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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.]

## Cards To Send.

Dear Miss Grey—Having received a wedding announcement from out of town, what is the correct number of cards to send for one's husband, as well as oneself? An immediate answer will oblige.

## ONE IN DOUBT.

Ans.—Sincerely hope reply may not be too late. Two of your husband's cards, and one of your own, should be sent. Your husband's cards would be both for bride and groom; yours, just for the bride.

## Bad For Bugs.

Dear Miss Grey—I noticed in your column the other night an inquirer asking for a remedy for bedbugs. Here is

an excellent remedy which cured when all others failed. It is very simple. Get a can of insect powder at the drug store and a small bellows. Fill the bellows with insect powder and dust in every place in the room where you would think they might be, and you will find that the bugs will leave shortly.

## This Kills 'Em, Too.

Dear Miss Grey—This is my first letter to your Mail-Box, but have received help from your column that I enjoy very much. Having seen the letter by "In Distress" re bedbugs, she had my sympathy. Here is a complete cure for them: Corrosive sublimate dissolved in alcohol; put in most of the crevices of wall and furniture (small brush). This will not leave any spots on furniture. One thorough application and afterwards two lesser ones has completely exterminated them from rooms with board walls. This is poison, and will have to be kept away from children.

## A CANADIAN.

## From North Dakota.

Dear Miss Grey—Will you please forward me the poem, "Grandma's First Beau," and oblige?

We have moved from Perham, Minn. While on the train I read the verses, which I enjoyed very much, but lost them. I think if some of the girls and boys who are so fond of giving advice would talk a little from experience it would be more worth reading. They would also find that experience teaches fools. If some of them would take advice from older people, maybe they would not think they knew so much. I have been twice married, and once a widow, but yet if she were only here. My opinion is the women folk should all be ashamed of themselves digging at each other. They are not all like Jiggs.

A good way to take iron rust from linen is to apply the juice of a lemon and put out in the sun (on the grass is best). This will not eat the goods like the salts of lemon. Yours respectfully,

P. W. P.

Ans.—It is not often I receive a letter from such a far-away place as Dakota; I am glad to hear from you again. The poem will be sent to you in a day or two. Your remarks are gladly passed on to others.

## Hemstitching Sheets.

Dear Miss Grey—We come to you with such a multitude of worries, and receive such kindly attention, that I am encouraged to ask help once more. I am using cotton for hemstitching, which was torn off when purchased. I measured the desired lengths, and tore it instead of clipping, and find that after having drawn the threads and hemmed evenly, that the sheets do not fold at all straight. What should I have done?

or what may I do now to remedy the trouble? Thanking you in advance. I am, yours sincerely,

## ANXIOUS HOUSEWIFE.

Ans.—According to my knowledge, you did just the right thing in hemming the sheets, and I feel sure that after they are laundered, with a bit of judicious stretching and coaxing, they should come out straight.

If readers have any comment to make, shall be glad to hear from them.

## Bought Set of Books.

Dear Miss Grey—Would you kindly answer the following question for me as soon as possible and I will feel very grateful to you.

1. A girl of nineteen bought a set of books from a U. S. A. company. She signed an agreement to pay for same, on terms of a certain sum at one time and the rest at a fixed sum per month. No other name than the girl's own appeared on the agreement. When time to make payment came she could not do so, and has not paid anything as yet. Could the company do any more than take the books back? The girl is working, but does not wish to keep the books.

2. Another girl of twenty signed a similar one, but she herself signed the names of two business men on the agreement in a blank provided for the purpose? Does that make any difference? Does it place the men under any obligation?

Thanking you very, very much in anticipation of a reply, yours sincerely, GREATLY WORRIED.

## Ans.—Sorry your answer was among the delayed ones. Have consulted legal authority and informed as follows:

1. No, she can repudiate the contract on the ground of infancy and need not pay for the books.

2. So far as the girl is concerned, she is an "infant" and not responsible, but the business men can be held responsible.

