

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

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.]

Dancing in the Home.
Dear Cynthia and All—Well, folks, here I am once more. First of all I must thank you for the lovely name. I have sent him a letter and a box will follow shortly. I wonder if I could have the address of the one who sent it?

In reply to "Hopful," re dancing. I, for one, believe dancing is just what we make it. I have been able to dance since I was very little and I think the most pleasant evenings I have spent were at dancing in my own home. (Mother chipping in) to make up our dance, and I like dancing so well that every time I hear good music "I just can't make my feet behave." I certainly don't approve of some of the dances we see nowadays. I think they are a disgrace and should be done away with, but I see no harm in a good old-fashioned waltz or two-step. I believe if people are well-minded they

can make dancing one of the greatest evils, but a decent person who puts their mind on the music is doing no harm by dancing. When I dance I almost forget there is anyone else around, the music seems to carry me away somehow. Then again, I don't think we should give too much time to dancing or any other amusements at this time, and another thing, I don't believe in folks going to a dance and staying till all hours of the morning. That is where a lot of harm comes in. Well, I am afraid I have already said too much, but would like very much to hear from some other reader's opinion on this subject. In case somebody gets "hot up," here is a recipe for a nice cool drink. Grange—Take the peel of six oranges and put in a granite kettle or pan; add five pounds granulated sugar, six or one ounce tartaric acid, mix well, then pour on two quarts of boiling water. Stir occasionally till cold. Then

strain and bottle. Use two good table-spoonsful to a glass of water as desired. Best wishes to all from
THE LAUGHING MASK.
Ans.—Once before (about two years ago, I think) we had a rather prolonged discussion on dancing, some readers condemning it strongly, others speaking in favor of the amusement. I think all, though, will agree that "Laughing Mask" takes a very sensible view of the matter. Late hours, the public dance hall and dancing in excess are truly dangers to be avoided, especially for young folks who are apt to let the excitement of the moment carry them away. Your orangeade recipe is timely and sounds most refreshing. "L. M."

A Busy Family.
Dear Miss Grey—I saw where "Guelph" wanted someone to knit home-made socks. I am writing for mamma today, as mamma is busy ironing and knitting every spare minute for the Red Cross. If "Guelph" will knit for her for pay, if she cares, I will leave my address with Miss Grey, and Miss Grey will send me the socks. I will knit for her for pay, if she cares, I will leave my address with Miss Grey, and Miss Grey will send me the socks. I will knit for her for pay, if she cares, I will leave my address with Miss Grey, and Miss Grey will send me the socks.

From "Maw's" Prisoner.
My Dear Miss Grey—Knowing that nearly all the packages take a great interest in kindly soldiers, I thought that I would let you know that I have just received a letter from "Maw's" prisoner. I might state that he is well and having a good time as can be expected. He tells me of himself, etc., etc. I have not time to write more at the moment. I will write again in the next one I may. Hope "Maw" hears from him regularly and that it's all right. With best wishes to all the readers. Oh, yes! He is saving the money for the comfort of his mother. My little sister baby has troubled me with this writing. She is a year and a

LAMBTON'S DRUMMER GIRL.
P.S.—While I am here, I might say that I received a letter from James W. (His address I received from you.) He is now coming to the States, England. He has been wounded and sent back to England. So trust me, Miss Grey, I am doing much to make them all happy by both parcels and eats.

L. D. G.
Ans.—You are a very dear and surely deserve all that is good when you are trying to make others a bit happier. "Maw's" way is the best to know you are writing her prisoner.

Mother's Mine.
Dear Miss Grey—Could you locate for me a copy of Kipling's poem, "Mother's Mine"? I have seen it in several collections, but it does not appear in any volume I have gone through. Shall be very pleased to see the verses printed in your column. Thanking you.

A PEDAGOGUE.
Ans.—Spurred on by the terrible fear of the big red ink, I have looked through the page's collection of verse, and fortunately find it. Very glad to publish same herewith.

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother's mine, O Mother's mine!
I know whose love would follow me

Mother's mine, O Mother's mine!
I know whose love would follow me
Mother's mine, O Mother's mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother's mine, O Mother's mine!
I know whose tears would come down

Mother's mine, O Mother's mine!
I know whose tears would come down
Mother's mine, O Mother's mine!

Satisfy, Hats, Etc.
Dear Miss Grey—Will you kindly answer the following questions for me?
1. How to cook oyster plants or snails, and can you use the leaves as well as the roots?
2. Can you send me directions to make a crocheted hat, also the photo of it? I have never made one, or seen one, but imagine they must be very nice. Do you use a wire form to put them on, or a straw hat?

