



**Mary Haworth**  
**Culture Is Problem**  
**To This Husband**  
**Who Is Self-Made**

**DEAR MARY HAWORTH:** In a different sense, you might call mine a Cinderella marriage. My own family have for generations been successful, well educated, widely traveled; and always leaders. My own interests are broad, my friends many, I take an active part in community life, read constantly and try to keep growing as a person.

I married a poor boy who put himself through school and is now a professional man. Ben is a fine person, a devoted husband and father; well thought of by his colleagues. But he never has had the time or inclination for cultural subjects — books, art, music. Nor even for conversation, unless about home, family and business. Nor is he interested in sports or hobbies.

True we have small children who are time-consuming, and not much money for recreation. But it does seem to me that if a person is intelligently curious about the world and people, he will find time to read and learn — or even absorb by listening to others. But Ben goes deaf if the subject does not concern business or family.

**THE IN FUTURE**

I try to share my interests with him, and to broaden his — only to be told he isn't interested. In fact he seems to have reached a saturation point — or a point of unconscious resistance to my efforts to change, polish, push him forward. He can't learn won't progress. His poor grammar and pronunciation distract me. Even when he does talk he sounds tacky.

The big problem is our choice of friends. Ben is loyal to his old friends and new ones he makes seem just dull little people, very ordinary, with no prospects of ever being anything else. My friends usually are very wealthy, well traveled, interesting, the people with whom I am most congenial, and it is a mutual congeniality. I don't just single them out and force myself on them. But Ben has nothing in common with them and they seem puzzled by him.

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**Pretty Spring Straw**

Straws are blowing in on the wings of early spring fashions and they are prettier, lighter, more enticing than ever. There is a hat for every price-tag. Russ Russell has given a thought to the smaller woman and for her has done hats that go in for the newly-inflated silhouette without ever being top-heavy. This one is fashioned of frosty white novelty straw, a pretty pillbox-torque that is crowned with a petalled motif of navy faille outlined with passementerie braid.

**ELLEN'S DIARY**

**There Was So Much Snow**

The snowstorm, forecast, we know now, in Monday night's hazy stars is over. Winds and weather have retreated over the hills to the east from Alderlea, leaving to us the exquisite peace of calm after storm and many new drifts of white along the yards and fields.

We recall again the low dip of yesterday's clouds, and the snow falling between us and the hillsides. Greatly at first, and then at times wind-blown to make drifts chase along the fields.

How do we at this farm meet the prospect of a winter storm? With some dismay for our farmers is true. They are the ones who must contend with its difficulties and they too must clear away the aftermath of snow from the doors, and blaze new trails along the paths. When it storms now we feel a finger on the "pulse" of the power, noting with no uncertainty the faintest flicker warning of an interruption, and grateful indeed for its continuation. Another blessing we have is the communication between neighbors as afforded us by our rural telephone line.

This winter at Alderlea for the farmers in the added chore of reaching the far barn of this place storm or fine weather, to feed and care for the stock wintering there. It was Gage (Rob's youngest) from their home near by who in snowshoes today helped to ease the cattle-kind along a snowy field down to drink at the millstream.

Scouting a storm ahead, the housewife here takes care to empty ashes, heap woodboxes, bring kindlings, assemble needs of vegetables and the fowls and have everything in their precinct in readiness for its coming. Then in comfort they can hear the wind about the eaves, see the white of snow climb the panes, and be exceedingly content when night gathers in the household to know again how sufficient unto themselves a farm-family can be.

We had chicken for dinner yesterday to brighten the gray of the storm though James declared he "would just as soon have had her-mung." And granddaughter smiled when he later suggested that it "would be a good day for some fudge." Into another year, she stepped the first of the week.

Words Of The Wise  
 Industry is Fortune's right hand, and frugality her left. —(John Ray).

MORNING SMILE  
 An elderly woman met a friend she had not seen for some years. "Have there been many changes since I last saw you?" asked the younger woman.

"Aye," was the reply. "There have that. I've had all my teeth out and a gas cooker put in."