## Scotch Molly's Message.

Dear Miss Grey: I have no desire to bring sad or doleful thoughts into your bright and cheerful page, but at the present time I am feeling depressed, not only I, but thousands of other women throughout our Dominion and our Empire. Near the window where I sit is a maple tree, and in my mournful mood I fancy the young, tender leaves are all sad and drooping—drooping in sadness for "Our Boys" who but a short time ago left us in the pride of youth hoping to gain for us the freedom we prize above all things earthly. When the first Canadian contingent left us the thought was in the minds of some, how will they compare with the well trained veterans of the British army? Will they stand the test? And the answer has come back, "Splendid Canadians," "Brave," "Magnificent," and our hearts almost burst with pride. But, oh, the price of that splendid victory! Some of the wounded may return to us, but there are others who will not come back; they fell; a little cross will be placed on their graves, and the chapter in their lives will be closed. And I feel it is to the mothers and wives who are bereaved we should carry our heartfelt sympathy

not in a formal manner by sending a card of regret or condolence, but to those we can reach personally, let our hands clasp their hands, our tears mingle with their tears, and they will better understand. And we must work, for without doubt the needs will be greater. We all feel there are anxious days ahead and we should all try to help. Probably never again in the lives of the present generation will there be a more opportune time to show our gratitude for the long years of peace and freedom we have enjoyed.

Miss Grey, you will think this a very doleful letter; perhaps my little rhyme is more optimistic:

Oh, maple leaf, why drop your head?  
Our Empire will recover.  
"The day" we'll win, and stronger be  
In unity forever.

## "SCOTCH MOLLY."

Ans.—I am very glad to receive and publish your letter, Scotch Molly. Yes, there are many aching and anxious hearts just now, and our ordinary troubles seem very insignificant when we consider the bereavements some are called upon to bear.

## Quite a Difference.

Dear Miss Grey: I have often been thinking of writing you, but never picked up courage to write you. I saw "Rosebud's" letter on the manners of town and country boys. I have always lived on a farm, but have been picked up by a town boy, and I must say that I noticed quite a difference between the two classes of boys. The town boys always touch their caps for one thing, and the country boys stare at you and don't even say "Hello." The country boy, if he happens to be walking down the street with a girl doesn't even know enough to walk on the outside of the street.

Miss Grey, I could talk all day, I think, on this, but as my epistle is growing long I will close with just one question:

What are the meanings of Viola, Ruth, Lillian, Ole, Marjorie, Frances and Katherine?

## I remain,

Ans.—1. Viola, same as Violet, which signifies "modesty"; Ruth, beauty; Lillian, a lily; Marjorie, same as Margaret, a pearl; Frances, free; Katherine, pure.

## A WORD OF CHEER.

Dear Miss Grey—if you are not tired of the subject, I would like to write a word of cheer for the "Star" that Guides. She seems to have had all kinds of letters, and yet perhaps she will read mine.

I want to tell her that there are men like she has portrayed, and I hope she will get one. I had one who was more of a lover at the close of his life than when we were married. We never met or parted without a loving caress, and often when I was weary he would draw my head down on his shoulder and say, "Poor, little mother, you are so tired." I tell you such words help over many a weary mile. We had our cars, for we had nine children to raise. So you see with care and a renewal of love from day to day you can keep

your "hubbie" a lover all the time if he is a Christian.

From one who would like a touch of a vanished hand, and a sound of a voice that is still.

Ans.—I cannot tell you how much the "private" part of your letter touched me. As you will have noted, in the past two weeks, alas, there has been no "jazzing" for me, and presumably none for some time. My warm thanks, however, are extended to you.

## From Just Plain Me.

Dear Miss Grey—I see where Lulu wishes to know if Mary Pickford is married. Well, you can tell her she is married, and the lucky young man is Owen Moore. He takes part in Keystone, playing opposite Mabel Normand. Now for a few questions:

1. What day did July 27, 1888, come on?

2. What are the meanings of these names—Sylvester, Marcellus, Ellen, Donald?

Miss Grey, have you ever received the words of this song: "Lost on the Lady Elgin"? If you have, I wish you would let me have it, as I would like to have the words very much.

Here is a good cure for bedbugs: Get some oil of cedar and pour it into a crevice in the springs and around the waisteboard, and if there are any bugs or eggs there they'll be toasted to a finish; a couple of applications will rid them, sure. It is also wise to get some plaster paris and fill in all holes in the walls made by pounding in nails. If there are closed they'll have no place to hide and you'll get all that are loose laying around.