3. How is the nicest way for one to do up hair for the first time without ribbon, after being used to them, for a girl of 17?
4. Does a coat any more to send a parcel to a soldier at the front than to a person in Canada? If so, how much? Can you send me the address of a lonely soldier?
5. Please tell me a good oatmeal cookie recipe (the rolled kind)?
6. What do you think of my writing?
7. Please send me the soldier's address and crocheted pattern in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

PAV JUNE.
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may be served in several ways, but would not advise using the tops. For plain boiling, scrape the roots clear, and quickly wash with cold water, then will turn black. Boil until tender (half an hour or so) in salted water. May be served with butter, pepper and salt, or a white sauce. Another method is nice for a luncheon or supper dish, and is a little more elaborate.
Slice boiled salsify in pieces, not too thick, place in saucepan, add milk thickened with flour, season with pepper and salt, and lastly a lump of butter. Pour over, sequester of toast, and serve quickly. Escaloped salsify as potatoes is also a good way to prepare.

2. No directions for making a crocheted hat are at hand, but perhaps among our many readers we'll find one who can "lend a hand" in this. If not, I think shall be able to tell you (in your envelope) where instructions may be purchased.
3. The back hair may be dressed either high low, as best suits, to shape of the head. The front side-parting generally becomes the youthful face, but it is wise to be a law unto oneself in the matter of hairdressing, and a simple mode is invariably the best.

4. On parcels to soldiers in England the rate is 12 cents a pound or fraction of a pound, 11 pounds the limit. To France the rate is 24 cents on parcels weighing from 1 to 2 pounds, and 30 cents on parcels weighing from 3 to 7 pounds.
Yes I have the name of a lonely lad to send you. He gets but few parcels and will welcome anything most heartily.

5. Here are two recipes, both of which I think you'll find good.
One cup oatmeal, soaked over night in one cup of sour cream; one egg, half cup sugar, two tablespoons syrup (molasses), one teaspoon salt (cane), salt, spices, one-half or two-thirds cup raisins, flour to make quite stiff; drop on tins and bake.
One cup brown sugar, one egg, pinch of salt, cup butter, hard or shortening, two cups oatmeal, white flour to make a stiff dough. Roll out and bake in fairly quick oven.

6. You write very well—clearly and neatly.

Desserts and Votes.
Dear Miss Grey—Having seen "Home-Made" recipe for fruit and desserts made of gooseberries, I thought I would send in one for gooseberry-duff. Take one cup of chopped sugar, two cups of sugar, two cups of flour, three cups of gooseberries, topped and sliced, half a teaspoon salt, and put on to make it all wet, but not thin. Tie in a cloth, and boil for two hours; serve with cream or sauce.
I also sent one for cherry pie. Pie one quart of cherries and put on to stew with sugar and water. When cherries are cooked, make dumplings of two cups of flour, two teaspoonsful of baking powder, a little salt, and water, enough to make a batter stiff enough to lift on a spoon. Make dumplings about the size of a small hen's egg; cover lightly and boil for 20 minutes.

I hope someone will try these recipes and report their success.
Now, I want to say a word or two on the much-discussed question of votes for women. Someone said women would vote for a man because he had "pretty eyes." I might as well say men would vote for another man because he had a pretty daughter. It is just possible such silly motives would prompt some men and women to vote for a

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB
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"Isaiah's Call to Heroic Service."
Isaiah vi.
Golden Text—"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I; send me.'"
7. Verse 8—How do you harmonize the righteousness of the moral law of the countries, would these two men see eye to eye on the merits of the strife, or not, and why?

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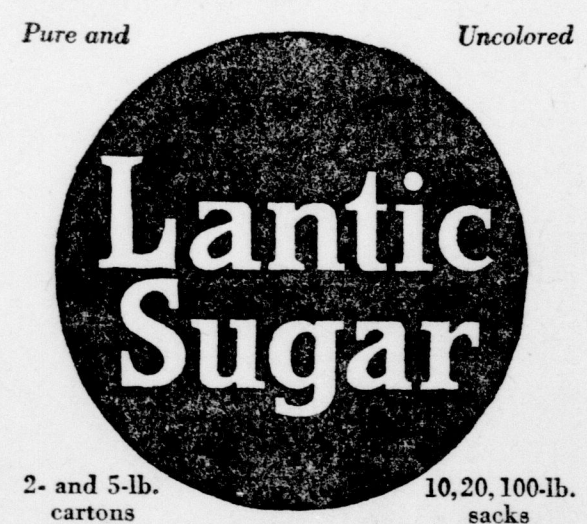


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Working On the Farm.
Dear Cynthia—I see where "Guelph" was asking where she could purchase hand-knit socks in London. I would like to say that there is no place in this city where hand-knit socks can be purchased; the only way to get them is to order them privately. However, if "Guelph" will get into communication with me, I will be glad to knit her all the socks she requires for a very reasonable sum per pair. I follow the latest Red Cross directions and I will guarantee satisfaction. I am leaving my address with you, so that some name can be forwarded to "Guelph," or send me "Guelph's" address, and I will happen to have some. "BUSINESS" GIRL.
Ans.—"Guelph" did not send her address, so I cannot forward it. I am hoping she will do so now, and you may be put into direct communication with each other.

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