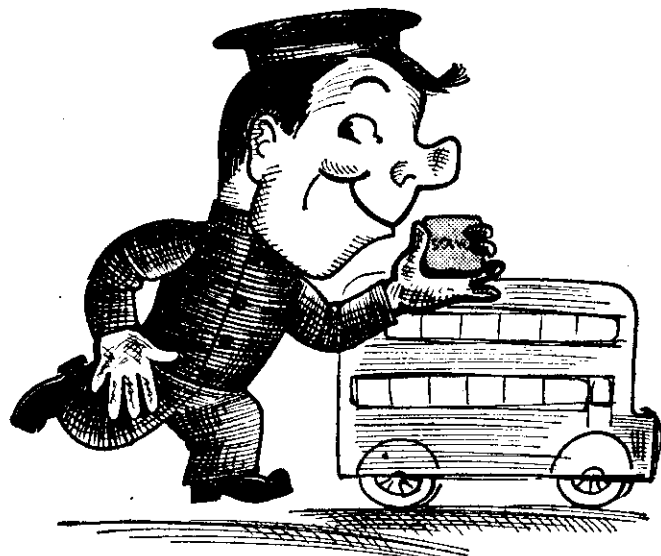


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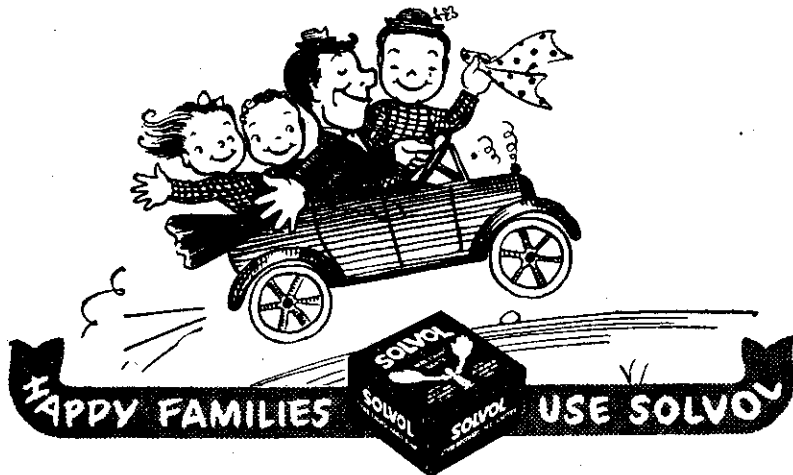
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everywhere she goes they call her our Gracie."

"And what about broadcasting?" I asked; "does she enjoy that as much as the stage work?"

"She always says she loves the radio work because it takes her into so many homes—she feels she gets closer to more people. She has a great power of projecting herself into an imagined situation. She never feels the microphone is inanimate—she goes right past it into the people's homes."

Someone brought in some flowers for "Our Gracie." It was a sign for Miss Stewart to go and be a watch-dog again and for me to go away with the first interview I've ever done by relay system.

"A Breath of Heaven from Home"

Dennis Day and Jackie Cooper, of the Claude Thornhill United States Navy show, happened to be passing through Auckland on their way back to the Pacific on Tuesday and they called on Gracie Fields at her hotel.

"It was like a breath of heaven from home seeing her," said Dennis Day when I spoke to him afterwards. "It really was a great pleasure to us, we were really thrilled."

"Have you ever sung with her?"

"No. We both worked for the same

network—the NBC—and I knew her well. But I was working for the Jack Benny show and I wasn't allowed to do other broadcasting."

"But you were friends."

"Oh, sure we were friends. She's a really wonderful personality, I've got the greatest admiration for her." I supposed they drank coffee with her in Auckland.

"No, we didn't drink coffee and we didn't drink tea. We didn't drink anything. We were all too excited and we had too much to talk about. All sorts of things about back home; and then we were able to tell her something about the places she's going to up in the Pacific—all that was very interesting for her, of course." He said he was determined to go to her concert that night.

"But the house was sold out weeks ago," I said.

"I don't care. I'll get in. I'll sneak in. I'll knock someone over the head. I wouldn't miss that show for anything." Mr. Day sounded pretty determined. I mentioned that I was astonished to hear that Gracie had turned a cartwheel.

"Well," said Dennis Day, "I know it sounds amazing, but it's not amazing to me. That woman is capable of anything—she's got the most astonishing vitality and liveliness. She certainly is a wonderful personality."

—J.

Advice on Health (No. 239)

Sunlit Homes For Health

(Written for "The Listener" by DR. H. B. TURBOTT, Director of the Division of School Hygiene, Health Department).

HOUSING is a burning question; insurance companies beware! Lack of housing afflicts many nations, our small one included. Servicemen and servicewomen returning from overseas are wanting homes, and so are hundreds of civilians in every province of the land. Homes are being bought, new ones are being erected by the State, and private builders are still adding their quota to meet the need. Now there is a society in Christchurch, called the Sunlight League of New Zealand, that has circulated the Mayors of all towns and every individual builder in New Zealand with a plea that sunlight should be the key to buying and building homes. There is so much common-sense in their urgings that they deserve widespread consideration by all home-seekers.

The sun, through sunshine or daylight without shine, has a lethal action on germs, giving us a dependable cheap disinfectant. Those people who keep blinds drawn to preserve furnishings are losing this kindly action of light and sunlight. The sun warms a home, lessening your coal, wood, gas or electricity demands, and saving your pocket. The sun's warmth leaves no ashes or soot, and the more it keeps your home cosy, the less work you will have and the less wear and tear on carpets, furnishings and paintwork. The sun's brightness in a home gives a zest to living, helps you to be more cheerful and happy, and when it actually plays on the skin itself, it peps up your physical health. Sunlit houses show dividends in cleanliness, economy in fuel, and healthfulness.

Here, then, is the message to prospective buyers and builders of homes. If building, plan that the "sun" follows the family occupations. Let the morning sun in on the family through the kitchen and breakfast room, the afternoon sun into living or leisure rooms, and all bedrooms should have a visit from the sun for at least three hours each day. You may have bought a section that faces south. Don't hesitate to break with tradition. Is it not more important to have a sunlit home than to be like your neighbours with main rooms facing south? Turn your house round "back to the street," for it can still be made attractive that way, according to your skill in grouping windows and doorways. If your section be a long narrow one with houses either side, build forward or backward to avoid the next door shadow.

Too often, when it comes to building, the money is insufficient, and cuts have to be made in the planning. Don't let the cuts be in window space. It's a favourite avenue of saving, for joinery costs money. Do with less rooms rather than small windows. You get better value in views and light if you have tall long windows. Bring your living-room window down till it is no more than 12 inches from the floor, your bedroom windows 24 inches from the floor, and let them go as high as convenient architecturally. Fanlights and sashes should open.

If buying on a section facing south, choose houses where the main bedroom and sitting-room do not face the street, but are turned to the sun. Remember, whether you are buyer or builder, that you want a sunlit home.