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**WOMEN**

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**Happenings**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Parent entertained at a delightful St. Valentine's dance last evening at their residence, Ravenwood. Among the guests were Lieutenant Governor F.W. Prowse and Mrs. Prowse, Premier A.W. Matheson and Mrs. Matheson and Mayor J.D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart.

The International night dinner meeting of the Charlotte Town Business and Professional Women's Club was held in the lounge Monday evening at the Charlottetown hotel. The president, Miss Dorothy Cullen was in the chair. The head table had a centre piece of flags of many nations and the St. Valentine's theme was carried out for other table decorations. Mrs. Elizabeth Davies a new associate member was introduced. Correspondence included letters of appreciation for Christmas donations from the Salvation Army, Charlottetown Free Dispensary and Catholic Social Welfare Bureau.

The drama festival association acknowledged group membership. There was a notice re the Red Cross annual meeting. Twenty-five dollars as scholarship was voted for the musical festival to be given to a business or professional girl if possible. The program for International night was introduced by Mrs. Christine Agnew, chairman of program committee. Mrs. Agnew was assisted by Miss Margaret Collins, Agnes, Reta Bell, Miss Lillian Dewar, Miss Hattie MacLean, Miss Francis Vinnicombe and Mrs. Amy Rogers.

The candlelighting ceremony, honouring the International Federation and the various national festivals was carried out by members of the committee.

The special speaker for International night was a club member Mrs. Christine Pickard who recently attended the convention of American society of Travel Agents in Lausanne, Switzerland. It was pleasant to hear her comments on the customs of different people and to hear her describe amusing and unusual incidents. Mrs. Pickard's itinerary included Lausanne and Zurich. The latter is a most important centre of commerce, banking and industries. It is the largest city in Switzerland. The famous old University city Heidelberg was visited and there was a call at the Schaeffer House Inn where "The Student Prince" was written. From Bonn the Federal capital and birthplace of Beethoven.

Mrs. Pickard travelled to Cologne with its fine cathedral standing amidst the still-evident signs of the great bombing raids of World War II. The enchanting Black forest of Germany home of the world's finest wood-carvers was also briefly visited. The legendary castles on the Rhine told their thousand tales and myths. Then to Brussels and old London.

Mrs. Amy Rogers expressed the gratitude of the club to Mrs. Pickard for her delightful travelogue.

**ALBERTON C.W.L.**  
 The regular monthly meeting of the Alberton sub-division of the C.W.L. was held on Monday evening, Feb. 6th, at the home of Mrs. Everett Shea. Mrs. Russell Bell presided and opened the meeting with the league prayer. Eleven members answered roll call.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence read included a letter from Mrs. Thomas Linkletter, Provin-

relationships. Maybe your whole life was being lived without roots in significant emotional belonging which would amount to living, psychologically, with your feet off the ground. A straw in the wind sort of existence, most precarious, subjectively.

And maybe Ben's very simplicity, his blunt resistance to intellectual and cultural complexities, his comfortable acceptance of his natural limitations and "mediocre" taste for "little people" etc. were rest to your soul which had been worn to a frazzle by compulsive pursuit of myriad sterile social "interests" considered appropriate to higher levels of worldly awareness. Maybe that's why you married him.

**DETERMINE NEEDS**  
 As suitors and bridegroom, perhaps Ben delighted in your social polish, as a pleasant bonus, while sincerely loving you for yourself and thus gave you healing conviction of real worthwhile identity — so that you got well, emotionally, in a time. Until you found it impossible to make him over, in the image of your kind of people. Since when you've been feeling frustrated, dissatisfied, confused, and depressed again — holding him at fault, instead of recognizing that your unrest inheres in you.

Maybe you and Ben don't belong together; but for you he has been a port in a storm. And before you risk again, you ought to discover your bedrock self, and decide what your soul-deep needs of companionship are. I advise psychiatric help at this crossroad. M.H.

