

CYNTHIA GREY'S LETTERS

Dear Miss Grey: When I started in working down at the shops I used to chew tobacco every minute of the day. It finally got my wind in such shape that I quit it.

The boys now say I am too much of a Christian to use profane language or tobacco. Where they ever got this idea I do not know for I have not been inside a church for 10 or 12 years.

I see where "Anxious Boy," wants to know if smoking and not inhaling will hurt him. Let me say this. If you have not self-respect enough to keep from doing the human stove-pipe act you can have respect enough for your mother not to do it.

ONE WHO HAD THE HABIT.

A.—Your advice is good. The boys are right about you being a Christian. Being a Christian to my mind is following the Christ spirit shown by Jesus. Respect for yourself and your mother, common sense enough to stop a habit that is harmful, is certainly following that teaching.

Dear Miss Grey: The very first year I came to this country I was happy; but before long I was out of work, had no friends or money, and started on the wrong road. I was 15 then.

As soon as I became of age, I tried to go back to my young, happy days. Many times I started right, my mind made up to make a man of myself; but something is always in my way—even this world seems to be unfair. This means more to me because of my mother, the only friend in the world who is for me. Please give me your best advice. G. E. M.

A.—Everyone who forms adverse habits has the same experience as you are having now. Little by little you allowed habits to form; and little by little you must come out of it. There always seems to be something "in the way" for each one of us; but the less attention you pay the something, and the more you fix your mind on your goal, the better you will get along. You may possibly slip back once in awhile, but do not spend time in regretting; but get up again, with the thought that you will be more careful next time.

A year from now when you look back—just a glance—you will show how far you have come.

Our happy, youthful days seem desirable; but really they were ignorant days, lacking development. Now, since your eyes are opened, is your opportunity to really grow into a beautiful manhood. Remember that REGRET is useless, except as a REMINDER to help us AVOID a similar mistake.

Dear Miss Grey: I am a widow woman and have two children in the orphan's home and sometimes I have not been able to pay for them; but the sister has been so good to me and to my girls, so I want to give her something for a reward and kindness, and want you to decide. It must be inexpensive as I am a working woman. Please tell me what would be nice for her for Christmas.—A Mother.

A.—A years subscription to a good magazine, or a nice book of poems, or a pretty work basket would be appreciated, I am sure.

Dear Miss Grey: I have gone with a boy of 18 for two years. I am 15, and we are just like brother and sister to each other. Will it be correct for me to give him a small Christmas gift, or send Christmas postal? Thanking you.—Dottie Dimples.

A.—Certainly it is correct. Kipling's poem "If" is fine for a small remembrance.

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Society

The High school branch of the Y. W. C. A. will give a Christmas program and entertainment Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. Miss Pope of the Stadium High school will lead the meeting and Mrs. Edwin Brown and Mrs. George Hastings will appear on the program. All friends of the Y. W. C. A., as well as all girls of the High school, are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Smith of Cedar Falls, Ia., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hamilton, 702 South L street.

The Progressive Psychic society and Ladies' auxiliary will give a bazaar Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Tacoma Music hall, South Third and Tacoma avenue, with a dancing party Friday evening.

Announcement is made of the sixteenth annual ball of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, No. 192, to be held at Masonic Temple Wednesday evening. Members in attendance will add novelty to the dance by wearing overalls. Music will be furnished by Kilgore's orchestra.

Leaving Tacoma early in January Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pratt will make a visit of several months in Honolulu.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Dyer, 15 North E. street, are entertaining this evening at a reception to the members of the First Congregational church who are engaged in educational work. The affair will compliment Mrs. Ida McQuest, recently elected school director.

This afternoon's meeting of the Arequipa club was postponed until tomorrow and will be held at the home of Mrs. George C. Hastings, 215 No. Yakima avenue. The program will be in charge of Mrs. A. V. Morris.

A Christmas Five Hundred party will be given by the Royal Neighbors this evening in their hall, 6th avenue and Anderson street, for members and friends.

The Aloha club, which met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John H. Williams, enjoyed a guest day program. Cards had been issued outside the membership, and the meeting was largely attended by friends of the members.

LAVENDER BAGS

A dozen little silk bags made of all shades of lavender to purple ribbons, filled with dried sweet lavender, may be surely acceptable to a new housekeeper. Any colors may be used for the bags, but the prettiest I saw were in shades of purple. There are so many places in one's house these little, thoughtful gifts may go and be a comfort.

The Confessions of a Wife

CHAPTER XXV.

"Now, Margie," said Dick before he went downstairs this morning, "I wish you would settle on a place to live as soon as possible, for, you know, I may be sent out on the road somewhere at any moment."

"All right, dear, I think I'll go over and look on the south side. They say there are some splendid family hotels there."

