PAGE OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

DADDY IS HOME AGAIN

The Trials and Tribulations of a Soldier's Household in the Process of Being Demobbed.

Wives of soldiers expected many trials, but the trial that they did not expect was that of a demobilized husband. I mean they did not expect that he would be a trial. We had been married a good many years, and had a family, when war was a year old and my man went into the army. He is home now, demobilized. He is glad. I am glad. The children are glad. But the settling down process has been rather unsettling for all of us.

My man has thoroughly enjoyed his army career, and has had an enthralling, interesting time, especially during these last two years, spent in France, where he was member of a mess. All his messmates were the best of good fellows. He had a devoted batman. His billet was generally comfortable, the mess cook a wonder, and his work exciting. The first two weeks of his return home were spent as we spent all his none-to-frequent leaves—very joyously. But "leave" is not everyday life. "Leave" is a thing apart and full of happy and precious memories. A demobbed household has to get back to everyday affairs.

Knows Nothing of Rations.

What does a man on fourteen days leave, twice a year, know of rations and coupons? Nothing. Everybody sets out to give him a good time and to share their all with him. When he is home for good he is soon taught that one ounce of butter goes a very short way and that margarine is a thing one gets used to when one tries very hard.

Our Daddy had his first ration lesson one tea-time, when the youngest of the family cried out in horror. "Look at the 'normous spoonful of jam daddy is taking! mummy, do tell him he must spread it very thinly." Visions of the unlimited supply of army jam rose before Daddy, and he felt restless.

Children Don't Obey.

The children don't obey his word of command as readily as his man did. They are badly disciplined, he says, and I am sure they are. Also they are three and half years older than when Daddy left for the war. They have only known one authority during that time, and it has been an easier-going one than the one created by the army. It is hard on Daddy when he arranges an outing on the children's half holidays to find all the young people have already made their arrangements—one to play in a hockey match, another a game of basketball, another is going to tea with a school friend. Moreover, they don't much like these outings with Daddy. They bear too close a resemblance to a route march; the discipline is very military, and they are very tiring. At first they were too polite to say so, but it wasn't long before they made him understand that though they loved him very much they had their own lives to live and their own games to play. And that it was as well to begin as they meant to go on, and "they just hated these long walks terribly."

Daddy Some Use.

But Daddy comes to his own when homework is being done for next school day. They are all eager for his company then. The most difficult sums are made easy with Daddy explaining them. Euclid and geometry are rendered simple. French becomes an interesting lesson with Daddy's help. They have discovered a use for Daddy and all is well.

When the "leave" period of the demobbed state was on, we were all eager to take the place of the devoted batman, who has vanished with Daddy's nice uniform. We regret that uniform; we were proud of the three "pips" on it. We thought it looked fine. We all helped him to find things as he dressed; we fetched and carried for him. Now we avoid his room at the dressing hour. We have to be cruel to be kind. Everyday life is too short to act the part of batman—every day.

Not Like Cheery Mess.

I know our evening meal compares sadly with that cheery mess dinner "over there," and besides, whiskey is difficult to get. We sit over the fire of talking; we play a quiet game; we have some music; he looks absent, and gets very restless. He misses the best thing the army gave him—his friends and those comrades with whom he associated daily, in work, in anxiety in play, and who have become very dear to him in these days of war.

Why doesn't he open out about the disappointment Blighty and demobilization are being to him? For they are a disappointment. He finds his native place not the same place it was to him before the war. He thinks we folks in it are all tired and lifeless—and yet he dislikes intensely the energy we sum up when we want to board an already overcrowded 'bus, and is equally annoyed with the patience we show as we wait quietly in queues for railway tickets and things we want.

Business Extends No Welcome.

His return to business life is another grievance; he had a forlorn hope that because he had been away so long and done his bit that somebody there might be glad to see him back again. If there was a welcome, he did not see it or feel it. He was merely a competitor coming in among them to get his share of any business going, and was treated accordingly. The close atmosphere in the city stifled him, his starched shirt and collar worried him, and his civilian boots pinched him. His coupon lunch only made him hungrier, and the quality of the beer made him angry.

I only hope he does not know that we too are suffering. A man in the house does upset one's arrangements. We have got into the free-and-easy ways inevitable in a home run on the "no man to consider" lines. We had almost forgotten the difference a man's presence makes in the work of a household. Meals must be punctual and more thought given them. More thought means more shopping—and shopping seems to be more tiresome and difficult and to take up more time than ever.

No Time for "War Works."

