Former Seamstress of Queen Mary Eulogizes Imperial Home.

"HE LOVES TO DANCE"

So Says Miss Symonds, of Handsome Prince of Wales.

Canadian Press.
New York, Dec. 25.—Impressions of the home life of the British royal family, in which King George is described as an indulgent father and Queen Mary as an efficient manager, have been given New Yokers recently by Mary Mary Symonds seemstress. by Mise Mary Symonds, seamstress, he has taught two generations o feminine royalty to sew.

Miss Symonds is in the United States, giving lectures on needlecraft
The Prince of Wales, she describes ndsome young gentleman, who

Have Pet Names. "They have their pet names for one another, and the love they bear toward their families is no different than the love of other brothers and sisters and parents," Miss Symonds says. "There is little formality in their relations to one another, as there was when Queen Victoria reigned. She was a stickler for royal etiquette, and called their tather 'Sir. her children called them and their mother 'Madam' in

en Mary is an able woman, as nonds describes her. She has lovely hair, fresh skin and a gracious manner which is friendly withou

mized as a queen at once. Her d is quick and penetrating. "The queen has an unusual memor for names and faces, and the pecu-liarities of people," Miss Symonds says. "She is gifted both in diplomacy cial graces, she knows and in the social graces, she knows how to entertain on the insufficient the king is granted. A strong individuality distinguishes her other women. She makes her

inviting familiarity. She would be

Untouched by Paint. Princess Mary, as seen through Miss Symonds' eyes, is a sweet, ing woman, whom war deprived of the parties other girls enjoy. bred girl with a dainty manner, and the tree a bit wistul at the good times she has a bit wisting at the good times she has found great joy in her romantic wedding, a real love match. For years, Lord Lascelles was in love with Mary, and he might well be, for "the princess' fresh girlishness stood out clearly from the foolish little flappers and fast, loud matrons of British so-

the royal sewing instructress King George and the royal family live crowded lives, with scarcely a minute to themselves. They rise early, take breakfast at 8, and thereafter for the rest of the day every half hour is filled with a new engagement. They seldom retire before midnight, and often later, but they are up early the next morning. Hundreds of letters pour in with the daily mail, and a whole staff of secretaries answer

Mothers and Their Children



A SWEET POTATO DISH.

A child who thinks he doesn't like sweet potatoes will change his mind if they are prepared in the following way: After boiling or baking them until tender, remove the skins and mash, then add salt and butter, bea thoroughly, and put in a shallow but tered dish. Smooth the top and mark off in squares. Put a marsmallov in the centre of each square and se in the oven until the marshmallow are a delicate brown. (Copyright, 1922, Associated Editors)



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Representatives of War Memorial Children's Hospital Committee Aid Santa in Unloading Tree.

Forty little sick children in Victoria Hospital found Christmas a joyous day, one for forgetting pain and weariness, all because of a glorious Christmas tree, a Santa Claus, who heaned them with gifts, and, of course, a real Christ-

mas dinner. At three o'clock in the children's ward came the fulfilment of hopes and dreams, when Mrs. F. J. Greenaway, regent of the Campbell Becher Chapter, I. O. D. E., arrived to supervise the unloading of the Christmas tree, for which her chapter had negotiated with Santa Claus, on behalf of the War Memorial Children's Hos-

pital committee. For each eager little boy or girl there were warm things to wear, as well as toys, as many as heart could desire, sweets and gorgeous Christ-greetings, Anchor.

mas stockings. The stockings were made and filled own style in clothing, although she by Mrs. Greenaway and her joint has an extensive and fashionable conveners, Mrs. Harry Bell and Mrs. wardrobe, for England wants its Harry Morgan, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Keene, Mrs. Bert Hookway and Mrs. Clarence Atkins of the Camp-bell Becher Chapter, and Mrs. Harold Easton and Mrs. Aikenhead of Trin-lity Chaper, O. E. S.

Every organization affiliated with has her mother's fine skin un- the War Memorial Children's Hospital committee contributed towards

WEDDINGS

BEAL-STEWART.

bride's parents in Meaford, when Agnes Stewart, daughter of Rev. J. Wallace Stewart and Mrs. Stewart was married to Mr. H. B. Beat, son of Mr. C. J. Beal of this city. The ceremonye was performed by the bride's father, and only the immediate relatives were present. The bride wore a graceful gown of cocoa brown crepe caught with a bead ornament on the shoulder. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Beal left later on a honeymoon, which will be spent in Washington, D.C. Upon their return they will reside in the Waterloo Apartments, London. The bride donned a seal coat and brown mo-The bride hair hat for traveling. Among the guests present were Mr. C. J. Beal and although, of course, is not what and Miss Addie Beal of London, and one could call well, yet he does not the bride's sister, Dr. Elizabeth Stewart of Toronto

HIGGS-GREATOREX.