"Better not tell the mater that, for she expects us to live over here near her. She never could see the south side," whispered Dick as we went down the stairs. That is just why I am going on the south side if possible. I think I'll be happier if I am some distance from Dick's people.

This sounds as though I am something of a "cat," but I can tell you, little book of secrets, that Dick's mother with her managing ways and her continual living only for "what people will say" gets on my nerves. I also presume she is bored to death with me, and so I think if we do not meet too often we will be better friends.

Before my wedding I never thought about living in such close relations with anyone but Dick after I married him, but I find that now I am absolutely a part of a family without many tastes or habits in common with it. It will take some time before any of us become adjusted to the new conditions.

I am sure Dick's sister Mollie thinks I am a stick, and I know his mother is assured in her own mind that Dick has made a great mistake in marrying such a quiet sort of a girl as I.

I went down to breakfast with my hat on to encounter Dick's mother's look of surprise. "You are not going out today are you, Madge?" was her greeting.

Dick interrupted before I began any excuses:

"Why, mother, don't you understand that Madge has got to find a place to live pretty sudden?"

"But, Dick," remonstrated his mother, "it is my 'at home' day." "Well, all the more reason for Madge to get away from it. A lot of old frumps who have nothing else to do than to sit around and chew the rag."

"Dick!" said his mother, "you don't know what you are talking about. You men all ridicule social courtesies, and I do not know how long the fabric of society would last if we women did not practice them. I am sure Madge knows that my friends will call today, expecting to meet her, and they will think it very strange if I have to tell them she is out shopping or house-hunting." I hastened to speak: "I did not know this was your afternoon

at home and, of course, I'll be here. Do you need me this morning? If not, I will go down with Dick and get back in time for your friends' visits."

"Oh, they won't be FRIENDS of mother's," spoke up Mollie, flippantly, "they are the people who were invited to the reception and who are curious to know if you're as good looking as the girl everybody expected Dick would marry."

"Mollie!" fairly shouted Dick's mother, indignantly, but Dick spoke up with a smile as he rose and pulled my arm through his and drew me toward the door. "Well, they will find out that Margie can give her cards and spades."

After that, wild horses could not have kept me away from Dick's mother's "afternoon-at-home."

(Continued Tomorrow.)

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STAGE LETTERS



BY NORMAN

theme for a play and the start of a good plot, there never were any such.

All of which pertains to "The Misleading Lady," written by Chas. Goddard and Paul Dickey, and now on view at the Fulton theater. The first act has been sketched above. The other two acts take place in the lodge.

They show the "misleading lady" chained to the wall by her captor and raging furiously against her bondage.

They show her banging the abductor over the head with the telephone, wailing over his senseless form, going out into the cold and the night to seek help for him.

They show her, finally, when her fiance comes to rescue her, refusing to be rescued, because she LOVES the brutal man!

Inez Buck and Lewis Stone in "The Misleading Lady."

So he does. He grabs her, stifles her in a blanket, heaves her into his automobile and dashes with her to his hunting lodge in the Adirondacks.

Now, if there isn't a good

clean western play and deserves all the applause that two large Sunday audiences accorded it.

AT THE TACOMA

Klaw and Erlanger and Harrison Grey Flske's splendid production of Edward Knoblauch's Oriental drama "Kismet" which comes to the Tacoma three nights starting Thursday, with Saturday matinee, brings forward Otis Skinner in a role unlike any that he has played before, but that includes in its requirements almost every style and quality of acting of which Mr. Skinner is master. Hajj, the Beggar of Bagdad, runs the entire gamut of emotion in the course of the play and the role could not possibly be interpreted by an actor of less than the widest experience.

AT THE PRINCESS

The pretty school teacher, the handsome cowboy lover, the slinking cattle rustler, the joshing, happy herders—again they are back with us, but this time in a brand new play, "In Wyoming," a western comedy drama that fairly breathes the life of the plains and that spirit of the west in every line has all of the familiar characters in its cast, and a few additional ones. It has a plot something like its sister play, "The Virginian," yet it has been improved by the rejecting of melodramatic scenes, gun-play and other happenings that might tend to cheapen it. "In Wyoming" as presented at the opening performance yesterday, is a grand new,

PANTAGES

The popular dance craze of recent months has caused many new dancing acts to be sent out over vaudeville circuits, but none of them in the Northwest, according to advance notices, can compare with that brought to Tacoma today by Bothwell Brown. The act, which comes to the Pantages, is classed as a dance review. It has spectacular scenery, a bevy of pretty girls, and a series of dances beginning with the old Greek pageantry affairs and ending with the tango and hesitation of the present day. The Six Musical Spillers will rank as close seconds to the headliners of the new bill.

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