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Cynthia Grey's Daily Mail Box.
Talks on Styles We'll Be Wearing.
Recipes by Advertiser Readers.

For

Series on Backyard Gardening.
Activities of London Women.
Items of General Interest.

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.]

Chocolate Layer Cake.

Dear Miss Grey—I am going to trouble you to answer a few questions for me, thanking you in advance:

1. Please give me the names of the hospitals in Toledo and Cleveland.

2. A recipe for chocolate layer cake.

3. A recipe for small chicken pies, suitable for a lunch.

Ans.—1. Sorry, but I do not know them.

2. Here is an excellent recipe sent in by a reader: Melt one-half cup of sweetened chocolate, and add one cup of sugar, one-half cup of milk. When thoroughly blended, add one cup of flour, one egg, and one-half cup of vanilla. Mix together one cup sugar, one-half cup butter, one-half cup milk, two eggs, and one-half cup flour. Beat separately, then mix together. Add chocolate mixture. Bake in layers or as a flat cake.

3. Make the patty crust fairly rich, and bake; have the chicken ready cooked, cut into fine pieces; season and fill the baked shells, adding the chicken gravy very generously; place a bit of marmoset on the top of each, and put in a quick oven; serve as soon as the patty is browned. A bit of parsley is nice for a garnish.

The Wedding Journey.

Dear Miss Grey—Will you please answer a few questions for an interested reader?

1. Is it right for a girl to start a correspondence with a young man who never asked her to do so?

2. Should my sister write to my gentleman friend, and he send her longer letters than he does me?

3. Will I stop corresponding with him?

4. Will the husband of a newly-married couple pay the wife's fare on the honeymoon, or would it be considered an honor for father or brother to do so?

5. Should a young bride at once give over any money in her possession to her husband?

6. Will lack of self-confidence make one blush very easily? And if one is too full-blooded, will that cause a red face?

7. Please give me your opinion of my writing. With thanks, E. READER.

Ans.—1. It is scarcely a question of right or wrong, but of propriety. To do so is certainly not "good form," and any girl is very foolish to commence a correspondence unsolicited.

2. No.

3. This you must decide for yourself.

4. The husband pays it. Usually, though, the bride's father or brother sees that she is provided with money of her own before she leaves.

5. No, unless unusual circumstances require it.

6. Yes. Yes.

7. Fair.

Perspiration Troubles.

Dear Miss Grey—I have been a silent reader of your letters for a long time, and have derived great benefit from them, but still I have to call on you for help.

I perspire under my arms, and spoil all my waists I have used the shields, but they do not stop spoiling my waists. I would be very much obliged if you could recommend something to stop it.

A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

Ans.—Dust under the arms several times a day with this powder: Two drams boracic acid, one dram zinc oxide, and four drams starch. Drop in a little violet or rose perfume to give a pleasant odor.

"Bic's" Riddle Answered.

Last week, one of our readers "Bic" sent this riddle for Mail Box readers to guess: A man went to get into a stage coach, but found it crowded. The driver told him to get in and with the same word used his name. What was the man's name?

He (or she) writes:

Dear Miss Grey—In regard to that riddle I sent in the answer was: The man's name was Benjamin. The driver would say it in this manner, "Ben, jam in." Does that relieve the suspense that overshadowed your dome of knowledge? I hope it does. Miss Grey, can you guess how many riddles I

know. Just 1,025. Some amount, eh? Was very pleased to see my letter in print. Please answer these:

1. What day did April 21, 1902, fall on?

2. What do you think of this writing?

I am, yours, as before, BIC.

Ans.—Yes, Bic, it is a great relief to have the problem solved. But, oh, dear, I wish you would exercise your mind in a different direction. Now if you knew "by heart" a thousand lines of good poetry, that would be more worth while.

1. Monday.

2. Not bad, Bic; in fact, it would be very good if you could write and if you did not spread your words so much.

A Man's Queries.

Dear Miss Grey—I. Can you tell me where I can procure a novel written by Owen Davis. The name of it is "Lola."

3. Is one considered "slow" at school if one gets their junior matriculation at the age of fifteen?

4. What is to be the popular head-wear this summer for young men?

5. What is the regulation size and length of a billiard cue?

6. Is it possible to procure the "Union Jack" an English penny paper in Canada?

7. Last of all, the inevitable question. What about my writing and my grammar?

WILL O' THE WISP.

