

Cynthia Grey's  
Mail-Box"There is a secret belief among  
some men that God is displeased

with man's happiness; and in consequence they sink about creation ashamed and afraid to enjoy anything."—Sir A. Helps.

"Married in queen rose month of June, Life will be one long honeymoon."

May being considered an unlucky month for brides perhaps accounts for the numerous weddings in June, and proves that the old superstitions in connection with weddings have not died.

The bride having selected the wedding month must choose the color of her dress. So as not to bring misfortune by this selection, there is a rhyme to guide her which goes as follows:

Married in white, you have chosen all right;  
Married in grey, you will go far away;  
Married in black, you will wish yourself back.

There is also the day to be considered: Monday for wealth, Tuesday for health, Wednesday the best day of all, Thursday for losses, Friday for crosses, Saturday no luck at all.

To be positively certain that the best of luck and good fortune will follow her she must wear to the altar "Something old and something new, Something borrowed and something blue."

—CYNTHIA GREY.

Too Silly For Words.

Dear Miss Grey.—Is the Mail-Box full or have you room to welcome one more timid caller? This is my first visit to your corner, so I feel rather bashful among all the old-timers. I enjoy your page very much, and always look for it, after first reading "Betty," which, I think is too silly for words, but still I have to see what they are doing next.

I come for a favor: Please, Cynthia, might I have some crochet patterns, and I will copy and return as soon as possible? I must have the ones suitable for S. C. H. fund. Wishing the corner success, I remain, A NEW-UN.

Ans.—Thank you, New-Un, for mite. Am mailing patterns as requested.

Attention, Sheila.

Dear Miss Grey.—This is my first letter to the Mail-Box, but I have been a constant and interested reader of your page for some time. I saw on your page where Sheila wrote of her kind of rose bushes. I wonder if she would send me some roots of them. I will pay postage and she will pay for the hospital fund, whichever she wishes, if it is not too late to plant these. I see in my address with Miss Grey, so if Sheila will be so kind and send me some roots she can forward them to you. I will sign myself, MINNIE.

Dear Miss Grey.—I am sending you two everlast patterns but will send more later if needed. We have a baby girl, born May 20, and as this is my first day out of bed I do not feel very strong yet. I am also sending a pattern to Huroki. From CLEOPATRA.

Ans.—Thank you, Cleopatra, for filling Huroki's request. Would like to hear more from you when you are feeling better.

A Query.

Dear Miss Grey.—Just a peep in to tell you all how I enjoy the Mail-Box, also to add my mite to the S. C. H. as I love kiddies. I see a great many Boxites enjoy their books. Here is another bookworm. This winter I read, among others, Zane Grey's "Betty Jane," "Sage," and this winter I read, "The Riders of the Purple Sage," which is very different, but just as all through. Then several others, which would take up too much space to mention. Wishing you and the Mail-Box and the S. C. H. every success, I'll sign myself, THE SAGE LILLY.

Ans.—Write to Bethesda Hospital, London. Thank you for mite.

Marian Keith's Books.

Dear Miss Grey and Mail-Box Friends.—I have thought of writing to the Mail-Box on several occasions, but have postponed the writing from time to time until I could send another bit of help toward the S. C. H. fund. I inclose the same herewith.

I fancy it is easy to judge of the acts of the writers of the acts of other people, and in many cases by their taste in books. When I read the books one likes May Christie's books and recommends Charlotte M. Bronte and Mrs. Southworth as splendid writers, I feel sure this correspondent is a young and emotional person. But of those who love "thrillers" and think "Graustark" and those of like ilk fine reading, I am not so sure.

Zane Grey's stories give me a feeling

of weariness, because the people are always picking their way over stones, "Treasure Island" is to me a night-mare, and though so much recommended for boys' reading, I would not put it in the hands of an imaginative child. For amusing stories that just seem to tell themselves, and you never think of the plot, I select J. Lincoln. I have read "Captain Blunt," and some others.

But for great, natural stories, that breathe of truth and loving hearts and noble characters, with the little flaws without which they would be unnatural, read Marian Keith's books. They will stand reading more than once.

I like Ralph Connor's books too, though I have read them many times. I was told that in many cases young men in cities, sons of rich parents, thinking of wild ways, and their parents, thinking to teach them a lesson by giving them hard work to do, conceived the plan of sending them to the lumber and other camps, thinking to reform them. Mr. Gordon, having knowledge of conditions in these camps, wrote these true stories of life in such places, that the fact might know to what kind of life they were sending their sons. I had a brother-in-law, one of the first settlers in the scene of Ralph Connor's books, and he could name some of the men whose lives were sketched in that book, and he said it was all true.

As for judging age by the different views of life taken by different writers: Youth is as a rule not so lenient in judgment as age.

I felt a little hot at first when I read the letter of poor 1921 Ichabod, as I am a countrywoman, and though not on a farm now, I have spent the greater part of my life there. I have also boarded the teacher of our rural school, and found a great difference between those brought up in the country and those from town. I have two sons, but they did not dress up and take the teacher out in the moonlight, and the looked just as manly in the daylight as I did. One went overseas and is now teacher in a college, the other is with me. I feel sure Ichabod will feel sorry some day that she wrote in such a way of the farm people.

The Boxites write of flowers, but do any of them know of the cultivation of medicinal roots and herbs? That is what I am much interested in now. We grow ginseng and golden seal and pink root, and it is very interesting work except when Alternaria strikes them and they wither down until another season. The wedding has to be all done by hand, of course, and the crop has to be sprayed two or three times, but I like it very much.