A very pretty yuletide wedding was solemnized Dec. 23 at the home of Mrs. Everett F. Howard, when her sister, Miss Frances Greatorex, was united in marriage to Mr. Gordon Higgs of this city, the Rev. Mr. Leichliter officiating.

The girlish bride, who was given

in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. A. E. Thorne, looked pretty in her dress of white silk crepe de chine, caught up with tiny pink roses. She wore a bridal veil of filmy tulle trimmed with pearls and carried a bouquet of pale pink carnations. The ceremony was performed under an arch of evergreens. The wedding music was played by Mr. Everett F. Howard, brother-in-law of the bride.

Miss Mildred Greatorex made a ainty little bridesmaid, dressed in white organdy and carrying a bouof pink and red carnations. Mr. red Higgs of Burr was his bro-

The groom's gift to the bridesmaid bering 30. The happy couple left by notor to spend the Christmas holilays with the bride's parents



DUCHESS OF AOSTA.

Big game hunting in African jungles s a sport few women care for and till fewer have the chance to engage The Duchess of Aosta is planning such an expedition, however. She intends to visit regions wilder than any white woman has ever seen before. She is a daughter of the late Count of Paris, claimant to the French throne.



Wants a Puppy.

Dear Miss Cynthia Grey—I have been reading your very valuable page every mail day, and have enjoyed them very, very much. How I would just love to help some of the ones who are asking for help; but I find it hard to get along ourselves. I have little ones to sew mend and it hard to get along ourselves. I have little ones to sew, mend and darn for, and often feel the pinch myself. I have been wondering, dear Miss Grey, if it would be possible to get a little puppy from some of your members. I prefer one of those little, black, curly ones. I do not know what they are called, and would prefer a female dog. We are going to go out west in the early spring and I am gathering a few flowers to take with me. I have daffodils, jonquils, sweet-scented yellow flags and Star sweet-scented yellow flags and Star of Bethlehem. I just wonder if any of the members can spare a peony root. I will pay her for same if pos-

I will now inclose a dime for hospital fund. When I was last in London I noticed how fast the hospital was nearing completion, and I later noticed the account in your paper of its opening. What a help for dear little children.

Will sign my note GRAY-HAIRED BETTY. GRAY-HAIRED BETTY.

If anyone would like a good home for a puppy, why not send it to Grayhaired Betty? She would be very glad of it. What will you do with the dog when you go west? I am sure someone would be pleased to give you a peony root. I have placed your name on file in case it is asked for re the puppy or peony root. Many thanks for remembering our hospital thanks for remembering our hospital fund with a mite. Yes, the Children's Hospital is an institution of which Western Ontario may well be proud.

A Merry Christmas. Dear Miss Grey and readers.- Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a

appy new year. Courage, brother, do not stumble Tho' the road be dark as night; Foot it bravely, strong or weary, Trust in God and do the right.

From an ex-member ANCHOR Why do you call yourself an exmember, Anchor? Once a Boxite al-ways a Boxite, even if you stay away years and years. Within the pas

weeks I have received letters from

Took the Hint. Dear Miss Grey,-Being a very great admirer of your Mail-Box and also being in sympathy with the great work you are helping to finance should like very much to have at least a small part in helping the kiddies. I have never written before, but better "late" than "never." spoke of sending a mite to your Mail-Box, and my husband and son took would be a good idea for Boxites to invite the members of the family to send a mite along with their own. This is pretty good for the first letter, A pretty wedding took place on so by promising to remember your Christmas day at the home of the fund again in the near future, I will bride's parents in Meaford, when Many thanks for the hospital mite also for stirring your husband and son sufficiently to send mites also. This is a good suggestion for the other Boxites to get their family trees interested in our great work. forwarded the pattern and will be ooking for a letter soon again,

Silverthreads.

The Silver Lining. Dear Cynthia,-Do you remember elling me some time ago that "Every cloud has a silver lining?" have a feeling that the silver lining is just beginning to show through.