One by one I have dropped the "war works" I had taken up to fill in the dreary days of war; there is no leisure for them now, and they were only meant to fill in time till my man came back; but they were interesting and entertaining, and, compared with the increased round of household duties, should not have been called "works." On looking back I find that they had become pleasures. But now they are things of the past, like our "spare room."

It's hardly fair to call it that. Before the war it was known as Daddy's room," and in it he had all his belongings—no one else ever kept anything in it. It was sacred to his clothes, books, cricket bats, and golf clubs, and we didn't intend to take advantage of his absence and turn it into a general storeroom, but we did. My sewing machine went in one day; the process might help your dress? laundry basket and the boys' scooter found a home there; one by one the drawers were filled with the girls' party frocks and the boys' best suits. The best table linen took up its abode on one of the shelves of the wardrobe. Everything we couldn't find a place for went into Daddy's room—and we miss that room; we seem very tightly packed without it.

Hadn't Been Asked For.

I also miss the financial freedom the monthly check from Cox & Co. and other army allowances gave me; it wasn't a millionaire's income, but it hadn't been asked for—it came. The husband is once again banker for the household, and has to be reminded now and then that it takes a lot of money to keep a family going these days, and I am not sure that I enjoy this return to the "pre-war" order of things. But we are glad he is demobbed.—Manchester Guardian.

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Daily Bible Question Club

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE UNIFORM LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1919.

ONE GOLDEN TEXT SUGGESTION.

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

The Grace of God.—Genesis, vi., 8. Exodus, xxxiv., 6-7. II. Corinthians, xii., 9. Ephesians, ii., 4-10. Titus, ii., 11-14.

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY.

11.—II. Corinthians, xii., 9.—Why is it that trouble is made a great blessing to us when our lives are under the controlling influence of God's grace? (See Romans v., 3-5). This is one of the questions which may be answered in writing by the members of the club.

12.—Ephesians ii., 4. Why would it or not, be fair and truthful to say that God dispenses mercy with all the prodigality with which he dispenses sunshine?

13.—What is your definition of the phrase "God who is rich in mercy?"

Golden Text: We shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.—Acts xv., 11.

JESUS WAS GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

Through the wonderful grace and love of God, Jesus came to the world. God dwelt in Jesus, so that God was manifest in Christ's body. God did not demand of the Jews that they should believe that Jesus was God without giving them ample proof that such was the case. He spake as man never spake, and for three years did things in their midst that no person but God could do. On one occasion, when they were resisting him, he said: "Believe me . . . or else believe me for the very work's sake." They said that "He spake as never man spake"; they exclaimed "What manner of man is this that even the winds and the seas obey him?" but nevertheless they rejected him because he condemned their sins. They thus rejected God.

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WOMEN OF LONDON PROTEST AGAINST A DEEP "V" IN DRESS

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All London society is agitated by the latest fashion which decrees that women's backs shall be bare. It is not merely a little "V" shaped exhibition of milady's back but a wide expanse. A chorus of disapproval of this fashion is heard from prominent society women. Says the Viscountess Churchill:

"I do not think that any lady will adopt this fashion. I go to dances often with my daughters, but I have never seen one of these fashionable backs. One seldom sees an arm or back good enough to be exposed in public. If it were perfect one would look at them as one regards a statue."

Another Fashion Called "Ugly."

"I dislike the fashions for two reasons: First, because it gives too much display to the public gaze; second, because on most women the fashion is ugly—they are not beautiful enough to adopt it."

Lady Byron, dame of the Order of the British Empire, says that evidently the reason why women favor the ultra-decollete is that they probably think it makes them more attractive in the eyes of men.

"My experience," says Lady Byron, "is that even the gayest Lothario prefers a woman who makes at least some pretence at modesty."

Lady DeRamsey thinks that the bare-back style is "an atrocious fashion" and confesses that she has seen it in the ballroom, but believes that no nice women will adopt it.

Soldiers Don't Like It.

The most pointed observation comes from Lady Price, who says "it is more than sad that women should allow their young girls to make a mock of their womanhood in the manner this fashion entails.

"That it is to please the men is a fallacy," said she. "I have heard many young men, especially those who have been fighting in the trenches overseas, say they have no idea where to place their hands 'when dancing' as they can touch nothing but bare flesh. Many say that they will give up dancing entirely as a consequence."

Western Ontario Women's Activities

Address News For This Column to the Editor of Woman's Page.

BURGESSVILLE W. C. T. U.