Hoping this will help a little, and thanking you in advance. I am, just plain,

Ans.—1. Friday.  
2. Sylvester, living in the wood, or born in the country; Marcellus, springing or descending from Mars; Ellen, same as Eleanor, light; Donald, feminine form of Donald, which means proud child.

So far as I know, no copy of this song was ever received by me. Your kind help is much appreciated.

## Will Judge Her Poems.

In regard to the query of "A Reader" as to a market for poetry, a kindly gentleman writes offering to criticize her work, judge its merits, and give her the benefit of his own experience in verse-writing. Would "Reader" therefore send me her address and one or two samples of her verses, so that I might forward them to this gentleman?

## Some Interesting Queries.

Dear Miss Grey—1. What is the meaning of the word Kaiser?

2. What year did the first steamboat cross the Atlantic?

3. What year were matches first used?

## H. A.

Ans.—Kaiser is the title of the Emperors of Germany, Austria, and Russia. The word Kaiser, and the Russian word Czar, are both derivatives of the old Roman title Caesar.

2. In 1819, when the steamer Savannah made the voyage from Savannah, Ga., to Liverpool, in 22 days. Since 1707, the possibilities of the steamboat seem to have existed in the minds of

men on both sides of the Atlantic, and many experiments were made with varying success. In 1806, Robert Fulton, an American, who had studied steam navigation in England for several years, built a vessel known as the Clermont. This boat made her trial trip from New York to Albany in August, 1807, her average speed being five miles an hour. The Clermont was probably the first vessel to be used for regular conveyance of freight and passengers.

The first steamboat in Great Britain was the Comet, built in 1812, for navigation of the Clyde.

3. The earliest form of the common match was perhaps discovered by Godfrey Hanckwitz, who in 1680 found that phosphorus, rubbed between folds of brown paper, would take fire and ignite a stick which had been dipped in sulphur. The lucifer match was invented in 1829 by John Walker, a chemist at Stockton-upon-Tees. Since that time, of course, various improvements have been made.

It is interesting to know that some 200,000,000 matches are used daily in Great Britain, about eight matches to a person.

## Polish for Silver.

Dear Miss Grey—Would you please tell me a good polish for silverware? It was once tarnished from natural gas. Yours truly,

Ans.—Names of marketed articles I cannot give in this column. A good polish may be made at home by sitting whitening through a piece of muslin and applying the powder to the silver with a soft rag dampened with alcohol; polish with clean cloth, then with a chamois skin.

## WHAT RED CROSS WORK WILL YOU DO DURING SUMMER MONTHS?

R.C. Committees Busy Preparing Work Ahead for Hot Weather.

Week by week the work of the Red Cross is becoming more necessary, and week by week the workers respond nobly to the increasing demands upon them. Each time the shipments are a little larger than the time before, and still come that gigantic Oliver Twist of Public Need, calling for more.

As many of the executive will be away during July and August it has been decided to close the rooms during those months, as the work during the hot weather would fall too heavily on those left behind. Everybody is, however, making an extra effort during the weeks before July 1st, so that the July and August shipments, which may not fall short of those sent in May and June. All members who have taken work home are asked to return it by June 15th at latest, so that it can be laundered or packed before the end of the month.

All the old linen on hand, having

now gone forward, we will be very glad of more, and hope that the people who offered it when our shelves were overstocked, will try and send it during the next few weeks to Hyman Hall, where it will be sorted and packed.

Members are also earnestly requested to decide what work they are willing to do for the summer. Many of our workers are already strapping for smaller regular meetings at their own homes during the hot weather.

What can YOU undertake? Some of those grey flannel shirts, perhaps?

When September comes, they will be in greater demand than ever, for our convalescents abroad; perhaps for many of them on their homeward journey. We want to make a banner shipment in September.