First of all I must tell you that my husband is feeling some better cough nearly so much at night, and is able to get out and do a little

work. A Real Lancashire Lass sent me a splendid remedy for him, and I really believe it is going to prove beneficial to him, as it sure seems to be doing him good. I can never thank her half enough for all she has done for us. She is always plan ning something new for our benefit and welfare. You know her name, Cynthia, don't

Well, she certainly is the same by nature. But to tell you the rest of my good ortune:

We have had an offer made to us for my husband to take charge of a farm, with free house and gas, and although the person knew that he was not in very good health, yet, as he said, he would not have much to do this winter, only a few chores, and any time that he was not feeling well enough to do them, why I could, and his money would go on just the same. Of course it would not be very big wages, but we will be sure of was an emerald set ring, and to the best man a pearl tiepin. A dainty luncheon was served, the guests numbering 30. The happy couple left by So, dear Cynthia, I hope all the nigger wages.

Boxites will pray that good health

THIRTY-SEVEN. I am delighted to hear of the turn in your luck, Thirty-Seven, and I know all the Boxites will be pleased You were always so grateful for any help given you that it was a pleasure to assist you. I sincerely hope your husband will keep well enough to do the work, and will im-prove in health so as to take over all the work in the spring. Let us know from time to time how you are getting along as we are all inter-

Wants a Spotted Leopard.

Dear Miss Grey.—Will you please forward letter inclosed to X. Y. Z? What day did Feb. 10, 1912, fall on? Has anyone a root of Spotted Leopard house plant? I would very much like to get a root of it. My, what wonderful weather we are hav-

Well, I must close or this will be finding the waste paper basket, so

WORRIED MOTHER NO. 2.



In the above picture are shown five Toronto women who were decorated by Capt. A. V. Sefeovitch, consul-general in Canada for Serbia, with the Cross of Mercy, a Serbian military order, in recognition of service rendered by them in connection with the Toronto branch of the Serbian relief committee. On the top, from left to right, are shown: Mrs. W. B. Irvine and Mrs. L. Spalding. Below, from left to right, are shown: Mrs. A. B. Ormsby, Miss. E. C. Wester and Miss. Alice Lee. Miss E. C. Weaver and Miss Alice Lea.

ren's Hosnital fund for our hospital fund, Mrs. F. H. You did not sign a penname, but as most of the Boxites do not wish to have their names published I did not sign yours to your letter. Was a Little Shy.

Box column. I saw in the paper some time ago of my brothers, which are badly where the Sheik wanted the recita- faded, but might be turned and made

ward direct to her.

I would like very much if you or child's dress, some gray socks that any of the Boxites would send me need to be footed. Do you wonder sort of a comical recitation suitable I am trying to empty the house? for a high school literary concert. is nearly that, as we are preparing

cannot supply you with a recitation, but there is always a scarcity of good recitations in the Mail-Box. ou write a good legible hand, Gadabout. You won't be too shy to come again, will you? We really are quiet congenial family when you know us all.

Says Thank You. Dear Miss Grey—I am coming again. You will be saying I never

come without begging.
Well, Miss Grey, I did get a pleascel sent from Gabriel, and it had a nice coat in it. I could not have gotten a better fit if I had got it from the store. I am more than grateful to both you and her. It is a lovely present. It was a coat for my girl that I wrote for, but I think I would waste it if I cut this one down. Perwaste it if I cut this one down. Perhaps someone will have a girl's coat or one I could make over; in fact I would be thankful for anything for would be thankful for anything for the blocks. When the six children. They seem to be wearng and tearing all the time.
Well, Miss Grey, I have inclosed

25c—the postage was 30 cents—so I will send you the other five in a day or so. But I want this letter away. as it should have been answered last week. But I really had not time, as week. But I really had not time, as one of my babies was very sick. I don't have much time now, as I have three babies, all under three years of age, so it keeps me busy. Now, it any of the readers have anything I could make over I will pay postage, or I will send it to the S. C. H. fund. Hoping I am not asking too much, I am

A PITIFUL CASE.

I as pleased that you received such inclosing.

Makes One Dollar.

Dear Cynthia,—Please excuse my pencil, for since my boy has been using ink at school, I can never find a pen point.

I have found a way to make money for the S. C. H. Fund. One of my neighbors gave me the S. F. P., so I sold nine to my friends, and 10 cents for my pattern makes the \$1, I am inclosing.

a nice coat for yourself; you have been quite fortunate in receiving clothes. I have written to one of the some of the women's organizations will see that you receive help. Thank you for sending the postage so promptly for our hospital fund. Thanks, Bonnie Scotland.