An organization meeting for W. C. T. U. work in this district will be held on Friday afternoon, May 16, at 2:30 o'clock in the library. Mrs. Trohill of Tillsonburg will conduct the meeting.

THEDFORD W. I.

The Women's Institute held its annual business meeting in the rest room, with a good attendance. The election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. F. Tuck; first vice-president, Mrs. A. Carmichael; second vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Blake; district director, Mrs. J. Houston; branch directors, Mrs. A. E. Powell, Mrs. James Elliott, Mrs. W. P. Johnson and Mrs. M. Willsie; auditors, Mrs. J. Houston and Mrs. M. Willsie; delegate to Watford, Mrs. Wm. Blake, Mrs. R. McKenzie, the president, secretary and district directors.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. J. A. Croden has returned from Toronto.

Professor and Mrs. Brown have gone to New York.

Mr. M. C. Hessenaur has returned from Kitchener.

Mrs. J. Cook has returned home after visiting friends and relatives in Windsor.

Miss Chloe Terry, who has been visiting in Amherstburg, has returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and son Kenneth leave today for an extended trip in the west.

The marriage took place at the First Presbyterian Church on April 29 of Miss Susan Steer to George D. Brown of Petrolea. Rev. W. J. Knox officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Aitkenhead announces the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Gladys, to Robert A. Elliott of Delora, the marriage to take place the first week in June.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

Who'll Advise Lue.

Dear Miss Grey,—Could any of your Mail-Box readers (or maybe you) tell me what could be done with a piano that seems to be rusted from the frost? It seems that the frost drew all the substance out of the wood. I don't want to put varnish on. LUE.

Ans.—If the piano were mine, Lue, I'd not risk a treatment at home, but consult a piano man about the best method of renovation. It will probably be necessary to remove the present coat with sandpaper and give the wood an entirely new decorating of ground color, stain and varnish.

Wants to Correspond.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am writing to your page to see if I can get a correspondent. I am 16 years old, and would like to correspond with some girl of my age. I will leave my address with Miss Grey. I am, ORANGE BLOSSOM.

She Will Exchange.

Dear Miss Grey,—I saw where "Bruce Farmerette" wishes to exchange recitations, and I am therefore forwarding a few, and should be glad to receive some in return.

Thanking you, Miss Grey, I am, very sincerely, BLUE BIRD OF SPRING.

Ans.—Your inclosures were forwarded to Bruce Farmerette and no doubt you will hear direct from her in reply.

Those Bothersome Cards.

"June"—In calling on you for the first time, a married woman should leave, one of her cards for you, one for your mother, and one of her husband's cards also for each of you. In returning the call you simply leave one of your own and one of your mother's cards. That is the rule for you to remember—you are your mother's proxy in returning calls, and should leave her card as well as your own, for each woman in the family called on. That is, if calling on mother and grown-up daughter, leave two cards apiece or four in all; or the same applies if you are visiting two sisters, and so on, but never leave cards for the gentlemen of the family, even though their wives have left their husband's cards for you.

2. Tea, banana and lettuce sandwiches, lemon tartlets, iced gingerbread. Or, tea, nut bread daintily sliced, home-made jam cookies, devil's cake.

Tea Stains On Silk.

Dear Miss Grey,—What is the meaning of Laura, Kathleen, Douglas and Russell?

I would like to know how to take tea stains out of a silk waist.

And how old should a girl be before doing up her hair?

Hoping to hear from you soon. SCOTTY.

Ans. 1.—Laura signifies one crowned with laurel, Kathleen means pure. I do not know the meaning of the other names. Ans. 2.—You do not say if it is a white silk or not. Probably the only way is to stretch the stained part over a bowl and pour clear, warm water through. Dissolve some tartaric acid (say half a teaspoonful to a pint of water) in the water if the silk is white. Ans. 3.—A girl generally "does up" her hair between the ages of eighteen and twenty.

"Santa's" At It, Too.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am in the thick of housecleaning, so shall have to state my business right now, then say good-by. Miss Grey, please reprint that formula for cleaning wall paper. I also would like to get two songs: "Won't You Waltz Home Sweet Home With Me?" and "You'll Have To Wait Till My Ship Comes In." Yours, as before, SANTA CLAUS.

Ans.—Well, just fancy, folks, "Santa's" at it, too! No doubt he beats the rugs and shakes the feathery cloud beds for "Mrs. Claus," then like the rest of the dear men, fancies he does it all! Anyway, "Santa," here's the formula, so trot the reindeer back home and "pitch in" again:

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