This letter looks long, so I will close.

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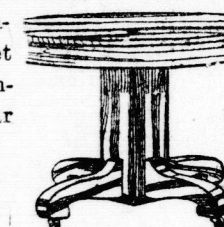
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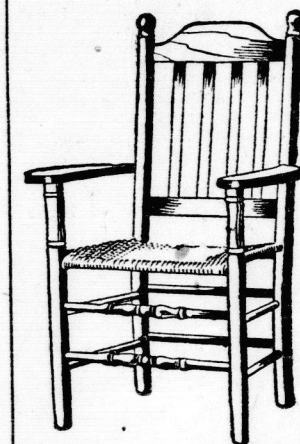
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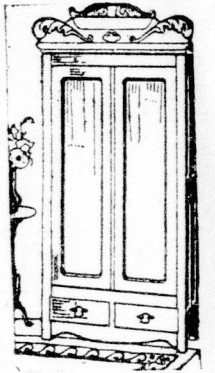
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S. Ans.—Thank you very much, Aunt Maria, for the generous gift for our fund.

Evergreen.—Dr. Brady will answer such questions.

Seconds the Motion.

Dear Miss Grey.—Thought soon and I am inclosing the words of "Mother" for Happy Mary. I think, Conventional, your plan is sure good, and will second the motion. How soon are we to send for the cotton and thread? And can we have more than one block, or does that sound too greedy? Nor, which I received your letter and will answer as soon as possible. I wonder if any one from Reading, England, writes to the Mail-Box, as I would like a couple of correspondents of my own (23). Miss Grey, I am as ever, to answer one question? Hide your eyes, Sussex, for a minute. I have a brother and sister getting married soon, and will you please print a few suggestions for wedding presents? All right, Sussex, you may look now. Thanking you B.4 hand, Miss Grey, I am as ever, ENGLISH EDVTHE

Ans.—Cut glass or silver are very acceptable gifts. Also linen and china.

Miss Grey.—I am inclosing 10 cents for three cinnamon buns. I didn't know the rules of the Mail-Box, but I see we are supposed to pay in for the seeds to help the S. C. H. I sent a dime for some seeds. I would like some of the double morning glories seed, as I never had any like that. I sent in three packets of flower seed to you some time ago, but I guess my letter has not come to hand yet, as I found it very much, and think it is a good idea to raise money and exchange seeds and bulbs. I have quite a few pink dahlias if I knew how to get them to you or people they might help. MRS. E. Ans.—Anyone wishing to obtain bulbs

may have Mrs. E. G.'s address. There are no morning glory seeds in at present.

Every Success.

Dear Miss Grey.—I read your page and enjoy the help and talks on books very much.

I wonder could I have the stocking foot pattern, also the baby sleeper pattern? Are there any good readings in the Mail-Box now. I sometimes give a reading, and it is so hard to get a good one.

Find mite inclosed, also stamps. Wishing you every success in your good work, and thanking you in advance. BLOSSOM.

Ans.—Am mailing you patterns, but there are no readings in at present. Thank you, Blossom, for hospital mite.

Wants Clothes.

Dear Miss Grey.—I'm back here again. I wrote a letter, but never saw it in the paper. I had put my mite in it too. I'll ask you if any of the Boxites could send me some slips, as ours were killed by the winter. I have a baby brother, 8 months old, and another 3 years old, and a sister 12 years old. Mother is in need of clothes. She is willing to pay all charges on them. Am sending mite for hospital fund. Am sending mite down for a satchel bag. I'll close now. CLIMBING ROSE.

Ans.—Thank you for dime. Am mailing a satchel.

Dear Miss Grey.—I am sending this parcel of my large improved aster seed, to distribute among the Boxites, and will you please send me some of the perennial pea or any other variety you may have in different seeds? Am also inclosing mite for the fund. I would send gladiolus bulbs to any person wishing them. With all good wishes to the Mail-Box, I remain, FLOWER FLEND.

Ans.—Thank you, Flower Flend, for gladiolus. Am mailing seeds as requested.

HOME ECONOMICS

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ARTIFICIAL SILKS.

pieces when washed and inflammable. Recent improvements have overcome most of these troubles. The process is in general to force the cellulose, which has been dissolved by chemicals, through capillary tubes, that is, very fine hair-like tubes, into another chemical, which sets or hardens it.

Artificial silks have high lustre, but are brittle and inelastic, heavier than real silk, because they do not cover well in weaving. Nevertheless, being expensive compared to real silks, they are coming into constantly wider use for hosiery, underwear, sweaters and dress materials of varied weaves. They are used, as well, in combination with wool, cotton and real silk.

One excellent use for artificial silk is in a broadened material for furniture or cushion coverings; it looks and wears well, and is relatively inexpensive.

The industry of artificial silk manufacture is in its early stages. It will probably have a great development in the next few years. It is rather a pity that this really new material should not have a name and place of its own, instead of seeming to be always an imitation, a more or less satisfactory substitute for real silk.

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Most of the artificial silks are made from cellulose, the essential constituent of the wall membrane of plant cells. These silks resemble real silks more or less in appearance, but are very different in character. Until recently the difficulties in the way of successful manufacture of artificial silks have been very great; the stuffs made of the various forms of cellulose, as nitrocellulose, cuprammonium, and viscose, were difficult to dye, liable to go to

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