

DAILY PAGE FOR ADVERTISER WOMAN READERS

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 letters can be answered privately.]

For a House Wedding.

Dear Miss Grey—We enjoy your column and the helpful answers you give, so we are coming to you with our little problems.

1. Are pillow shams "out of fashion," and is it considered proper to use just fancy pillow cases without the day slip?

2. When a bride is married in her travelling suit at home should she wear coat and hat as in a church?

3. What materials will be popular for light or white separate waists this spring and summer?

4. How should new woolen blankets be washed so that they will not shrink too much?

5. What are the duties of a matron of honor at a house wedding?

6. Do you recognize my writing? Sincerely your friends.

THE TWINS.

Ans.—1. Yes, to both queries, the pillow cases may be hemstitched, or scalloped and button-holed, and adorned with any embroidery design you wish.

2. No; just wear blouse and skirt, and no gloves, but or coat.

3. Crepe is to be perhaps the most in vogue for wash blouses, both in all white and plain colors, and in contrasting colors, as black and white, blue and grey, brown and cream, will be seen a great deal.

4. Many housewives are using Lux with excellent results; use warm soft water, but not hot; dissolve the powder, then immerse the washable; soak for five minutes, then wash out; rinse in lukewarm soft water; they should come out soft and beautifully clean.

5. Just the same as a bridemaid's. Assist the bride in any way necessary during the ceremony. The bridesmaid or matron-of-honor used to remove the bride's gloves just before the "ring" part of the ceremony, but the tendency today is for the bride couple not to wear gloves—certainly a much more convenient custom.

6. Think I have seen it before.

Going to Carnival.

Dear Miss Grey—Please excuse me for writing on both sides of my paper, but was afraid my letter would be too heavy if I did not. Here is an old song I thought someone may like, as I am a closeted singer. Would you please tell me as soon as possible a nice dress for a little boy for a carnival—something cheap. May I call again?

Ans.—Please look up the answer to Earl. Will publish your recipes and songs another day.

He Is Not Monorable.

LASSIE FROM THE FAR NORTH.—I thought perhaps you did not desire your letter printed, so am not printing it. He is your lover, and I suppose it is out of place for me to say what I think, but candidly one has but a poor opinion of a man who is acting as he is.

Ans.—What passed on to both "Retta" and "Mr. Retta."

DIVIDENDS—HEALTH?

"Strap hanging causes a great percentage of human ailments. Every woman should have a seat. The marvelous and intricate organs were never made to withstand the straining, jarring and twisting which the body undergoes by being suspended from a strap in a street car."—Dr. E. H. Proctor before the Chicago Osteopathic Association.

Mr. Man, as you ride home tomorrow night, take a look at the women who hang on the straps.

entirely out in the cold. The girls were all divided up in bunches when I came here. Do you think that is why they shun me, or is it because I am so much younger? Please advise me what I should do for me to do, for I do hate being left out of all their parties and good times as much as I dislike having no one to talk to or confide in.

2. What are the meanings of the following names: Myrtle, Elva, Clifford, Sarah, Beniah, Walter?

3. Although I have been going to school here almost two years, some of the boys in our form don't speak to me yet. I have never been introduced to them. Is it necessary that I should? Would it be right if the next time I met them I spoke anyway? Should a girl speak first?

4. The old question: What do you think of my writing? A JUNE ROSE.

Ans.—Poor lonely little "Rose," I think probably your being so much younger is partly to blame, and I also think that they likely got "tired" of seeing you come, and it is surely a difficult matter to break into a girl's "circle." Yet it seems to me there must be other lonely girls in your form—could you not find one who seems to be as lonely as you are, and clam with her? Or is it not possible to find friends amongst the girls in a lower form, who are more nearly your own age? You will have to go on being just as nice as you know how, and let us hope your dear schoolgirl heart may soon find a "bosom friend."

2. Myrtle, clinging, faithful; Elva, same as Elvira, white; Sarah, a princess; Beniah, land of rest; Walter, woodmaster.

3. Should not advise you to speak unless there seemed a corresponding intention or desire in any way necessary during the ceremony. However, under which it would seem stupid not to speak, even though you had had no introduction; since many must hang on straps or not get home, don't you think you are lucky enough to let that little, tired, working woman have your seat?

4. Your writing is fair; be more indulgent of the old adage: "Cross your 'T's' and your 'I's' and you're a man."

If you read the column daily you must have seen my explanation why the questions were omitted for a time. Matrons have been receiving hundreds of letters, and I am resuming the publication of the queries.

From Duncan Polite.