Dear Miss Grey,—I wrote a letter to the Mail-Box about five weeks ago, but I never saw it in print. I want very much to thank Bonnie Scotland for her kind gift which she sent me Boxites will pray that good health will be restored to him so that we can be enjoy the privileges that have been offered to us. offered to us.

Am glad to see the fund is growing so well these days. Will try and send in another mite after Christmas.

I would like to get a pattern of a little boy's suit, the Oliver Twist pattern, if any of the readers have one. Also I would like to get "Hertfordshire's" address. I think she must come from that county, and as I do too, I feel anxious to make her acquaintance. Best wishes to you, Cynthia, and all the Boxites.

THIRTY-SEVEN.

will surely think I am very ungrate-ful for not writing and telling her if I received it or not (sooner than this), but I did write, so you see it was not my fault, as I don't know what became of my letter. Hope to see this in print, so Bonnie Scotland will see my thanks. Baby is fine, but she is not appear in print; I am sure I do n



\$5, a Christmas present, for the Chil- | What do you call the baby, Moss

Offers Many Things. Dear Miss Grey,-A short time ago I saw a letter asking you, or on the readers, for Kipling's "If." I inclosing a copy of it.

Can you tell me if a rug that is to be painted needs an application of Dear Miss Grey,-As this is my anything before the paint? first letter to your page I am rather When housecleaning this fall we shy. But no doubt there are others were puzzled to know what to do just the same when they write their with all our patches until one sug-first letter.

We have taken The Advertiser for Boxites would like them. They are a number of years, and I certainly cotton, flannelette and wool patches.

enjoy reading the letters in our Mail- The wool ones are mostly dark serges and tweeds. There are several c

so am mailing same to you, hoping men's suits, one black serge and one you will forward it to her if she has not received it from some one else. I haven't her address or would forward direct to her. bined with something, would make the hint, and each contributed a shin plaster. Also I am inclosing three plasters, which I hope will help to Grev. Please criticize my writing. plasters, which I hope will help to patch some "wee kiddie" back to health and strength. I think it every success GADAROUT may get the good of them and the every success. GADABOUT.

I forwarded the recitation to the Sheik, who will be very pleased to receive it, I know. I am sorry that postage direct to me, provided any the things are wanted? BELLE It will not take long to dispose of the patches, judging from the number of requests I receive for them in the Mail Box. Anyone wishing the articles offered by Belle may have her address and send to her direct for the

> factory than sending the parcels to me to be forwarded, Belle. Are you moving to London?

> parcels, and inclosing money for the postage. This is much more satis-

Offers Quilt Blocks. Dear Miss Grey,—There are so many requests for that one bundle of quilt blocks. Now I have quite a lot of patches, and thought I would offer to piece them into blocks enough for a quilt for a dollar. If anyone wishes to accept this offer, my address with Miss Grey. TINY.
I am afraid you will be swamped to her for the blocks. When blocks are received the dollar may sent to the hospital fund. This is to avoid persons sending in the money and receiving nothing in return, as was the case the last time blocks were offered. Thanks for the offer, Tiny.

MRS. BEE. I will excuse the pencil, Mrs. Bee, especially when you bring such a nice Boxites in your town telling her of conation to our hospital fund. It your circumstances, so I am sure that it is splendid of you to raise the money in this way: and maybe some more of the Boxites could do the same.

My Dear Miss Grey—We had a wee motherless laddle like sunshine in our home for almost a year, when the dear Saviour took him to live with Himself. In his bank I found 50 cents (which I am mailing to you (with a bit more from myself) toward the S. C. H. fund. We will be glad his mite is helping some other child. I know your hearts must have broken when the little fellow was taken from you, but God knows best, and we must be resigned to His will. It was a lovely thought to send his little savings to help to the content of the savings to help to the series of the savings to help to the savings to help to the series of the series of the savings to help to the series of the savings to help to the series of the savings to help to the savings to the series of the savings to the savings Boy Blue Is Gone.

the bride after receiving presents? I think the custom has graduall

gone out of practice; although i send it to your intimate friends. Shows Christmas Spirit. Dear Miss Grey,—Inclosed please find \$1 for the Children's Hospital. Very sincerely,

the generous donation towards our hospital fund. The Boxites have been more than generous, and I do not think it will be much longer before our objective is reached. Re Egg Mask.