Ans.—1. Are any of our readers familiar with this? If so, please let us know for Will o' the Wisp's benefit.

2. No, quite clever, I think.

3. It's just a fearful temptation to reply by one word—"hats!" Ask at a man's furnishing store.

4. The sporting editor tells me that the average length is 54 inches. Some are shorter. Does not know that there is a regulation length for billiard cues.

5. Have you inquired at the book store or magazine stands?

6. Grammar good, writing fair.

Who Can Make Them?

Dear Miss Grey—Could you or any of your readers publish a recipe for marmoset? I would be very glad to get it. I wish you every success. NELLIE.

Ans.—Request referred to readers.

For Rosa Lee.

Several requests have reached me for Rosa Lee's recipe for cold cream. I have a copy of the same to me so that I might mail it to these readers: I understood from her previous note that she did not wish it published.

Cold Cream Formula.

Dear Miss Grey—I. Several times there have been recipes for cold cream in your column. I have either mislaid or lost them. Would you be so kind as to publish a recipe for me?

2. What day did May 26, 1899, fall on, also May 24, 1906. I remain, POOR PAULINE.

Ans.—1. Here is a cold cream formula that is considered good: One-quarter ounce white wax, 2½ ounces spermaceti, 2½ ounces oil of sweet almonds; melt, remove from fire, and add 1½ ounces of rose water. Beat till creamy, not till cold. Use only ¼ ounce white wax—more will make it too hard.

2. Friday, Thursday.

Paper and Kalsomine.

Dear Miss Grey—I see where a reader wishes to know what to do to take off kalsomine off a wall. I painted mine nearly two years ago, and it is as nice as when I put it on over the kalsomine.

Ans.—I always understood that wall paper did not "stick" when put on over kalsomine, but this reader has evidently proved the contrary. Glad to pass your hint on to Sara and other readers.

The Wrong Name.

Dear Miss Grey—I am sending the words of "He Stood in a Beautiful Mansion," asked for by one of the readers. I have not the music or I would gladly send that, too. I am sending a recipe for scones, too, as I find them easy made, and if you are in a hurry or out of

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Advertiser Patterns



1234—A Charmingly Simple, Lady's or Misses' Over-Dress, in Semi-Fitted Basque Style, With Under Waist.

What could be more effective, neat and becoming than this style in a cool, pretty linen, braided or embroidered, or made up in a neat pattern of checked or striped gingham, or perhaps in flowered lawn or organdy? It is also nice for white or colored serge, for taffeta or suitings in wool or mixed weaves. The style is comfortable, and the under waist may be as fancy dictates, of lawn, net, batiste or silk, or of self material. The pattern is cut in seven sizes, 14, 16 and 18 years for misses, and 20, 22, 24 and 26 inches bust measure for ladies. It will require 2 yards of 36-inch material for the under waist, and 5½ yards for the dress for a 36-inch size. The skirt measures about 3 yards at its lower edge in a 38-inch size. A pattern of this illustration stored to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

ADVERTISER PATTERN DEPT.

Please send above-mentioned pattern, as per directions given below, to:

Name

Town

Province

Age (if child's or misses' pattern)

Measurement—Bust

CAUTION—Be careful to waist the above illustration, and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is bust measure you need only mark 22, 24, or whatever it may be. When it is waist measure, 22, 24, 26, or whatever it may be. If a skirt is given waist and bust measure, write only the figure representing the waist. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "yards." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from date of publication.

bread, they come in handy; also a recipe for "soft-oven potatoes"—creamed potatoes.

Would it be too much trouble for you to answer a few questions for me? What day did May 22, 1892, come on, and October 11, 1897?

2. How soon could I put in my garden?

I find the cook-book ever so useful, and I hope it keeps up all the time. Well, I will now close, thanking you for any help you can give me. I am, yours, MRS. TROUBLESOME.

Ans.—Your name should surely be "Mrs. Helpful" rather than "Mrs. Troublesome," as you contribute so much that is of benefit. Your recipes, I am publishing in the "Cook-Book" column.

Will the reader wishing this song, please send address?

1. Monday, Tuesday.

2. Depends partly on the nature of the soil. Some soils are much damper than others. In the average garden such vegetables as lettuce, onions, radishes, etc., are being planted now, and in a week or so, if the weather is favorable, follow with beans, peas, and root vegetables, as beets, carrots, etc. Potatoes and corn a little later.