Dear Miss Grey—"Retta," I think, has asked for help for her husband, and as none of the old stand-by remedies will help him, I'll give you a new one to try. Buy ten cents' worth of barium tetraborate and take twice a day about half what you can hold on a five-cent piece, and in a week reduce to about half the dose. I think, "Mr. Retta," you must be a big meat eater. I would advise you to eat not more than half what you eat, and in a week reduce to about half the dose. I think, "Mr. Retta," you must be a big meat eater. I would advise you to eat not more than half what you eat, and in a week reduce to about half the dose.

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News of the Canadian War Contingent Association

A large number of busy workers were kept employed in Hyman Hall yesterday afternoon, some finishing up work, and others receiving bundles of good goods, shirts and so forth, and still others packing the supplies in cases, ready to ship on Friday next.

First Methodist Church, 11 pairs socks; 4 cholera bands; 5 scarfs, 11 pyjamas; 6 sleeping caps, 15 suits underwear, 10 pairs shirts, and 15 handkerchiefs; St. James Church, London South, 4 pairs socks, 1 pair bed socks; St. John's, balance Association, per Miss Davis, 2 pairs socks, 1 pair wristlets, 2 pair socks; Mrs. Gunn, 1 pair socks; Misses Buckle, 2 pair socks, 2 sweater coats; Talbot Street Mothers' Club, 1 pair socks; Mrs. Harte Crook, 1 cap; Mrs. M. T. Nelles, 1 scarf; Mrs. Sabine, 1 pair wristlets; Mrs. Gordon, 2 pair wristlets; Mrs. A. M. Cleghorn, 1 scarf.

Keeps the Recipes.

Dear Miss Grey—This is the first time I have had a letter, but I enjoy reading your column and keep every recipe for future reference. I will send a diphtheria or sore throat formula.

Two cents tincture, 2 cents sulphur, 1 cent tincture; burn alum on an old pie tin, then pulverize and mix all together. Dose: just what will lay on a 10-cent piece every 2 or 4 hours; severe cases every 2 hours; in enough water for 2 large mouthfuls; for children half the quantity.

Excuse writing as I have neuritis in right arm and shoulder. ANCIENT.

Ans.—Sorry, but I cannot give the addresses you ask for in this column. Send a stamp and your address for reply.

Has No Chum.

Dear Miss Grey—I have always enjoyed reading your page until lately, but now you don't print the questions, so the answers do us no good and only the one who writes the question benefits. Don't you think you could find space enough to print the questions, too? Now for my questions:

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Just what it means to daily meet one or more of the big ocean liners that bear the Atlantic hundreds of immigrants to Canadian shores, to give proper guidance and information to many strange young women, and to perhaps break up a friendship formed while crossing, and responsibilities realized by no one more than Mrs. Ham, national immigration secretary of the Y.W.C.A. for Canada, who is stationed at the port of Quebec for this very work.

In a very vivid way yesterday afternoon Mrs. Ham described her duties to a gathering of representative women in St. Andrew's parlors, and received the closest attention of her audience. Mrs. Ham has just returned from a trip through the British Isles, where she is interested many workers in her endeavor, and before resuming her regular work of giving information to the immigrants, she is now in the midst of a tour of inspection of the various branches of the Young Women's Christian Association, and also addressing other women's organizations, in order to acquire the best of the nature of the work. During her absence, the immigrant girls arriving here are being looked after by the several chaplains of different religious denominations, at the ports of St. John and Halifax. Despite the war, and unsettled conditions, some 151 girls had arrived at these ports within the last few weeks. Mrs. Ham is in seeking co-operation and interest from women's societies is founded on the belief of many prominent men, that Canada will see a great influx of foreign immigration at the close of the war. From May to November, last year, some 2,555 girls and young women were personally interviewed by Mrs. Ham.

Four-Fold Work.

The work in which she is engaged, Mrs. Ham described as being four-fold, to welcome, to help, to protect, and to train. In her official capacity, boards the vessel and learns of any special cases that may have come to the attention of the immigration authorities during the voyage. In the large immigration building accommodation is provided for baggages, also a dining-room, ticket office, post-office, and other conveniences. In an upper story the medical and civil examination is conducted, after which the immigrant, if discharged, is free to leave the dock, and to take the train to her desired destination. It is after the examination that the association officer gets in her good work. She secures the girl's name, age, and address, and places of destination. The stranger is presented with a pamphlet, giving addresses of association headquarters, and containing much useful information for her journey as well. The very first thing she does is to write to or wired, and is on the lookout for the stranger upon her arrival. Mrs. Ham stated that one of the phases to which she is most interested is the education of the immigrant girls, and the training of the girls in the various branches of the association.

Mrs. Ham closed with a plea for local women to pay more heed to the stranger, and to come to the aid of the other towns, and urged the need of getting in touch with the factory or store manager, to be advised when friendless girls are in the neighborhood.

Mrs. George Reid, president of the Y.W.C.A., presided.

