

British Women Come In For Scattergun Criticism

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LONDON (CP) — The Englishwoman is a mess. She lacks sparkle, has no clothes sense, walks with a limp and a hobble, loses her teeth early in life and doesn't understand men.

Not only that, she's an indifferent shopper and she considers a can of "vile-green dyed peas" and a tin of peaches a complete Sunday dinner.

Who says so? A Canadian woman who has lived two years in Britain, Mrs. Ellen Anderson of Toronto. Writing in The News Chronicle under the pen name, Solveig Peters, she really lets down her hair about her English sisters. Listen to a few quotes: NO MIND OF OWN

The Englishwoman lacks a mind of her own. Any conversation will probably be dominated by males. She lacks interest in her job; she's simply putting in time. She seldom achieves chic, when she tries to look gay, she looks gaudy.

Mrs. Anderson's "blat naturally produced some indignant replies, mostly defending the "quiet little mouse" of an Englishwoman. Only two of 13 correspondents support the Canadian view.

Mrs. Joan Blundell, writing from Lincolnshire, says "everybody knows Canadian girls 'frolic in covered wagons or live in jolly little log-cabins in mortal terror of grizzly bears.'" And a Canadian now living in Britain, Mrs. Doreen Stockwell of Keston, Kent, writes that she is "sorry and ashamed" to see the criticisms of Englishwomen.

BAD WEEK FOR GALS
It's been a bad week for Mrs. John Bull. Harold Semmens, president of the Incorporated Guild of Hairdressers, boldly stood up in a west end hotel and said British housewives are "bone idle" and too lazy to give proper care to their hair.

He wasn't talking about film stars or career women, but ordinary working housewives. He called it incredible that in a country where women outnumber men, "our females are among the most apathetic in the world" regarding their hirsute appearance.

The American housewife visits her hair and beauty salon at least once a week. How many British women do the same? Perhaps one in 100.

Pepper Is Now Over Produced
ERNAKULAM, India (Reuters) India's once-booming pepper trade is in a slump.

Pepper from Sarawak, in Indonesia, is flooding world markets, edging out the costlier Indian pepper from its traditional markets in America and Britain.

During the last six years, India's foreign exchange earnings from pepper exports have dropped by 80 per cent. This is mainly due to the drop in price, which had been inflated by scarcity during the early post-war years.

In the peak year of 1950, the price of Indian pepper was 760 rupees (\$152 a hundredweight). Today, a hundredweight brings only 150 rupees (\$30).

SECOND PRODUCER
Next to Indonesia, India is the world's biggest producer of pepper. Used to preserve meat before refrigerators, it still is an essential spice on millions of dinner tables throughout the world.

Pepper is a tiny berry which grows in clusters like bunches of grapes. It was the most coveted cargo of medieval European merchants. It is grown mostly in Malabar, on the west coast of India, mainly by peasants some of whom own only one or two pepper vines encircling a mango or jack-fruit tree in their gardens.

When the fruit is ripe, it is plucked and dried in the sun. The red berry turns black. It then is packed in gunny bags for export.

To Send Eskimo Doll To Africa
TORONTO (CP)—A ranch-style bungalow complete with garage, made by high school students in British Columbia, and an Eskimo doll dressed in a Newfoundland seal-skin parka are expected to be among a display of handicrafts showing the Canadian way of life at an international exhibition in South Africa in July and August.

The bungalow is a model, among exhibits made by the Canadian Junior Red Cross Society in answer to an appeal by the South African society last October. Kathleen Herman, national director of the Canadian Junior Red Cross, said the exhibition is to promote international understanding. About 50 society branches in Canada responded to the appeal, and most of the projects were done by high school students in classrooms.

They include a parka and mukluks made by high school students at Ledoux, Alta., a woven bread from a six-year-old blind girl in Vancouver, toy grain elevators from Meadow Lake, Sask., and from Ontario a doll with complete wardrobe of clothes such as those worn by school girls. From Quebec there are Afghans, dolls dressed as members of the Montreal Canadiens hockey team.