Dear Miss Grey.—Please find inclosed plaster for C. H. Would the

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. Many thanks, Christmas Spirit, for

play who sent in the beauty hint about putting egg on the face please say how often it should be used. Do you know, Miss Grey? A merry Christmas to all. ANOTHER NEWCOMER

I think you would use it until you see a decided improvement in your complexion and skin. But maybe Feb. 10, 1912, fell on a Saturday. Your letter is already on the way to X. Y. Z. If anyone has a Spotted Leopard root will she send it to Worried Mother? Her address is on the family list.

A Generous Gift.

MISS MATILDA FULTZ, of Middleport, O., is shown here admiring the Stradivarius which its owner. John B. Downing, Jun., has just insured for \$10,000. Downing's father, "The Fiddlin' Pilot," immortalized by Mark our hospital cot. Come again soon, She was previously released from that won't you?

See a under the maybe there is a stated number of times. So will the Boxite kindly let us know? Will the Boxite kindly let us know? Many thanks, Newcomer, for the inclosed "plaster" for the fund towards went and sent to a Moscow prison. She was previously released from that won't you?

BIG TASK FINISHED BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Sewing Completed For Children's Hospital-Greatest Undertaking Outside of Executive Work.

Sawing for the War Memorial Children's Hospital is finished for the present All the endless number of towels, sheets pillow cases and the many other articles of linen required for equipment have been cut out and made up. The Hugh Niven Chapter, I. O. D. E. has completed its nammoth task as "sewing committee" for the War Memorial Children's Hospital committee, so far as providing the original stock of supplies s concerned.

The last day for receiving completed articles was held on Tuesday last, and Mrs. H. J. Sutherland, who convened the work, with other mempers of the chapter committee, was able to face the Christmas holiday season with a clear conscience, and the satisfaction of knowing their work was well done. Their task had een successfully achieved.

Apart from the executive work connection with the building of the cospital, the undertaking of the undertaking sewing committee involved the greatst expenditure of time and effor

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carrell, of De troit, are visiting in London Miss Inez Tuckey, of this city, is enjoying the Christmas vacation Exeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horner are visiting with the former's parents at Guelph. Miss Reta McGratton, of the public

works department, is visiting at her home in Midland. Mr. Milton Clinger of Toronto spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Clinger.

Mr. Vincent Colgan spent Christmas day in Toronto visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colgan. Mr. Alex. Falls, of Chicago. spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Falls. Grosvenor street.

Mr. Walter Gerry of Detroit was a Christmas visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gerry, Craig street. lon, is spending Christmas at his Major James Merton and Mrs. Merton of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. Merton's father, Dr. McLaren.

Mr. Harrison Frazer is spending the nd Mrs. Charles Fisher, Waterloo Christmas holidays in Bermuda with treet, for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair McEvenue pent Christmas in Kitchener, guests with the latter's parents, Mr. and

ome in Hamilton.

Mrs. George Lang.



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Mrs. Frazer and Mr. Leonard Frazer. Miss Lou Hodgins of Detroit was land, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Christmas guest with her parents, George H. Davis, Princess avenue, a Christmas guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woolley, Stanley street. for the Christmas holidays. Mr. W. M. George, of the Royal Mr. Wayne Davidson and Mrs. Da-

vidson of Chicago and Mr. W. R. Da-vidson of Montreal spent Christmas Sank, Toronto, is visiting at the come of his mother, Waterloo street. with Mr. and Mrs. James Orr. Mr. and Mrs. William Dent of Sarnia are guests with Mrs. Dent's sister, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, St. George apart-Mrs. Garnet Miller, and two children, Marjorie and Jean, St. James street, are visiting at the home of

Miss Marjorie Grieve, Mrs. J. 17.
Stapleton and daughter Marsha, and Mrs. Grieve, are spending Christmas is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Major T. J. F. Murand Mrs. Murphy, Dufferin ave-Mr. A. E. Springstead, of the On-tario Agricultural Department, Lon-nue. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gibberd of Cleveland are London visitors for the

Major Fred Fisher and Mrs. Fisher, Christmas holidays. They are stay-of Hamilton, are the guests of Colonel ing with Mr. Gibberd's mother, St. George street. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hookway, of Waterloo street, will spend New Years at the home of Mrs. Hookway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Evans, 81 Dearbourne Avenue, Toronto.



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