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New Millinery

Our millinery showrooms have this season, more than ever before, been the centre of interest to the women of Western Ontario. This store has been the headquarters for every woman who desires a stylish, exclusive, becoming and distinctive hat. Pay us an early visit.

"Always the best of everything for the least money."

Suits and Coats

In our Suit and Coat Department, Third Floor, we have a very complete stock. New lines are arriving every day.

Suits at from \$10.00 to \$35.00
Coats at from \$6.00 to \$20.00

New Neckwear

Embroidered Organdie Vestee, with high roll collar, also military effect, neatly trimmed with pearl buttons, at 75c and \$1.00 each

Some new, neat Lily Collars, with embroidered patterns of dainty colors and pickett edge, at 50c and 75c each

Embroidered Organdie Lily Collars, with pleated back, neat embroidery and lace edge, at 25c, 50c and 75c each

We have a complete range of Silk Crepe Ties, in shades of pink, rose, green, yellow, pale blue, navy and white, full length, at 45c each

Pillow Cases

Plain, hemmed; sizes 40, 42 and 44 inches; at 12½c each
Hemstitched Pillow Cases, sizes 40, 42 and 44 inches, special quality, at 19c each
Horrocks' Pillow Cases, hemstitched, 40, 42 and 44 inches, excellent wearing, at 25c each

SHEETS.
Plain hemmed, plain or twilled, 70x90 inches, bleached or unbleached, at 89c each
A finer quality, 70x90 inches, plain only, at 75c each
Sheets, size 80x90 inches, plain only, at 79c each

BEDSPREADS.
30 only Honeycomb, Large-Size Bedspreads, at \$1.19 each
Dimity Spreads, pretty fern patterns, at \$1.25 each

UNDERSKIRTS.
New Sateen Underskirts, fancy frill, 2¼ yards round, black, navy, champagne and green, at \$1.25 each
New Heatherbloom Underskirt, wide width, full frill, black, navy and green, at \$1.50 each

LOCAL COUNCIL AGAIN
ELECTS MRS. BOOMER
AS PRESIDENT

Over 100 Attend Annual Session—
Twenty-one Societies Report Excellent Work, Patriotic, Charitable and Educational.

By unanimous consent of a large representation of members from 21 affiliated societies, the former officers of the London Local Council of Women were returned to office at the annual meeting held yesterday in the Manor Inn. In addition to Mrs. H. A. Boomer, who has been the faithful and efficient president for so many years, these officers were elected:

Treasurer, Mrs. R. M. Graham; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Yarker; recording secretary, Miss M. A. Moore; vice-presidents, Mrs. Moorhouse and Mrs. S. Stevely.

Measures to Support.

Mrs. Boomer, in her opening address, stated that the annual meeting had been delayed this year on account of the many patriotic activities. Yet, notwithstanding these, the council had been able to carry out its work, and to support such measures, wherever opportunity offered, as compulsory education, women on school boards, travel, and aid work, mothers' pensions, and teaching of domestic branches in the schools. "While you go on knitting, talk and think how we can get on with these things," the president urged.

In regard to the peace movement inaugurated by women in Holland, the United States and other neutral countries, this resolution was carried unanimously: Mrs. Donald McLean, first vice-president of the Women's Canadian Club, voting it, seconded by Mrs. Niven, of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire: "That London Local Council desires to put itself on record as opposing any premature teaching of domestic branches in the schools."

The peace movement desired to express themselves in agreement with the open letter concerning peace issued by the National Patriotic League, and are decidedly opposed to the peace movement which has been started in the United States and are entirely satisfied with the conduct of the British Government in regard to the war.

Splendid Reports.

Excellent and encouraging reports from many of the societies affiliated with the local council were presented by representatives. The Women's Christian Association announced conditions in the three homes managed by it to be satisfactory. Lectures, Hughes, of the Women's Canadian Club, reported a successful year, over \$5,000 having been raised. Christmas on subjects of the house, the Christmas dinner for the men of the 18th Battalion, and four carloads of clothing and foodstuffs for Belgian relief were among the club's activities.

The Red Cross Society, organized on August 10, was started in the National Patriotic League, and are decidedly opposed to the peace movement which has been started in the United States and are entirely satisfied with the conduct of the British Government in regard to the war.