The cutting committee is preparing to give extra time towards getting a great quantity of articles ready for workers before the end of June. It will help the various committees very much if those who can take summer sewing will let Mrs. Cronin know as soon as possible, just what they can undertake between July 1st and August 1st, so that our buying and cutting committees may have time to prepare sufficient material for everybody.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

## HARRISTVILLE W. I.

At the annual meeting of the Harriestville Branch Women's Institute, held recently, \$10 was donated to the Red Cross Society. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. R. J. Kelly; vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Ferguson; secretary, Mrs. E. R. Barr; board of directors, Miss Shirley Ewin, Miss Allie Jackson, Mrs. L. L. York, Mrs. E. R. Johnson, Mrs. J. Fenning, Mrs. S. E. Pacey; auditors, Mrs. G. Johnson and Mrs. D. Smith; organist, Mrs. C. B. Adams; district director, Mrs. Roy Ferguson.

## KOMOKA, W. I.

New officers for the Komoka Branch W. I. were elected at a meeting held in the town hall, as follows: President, Mrs. Percy Seabrook; vice-president, Mrs. W. Robinson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. Leckie; assistant treasurer, Miss E. Lamont; district director, Mrs. E. Waugh; directors, Mrs. E. Waugh, Mrs. D. Campbell, Mrs. F. Edwards, Mrs. C. Foster; auditors, Mrs. B. Jarvis and Mrs. F. Montell.

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MADE IN CANADA.

## Old Songs and Poems

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Say not England—call it Britain, honor give where honor's due. Look to Scotland, Wales and Ireland fighting in the trenches, too. Look ye north beyond the Cheviots, where the thistles proudly grow, To the sons who are as rugged as their mountains topped with snow.

Land of ancient fame and glory, where disgrace can lay no stain, See And Scott's glorious manhood grow serving yet Britannia's name— See them in the field of Flanders repeat great deeds done in the past. With the sons of Wales and Erin, side by side, they're sticking fast.

Say not England—call it Britain—look across at Erin's lake, Ireland's precious blood is ebbing, mixed with Scotland's in the flow; It is British hearts that shed it to repel Britannia's foe.

Freedom's sword they both are wielding for their home and kindred dear; They are Britain's peerless bulwarks, true though death be'er so near.

Say not England—call it Britain on your border in the west; Gallant Wales sends forth to battle fighting manhood of the best. Men of Harlech and Llewellyn, fearless sons of past renown, Strong, united, they are fighting 'neath the flag that won't come down.

From the mines into the trenches, resolute and firm as steel; Weaken all will do their duty, thoughtless of the wounds they feel; With their comrades from the Northland, from across St. George's tide, And their neighbors on the border, four in one shall they abide.

Give us now our rightful calling, let the name in gold be read To the children of the fathers, who in Britain's ranks have never getting ill, Let the universe proclaim it, Britain now and evermore.

Say not England—Call it Britain—England just means one of four.

Happy-Go-Lucky.

Cheese Tarts—1 egg, 2-3 cup granulated sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1 cup raisins, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon corn starch. Bake in shells.

Maple Tarts—1 egg, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon corn starch, piece of butter size of an egg. Bake in shells.

## Old Aunt Ellen.

For Pies or Tarts—1 quart of rhubarb stewed, 1 cup sugar, yolks of 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon corn starch and small lump of butter. Beat sugar and eggs, add corn starch with a drop of cold water, stir in rhubarb. Use white of eggs for meringue.

## Pulling Parapls.

Dear Miss Grey: When parapls are not pulled in the fall, how soon in the spring do they become poisonous?

Dear me, should think you folks in the newspaper line would feel nervous at what next in these terrible times. Here is a homemade recipe for pulling parapls: Take the lid of a pound can, half fill with plain castor oil, take beeswax about size of a small bean, put on stove and let simmer till dissolved; lift off and set to cool. Wash hands before going to bed and apply salve. So many people are working in clay just now in planting and find their hands getting in a time and find them softened to permit their being pulled. If any growth commences they are not fit to use. Thank you, Aunt Ellen, for your two practical hints.

For grubs that eat the newly-set-out cabbage: Melt ends of tin cans off by placing a few minutes on coals, put around the cabbage, remove when the plant is grown enough; the heat melts the can inside of can and they are easily removed. OLD AUNT ELLEN.

Ans.—1. Parapls should be taken from the ground just as soon as the soil is sufficiently softened to permit their being pulled. If any growth commences they are not fit to use.

Thank you, Aunt Ellen, for your two practical hints.

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