Miss Herman said the Afghans and knitted quilts worn by the dolls are typical of the work being done by the Junior Red Cross, which represents 1,250,000 pupils in 38,642 schools across Canada.

IN THE HOME WORKSHOP
HOW TO DO SILK SCREEN DECORATING
PATTERN 400

This adjustable silk screen printing frame will enable you to decorate articles which you make in your home workshop for gifts or to sell. You can produce numberless prints on a variety of stock such as wood, paper, cardboard, glass, textiles and leather. It is the ideal method for printing signs and showcards. The pattern illustrates exactly how to make the frame with the various parts shown separately and assembled into the working unit. For those who are not familiar with this subject the basic principles of silk screen printing are detailed on the pattern; selecting the materials, printing stage to the drying racks. Price of the pattern is 35 cents extra and 5 cents for air mail. Guardian Workshop Patterns, 44-33 West 5th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Nutmeg Scarce From Hurricane
MONTREAL (CP)—A hurricane that swept the West Indies island of Grenada in 1955 is blamed for a sharp increase in the price of nutmeg. A Montreal spice house here reports Canadian importers are paying \$2.25 a pound for raw nutmegs, compared with 32 cents in 1955.

The hurricane damaged Grenada's nutmeg trees, and last year the island harvested only 702,000 pounds of nutmegs, about 16 per cent of the previous year's crop. The spice house estimates production will not be back to normal until 1960.

Mary Haworth Teenage Friend
Dear Mary Haworth: I am disturbed about my son Gerald, 27, a college graduate.

About a year ago he met Lucy, a girl in her teens. Not long afterward, his father and I had occasion to go out to town, and return, guided efforts at self-helpfulness, surprised them in a compromising situation. I've asked Gerald not to bring her to our apartment hereafter, when we are away.

I haven't met Lucy's family, but know that her mother, a widow works to keep her in school. I have talked by telephone with the mother a couple of times, when I was trying to reach Gerald—and I can tell by her attitude that he and Lucy had led her to think I am one of those possessive mothers who refuse to release their son. She hasn't the slightest inkling of the real truth.

POOR ATTITUDE
Gerald is employed, lives with us, won't pay a penny towards his maintenance; comes home eating, dresses and goes out to see Lucy. He refuses to discuss any family problems and shows not the slightest interest in family conversation. I pick up after him—I have to, to keep the apartment livable. We've asked him to get a place of his own, but he makes no effort to do so.

How much should parents tolerate from children, after they've tried to prepare them for a good life? Gerald neither drinks nor smokes and is very ambitious. But his attitude at home is really getting us down. W.S.

INFANTILE BEHAVIOR
Dear W.S.: Here indeed is confusion worse confounded. All seem to be chaos in the web of relationships, criss-crossing between the younger and older generations — and between Lucy and Gerald.

By psychiatric measure, Gerald's behavior is infantile. And perhaps it is only since he affiliated with Lucy in a scandalous manner — that ignores the public sense of decency and defies your concern — that you've become

ascared about his childish selfish dependency in the home situation. As I get the picture, Gerald's and Lucy's regressive behavior, in the domain of human relations — with family, society and each other — is a net result of lopsided rearing.

TOO MUCH GIVING
I suspect that this wrong rearing consisted of too much parental "loving and giving," with not enough active co-operation required of the child — in terms of guided efforts at self-helpfulness, suited to his unfolding years. In short, I suspect it consisted of pampering the child instead of fostering strengths in him.

As for what to do: I About Gerald's disorderly parasitism, I think he should take a firm stand. Either he contributes financially, picks up after himself, is polite, considerate, and respects your standards of decency, or out he goes.

If he is sharing immorality with a teen-ager, thus in effect contributing to the delinquency of a minor, this is a serious offense. And if you are "in the know" about the situation, you should inform Lucy's mother, I think — in a spirit of contrite concern, regardless of what the kickback may be. M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write to her in care of this newspaper.



TRANSFERRED OVERSEAS

Three RCAF Airwomen from P. T. were among the 82 personnel and dependents who sailed on 4 April aboard the liner "Italia" for Europe. Before the group sailed from Halifax, a "Bon Voyage" party was held for them by the 100 (Blue-nose) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association. Here Miss Vickie Armirault passes out chocolates to the girls while they wait for the boat to dock.