**COOK'S CORNER**

**MAPLE WALNUT CAKE**  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 1-3 cup butter  
 2 eggs, separated  
 3 teaspoons baking powder  
 1 tsp. maple flavoring  
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
 1 cup sweet milk  
 pinch salt  
 1 3/4 cups flour

Cup butter and sugar, add egg yolks and cream well. Add flavoring and nuts. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Add to creamed mixture with milk. Add egg whites beaten and just fold in. Bake at 300 to 325 degrees for 60 minutes.

**HOLY REDEEMER C. W. L.**  
 The regular monthly meeting of Holy Redeemer sub-division C. W. L. was held in Community Center on Monday, Feb. 6, with a good attendance. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. Allan MacDonald, occupied the chair. The meeting opened with the League prayer by Father Murphy, the spiritual director. After roll call the minutes of the previous regular monthly and executive meetings were read by the secretary, Mrs. John A. MacDonald and approved. In the absence of the treasurer the financial report was given by Mrs. John A. MacDonald and showed a substantial bank balance.

Correspondence as read by the corresponding secretary Mrs. Stephen Connolly was as follows Mrs. L. Noonan re Report Forms, Mrs. Victor Hudson re March of Dimes Campaign, Canadian Council for the Blind, asking the intercession of the sub-division for more financial help for the blind, thank you cards from the family of the late Mrs. Ben MacKinnon and Mrs. Grace King.

The following conveners were present and gave brief reports of work done during the past month. Spiritual, Mrs. Allan MacDonald; Social Action, Mrs. James Coyle; Membership Mrs. Robert Gallant; Press, Mrs. Ivan Berrigan; Finance, Mrs. Charles Smith; Citizenship, Mrs. Leonard MacDonald; Program, Mrs. Alex MacLennan; Radio, T.V. and Films, Mrs. Joseph Costello; Institutions, Mrs. Ray Dunn.

Mrs. MacDonald thanked the members for their help and co-operation at the time of the Notre Dame d'Acadie Choir concert. It was moved by Mrs. Alex MacLennan, seconded by Mrs. Henry Fisher that flowers be sent to the president, Mrs. Fred Steele who is still in hospital.

A letter was written from the sub-division as a whole to the mem-

a very inspiring and entertaining narrative on the Life of Mother Marguerite Bourgeois by the grade eleven pupils of St. Joseph's Convent, part of which consisted of a letter written to Morth Bourgeois composed by the pupils and read by Miss Norma Connolly composing present day conditions with that of the early days when the Founder of Notre Dame order first arrived in Canada.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Alex MacLennan seconded by Mrs. Ray Dunn and presented by Mrs. Allan MacDonald to the girls for this very fine entertainment. Lunch was served by the committee in charge and a social hour followed.

**READ'S CORNER W. I.**  
 The annual meeting of the Read's Corner W. I. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Condon in November. The regular business period was carried on with twenty new members joining. The treasurer reported \$52.05 made at auction sale following our annual goose supper held at the Birch Hill Tourist home during the month.

A nominating Committee consisting of Mrs. Roy Woodside, Mrs. Bradford Yeo and Mrs. Hiram Leeco brought in the following slate of officers for the coming year: Pres. Mrs. Bradford Cairns; Vice Pres. Mrs. Reginald MacRae; Secretary, Mrs. Wallace Simmons; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Clark.

Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

**READ'S CORNER W. I.**  
 Mrs. Irving Llewellyn and Mrs. Ram Leeco were hostesses to the Read's Corner W. I. for the December meeting.

The business period was conducted in the usual manner. Two new members joined. Mrs. Bradford Yeo and Mrs. Wyman were appointed on sick committee and were instructed to get Christmas treat for the sick and shut-ins \$5.00 was voted for the T. B. League and \$10.00 was voted for payment of work done preparing a pond for a recreational center in the Community.

A social evening was held at the close of meeting. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge. Due to the sleet storm our January meeting was cancelled. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Small. Lunch Committee, Mrs. George Small, Mrs. Heles Clark, and Mrs. Bob Schurman.

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