LOCAL W.C.T.U. OPENS WEEK OF PRAYER

Sessions Begun Yesterday Will Continue Today, Thursday and Friday.

Yesterday afternoon opened the annual week of prayer for the Women's Christian Temperance Union throughout Ontario. Despite the inclement weather, a goodly number of the London Union members turned out to the session in the headquarters, 422 Park avenue, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. H. Ashpitt, the president, occupied the chair, and prayer was offered by Mrs. A. Mackenzie, who also presided over the program, and a most inspiring address on "Preparation for the Week" was given by Mrs. (Rev.) Dr. McCreck.

Today (Wednesday) consecration is the keynote of the meeting. After prayer by Mrs. H. Ashpitt, addresses on "Power," by Mrs. (Rev.) Stevens, and "Signs of the Times," by Rev. G. A. Mackenzie, will be given. Mrs. Decker will preside.

Mothers' Day.

Thursday will be mothers' day, when, at 8 p.m., Mrs. (Rev.) Mackenzie will speak on "Devotion," and Mrs. R. Thornley on "Fidelity-Signing." The closing session of the week will be held on Friday in Ashpitt Street Methodist Church, when the theme will be missionary endeavor. Mrs. (Rev.) Lloyd and Mrs. Frank White will be in charge of the devotional exercises. An address, "With the Men at the Front," will be delivered by Mrs. R. Thornley. An appeal by Mrs. Gordon Wright, Dominion W. C. T. U. president, and reception of new members, by Mrs. Patterson, will also feature this meeting. On Thursday Mrs. Holden, and on Friday Mrs. Edward Wyatt, will be the soloists. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock each day.

BEST USE OF MIRRORS.

Use mirrors economically, make every one count, after the French fashion, over the fireplace to reflect the room. Or place one in the English fashion, between the windows at the end of a long, narrow room to emphasize the light there.

Place one where it will reflect a charming glimpse of the garden through a window opposite it.

Place one in the hall opposite the entrance into the drawing-room or living-room to give a sense of spaciousness.

Place one on a dark wall, where it will catch the light.

Place one in a bedroom, where it will reflect the mirror of the dressing table. Remember that flowers in front of a mirror are twice as attractive as flowers placed against a wall.

Remember that the ideal frame for a mirror is inconspicuous, as much as possible a part of the wall where it hangs.

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

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Town.....

Province.....

Age (if child's or miss's).....

Measurement—Bust..... Waist.....

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Old Songs and Poems

HAS FATHER BEEN HERE?

(Song by "Out of Date.")

"Please, Mr. Barker, has father been here?"

"He's not been at home for the day—'Tis now almost midnight, and mother's some accident keeps him away."

"No, no little stranger; or yes, he's been here."

An officer took him away; He's gone to the look-up, I'm sorry, my dear; He's done something wicked, they say."

CHORUS: "Oh, 'twas not my father who did the deed, but he who came from the other town, and urged the need of getting in touch with the factory or store manager, to be advised when friendless girls are in the neighborhood."

"Please, Mr. Policeman, my father is lost; A man says you took him away. Oh, can he go home, sir, and what will it cost. If mother will send you the pay?"

"Oh, no, little pleader, your father can't go home to his mother and quick let her know 'What's keeping your father away.'"

"Please, Mr. Jailor, may I go in? They say that my father's inside. I scarcely feel too unhappy 'we've been; We could not feel worse had he died. Please, sir, I was drinking that mad dog. I'm sure, sir, he'll do it no more. Oh, just a few minutes, a minute or two long— But no one would open the door."

All day the young watcher stood close by the door. In vain with her father to speak. He created his great bridges, twice ten times or more.

As prison doors only can crack, Then spelt the words of the darkness, in home sad as death.

A promise most solemn he (she) bore: "Dear mother, I'll chum it as long as I live; I'll taste it and touch it no more."

AIM TO RELIEVE SUFFERING HORSES

Information as to the "Horses on the Battlefield Purple Cross Service," an organization founded by a few humane people in England for the purpose of relieving the suffering of horses wounded in battle. One of the most active workers for this cause is a Welsh woman, Miss Lind-af-Hafog.

These facts found an address to a large audience in London. They are based upon personal observations while in the fighting zone of France.

Severely wounded horses are generally not killed, but left to die. Living, wounded horses have been found on the ground five days after battle. On the battlefield of the Marne, the attention to horses has been so scant that the dead horses have been left lying on the roads and fields until the sanitary dangers have compelled attention. Less severely wounded horses, picked up by peasants, have been left to the peasants' mercy, for work or slaughter. The state of wagon and transport horses is pitiable. Horses disabled through fatigue or sickness are abandoned.

Efforts are being made to get horses included in the terms of the Geneva Convention.

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