christmas presents and a musical program of songs and instrumental brought the meeting to a conclusion. An offering for patriotic purposes was taken.

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