Left to right are LAW Edith Palmer, daughter of Mrs. T. R. Palmer, Summerside, P.E.I. (3 Fighter Wing, Zweibrücken, Germany); LAW Edith Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grant, Ellerslie, P.E.I. (1 Air Division Headquarters, Metz, France); and Miss Armirault. (RCAF Photo)



Island Girl Is Married In Ogdensburg, New York

Miss Joan Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starns Webster, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, became the bride of Lionel Demers, son of Mrs. Adelard Demers and the late Mr. Demers, 17 Grant St., in a nuptial mass celebrated Saturday morning at the Notre Dame Church. The Rev. Robert Giroux officiated.

The bride was escorted to the altar by Leo Richards, uncle of the groom, in the absence of the bride's father, who was unable to attend due to illness in the family.

The bride wore a gown of white lace and nylon tulle with a matching lace cape. Her veil was shoulder length and attached to a crown of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Miss Shirley Dishaw, of this city, was maid of honor. She was attired in a gown of aqua net over taffeta styled with an apron effect front ending in a large bow at the back. Her bouquet was of yellow roses.

Richard Hawes, cousin of the groom, served as best man. A reception for 50 relatives and friends was held at the American Legion from 12 to 3 pm. Out-of-town guests included the bride's relatives from Brockville, Ont.

Following a trip downstate the couple will make their home at 517 Grant St.

The bride attended Prince Street School and was employed in Brockville. The groom is a graduate of Ogdensburg Free Academy and attended ATI, Canton. He is now employed by Merritt, Chapman and Scott.—Photo by Jene Steeley.

ELEANOR ROSS Paint And Paper Work To Beautify Your Home

New wallpaper designs, new linings, new colors, smartly correlated with paints, should spur all kinds of new notions when it comes to decorating.

Gay wallpapers are in abundance, with many of the new designs, large or small, drawn on white backgrounds to give spaciousness to small rooms or to make powder room, foyer or entrance hall sparkle with a special personality of its own.

BOLDER PATTERNS
There are bright, bolder patterns, too, and these are suggested specifically for dining rooms and kitchen areas in accordance with the theory that stimulating colors make for stimulated appetites and happy spirits.

What's more, the large florals are now being used in small areas or in large areas—so unconventional and with astonishingly good effect. Many of the new designs are posed on white backgrounds.

WHITE BASE
Paint colors, too, have a pronounced white base, which offers clarity and projection to varicolored fabrics and all decorations. The new white and off-white backgrounds serenely open up blank walls and create optical illusions of added space in narrow or low-ceilinged rooms.

For those tired of seeing just walls, there are new "scenic" wallpapers. These, too, give a hand in "pushing out" walls.

PICTURE WINDOW
A couple of strips of the new papers patterned with a bold sky or a shady countryside scene are the new architectural

scenics with soaring spires and colonnades on one wall, will give the effect of a picture window overlooking faraway places.

A harbor scene, for instance, placed on one wall, with perhaps a slim length of drapery-fabric at each side, will create a new and exciting dimension in what was once just a four-walled room.

Current nursery papers are striped with fairy tale borders, circus animals or designed to tell a whole nursery fable.

WIDENS ROOM
More and more striped papers are in vogue, used across the ceiling of a narrow room to widen it. A long, dark hallway may be patterned with striped paper running from wall to wall across the ceiling. Paper the walls with one of the new "peppermint" papers with slim stripes running vertically, and carry the theme to its logical conclusion by painting stripes on the floor, also running from wall to wall. The result will be a shortened, brightened and broadened hallway in which space has been warped satisfactorily.

Some of the new floral wallpapers are ideal for the bedroom, for they suggest serene repose beautifully. Climbing ivy leaf designs bring a garden note to interiors, and there are new medieval-backgrounds for classic decor and traditional layouts.

HOUSEHOLD HINT
Wood paneling on walls offers excellent protection against wear and tear from active youngsters in a home.

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